

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.—There is no intelligence of special interest with reference to the missions of the Free Church in India. The most important point is the strengthening of the missions, for they are almost all in a weakened state through the death and sickness of missionaries. The last quarterly paper, issued by the Foreign Mission Committee, gives an interesting account of a preaching tour by native missionary agents at Madras. Twenty large villages had been visited, in which the Gospel was repeatedly preached. The audiences ranged from 60 to 500. Most of the people were totally unacquainted with the Gospel, but they listened with respectful attention. In connection with the opening of a new church at the station of Ely, in Caffraria, the sum of about \$300 had been contributed by the people on the spot.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The effects of the revival in Jamaica are still felt by the missionaries at their several stations, and additions are being made to the churches. In Africa the missionaries are pursuing their work with ardour and not without success, notwithstanding the difficulties and discouragements which they have to contend with. At Aleppo, and also in India, the work is prosecuted diligently. The Rev. Mr. Shoolbred, missionary at Bearor, writes cheerfully and hopefully in regard to his plans, both educational and evangelistic. He says—"Our school is a most gratifying scene. There are now 102 names on the list. Our little school-house is now as populous as a bee-hive, and a great deal more noisy." It was the intention of Mr. Shoolbred and his colleagues to itinerate during the cold season. Mr. Shoolbred was engaged in drawing up a dictionary of the Mairwara dialect.

By the *October Record* we learn that in Jamaica the great work of revival still prospers, although the excitement has disappeared. The Rev. J. Baillie, accompanied by Mrs. Sutherland, had arrived safely at old Calabar. At Glenthorn nine natives had been added to the church. At Aleppo the missionaries had organized their schools, and were looking for good results. An earnest appeal is made for an increase of funds for Foreign Missions. In consequence of the expansion of the work, the expenditure for some years has exceeded the income by about £2,000.

MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The October number of the *Missionary Herald* contains interesting communications from Mr. McKee at Rajkote, giving an account of his missionary operations. It is among the young that his most interesting and hopeful work is carried on. In the day schools there are 150 scholars, and in the Sabbath classes there are 160 boys and five girls. It is believed that the number of girls will soon be increased. There is also a letter from the Rev. H. Pestonji, giving an account of his missionary tours and of their results. In the course of his preceding tours he had been sent for by the king of Jamnuggur, whom he describes as an intelligent young man, who rules far more wisely and mercifully than most of his fellows. Mr. Pestonji conducted, in the presence of the king, a discussion with the native priests on the subject of the Gospel. He is not without hope that good may be done. In the course of his travels he found several in whose minds the good seed previously sown had taken root and brought forth fruit. Mr. Robson, of the Jewish mission at Beyrout, gives an account of the hopeful and happy death of Jibram Shebadeh, one of the first fruits of the mission at Damascus.

MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—A letter from the Rev. C. Douglas, of China, published in the *English Presbyterian Messenger*, gives the pleasing intelligence of the increasing interest manifested in the Gospel on the part of the Chinese. At Chang-chow there were nine candidates for baptism. On the Sabbath preceding the date of his letter, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Swanson had been at Bay-pay ordaining an elder and a deacon. On the previous Sabbath he had baptized four persons at Anhui. These were almost all old persons, who had been for a time convinced of sin, and were seeking after salvation. One had been long blind, having lost his eyes in some bloody feud.