

claims of this land before the American Churches. The response cannot be doubted. The Presbyterian Church of the north of Ireland has sent Mr McDougall an answer not soon to be forgotten, to the address he delivered before their Synod last autumn, in the shape of a cheque for fifteen hundred pounds—five hundred pounds of that sum to be given to the Theological College of the Waldenses—that noble vine, wholly of a right seed, lately transplanted from the valley of La Tour, and now striking its roots most vigorously among us.”

The United Presbyterian Church is making highly successful efforts to promote Presbyterianism in England. Commencing in London, the operations of this church now extend to several other cities. Large sums of money have been raised in Scotland for building churches in those cities, and congregations have already been gathered in very unpromising localities. England may yet prove to be not at all unfavourable to the healthful growth of Presbyterianism.

THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY'S MISSION TO ROMAN CATHOLICS.

From the Irish Presbyterian Assembly's Occasional Paper for February we take the following:—

To assert that our missionaries have universally, at present, anything like free access to Roman Catholics, would be to deceive. The Romish priesthood are most vigilant and jealous of every attempt at disturbing the deep and fatal sleep of their people; and so far has been the spirit of deadly animosity to Protestants that, in two cases, attempts have been made to murder our Presbyterian brethren—one of which, alas! was successful.

Still, however, the work of reformation advances slowly, no doubt, but steadily, and, amidst unnumbered obstacles and difficulties, to a hopeful extent. Several young persons, says a missionary, trained in our school, have become Protestants, some of them still members of our Church. One was admitted at our late communion. A large number of young females have been sent forth by us as servants to England, Scotland, and America, and favorable accounts are received of them from time to time.

Dublin Mission—by Rev. Hamilton Magee, Superintendent.

Ever since our work was organized

with the sanction of the directors on the principle of a Mission Church—upwards of two years ago—we have been making great progress. Our mission is at the present time in a most interesting and hopeful state. Our present small building is generally crowded to excess; and the question is thrust upon us by the gracious Providence of God, whether we are to *press onward* in the widening path of usefulness, or—there is no other alternative—to *recede* from the position to which we have already been enabled to advance.

“Are you getting any access to Roman Catholics?” I know that this question is already on the lips of many persons. A few very brief words in reply. Take the following facts:—

1. We have an attendance of about 120 children at our daily schools; by far the majority are children of Romanists.

2. Our little publication, *Plain Word*, is sold as a matter of ordinary business in several Roman Catholic book shops in the city; and we know it to be often purchased by Roman Catholics. This, I believe, *could not* take place in any city or town in Ireland, except Dublin.

3. We succeeded through the agencies of our mission, in sending at least 60 persons, who were or had been Roman Catholics, to hear Mr. Chiniquy's lecture in the Metropolitan Hall.

4. Through our agents and otherwise, we have access, almost indefinite, to the houses of Roman Catholics.

5. Usually about *one fourth* of our communicants are persons who were formerly Roman Catholics. They have not all come out from Rome in connection with our mission; but a mission church like ours naturally attracts them.

We observe from the February number of the *United Presbyterian Magazine*, that a few public spirited friends, with the sanction of the Lancashire Presbytery have set about the erection of a neat and substantial chapel in Burton-on-Trent, without a minister or session or congregation. The chapel is to cost about £1000.

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The “John Williams” Missionary Ship.—By a vessel which arrived at Falmouth, on the 22nd. inst., a letter has been received from the Rev. George Morris, on board the missionary ship John Williams, in which he says:—“Dec. 29.—All well. We hope to cross the line to day.