

Pachamba as a favorable locality for mission work, as it is situated on the road to Parisnath, the holy hill of Jains.

The Rev. J. G. Robertson, of Lovedale, Caffaria, writes announcing the admission of ten members into the Church, eight of them elderly persons. Nine others sought admission, but delay was recommended in their case.

United Presbyterian Missions.

A special subscription is being made in the United Presbyterian Church on behalf of the widow and children of the late Rev. Tiyo Soga, whose last request in regard to his children was that they should be trained up for spheres in which they might be useful to his countrymen.

Missionaries are still wanted for Caffraria, Trinidad, India, China, and Old Calabar.

The annual income of the United Presbyterian Church for the past year was \$1,500,000. Of this sum \$155,000 was expended upon Foreign Missions. To this should be added, as showing the increase, a bequest of \$43,750, given specially for this scheme of the Church. The United Presbyterian Church gives to the cause of Christ more than four thousand dollars every day of the year.

English Presbyterian Missions.

The missionaries at Amoy were expecting when they wrote, the arrival of the Rev. W. Campbell, a new missionary from the English Presbyterian Church. About the same time they might have looked for Mr. McKay. The troubles in Amoy are over, and the missionaries are busy at work again. Great care is exercised in receiving converts into the Church. By following a different rule, says the Rev. Hugh Cowie, our tens could easily be made hundreds. The same missionary records the baptism of five men at Baypay.

The Rev. Hugh Ritchie, of Takao, Formosa, tells of the baptism of eighteen persons, one of them a child, of Pethan and Alikiang. At Tangkang, a new station, fifty persons, at the lowest computation, are waiting on divine ordinances, and six were recently received into full communion.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Pictou.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at Fisher's Grant, on the 12th ult., and after sermon by the Rev. Robert Cumming, from 1 John iv. 8, "God is love," was constituted by the Rev. Alexander Ross, Moderator. Owing

to the state of the roads the attendance was small. In the absence of the clerk, the Rev. E. A. McCurdy was appointed Clerk, *pro tem*.

The principal business of the Presbytery was to hold a visitation of this section of Mr. Maxwell's congregation. They found matters in a very encouraging condition. It appeared that all parties, both minister and people, are endeavouring to work diligently and faithfully. The stipend promised is punctually and regularly paid. The managers, conscious of its insufficiency, regret that in present circumstances they are unable to increase it. They are just now busily engaged with the erection of a church, which is to cost them at the least \$2500, of which \$1150 are now subscribed.

The Presbytery expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the state in which they found the affairs of this part of Mr. Maxwell's congregation. They have had ample evidence that he is a diligent and faithful pastor, and that he enjoys, in a high degree, the respect and sympathy of his people.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in Primitive Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, April 9, at 11 A. M., for ordinary business, and at 7 P. M., for the visitation of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Mowitt to preach.

The Presbytery of Pictou met on the 9th April in Primitive Church, and was constituted by the Rev. Alex. Ross, Moderator.

The Rev. Mr. Walker called attention to the fact that a week in May, from the 19th to the 26th, was to be observed by the Evangelical Church of Europe as a week of prayer—and suggested that the Presbytery make some arrangement to have the same week here observed in the same manner. Whereupon it was agreed to recommend that the members of Presbytery do what they can in their respective congregations to observe that week as intended.

The Presbytery, in accordance with the deliverance of Synod, agreed to make arrangements to have the congregations within their bounds visited before the meeting of Synod for contributions towards the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund."

It was unanimously agreed to nominate the Rev. George Patterson as Moderator of the ensuing Synod. Interesting and encouraging reports were given in by all the members present on the State of Religion in their respective congregations. It is cheering to know that the Holy Spirit is working in our congregations, and evidently manifesting His gracious operations in a variety of ways. One member had one story to tell; another, something of the same kind, but somewhat different; a third, something special, and so on, but all testifying to the gracious work of the same