

the light shall arise in this darkness to God's waiting people, I have no doubt at all. All these matters have been laid by us before the British Consul, and in due time, when a gun-boat may reach us, something may possibly be accomplished through his agency. At present the Consul can do nothing, and there is no vestige of hope that, of their own proper motion, the degraded magistracy of Formosa would seek to do justice to the Christians under their jurisdiction."

MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND.

MISSIONARY AGENTS.—The last number of the *Missionary Herald* states that, at a recent meeting of the Board of Missions, two missionaries were called to proceed to the Foreign field, Mr. Robert Gillespie, to labour in India, and Mr. H. Waddell, in China. It was also resolved to retain the services of the native Evangelist employed by the late Rev. W. C. Burns at New-Chwang, where Mr. Burns died; and to adopt that seaport of northern China as the field of their future labours. It is a field which has many things to recommend it.

INDIA.—SURAT.—Mr. Dixon, missionary at Surat, gives an interesting account of a missionary visit to a fishing village about 60 miles from Surat, in which, and in the country and villages around, he had the fullest opportunity of proclaiming the Gospel. This region borders on a small patch of territory belonging to the Portuguese. In the capital of this territory he addressed different audiences. He states that although priests abound, as much as in any Italian or Spanish city, none of the natives that attended his preaching had ever heard the name of Christ.

MADAGASCAR.

THE last mail has brought us most gladdening news from Madagascar. God has been graciously pleased to over-rule events there that the things which have happened have all "turned out for the furtherance of the Gospel;" our worst fears have been removed, our highest hopes are exceeded. We are informed that the new Queen and her Government have publicly renounced idolatry, the great national idol has been sent away, and the Queen's household attend the ministry of the missionary, Mr. Toy. The Government works have been stopped on the Lord's day; and a representative of a foreign power on his way to the capital to obtain a ratification of a commercial treaty having reached the last station on a Saturday night, instead of finding the usual escort, was informed that he could not be received at Court, until Monday. The eldest son of the Prime Minister, together with the Prime Minister's sister, are candidates for Church fellowship; the places for Christian worship both in town and country, have become crowded to excess; and such is the wonderful eagerness of the people to hear the word of God that on the Sunday previous to the departure of the last mail, 2450 persons were counted at Mr. Toy's church, while 230 were listeners outside. At another church on the same day the whole of the usual congregation turned out to make room for the crowds outside, that thus the heathen might see how anxious the Christians were that they should all hear "the joyful sound." Thus abundantly the word of the Lord has grown and prevailed.