

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CAFFRELAND, EMGWALI.—The Rev. M. Cumming, the oldest missionary of the Church in the Caffrarian field, who has laboured there for the third of a century, gives encouraging accounts of the progress of the work. Some weeks before the date of his letter, four catechumens had been received into the communion of the Church. He states, too, that many others are in a very conscious state of mind. He writes, "For several weeks past men and women of all ages,—from those in their teens to those of three score and ten,—have been coming to the elders, confessing their sinfulness, and saying, 'what shall we do.' In this way eighteen have been added to the class of catechumens. This is but the beginning, we trust, of some great movement, which is yet to shake the tribe out of its lethargy." Special meetings were being held, and not without good results.

"After every meeting there have been individuals, more or less in number, who have come to give themselves to the Lord. The beginnings are small, but we trust the latter end will greatly increase. The hearts of the people are opening, and their expectations are largely increased. They now see the hand of the Lord, and seem to speak about nothing but the work which has now so auspiciously begun. Parents are rejoicing over their children who have stood forth, and are hopeful respecting those that still remain behind. Friends and relations are all participating in the same feelings. On a small scale, we may adopt the language of the 126th Psalm, as expressive of the feelings of the people on this occasion."

SPAIN.—The Rev. Joseph Viliesid writes, under date 2nd December, 1873. He refers to the degraded condition of the lower classes, and the disorder prevailing in many parts of the distracted country. He concludes his communication by calling upon Christians to "pray for Spain, that the Lord may send her peace, and that the people may awake to a sense of their helpless and lost condition, and to know that without Jesus they cannot obtain either peace or prosperity."

OLD CALABAR.—At Ikunetu a new church has been opened, plain and small but suitable for the purpose. It has been erected almost entirely at the charge of the people themselves, and of their friends in Calabar.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1873.—The income for Foreign Missions during 1873 has been £34,754 12s. 4d, or including the balance at the beginning of the year £39,186 3s. 2d. The expenditure has been £38,785 5s. 2d. Up to November there was the prospect of a deficiency, which has been happily prevented.

MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

NEW HEBRIDES.—It is known to our readers that the New Hebrides Mission is a Union Mission, sustained not only by the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, but by other churches in Scotland and Australia. The following are the stations which are occupied:—1. **TUTUNA**, occupied by the Rev. Mr. Copeland, has a population of about 900. There are five places of worship, at which about 100 people attend. There are three schools; thirty of the natives are able to read. None of the natives have yet professedly embraced the Gospel. 2. **TANNA** has two stations, One, **Keoamara**, is occupied by the Rev. W. Watt, of the New Zealand Church. There are six places of worship, attended by about 250 natives. There are five teachers under Mr. Watt's superintendence. There is a school for