

seemed to have been unaccustomed to attend a place of worship; and with the blessing of the Great Head of the Church on Mr. Briggs's labours, I cannot but hope the erection will prove a means of encouragement to the Christians in the neighbourhood, and in extending the influence of the gospel in this portion of the capital.

### CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN.

A Christian Church has for some time existed in Japan. In December, 1863, a second church was consecrated at Yokohama, having been erected by the diligence of the English and Scotch residents. The American Consul has obtained from the Japanese Government a site for a church in behalf of the missions of the Reformed Batavian Church at Yokohama, the value of which is estimated at more than 80,000 florins.

### General Religious Intelligence.

**FREE CHURCH ASSEMBLY.**—The Rev. Dr. Buchanan of the New College, Edinburgh, is to be proposed as moderator in the next General Assembly.

**INDUCTION AT MORNINGSIDE—UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—The Rev. Mr. Brown has been ordained and inducted as pastor of the church at Morning-side.

**A UNIVERSITY FOR WALES.**—Earnest and vigorous steps are being taken by Welsh residents in Manchester and other English towns for the erection of a University for Wales.

**PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN THE UNITED STATES.**—The cause of Presbyterian union seems still to advance in the United States. A monthly periodical has been established for the purpose of advocating the subject.

**THE REV. MR. GEDDIE IN HALIFAX.**—The Rev. Mr. Geddie, Missionary from the New Hebrides, addressed a very large meeting at Halifax, on the subject of the Mission with which he has been connected for 18 years.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE BELFAST.**—The number of students at Belfast, is considerably larger than it has been for several years past. There are a hundred students in attendance on the several theological classes. There are about as many undergraduates, who are attending the class of catechetical instruction.

**DESTRUCTION OF MISSION PROPERTY AT CALCUTTA.**—The hurricane which visited Calcutta lately, and proved so disastrous, did serious injury to the premises and property of the Free Church Mission. Dr. Duff has visited several places in Scotland, with the view of collecting funds to repair the injury.

**BISHOP COLENSO'S DIOCESE.**—We learn from the *Christian Work*, that according to the Bishop of Capetown, the diocese of Natal is in a lamentable condition and that there is great need for sending out a large staff of clergy to meet the growing population left as sheep without a shepherd.

**APPEAL FOR A NEW MISSIONARY SHIP.**—The directors of the London Missionary Society, have made an appeal to the friends of the Society, and especially to the young, for funds for the purchase and outfit of a new missionary ship to take the place of the "John Williams." The first offering for the new ship was made by the native youth of Danger Island.

**ANOTHER LARGE LEGACY.**—The late D. Robertson, Esquire, for many years manager of the Provincial Bank of England, who lately died in Edinburgh, left a large part of his estate to the sustentation fund of the Free Church of Scotland, and to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England. The amount is not yet ascertained, but will be large. His other legacies amounted to £25,000.