

ous and wealthy, but somewhat jealous of any work in which Presbyterians take a lead; they have not been trained to give to Christ, and they are fretting that they now have to support their own Church. The few of them who may be willing to aid, would first like to know what the rector thinks of the affair. If he be evangelical, and zealous, and ready to place himself at the head of the work, it will succeed. If he be churchy, then we must try to go on without him; but as he is absent on his holidays, no progress can be made amongst his people. From the Plymouth Brethren in this quarter nothing can be expected. There are no Quakers in the neighbourhood to whom we might appeal. Thus, after a wearisome, but not unpleasant day's work, all our efforts seem to be baffled.

"This description fairly represents what is frequently my experience. In several cases, however, I have met with much encouragement. During the past five weeks I have been with seven colporteurs, and in every case have found them to be faithful, and at least, fairly successful. I have been in thirteen districts where colporteurs are urgently required, and in six of these, local efforts are being made to raise part of the requisite amount, so as to secure colporteurs. But the Christian people of Ulster must aid us on a liberal scale if we are to avail ourselves of the opportunities that are coming in our way."

He concluded his appeal with earnest pleading for more prayer for the evangelization of Ireland.

General Religious Intelligence.

GROWTH OF MOHAMMEDANISM.—In India it has been found that Mohammedanism, instead of dying out, is actually increasing. In Bengal the numbers were formerly estimated at 15,000,000; the actual number is found to be 20,664,000. In many districts they constitute half the population.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.—It is stated in an English non-conformist magazine that in the south of England Christian people are forming themselves into Prayer Unions. Many ministers are agreeing to spend the hour between eight and nine o'clock every Saturday evening in prayer for an outpouring of the spirit. They invite others to join them.

REV. MR. KNIGHT.—The Rev. Mr. Knight, whose case has been for some time before the Church courts in connection with a charge of unsound doctrine on the subject of prayer, has resigned his position in the Free Church. It is reported that he and his congregation contemplate applying for admission to the established Church. Previous to his resignation, the libel, intended to be served on Mr. Knight, was, after an explanation of his views from Mr. Knight, withdrawn by the Presbytery, but a minority appealed to the Superior Court.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—A building secured for the Jewish Mission of the Free Church has lately been opened in Constantinople. The British Ambassador, Sir Henry Elliot, presided. Missionaries of the British and American Societies were present, and much interest was manifested in the event. The position of Protestantism in Constantinople, and throughout Turkey, is said to be becoming more encouraging.