

and God has at last taken him suddenly and quietly. God in his mercy grant that when those with whom he has reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, meet him again, it may not be as a swift witness against them.

## Religious Intelligence.

**FREE CHURCH.**—Large and well-equipped school premises have been opened at Pesth in connection with the Jewish Mission of the Free Church. The Jewish Missions of the Church are prospering better than heretofore.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy, held on the 9th of December, Mr. John S. Black was ordained to the office of the ministry, preparatory to his undertaking the duties of Theological Professor at Seville. Sir Henry Moncreiff, as President of the Evangelization Society, under whose auspices Mr. Black is to labour, took part in the services. The Continental Committee has succeeded in inducing Mr. Kilpatrick of Lyon Street Church, Glasgow, to undertake a six months' mission in Cadiz.

By the settlement of the late Mr. Thomas Elder of No. 40 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh, he bequeaths the following legacies:—To the Home Mission Scheme of the Free Church, £1000; to the Foreign Mission Building Fund of do., £1000; Conversion of the Jews, do., £100; to the lately erected Free Church at Stockbridge, on condition of the whole debt being paid off within four years, £500; endowment of Natural Science Chair, New College, £10,000; erection and partial endowment of a Territorial Church and Manse in Edinburgh or Leith, £10,000—the last two sums not being immediately available. The residue of the estate is to be divided amongst any four of the schemes of the Free Church, at the discretion of his trustees.—The late Miss Margaret Welsh of Collin, has left £2000 to the Sustentation Fund of the Free Church, £1000 for the Foreign Missions Fund, £1000 for the Sons and Daughters of the Church, and £500 for each of the following schemes:—Home Mission, Highlands, Education, College, Jews, Colonial, Aged and Infirm, and Building.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—Money is still being raised by this church to relieve the dreadful famine in India, where fever, plague, and locusts have come in succession. Over 100,000 have died of want in the province where the United Presbyterians have their Mission.

Three newly ordained Missionaries of this church have just left for India; and

one additional has been sent to Spain.—800 orphans are to be provided for and trained in Rajpootana.—The news from the Mission stations generally, is of the most encouraging character.

**ENGLISH PRESBYTERIANISM.**—The Presbyterians of Wales are getting up a Sustentation Fund. It is proposed, too, in connection with this fund, to make the ministry more settled, with less of the itinerant preaching, which proved so valuable and was blessed so much in the first days of Methodism. The country is becoming more ripe for a change in this respect every year.

**IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—The General Assembly of this Church met in January to prepare for present emergencies. It is determined to establish a Sustentation Fund.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.**—The recently united church is prospering greatly. There was no breaking off on the right hand or on the left. All the ministers and churches have gone into the "Union." Great progress has already been made towards raising the proposed Five Millions of Dollars for Missionary purposes. Revivals are reported from many sections of the country and very large additions are made to the churches. A deputation from the Free Church of Scotland is expected to attend the next General Assembly.

**ROMANISM.**—The troubles connected with the Papal Council are manifold. Division, strife, partizanship of the most rancorous character prevail. French and German Bishops are strongly opposed to the Pope's policy. It is still doubtful if the Pope can succeed in getting the Council to sanction the dogma of the Papal Infallibility. The opposition is strong and apparently determined. The divisions that now rankle in the bosom of the Church of Rome are a striking comment on her boasted unity.

**A PROMISING FEATURE.**—We learn that over forty thousand dollars in gold were given to Christian objects, the past year, by the Hawaiian and Armenian churches. Partly because of such liberality, the American Board have been able to reduce the appropriations to those missions by some ten thousand dollars, notwithstanding the constantly expanding nature of the work, and to transfer this amount to other fields. For a like reason the Tamil mission will require less.—A similar process is going on in connection with other missions.—There are native churches now in every quarter of the globe that support themselves and do something towards sending the