

of the whole number of its inhabitants. One of the most distressing things in connection with the famine is the large number of orphans thrown on the charity of the world. The Rev. W. Shoolbred speaks as follows:—"There are now upwards of 800 poor children, whose parents and other near relatives have died of starvation, and who, rescued themselves from the most horrible of deaths, have been thrown by Divine Providence on our pity and compassionate care. Government will assist us as it can in caring for these poor orphans; and in the case at least of all whom it hands over to us, will give a small monthly sum in aid of their upbringing. But upon the Church at home will fall the duty of housing, feeding, clothing and educating for Christ and His blessed faith those children whom the Lord has entrusted to our care. Other Missions in other Provinces of India have in like circumstances been equal to the occasion, and have cheerfully undertaken the responsibility. Surely our Church will not shirk the responsibility, or show herself unworthy to seize the grand opportunity which her Divine Master is placing in her hand."

The Mission in Jamaica has been called to mourn the death of the Rev. William Lawrence, who for nineteen years has laboured faithfully in that portion of the vineyard.

From Caffraria intelligence has come of two more hopeful conversions, and of the happy deaths of two native Christians.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Irish Presbyterian Church has been aiding in the good work of Spanish evangelization. The Rev. William Moore, of Tully, has been set apart for the work of the Lord in Malaga.

The various reports from Mission Stations in Rajkote, Gogo, Surat, Borsud and Ahmedabad show the great progress that the truth has been making in the hands of the Missionaries of the Irish Assembly during the past year in India.

A very important Mission which this Church carries on is that among the Roman Catholics of Ireland, particularly in the south. Encouraging reports are every now and then being received by the Mission Board from its itinerant and other Missionaries. The state of public feeling with regard to Protestant evangelization is changing very perceptibly, and the power of the priests seems to be waning in many quarters. "Not very long ago no Protestant dared hold a religious meeting in the country districts. A few steadfast men persevered in their work of faith, notwithstanding formidable opposition; when false accusations were laid against one of them, even Roman Catholics in a high position came to secure him protection; and they have so far outlived opposition that they are able to conduct their meetings in peace, and to invite our Ministers to their aid. Even the priests are becoming ashamed of the weapons to which they once resorted; and whilst religious toleration is not named, its principles are gaining ground."

GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

The new state of things in Madagascar, to which the attention of the readers of the RECORD has already been directed, is occupying a large share of Christian interest. The natives have been making a wholesale destruction of the idols and heathen temples in the island, burning large numbers