

o her hand, I have much reason to rejoice when I see the mighty changes the Lord has produced in the land, raised up an innumerable host of saints, whose souls will for ever rebound to his honour and glory. I do not say that they are the true children of God, that have been received into the church, that many are giving evidence by their walk and conversation, that they are "lovers again, not of contemptible zeal, but of uncontrollable zeal, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." The whole praise belongs to the Lord of hosts, the Father of the mercies, who is the Father of the Father, and God that giveth the increase."

Public Morality Improved.—was told about the close of the last year, by some, that I had destroyed this country. Aftertime they had two or three weeks of carousing at Christmas, but now no Christmas at all; formerly they had dancing balls two or three times a week, now people cannot be got to make dances. Intemperance abounded everywhere, but now only a very few indulge in that horrid evil. About three weeks ago we had two funerals in this town in one day. Before the corpse were carried out of the house, I shortly addressed the people present. One great drunkard heard the address and became dreadfully alarmed, and from that time he has given up entirely with the use of ardent spirits. I hope this will be the beginning of better days to him. We have weekly prayer meetings for the spread of the Gospel, and Sabbath schools and catechumen exercises at all the stations, except the West Bay.

West Bay still dead and unchristian.—Poor West Bay is still in a dead and carousing state. I hope the Lord will soon have mercy upon them, and enable them to do a day of Divine power. I am looking and longing for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Let us have an interest in your prayers, and the prayers of all the friends of Jesus. Much has been already accomplished, but much remains to be done. Many are under the bondage of sin, and sinners who need to be delivered and brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Contributions.—We have only collected during the last year £11 1s. 7d., and £1 5s. 6d. from our Juvenile Missionary Society. This is a small sum, but I hope it will be more this year. I think where there is a church there should be a missionary society, however little may be collected. The people here are very poor in general, but if their hearts were opened to receive the truth, they would be more willing to give for the support and spread of the Gospel of Christ.

MEETING OF THE JAMAICA SYNOD.

The Synod met at Montego Bay, on Wednesday, the 3d March, when all the missionaries to Jamaica, with the exception of the Rev. Mr. Watson, Kingston, were present. The Rev. Alexander Renton says of it, in a letter dated 11th March, "The retiring moderator, the Rev. P. Anderson, preached a very excellent and suitable discourse from the words, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Mr. Cowan was chosen moderator for the ensuing year, and Mr. Campbell was appointed clerk in the room of Mr. Watson, who has resigned. I had the honour of being formally introduced to the Synod by the moderator, and having my name placed upon the roll. The business before the Court was not of a very interesting nature, if we except the question of the Academy. The education of native youth was the leading question; it was this that brought so many together, and I was gratified by the deep interest shown in it, and by warm expressions of gratitude towards the Home Board for their generosity in the matter. The Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, and I laid my instructions before them. The general tenor of them, as well as the specific instructions, gave very high satisfaction. The rules, as a whole, were pronounced admirable." And the Rev. P. Anderson says of this meeting, 10th March, "Our Synod, which met on Wednesday, and closed on Saturday, was well attended, and all the brethren seemed to be in the enjoyment of excellent health. Such meetings, in our circumstances, tend to strengthen the bonds of Christian brotherhood, and to prepare us for renewed exertion at the post of assigned duty."

GRIEF CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. WINTON.

"And this," adds Mr. Anderson, "is particularly required, for the cup which our Father has given us to drink, and specially in recent times, contains in it some bitter ingredients of grief. Many have been laid to rest which I am unable to look serenely in the face. I have neither nerve at present, nor adequate language, to describe properly what I feel respecting this awful event. The words of a royal sufferer express all that I am able to say in relation to it, 'Dumb was I, opening not my mouth, because Thou dostest it,' and along with this, to record my secret hope that He who is the strength of the living, has kindled those dreadful flames of the burning Amazon a chariot of fire to hasten to their everlasting home the dear departed. This is certainly another dark page in the history of the Jamaica mission." And the Rev. W. Lawrence says, 25th February, "We just heard the other day of the destruction by fire of the ill-fated Amazon. This melancholy catastrophe has produced great sensation here, and made us weep and mourn. Many have been shed on account of Mr. and Mrs. Winton. We trust the Lord supported his servants in that dreadful and trying hour, and that they are now in their Father's house, in which are many mansions. I need not attempt to describe our feelings on hearing of it. It is difficult to realise the terrible event. We thought that no agent could be spared from this mission field, and that we could not get on much longer without him; but God's ways are not our ways, neither are his thoughts like our thoughts. We rejoice that none of his plans can be frustrated, and that even now He is providing the best means for accomplishing the purposes of this mission."

OPENING OF THE KINGSTON LIBRARY.

The new church in Kingston was opened for public worship on Sabbath, the 22nd February. The Rev. James Watson presided in the morning from the words, "Make me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among them." The Rev. A. G. Hogg preached in the afternoon from the words, "Which things the angels desire to look into," and in the evening, the Rev. John Macleod, of the Church of Scotland, preached from the words, "Will God in very deed dwell with men upon the earth?" Each of these sermons was very well received. The Kingston Missionary Society, says the Kingston Morning Journal of the 25th February, "was excellent and appropriate, and was listened to with the most marked attention by the large and overflowing audience that filled the house during the whole day. The devotional portions of the service, morning and afternoon, were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cowan, Rev. Mr. Campbell, and Rev. Mr. Henderson. Many were converted, and many more were seated outside the building. A great proof of the kindly feeling that exists towards the young and enterprising congregation by their fellow citizens we are happy to announce that the collections on each occasion were most liberal. That in the morning was upwards of fifty pounds, that in the afternoon was twenty pounds; and that in the evening between twenty and thirty pounds. When we consider the present gloomy prospects of the country, the deep commercial and agricultural distress that prevails in it, we are highly delighted by the spirit of liberality that pervaded the worshippers on this highly interesting occasion. We were happy to see present many of our first teachers and fellow labourers of all religious denominations. This is as it should be."—L. P. M. News.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SCOTLAND.

Full reports of the proceedings of Synod have been received. The court met on the 3rd of May, in Edinburgh. The Rev. Henry Renton, of Kilsno, was chosen Moderator. The business was conducted with great unanimity; and what is rather remarkable, not one protest or appeal from any inferior judicatory was before the Synod. We may, perhaps give a summary of all the proceedings in next number; in the meantime our columns only allow a pretty full abstract of

THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Annual Synodical Missionary Meeting was held in Bristol Street Church, on Wednesday evening. The immense building was filled to overflowing, the temporary platform being occupied chiefly by members of Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Somerville, Secretary to the Mission Board, read the following outline of the report on the home and foreign missions for the past year:—

HOME MISSIONS.

Eighty-four congregations have, during the year, received aid from the Home Mission Fund. In the way of support of stipends and salaries, congregations have obtained grants. The sum expended upon home operations considerably exceeds £3000.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. *Canada.*—The Church in Canada now consists of forty-one ordained ministers, divided into seven presbyteries. A number of the ministers have to supply several stations, which, as the population increases, will furnish fields of useful labor for separate pastors. Several new stations have been formed during the year. Indeed, the cause could be easily and widely extended there, were there an adequate land of acceptable and zealous preachers. The Synod has accordingly requested an additional supply from this country; and in answer to their appeal, we have received the services of Messrs William Dickson and Patrick Greig, preachers. The Church in Canada is, under the assiduous labors of the ministers, making rapid progress. The older congregations are not only self-sustaining, but they are taking an interest in the work of missions. It is very gratifying to observe the zeal with which the ministers and people themselves to promote a missionary spirit among the people, and the extent to which already several of the congregations have responded to their appeals. The Synod there, deprived by death of the services of their Professor of Theology, the late Rev. William Proudfoot, requested the Home Synod to look out for a person to be recommended to their sister Synod for the vacant office. The Synod has accordingly recommended choice for this important office. The Synod has also recommended the matter to the Board of Missions. The Board corresponded with the Synod as to the terms on which a professor was to be sent out, and after full deliberation unanimously nominated the Rev. Dr. John Taylor, Auchtermuchty, as in their opinion admirably qualified to discharge the duties of Theological Professor. This nomination was intimated to the Synod; and we are happy to state that we have this week received the intelligence that a meeting held for the purpose, at the residence of Mr. Hamilton, on the 7th of April, have "most cordially approved of this nomination, and unanimously called and invited Dr. Taylor to be their professor." We trust that Dr. Taylor will see it to be his duty to comply with this Synodical call, and should he do so, we anticipate that his labours will be productive of the happiest results, and that he will be honoured of God to train up not a few, but many talented and devoted young men, who shall successfully minister the Gospel of the grace of God to the rapidly increasing population of that wide and valuable province.