

native tribes in that part of the continent. He bewails the lack of agency, and earnestly hopes that additional labourers will soon be sent, so that the work may be carried on with greater efficiency.

The Rev. Teyo Soga gives an account of the commencement of missionary operations at the new station of Tutuka, where he had been about a month, and where the prospects were highly encouraging.

### MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Both at Surat and Ahmedabad the missionary work, especially in the educational department, is in an encouraging state. At each place there is an English school, and several vernacular schools. The school books used are all full of lessons in religion, and the truths of christianity are freely set forth. The good seed is thus brought into contact with the susceptible minds of the young Hindoos. At Ahmedabad the number in attendance had largely increased during the year. At the date of the report the number in attendance was 355.

### MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CHINA.—In our last number we referred to the outrages perpetrated in the mission in Formosa. By the latest accounts we learn that, notwithstanding the persecution which had raged against the christians, the work was advancing, four converts having been brought into the christian fold. The catechist, Tiong, who had been imprisoned, was released. Patients were coming again into the hospital. Of the four converts, three are refugees from persecution, and desire, notwithstanding, to confess Christ yet further by entering the Church.

## General Religious Intelligence.

ENGLAND—DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER.—The Evangelical Alliance appointed Thursday, 1st October, as a day of special prayer in connection with the approaching elections.

LORD NAPIER.—Lord Napier, of Magdala, recently visited Scotland, and was presented with the freedom of the city of Edinburgh. In his address, which breathed a decidedly christian spirit, he referred to the success which so many Scotchmen abroad achieved, and ascribed it mainly to the liberal facility of education within the reach of every class.

PROGRESS TOWARDS ROMANISM.—In various ways the progress to Romanism in the Church of England is manifested. The most recent manifestation is the manner in which some of the harvest festivals have been celebrated. The services, which were in some respects ludicrous, were throughout after the type of Rome.

REV. DR. COOKE OF BELFAST.—Dr. Cooke still continues in a state of great prostration. His friends appear to regard his condition with the greatest anxiety.

THE IRISH CHURCH.—The Report of the Irish Church Commissioners has just appeared. It estimates the annual net income of the church at