

and meetings for prayer have been held of a size and kind which six months ago would have been simply impossible. A minister in Dundee, being asked to take part in a week of meetings elsewhere, replied in substance: "My hands are full here. At least forty have been turned to the Lord in my own congregation, and among these, two of my own children." Dr. Andrew Bonar, writing to *The Christian*, from Glasgow, says: "The work goes on. The Lord Jesus, sitting at the right hand of God, is confirming the Word by signs following. We hear of conversions coming under the notice of workers for the Lord in all parts of the town." What is specially noticeable about this movement is, that it has resulted in the awakening of communities as such; and that in most cases the meetings convened have been meetings of the professedly Christian inhabitants of particular districts, without respect to their ecclesiastical connections. Wherever revival services are blessed, there invariably appear in the inquiry rooms representatives from all the Churches; and, as by common consent, the controversial spirit is hushed, and thoughtful men feel well disposed to wait to see what the Lord intends to bring about by this unlooked-for agreement to forget in the meantime all other concerns in the interest of the greatest concern of insuring the salvation of souls. Ministers and others interested in the revival of religion should in no locality allow themselves to be too easily persuaded that a week of meetings would prove a failure in their hands. The spiritual atmosphere of the whole land at present is surcharged with a latent feeling of earnestness. That feeling shows itself in many ways—in enmity to the movement now in progress, in scoffing and condemnation, as well as in curiosity and sympathy; but whatever be the phase it presents, men are everywhere showing that they are thinking about religion. And if some would only take heart of grace and formally break the ice, there would often be a response which would surprise them. If, to take one instance, the attempt had a year ago been made to hold in the country town in which these sentences are written such a meeting as was held last night (Monday, March 9th), our astonishment would have been great if so many as one hundred persons had attended; but as it was, the Free Church was filled to its utmost capacity, the crowd occupying not only all the seats, but all the passages. "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

Missionary Intelligence.

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

INDIA.—The quarterly Indian letter, published in the *Free Church Record*, refers at length to the famine in Bengal, and points out that on all occasions it is Christian Missionaries who are the first to sound the alarm, and to give personal aid in carrying out schemes of relief. The Free Church Female Orphanage, the examination of which was recently held, is attaining a still higher position educationally, morally and spiritually. Mr. Robertson, the Superintendent, has a normal class for the purpose of training teachers for the Zenana Mission. Native parents of all Christian sects strive to get their girls admitted on payment. It has been the privilege of a Presbyterian Missionary to train in Christian knowledge and baptize a Sikh prince, the son of Rundhursingh, Maharajah of Kuppurtulla, and brother of the present chief. This event is looked upon as very important,