

giving us much satisfaction by her vigorous discharge of her duties. Owing to the demands of her family, she discontinued her work about twelve years ago, though occasionally attending the preaching at the native church. A few Sabbaths since, I spoke to her very seriously about her prospects for eternity, in the view of her advancing years. Her response was satisfactory—intimating her determination no longer to procrastinate. She has to-day vindicated the profession which she thus made. Her full and satisfactory reply to the interrogations addressed to her excited more than ordinary attention in the congregation; and a catechist of another mission, who was present, said he had yet heard of nothing more encouraging in any similar case than what he had learned from her lips. The fruit of past labors (both of those who have been removed, and of those who still remain, bearing the burden and heat of the day) manifestly appears in her case.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Report of the United Presbyterian Church contains the following:—

We begin our report with a brief statement relating to the proposal, unanimously adopted by the Synod on the 16th of May, to establish a mission in Japan.

The Church has been fully apprised of a proposition, which has met with the unanimous and cordial recommendation of the Foreign Committee of the Mission Board, that the Synod should undertake a mission to that country. At its meeting in 1872 the Supreme Court had its attention drawn to this subject, and remitted to the Foreign Committee the question relating to the toleration of Christianity in Japan, with instructions to memorialize Her Majesty's Government in favor of such interposition on behalf of religious liberty there, and would tend to the abolition of those edicts which had for generations been in force against the propagation of the Christian religion. In considering this subject under the light of accumulating information, the Committee was led to revert to the wider reference of their minute of last year; and they did so under the distinct assurance, that no negative had been expressed in the Synod, in reference to our actual entrance into Japan as an additional mission field. Accordingly, under the direct sanction of the Committee, application has been made for a preliminary fund; and a response has been returned, of a kind so prompt and liberal, as to encourage the Board to come before the Synod, with the same unquestioning expectation of its acquiescence, as when, on two separate occasions, their predecessors laid on the table proposals to initiate missions in India and China. In the present instance the preliminary subscriptions largely exceed those which were obtained in originating our other two missions in the East. The amount already secured is £10,110, and all this from a limited number of persons—the Church at large having the prospect, at the close of the year, of entering into fellowship with the existing subscribers in the form of a New Year's offering, to be gathered by the young people of our congregations. The United Presbyterian Church occupies in various parts of the world, widely distant from each other, seven foreign mission fields. These are situated in Jamaica, Trinidad, Old Calabar, Caffraria, India, China, and Spain. In these various mission fields we have an aggregate of 43 ordained European missionaries, 8 European medical missionaries, 5 ordained native missionaries, 2 native licentiates, 3 European male teachers, besides 2 about to leave for