

Christian Church, worthy of the name, is a Missionary Society, and *Mission* work—the extension in connection with the edification of the Church is looked upon as the great and distinctive Mission of them all. Hence the prominence given to the subject in the deliberations of their *Synods* and *Assemblies*, their *Unions* and *Conferences*, or whatever the name by which the great annual gatherings of the brethren may be called. This is a very pleasing feature in the character of the Christian Church of the present day, and it is one full of promise to the heathen world.

In no Church, perhaps, has it been more largely developed, within the same space of time, than in our own in Scotland. Now, individuals in that Church are giving more to Missions, annually, than large congregations gave about 30 years ago; single congregations are raising more now than the entire Synod then raised; while the Synod as a whole, is now raising *thousands* for *hundreds* that it did then. In the year 1832, the Missionary income of the Church was £1867. 14s. 7½d., stg. Last year it was £18968. 13s. 10½d., stg. I have chosen the year 1832 for comparison, although by going two years further back the contrast would have been greater still, because that was the year in which the “United Associate Synod,” as it was then called, commenced her first Foreign Mission—in Canada. Previously to that her labours had been confined to the “destitute parts of Scotland.” In that year she sent out three Missionaries to this Province, one of whom still survives, (and long may he enjoy a green old age—the father of our Mission,) and still she is supplying us with no small proportion of the means, and with by far the larger proportion of the men required for our work. Three years after the *Canadian*, the *Jamaica* Mission was undertaken, and several years later, it was greatly extended by the amalgamation already referred to. The Mission to *Trinidad* falls naturally to be mentioned in connection with this, some of the incidents of which will be brought before you to-night by our excellent brother—its first Missionary. Her resources enlarging as her operations extended, a new and very important Mission was opened about twelve years ago, under very interesting and promising auspices—the Mission to Old Calabar on the Coast of Africa. With the Union of the “*Relief Church*” in 1847, the Mission to *Cyffraria* on the same Coast, was incorporated with the others; and last year, as already stated, a “*Mission to the Jews*” that had previously been supported by a general Society, was adopted by her. Besides these which are, properly speaking, *her own* Missions, she gives annually, very considerable grants of money to other Churches and their Missions—in France, Belgium, Holland, &c., and to some extent also in *Australia*. \*

These facts speak for themselves, and they have a voice to us, to which, I trust, we will listen, and by which we will profit. They show more satisfactorily than any language of mine could, the increase in the Missionary liberality of our Church in Scotland. By one of the articles in the recent Union, she has pledged herself to the vigorous prosecution of the great

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\* Since this Address was written, intelligence has been received that a *new* Mission to India has been resolved upon by the Church at home, and that already £7355, stg., extending over a period of five years, have been contributed towards its support.