

neighbourhood of the Severn river. In each locality there have been organized four preaching stations, each having an average attendance of forty persons. Both of these places present interesting fields for missionary enterprise, and in both the people manifest an eager desire that such services as have hitherto been afforded them by this Society may be continued.

General Religious Intelligence.

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At the next meeting of the Free Church General Assembly, a number of Evangelistic Deputies were appointed to visit congregations and mission stations throughout the bounds of the Church, and co-operate with the resident ministers in promoting a spirit of religious enquiry, and in raising personal religion among the people under their charge. From the Solway to the Shetland Isles, and from extreme east to extreme west, reports from these deputies have come in, speaking, almost without exception, of good results, some of great magnitude, flowing from this novel mode of religious action.

The report of the Home Mission Committee of the United Presbyterian Church shows an increase in evangelistic effort made by missionaries and Bible women in the destitute localities during the past year.

The General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church appointed a deputation to examine the schools under the superintendence of its missionaries in the South and west of Ireland. The deputation reports most favorably, stating that, in some schools, the Roman Catholic children form the largest class. A good work is also being done by the colporteurs of the Irish General Assembly.

After laying the foundation-stone of a new Presbyterian Church at Nottingham recently, Robert Barbour, Esq., of Bolesworth Castle, made the following statement with regard to the Presbyterian Church in England :

"Their Church in England was not a large one, but he was pleased to be able to state that a spirit of revival with regard to it had lately taken place both in this country, in Scotland, and in other quarters. Since the occurrences in Scotland in 1843 they had made very great progress. Prior to that time they were a sort of pendant to the Established Church, but, after having been thrown on their own resources, and taking part with Dr. Chalmers, they had never looked back. The English Presbyterian Church numbered about 130 congregations ; the United Presbyterian, which held the same principles as theirs, about 100, and the Established Church of Scotland about 30. It was desirable in this great England that there should be a union of all these bodies. The working of the Presbyterian Church had been very much noticed of late, both in Parliament in and other places, and this showed that there was a favourable looking towards it. Their Church held an important position in this country, not merely on account of its numbers, but from being allied with both Ireland and Scotland."

An important accession to the strength of the Presbyterian Church in England has just now been made, by the settlement of Rev. Mr. Dykes in Regent Square Church, and the call of Rev. D. Fraser, formerly of Inverness, to Marylebone Church.