

Missionary Intelligence.

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

Dr. Duff, contending for the success of Indian Missions, quotes extracts in last month's Record, from speeches by Lord Lawrence, Sir Bartle Frere, Lord Napier of Merchistoun and Sir Donald McLeod, Indian Governors, testifying to their efficacy and the immense benefits conferred by them on the natives of Hindostan. Mr. Dawson, of the Gond Mission, is prosecuting his work untiringly and with much good result. His circle of evangelization includes seventy-two villages and hamlets round Chindwara. Mr. Dawson has already published, or is publishing, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John, together with Genesis, and a short grammar and vocabulary in the language of these interesting people.

In Lisbon the congregation in connection with the Free Church of Scotland has purchased a church and convent, formerly the property of the Carmelite friars, and hopes soon to draw many Portuguese into its communion.

An appeal from the second congregation of Winslow, P. Q., appears in last month's Record of the Free Church, asking assistance in building their new churches. The appointment, by the Colonial Committee, of Messrs. Donald Sage and Alexander Carrick, probationers of the Free Church, to Canada is noticed, as also that of the Rev. A. M. Tait from Canada to New Zealand.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

In last month's Record of the United Presbyterian Church Dr. Robb gives an interesting geographical account of the region in which the West African Mission of this Church lies.

Mr. Villiesid, missionary at Jerez in Spain, writes to say that 1500 persons have given in their names as Protestants, of whom, however, very few are believers. The school has an attendance of 200 children, while at Cadiz there are 300.

Mr. Leslie, of Caffraria, writes sadly of the injurious influences of Caffre beer, to which we have already alluded, upon the converts as well as upon the unconverted. He also furnishes the following interesting narrative :—

Turning from what is discouraging, I have pleasure in telling you of the happy and triumphant death of a poor old Hottentot man, who for many years had in his flesh and bones the dreadful disease of leprosy. During Mr. Cumming's very successful career as a missionary at Glenthorn, Dirk Smit was one of his ablest volunteer assistants. He was not one of those who looked for recognition in his work, but, unasked and unaided, he quietly went about from place to place teaching some of his own race how to read and write, as well as instructing them in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, his Saviour.

A few years before Mr. Cumming left Glenthorn, Dirk became so ill that he could not go about as he was wont to do ; he had to give up his labour of love. And nearly two years ago, when I came to reside here, he was unable to leave his hut by himself, as his feet and hands were gradually but surely wasting away. Still, whenever he had the opportunity, he eagerly spoke to others of their eternal interests, urging upon them the necessity of