

Other Missions.

Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. SOMERVILLE read the following outline of the foreign missionary operations:—

JAMAICA.—We have twenty-four congregations in Jamaica and two in the Grand Caymanas. The two latter have been vacant for more than two years, and have not given any return. The Table of statistics shows that the twenty-four congregations in Jamaica admitted 176 during the year, have 4582 members, being a decrease of 156, and 483 candidates, or 13 more than the preceding year. In eight congregations there has been an increase in the membership, in fourteen a loss, and in two the numbers are the same. There are 308 Sabbath classes, having an attendance of 3482 adults and children, and 306 teachers, being in regard to the number of classes, scholars, and teachers, an advance of 1866. It has been matter of great gratitude and joy to the brethren of this mission, that the home church has appointed the second Sabbath of each month as a time for special and simultaneous prayer on behalf of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church, and feel it to be a great privilege to unite with them in that all-important engagement, trusting in the Lord's exceeding great and precious promises, and relying on His all-sufficient grace.

TRINIDAD.—In Trinidad, where the Popish religion is dominant, where the people are grossly ignorant and superstitious, and where, consequently, it is difficult to make progress, we have three congregations, the returns from which show that the aggregate membership is 178, that 19 were admitted during the year, that there are 231 Sabbath scholars, with 28 teachers, and that the sum raised for all purposes was £705, 14s. 5d., £470 of it being given by Port of Spain congregation of 90 members.

OLD CALABAR.—This mission has five stations at which the gospel is preached each Lord's day, in the native tongue, to considerably more than 1200 persons. Numerous meetings are held during the week for instruction and prayer, and every means are used that seem fitted to interest and improve the people. There are three native churches—Creek Town, Duke Town, and Ikorofong—with 71 members, 15 having been added by baptism during the year, and 49 candidates. There are eight week-day schools, three of them in rural districts, attended by fully 300 children, where religious instruction is carefully imparted. Eight of the natives, two of whom

are ordained elders, are now employed in day school teaching, two having voluntarily given up trading, in which, in a pecuniary point of view, they were doing well, in order to devote themselves entirely to mission work. Several natives conduct classes also on the Sabbath day, and fourteen of the members of Creek Town church itinerate between the hours of divine service among their countrymen. Besides several religious treatises, tracts, and a supply of school-books, all in the native tongue, the whole Bible and the first part of the *Pilgrim's Progress* in Efik will soon be in circulation.

It is with great pleasure that we now state that the printing of Mr. Robb's Efik translation of the Old Testament, which has been going on since January 1867, is now completed, and that the National Bible Society of Scotland have been at the expense of printing and stereotyping it, and of binding the first edition of 500 copies.

CAFFRARIA.—The two principal events of the year in reference to this mission are, that the Rev. Messrs. Girdwood and Davidson have arrived on the field and begun their labours, and that two new stations have been formed beyond the Kei—one among the Fingoes, and one in the country of Krel. In April 1867 the Rev. John Selater removed to the Mbulu, gained the friendship of the seven Fingoe chiefs; arranged, with the aid of two or three native evangelists, to have the gospel preached each Sabbath at five different places; formed a session of five elders, elected by the members; and, as the minister of Paterson station, dispensed the communion amid flowing tears, the people rejoicing that the gospel had followed them into their new inland homes. He has 61 members and 30 candidates. At Henderson, the Rev. Mr. Chalmers has, with the assistance of four native evangelists and a teacher, been assiduously conducting missionary operations. The Rev. J. F. Cumming, who has laboured for more than thirty years at Gethorn in the colony, and been instrumental there in doing much good, has been directed to go to the Emgwali, and work there along with Mr. Davidson.

RAJPOOTANA, IN INDIA.—This mission, which was begun in 1860, is situated in the British province of Ajmere and Mairwara, about 600 miles due north of Bombay. The province has about 400,000 inhabitants, and it is surrounded by native Rajpoot states, into which there seems to be free access, peopled by several millions, all destitute of the gospel. The mission has 6 ordained agents, 2 medical missionaries, an English evangelist, 6 native evangelists, and nearly 60 day school teachers. It has five stations—four in the British province, and one in the large city of Jeypore, the capital of the native province of that name,