

tain, thoroughly competent for such a duty. To him it was a labour of love, but he is entitled to the grateful acknowledgments of the church, for the care he took that a vessel should be launched in every respect fitted for such a noble enterprise. It was proposed at first to sail the *John Knox* out to Australia (and smaller vessels have safely accomplished this long voyage); but after inquiry and consideration, this mode of sending her out was abandoned, and she was put on board the ship *Mooltan*, from the Clyde to Sydney, November 9. She is placed on the *Mooltan's* deck, and occupies the whole space between the fore and main masts. We have therefore reason to hope that the *John Knox* will arrive at her destination in

the course of next spring. She will carry into new lands the name and memory of that valiant and faithful soldier of Jesus Christ, the greatest of all our Scottish worthies; but above all we trust she will prove a most useful auxiliary to the mission at Aneiteum, and soon become known as a swift messenger of mercy throughout Western Polynesia, carrying "ambassadors by the sea," "to the isles afar off, that have not heard" the Saviour's "fame, neither have seen his glory." We learn that the cost of the *John Knox*, including freight, insurance, and metal for ballast, with other necessary accompaniments, will not fall short of £320, delivered in Sydney.—*Reformed Presbyterian Magazine*.

## Other Missions.

### U. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SEVEN ORDAINED FOREIGN MISSIONARIES ABOUT TO BE SENT FORTH BY THE CHURCH.—The church is this season sending out seven ordained foreign missionaries; two, one of whom is a native, to Caffraria, and five to Jamaica. This is a deed unexampled in the church, and it is fitted to call forth the increased gratitude, sympathy, liberality, and prayers of the members. It is a gift from God which should excite deepest thankfulness. The calls for aid were loud and earnest; the Lord, who has the hearts of all men in his hand, has disposed these seven pious and well-qualified brethren to respond to the calls; and it becomes us to praise him for the signal favour which he has conferred upon our church. It is interesting, also, as marking the progress which our church is making as one of the lights of the world: It is little more than twenty years since we began missionary work, as a part of our regular and systematic operation; and now we have agents labouring in America, in Africa, in Asia, in Europe and in Australia. To these we will this season add at least thirteen—the seven of whom we are speaking, and six to Canada; and when we connect this most important fact with the circumstance reported by the Treasurer in this *Record*, that the contributions for missions during the year amount to the large sum of £19'000,—a sum exceed-

ing the proceeds of any previous year,—surely we have strong reasons for thanking God and taking courage. No greater benefit can be bestowed upon us, than the will, the ability, and the opportunity of taking a growing share in the glorious and most blessed enterprise of filling with the light of saving truth the dark places of the earth, and of subjecting the world to the benign dominion of Christ. Just as God is merciful to us, blesses us, and causes his face to shine upon us, so will we strive to make his way known upon earth, and his saving health among all nations. And once more, it should awaken enlarged sympathy and prayer. These devoted and self-denying men are sent by us; they go to do our work; and they expect that we shall sustain them. Extended labour imposes higher responsibility.—We have the fullest confidence that the church, not only approving of the movement, but cordially rejoicing in it, will provide the means that are requisite for defraying the heavy expenditure which the sending forth of so many agents will involve. On this point we have no doubt. But we are specially anxious to secure an enlarged measure of believing prayer. It is this that will make the movement successful. These excellent men are but instruments: the real work is God; they are but earthen vessels and he must fill and keep them; they can give forth only what they get from