

number being about a dozen, arrangements are made for their having supply of ordinaes by means of the preachers at Chioh-key and Chang-chew. How deeply interesting to find the outposts of the mission work at Khiboey and Chung-chew, respectively, thus actually meeting each other in such distant parts!

Interesting Conversion.

The manner in which Chey at Au-liau (the connecting link in that quarter) himself first received the Gospel was quite remarkable. He has a sister at Liong-nia who had begun about two years to join with the inquirers there in worshipping God. Her relatives at Au-liau were exceedingly enraged, and deputed Chey to go and compel her to stop such absurd behaviour. He went, but, instead of gaining his purpose, was himself caught in the Gospel net, and has become instrumental in spreading the savour of Christ's name around.

Closing Appeal.

What a solemn call for more self-devotion and self-sacrifice on the part of the home Churches that may give themselves to the work in this land of darkness, when the dawn is beginning to streak the mountains with beams of hope and promise—give themselves, if God has given them the gifts for the work, and give of their wealth, yea, or out of their poverty, to support the labourers. And if they do that, doubtless they will offer their prayers too.

General Religious Intelligence.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

We may state, in addition to the brief notice in last number, that Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. J. M. King, both of Toronto, were introduced to the Synod, and gave addresses, which were very favourably received.

The resignations of both the Missionary Secretaries were tendered and accepted. The Rev. Mr. McGill, formerly Home Missionary Secretary, was appointed Foreign Secretary, and Dr. Scott, Manchester, was appointed Home Missionary Secretary. Dr. Somerville was nominated an honorary member of the Mission Board, and it was agreed that he should have a retiring allowance of £150 per annum. It was also arranged that he should give a series of lectures on evangelistic missionary subjects.

MEETING OF ASSEMBLIES, IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the Assemblies of the O. S. and N. S. churches the subject of union was the prominent question. In both Assemblies there were majorities in favour of the basis of union, which is now sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries. In the O. S. Assembly there was a protest against the basis, signed by a number of influential members, including Dr. A. A. Hodge. The protest is calm and temperate in its tone.

In the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the suspension, for singing hymns, of Mr. G. H. Stuart, whose name is well known as a most devoted christian worker, on both sides of the Atlantic, has drawn forth much comment. An influential minority have published a protest against the action of the Synod, which they condemn as "unjust in principle, unconstitutional in form, unkind in the circumstances, unworthy of the ecclesiastical body by which it was passed, and undeserving of regard by the christian world."

The Assembly of the Southern Church met at Baltimore. In the reports presented to the assembly, there were evidences of the sad effects of the war, in the burning of churches, and impoverishing of ministers and people. It is to be hoped that time will greatly heal the wounds thus made.