

MISSIONS OF THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

IRISH MISSION—DEATH OF REV. MICHAEL BRANNIGAN.—Many will be filled with sorrow when it is known that the Rev. Michael Brannigan; of Ballyglen, is dead. He died on 15th November, at his residence near Ballina.

Mr. Brannigan was brought up in connection with the Church of Rome. He sought and obtained employment from the Rev. Mr. Allan, when he was organizing Irish schools in the glens of Tyrone. The Irish Testament was the text book, and in teaching it to the class, his mind was interested in its truths, and the Holy Spirit opened his mind and heart to receive the gospel. By Mr. Allan's advice he studied for the ministry, and on finishing his studies, was sent by his fellow-students as their first missionary to Connaught. His labours were greatly blessed. Many were gathered together under him. Four or five congregations arose out of his labours, and over these faithful ministers were placed. He, himself, was ultimately stationed at Ballinglen, where a church, manse, and school-house were built, and the Western section of Mayo assigned to him as his special field. Here, too, he was eminently successful, in the midst of difficulties which would have discouraged most men. Now he rests from his labours.

INDIA—GOGO.—The Rev. Mr. Beatty, writing from Gogo, gives an account of the baptism of an entire Hindu family. He says:—"Last week I had the pleasure of baptizing an entire family. It consists of five persons, the father and mother and their three children. They are Marathas, and the servants of Captain H. L. Nutt, of Bhownugger. Fahira Ramji has had favourable views of Christianity for a long time, his father having been a baptised Christian, who died when his son was a mere boy, so that he grew up a heathen. Two years ago he met my colporteur, who spoke to me very favourably of him. Some time ago he sent his children to school in Bhownugger, and the high castes who compose its pupils said the boys must be low caste, and therefore impure, and their touch defiling. The school was soon emptied. He then expressed a wish to become a Christian, and at his master's request I sent over a Christian teacher who instructed them more fully in the knowledge of Christian truth. The husband, wife, and children were admitted into the Church last Tuesday, the 29th September, in the presence of a number of European and native Christians, and some non-Christians. They bear a high character, and Captain and Mrs. Nutt have taken a warm interest in their spiritual welfare, May they "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

DAMASCUS—JEWISH MISSION—GREAT AWAKENING.—The Rev. Mr. Wright, in a letter dated Damascus, 21st October, 1874, gives interesting particulars of the remarkable awakening in Damascus. He says: "Seldom have missionaries had such encouragements as we have had for the last few weeks, and at the same time shadows black enough have been passing over our families. Multitudes, as in apostolic times, have been flocking to hear the Gospel, and the angel of death has been hovering very near us, but we have still to sing of mercy. The fever, which has spread over the whole land and gleaned up many of our people, attacked our family about six weeks ago. Even at the worst we have had to bless God, for there were generally a few left to attend to the sick. All my family have had their turn except myself, and I trust the worst is