

It was sad news to us that we were not to be reinforced as was expected. Men of the right spirit, and familiar with the language, could find abundance of work even now, and we have not fairly begun yet. The work here will soon be immense. We ought to have many more at once. Every day that it is deferred is a serious loss. The openings were never so promising and the work so definite as now. Buddhist priests have won the whole country to follow their superstitions. Earnest Christian men can win it to Christ.

General Religious Intelligence.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.—Evangelistic services have been conducted during the greater part of last month in London. A number of Ministers from Scotland took part in these services. Messrs. Moody and Sankey are expected to visit London during the summer months. Special services were held by the clergymen of the Church of England. Much earnestness characterized these last-mentioned services, but they savoured somewhat of ritualism.

IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUSTENTATION FUND.—Reports as to the progress of the Fund are very encouraging. Since the withdrawal of the *Regium Donum*, the Presbyterians are contributing \$150,000 per annum to religious objects more than they were before. There is also a growing interest manifested in spiritual things.

CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA.—The *Free Church Record* says, "Our native brethren, especially in Bengal, have been for some time earnestly considering whether all the native Christians in Bengal cannot be comprehended in one great Church." It is added as a statement of how things are in India, that, even among those who do not deem union practicable, in the meantime there is much more brotherly communion than in Britain. The native pastor of a Free Church has preached in the pulpit of an Episcopalian native congregation.

THE PAPAL SUCCESSION.—It is asserted that the Pope has prepared a Bull with the object of confining the election of a new Pope, in the event of his own death, to the Cardinals at the time in Rome, instead of waiting for thirteen days. This would be practically naming his own successor, as it is believed, the Italian Cardinals would confirm the nomination.

SYMPATHY WITH GERMANY.—A large and influential meeting has recently been held in London, to express sympathy with Germany in her struggle against Ultramontaniam. Lord Russell was invited to preside but was prevented by indisposition. The meeting was regarded as highly successful, 337 members of Parliament, Mayors, &c., and 200 clergymen being present.

REV. MR. SPURGEON.—Rev. Mr. Spurgeon has been obliged, by the state of his health, to go for rest and a change to the Continent. His place at the Tabernacle has been taken by Dr. Landels.

FAMINE IN INDIA.—It is stated that fifteen districts in India, with a population of five millions, are now in a state of starvation, and eleven districts, with a population of fourteen millions, are in a state of partial famine. It is to be hoped that the officials of Government may be able to prove themselves equal to the emergency.