

OTHER MISSIONS.

RESULTS OF MODERN MISSIONS.—It may startle, not only persons who are known to undervalue Christian missions, but also not a few, perhaps, of even their sanguine advocates, to learn that, according to respectable authority, there really has been an amount of success, in modern missions, equal to that which attended the preaching of the apostles and apostolic fathers! In proof of this, we adduce an extract from the published account of the late Liverpool Conference on Missions :

"The Rev. J. B. Whiting, Central Association Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, remarked that it had been his duty, as an advocate of the Church Missionary Society, to plead the cause of missions in various parts of England, and he had endeavoured to acquire some information as to the amount of success with which God had blessed missionary efforts. He found that the Bible had been translated, during the last sixty years, into upwards of 100 languages. There were 100,000 professing Christians in New Zealand; 100,000 in Burmah and Pegu; 112,000 Protestant Christians in India; 5,000 or 6,000 in Mesopotamia; 250,000 in Africa; 40,000 in America; and 250,000 in the islands of the Pacific. There were Christians in China, Madagascar, Mauritius and many other parts of the world. There were 200,000 or 300,000 negroes under the care of Christian pastors in the West Indies. There are more than a million and a quarter of living Christians who, but for the labors of the missionaries, would have remained idolaters. We were apt to compare the missionary processes of present time, in disparaging terms, with the successes which attended apostolic labor. He had inquired, however, from the most competent authorities, as to how many individuals, in their opinion, were gathered out of heathendom by the labors of inspired apostles during the first sixty years of mission work, after the ascension of the Saviour; and he had been assured that, as far as they could judge, not more than one million of living Christians were found after those first sixty years.

INDIA.—The Bombay Correspondent

of the *Scottish Guardian* says :—Yesterday we welcomed again to these shores of India the Rev. Dr. Glasgow, of the Irish Presbyterian Mission, and the Rev. Mr. Hislop of Nagpore. We were glad they reached this before the departure from Bombay of the Rev. Messrs. Robson and Martin, United Presbyterian missionaries of Rajpootana. There has been thus at Dr. Wilson's house a pleasant and truly fraternal meeting of the representatives of the three Churches, whose future, I trust, will always be drawing the bond of Christian friendship and fellowship closer—the United Presbyterian Church, the Irish Presbyterian Church, and the Free Church. We have not been behind you in Scotland at this time in our desire worthily to commemorate the Scottish Reformation. On the 20th of this month we united in holding a meeting to celebrate the Tricentenary of the Scottish Reformation, at the Free Church Esplanade. We had a large and influential gathering of friends of the Scottish Reformation, including not only many Scotchmen, but a large number of Christians of other Churches. The public press have manifested a very friendly spirit; one of the leading journals had more than one leading article on the subject, and it observes in its columns that "the meeting was pervaded by a spirit of Christian and catholic cordiality the results of which cannot but be beneficial to all." Our United Presbyterian friends leave Bombay to-day *en route* to their missionary station in Rajpootana. We have enjoyed much their stay amongst us. Both of the missionaries are men of much promise, and an important acquisition in the mission field.

ITALY.—The cause of truth is advancing gloriously in this land of Popish darkness. The *Week of Prayer* was observed in the Protestant churches and they were largely attended by Italians. The colporteurs are traversing the peninsula in all directions to the very gates of Rome. "The Rev. Mr. M'Dougall, Dr. Revel, Professor Gibson of Belfast, and other influential ministers, all of whose names I have not learned, have been appointed by the Church of North Italy to cross the Atlantic, and lay the