

home. Children in sickness and affliction. The erring and disobedient. Ps. cxv. 12, 13, 14; cxliv. 12.

Thursday, January 8.—PRAYER: For nations; for peace among men; for public virtue and righteousness; for the banishment of intemperance, infidelity, superstition, and error, and for the diffusion of pure and Christian literature. Isa. lx. 17, 18.

Friday, January 9.—PRAYER: For the evangelization of the European countries; for the conversion of Israel; for the spread of the Gospel in Mohammedan and heathen lands; for persecuted and suffering Christians. Ps. lxxviii. 31; cxxii. 6; Heb. xiii. 3.

Saturday, January 10.—PRAYER: In review of the events of 1873. Recognition of the providence of God. Happy issue of the Divine dispensations. Isa. xlvii. 8, 9.

Sunday, January 11.—SERMONS; Subject, Christ's kingdom universal and everlasting. Ps. xcvi. 1, 2.

Missionary Intelligence.

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.

INDIA.—Rev. J. Small writing from Bombay, mentions many indications of the quiet but extensive spread of Christianity. Many of the young men, at first trained in Mission Institutions, afterwards give evidence of the influence which Christian truth has acquired over them. Mr. Small gives several cases which had occurred in his own experience. It is believed that there are hundreds in whose hearts the good seed has found a lodgment, although on leaving school or college, they made no profession of Christianity.

In many parts of India a great change is said to be taking place in regard to Christianity. A Missionary writes: "When I was first stationed here (Benares) there was violent opposition against the Gospel. One day I was severely wounded by bricks thrown at me. At another time I narrowly escaped being cast into the Ganges. All this opposition has ceased; the people are everywhere friendly and confiding."

ISRAEL.—Rev. Andrew Thom has been appointed to Pesth, as colleague to Rev. Mr. Koenig. He will superintend the large Mission School at Pesth, with a view of gaining access to Jewish families.

Mr. Furst, writing from Prague, mentions several encouraging incidents in connection with missionary work.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

OLD CALABAR.—Seven missionary agents, including four new laborers, have lately arrived in Old Calabar. When Dr. Robb, went from Old Calabar to Edinburgh some time ago, he took with him a native youth, called Item, (or James Lawson Niger). This young man has recently been baptized in Edinburgh. Dr. Robertson mentions that a gratifying change has recently taken place in regard to the observance of the Sabbath. Formerly it was desecrated by marketing, amusements, &c, but recently a law has been promulgated putting a stop to such things. Dr. Robertson says: "These laws affect the most flagrant evils amongst us here; they will help much to smooth our way, and I trust also prepare the way for the coming of the truth into some hearts."