

Christianity. They think of it only as Popery, and refuse to tolerate it in any form. Still the few missionaries in Japan are hopeful. They are busy studying the language, and preparing themselves for future usefulness.

OLD CALABAR.—Rev. Dr. Robb, speaking of the progress of the truth in Calabar, says, “my deliberate and solemn conviction is that if we do not get native Christian laborers, this region cannot be christianized. In no field are laborers of native growth more needed; and in the interests of no field is it more necessary to look to the Lord, that He may send forth laborers.”

MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the various stations occupied by missionaries of the English Presbyterian Church, Amoy, Swatow and Formosa, in which island our own missionary, Mr. McKay, is to occupy a mission field, things are going on quietly, and with encouraging indications. From time to time some are brought to a knowledge of the truth. Rev. W. Duffus, of Swatow, gives the following interesting account of a Female Convert :—

This woman was in the hospital some months ago, and at that time applied for baptism, but this was deferred that her profession of concern might have some time to prove itself. She returned home, and a few weeks ago made her appearance again, begging to be allowed to remain here till the idolatrous festivals of the New Year season should be over. With much simplicity she told us how her husband had severely persecuted her because of her refusal to participate in idol worship, how he had driven her from home by threats that he would take away her life, that then she took refuge with her married daughter in another village, and that the husband commanded the daughter to expel her mother from her house, which, however, she would not do. But the poor woman came away of her own accord and found her way here.

She is now an applicant for admission into the Church, and says she is quite ready to lay down her life for the Saviour. There are marks of sorrow in her countenance, but also the signs of a calm decision, which I trust is the fruit of the gracious Spirit's work in this precious soul. We pray and hope that the persecutor's heart may be turned to the love of Jesus, and that they may together, husband and wife, yet serve the Lord. We had a case in the hospital lately of an inquirer who, on former occasions when he came to the hospital, was exceedingly bitter against the truth.

General Religious Intelligence.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

The thirty-sixth Synod of the English Presbyterian Church met on the 15th of April in Regent Square Church, London. The Rev. J. Thain Davidson of Islington was elected moderator. The evening was devoted to the commemoration of the tercentenary of the establishment of Presbyterianism in England since the Reformation, and much was said in honour of the eleven Puritan ministers who in 1572 left the establishment and