

as regards our Zion full of liberal things, testifying to the grace of Christ and the advance of the principles of the kingdom of peace and unity, and filling the hearts of God's faithful ones with bright hopes for the year of our Lord 1871.

## Missionary Intelligence.

### FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

Mr. Koenig, the Free Church Missionary to the Jews at Pesth, has visited the United States, and an appeal on behalf of his mission to the Christian people of America has been signed by Drs. DeWitt, Adams, Irenæus Prime and Philip Schaff.

Mrs. Murray Mitchell sends to the *Free Church Record* an account of a visit to Serampore at the time of the festival of Juggernaut. While idolatry still reigns, and the enlightened among the Hindoos are not ashamed to take part in heathen celebrations, it seems evident that a great change has taken place in the minds of the people in regard to these, and that their hold upon the affections of the great majority is daily relaxing.

"The Mooltan missionaries are doing much for the education of the natives of Bhawalpore state. The superintendent of the school is an old pupil of Dr. Duff's—Kali Dass Chakrabarti. This man has been a blessing to the state; and as a Christian has connected many efforts for the good of the people with that name. In addition to his school work, when the famine in Bikaner sent thousands wandering in search of food, he organized a Relief Committee. With the assistance afforded by Major Minchin, from the state and from private subscriptions, he succeeded in mitigating the evil to a great extent. He now instructs the young Nawab's uncle. What a change is here from the condition of anarchy in which Bhawalpore continued for so many years down to the death of the late Nawab!"

Samuel Hardy, a native preacher at Chindwara, and assistant to Rev. James Dawson, missionary to the Gonds, thus states in his broken English the result of his labours:

"At the commencement, when we came to this country, and when we used to go to the villages to preach the gospel to the Gonds, no sooner they see us approach they used to run away, and hide themselves in the inner apartments of their houses, or in bushes, caves, and sometimes run away to the hills; when at that time myself and Rev. Mr. Dawson would go up to those their hiding places, and with meekness and good words bring them back to their houses, cause them to sit down, and I and Rev. Mr. Dawson would preach to them by turns; even then they used to listen with fear. But now that fear is greatly abated; for when they see us coming into their villages, they gladly come before us, bring also along with them their acquaintances, and sit and listen to our preaching, and at times speaking to us—'Sirs, let us know of Jesus the Son of God, that we may know who he is.' And after our preaching to them, they would tell us—'What you have preached is the truth, and we will believe in him alone; and we will forsake all idols which we have hitherto worshipped.'"

Some years ago the whole Bible was translated into the Kaffir language by the Wesleyan missionaries. It has been deemed advisable that a new translation should be made, and Mr. Bryce Ross, of Pirie, an excellent Kaffir scholar, appears upon the Board of Revision, as the representative of the Free Church Mission.