

ally interesting thing mentioned is this,—that every Sabbath morning some of the more advanced students and others go out to conduct evangelistic services among the knolls within a few miles of Lovedale. They thus reach the purely heathen, who know of the church and the gospel, but who refuse to go and listen to its truths. Our readers will be pleased to receive some account of the church which is to be erected to commemorate the jubilee of Mr. Ross. It will be recollected that it is for this object that Mrs. Main is now trying to raise  $\pounds 500$ . Mr. Cooper, it will be observed, sends us good news from Nagpore.

THE Knight libel case has been given up by the Presbytery of Dundee.—The Sustentation Fund shows a steady increase.

### United Presbyterian Church.

$\pounds 10,000$  have been secured for beginning the Japan Mission. Drs. McGill and Ritchie addressed the students in the Divinity Hall on the claims of missions. We give one extract from Dr. McGill's address :—

Consider the fact that any of you, who may desire to have your ministerial lot cast among the sunken yet not unimpressible negroes of West Africa, or among the more gentle negroes of Jamaica, or among the many Caffres, or among the energetic Rappoos, or among the hardy worldly men of Northern China, or among the Japanese, who have almost all adornments except those which come of the gospel, we can satisfy your choice. We can point you to where you could have a million in your parish, instead of the prospect of sitting down, it may possibly be, in some little Scottish town, where two or three ministers are labouring among a limited population, where the strange word '*over-church'd*' is sometimes heard; and where Christian work might be better done, if the three churches were in all respects one: and if two of the ministers were to say to their people, Be content and united under one pastor, 'unto us'—the other two—is this grace given, that we should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.' Consider the fact, that a ministry that is not missionary in its spirit, cannot defend its right to exist; that a church that is not missionary in its constitution, by profession and by practice, may be an institution of man, but is not sanctioned by Christ, and is outside and not underneath the canopy of His 'great commission,' which contemplates equally the Scottish village we have pictured, and 'all the world,' and 'every crea-

ture' in that world. Consider, in a word, that the question whether you shall deliberately prefer the more near or the more distant sphere, where to spend that life of yours, which is not only brief, but admits no more of being repeated than your first birth or boyhood—is not a question 'with flesh and blood,' nor with Mission Boards, but is one which lies between your consciences and your God.

Among other impressive remarks, Dr. Ritchie said :—

'The first duty of a lover of Christ,' says Dr. Judson, the illustrious missionary to Burmah, 'is to enter constantly within the veil, offering himself a sacrifice to God, to obtain some sensible communion with the great Invisible; and his second is, to come forth with a shining face like Moses, and be ready to speak and do whatever God, by His word, providence, and indwelling Spirit, shall appoint. I well recollect, when I and other young men stood before the Association in Bradford, to petition that body for aid in prosecuting our missionary scheme;—inquiry was made respecting the motives which prompted us to engage in this work,—Samuel J. Mills replied with great emphasis: "*I feel impelled to go; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel to the heathen.*"' This is the spirit and power of one who says, 'Here am I; send me.' I commend affectionately these thoughts to you for awakening and sustaining your enthusiasm in the missionary enterprise. I pray God our Father that you may work for it, or work in it, so as to receive at last our gracious Master's 'Welcome, and well done.'

On the second Sabbath of October sermons were preached by the ministers of the United Presbyterian Church of Christian Giving.

### Church Missionary Society.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society no fewer than *eighteen* missionaries received commissions to proceed to different parts of the field. Among these two will be followed with special interest—namely Dr. Theodore Maxwell, who goes out to Cashmere to fill the place of Dr. Elmslie; and the Rev. F. Bellamy, who is to settle to the east of the Jordan, in a village now called *Salt*, but which is identified as on the site of the ancient *Ramoth-Gilead*. North and south of Salt is the territory originally assigned to the tribes of Reuben and Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh. Although miles may be traversed without passing through the habitations of men, the ruins of towns and villages show that it was formerly a popu-