

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Mr. Ballantine writes from Montego Bay, Jamaica, giving an account of the half-yearly examination of the Academy there, which has been training thirteen young men for the office of day-school teachers in connection with the United Presbyterian Mission.

Dr. Robb continues his journal from Old Calabar. It appears that the Calabar people are jealous of their neighbours, and forbid him to educate any outside of the Efik boundaries. Dr. Robb draws a very black picture of the Efik people, who appear to be among the lowest of the heathen.

The Rev. Tiyo Soga, who translated the *Pilgrim's Progress* into Kaffir, has been doing missionary work in the Galeka country, and has met with great success in his labours. Two new evangelists, Ian Bog and Sikinti, accompanied him, and will soon be settled among their countrymen.

Mr. Chalmers writes from Henderson, on the Upper Thomas River, stating that the people there are wholly given to beer drinking, and that Tobe, one of the evangelists, could find no better pulpit than a beer barrel, that also furnished him with an appropriate text. Caffre witch doctors are also doing much harm. It is pleasing, after such news, to hear from Mr. Leslie of the admission of eight members to the Church at Henderson, on the occasion of a recent communion, and of the baptism of five of them. The spectacle of 150 red Caffres listening with deep interest and sobbing with emotion was one cheering to the missionary.

Sad accounts still come from India in regard to the famine that has been raging in the neighbourhood of the U. P. Mission. The Church has been doing its duty nobly in caring for the large number of orphans thrown upon its mission. Many of these orphans have died—the proportion being about a fifth of the whole.

Dr. John Parker, the medical missionary at Ningpo, in China, writes encouragingly, and proposes soon to establish a church there in connection with the United Presbyterian cause.

Messrs. Villiesid and Benoliel, the missionaries lately sent to Spain, have been holding large religious meetings. One was held in a theatre in Linares, a mining town near Cordova, which was crowded to excess. Three of the Alcaldes, several members of the municipality, two theological students, and a good sprinkling of the local aristocracy, were present. Much good is also being done by the sale and distribution of Bibles and religious publications.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Irish Presbyterian Mission in Damascus has been abundantly blessed. 250 people have been brought to profess the Protestant faith within some six years. "We have now," says Mr. Wright, the missionary, "we have now in the city a beautiful church, four school-houses, a book-shop, (the bookseller, who is the only Christian one in Damascus, being a sound scholar and a poet, a man whom no learned Moslem could look down upon), and a caretaker's home. These buildings cost 14,500 dollars. Of that sum one Church gave 2,300 dollars, less than one-sixth of the whole. A church has been recently built on Mount Hermon, and another is about to be built. To them the Church contributes nothing.

The good work that is being accomplished by the agency of schools among the children in the west of Ireland can hardly be overrated. The Assembly's schools being the only educational institutions within reach of