

China. The mission funds of the United Presbyterian Church will be augmented by the amount of £10,000, which will be paid in May of this year by the trustees and executors of the late John Henderson, Esq. In 1871, the bequest of the late Alexander Patton, Esq., of Cowden Park, Alloa, will come into operation, which, it is expected, will for ten years yield annually about £1,500 for Foreign Missions.

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, it was unanimously agreed to commence a mission to China. The *Herald*, of January, contains a stirring appeal for missionaries, and also for funds. The chief grounds on which the appeal is based are : (1) That China is the most destitute and neglected missionary field in the world, there being eleven provinces, with a population of 200,000,000, in which there is not a single Protestant missionary ; (2) That China is one of the most promising mission fields in the world. The people are ready to listen to the glad tidings,—access is had to all parts of the Empire,—and in many places where missionaries have been labouring, there seems to be a real outpouring of the Spirit.

INDIA.—An additional missionary has recently been appointed to India, the Rev. W. McMordie. The Rev. Mr. Dixon, missionary at Surat, loudly calls for an additional labourer. Mr. Dixon reports that the annual examination of the English Mission School, had been brought to a close, and that the results show an advance of nearly fifty per cent. on those of last year.

COLONIAL MISSION.—The Irish Presbyterian Church has long been very actively engaged in advancing the good work in the British Colonies, especially Australia, and New Zealand, as well as on the Continent. The *Herald* announces the arrival of two missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Lewer and West, at Moreton Bay, Queensland.

CHINA.

We give frequent extracts from the letters of the missionaries of the English Presbyterian Church labouring in China, and we have reason to believe that not a few take an interest in the intelligence afforded as to the progress of the Gospel in the great Empire of China. The following paper from the *Messenger*, which comes in a new and improved form, will give our readers an idea of the present position of the Chinese mission.

“From the first awakening at Pechuia under the manifest teaching of the Holy Spirit, a period of only fourteen years has elapsed. During that time, native churches have been formed at nine different towns and villages, within a radius of about fifty miles around Amoy ; and at a similar number of stations in and around Swatow, including the capital city of the district. On the island of Formosa, also, a little company of nine baptised Christians, the fruit of less than two years’ labour, forms the nucleus of a church, which we hope to see ere long rising into much larger proportions.

During the year that has just closed, 100 baptisms have been reported from these three districts (Amoy, 80 ; Swatow, 15 ; Formosa, 5) ; making with the previous numbers, a total of 450 native Christian communicants, with a proportion of baptised children, besides a large number of candidates for baptism, and of general hearers. A few deaths have occurred to be deducted from the above total.