

spect of which he was to communicate with the committee; but as he understood Sir S M Peto had been in Portugal mostly ever since, no conclusion had been come to in that respect. As regarded funds, they had in the bank a sum of £4000 towards the erection of the building.—*News of the Church.*

Editorial.

TO OUR READERS.

WITH the present No. concludes our second volume, and our readers have now a fair opportunity of judging of the merits of our journal. For ourselves we have but little to say. The labor connected with its management has been very considerable, and yet, believing that such a periodical will tend largely to promote the interests of the Church, we are prepared cheerfully to bear it longer. At the same time we must candidly intimate to our readers, that, unless greater efforts are made to extend our circulation, the *Instructor* must be discontinued. The subscriptions are not yet sufficient to pay expenses, though if all were paid up regularly the balance would be but a trifle. The chief cause of the embarrassment is the irregularity of the payments, there being now about £120 due from our agents and subscribers. Under these circumstances the Board of Foreign Missions had under serious consideration the question of discontinuing it at the end of the present year. They have however come to the conclusion, that they were not warranted in doing so without the authority of Synod, and have resolved to continue to publish as usual for another year, leaving the question as to its ultimate continuance to the decision of the supreme court. In the meantime we can only press upon our agents and subscribers generally, and particularly on our brethren in the ministry, that an effort be made to extend our circulation.—We are more convinced than ever that the Church needs such a periodical of its own, and we think that it will be both injurious and discreditable to us as a body, if it should be allowed to go down. And a very slight exertion through the Church and promptness in forwarding subscriptions is all that is necessary to prevent this.

WE have received a communication from a brother in the Prince Edward Island Presbytery containing strictures on a letter which appeared in a late No. of the *Record* of the Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland from its Canadian correspondent, understood to be the Rev William Snodgrass, in which he is pleased to renew his attacks upon the ministers of our Church individually and collectively. Our correspondent not only shows the injustice of these attacks, but convicts Mr Snodgrass of the very sins of which he is so lavish in his accusations against us, particularly of unbrotherly, not to say worse, means to undermine us, injure our Church, while cloaking his designs under hollow pretensions of friendship and desire for union. We have no doubt of the justice of our correspondent's strictures, but we do not see that any good would be gained by entering into controversy on the subject, nor does it appear to us that after what we have already said, any farther defence of our Church is necessary.

THE MUTINY IN INDIA, AND OUR DUTY BEFORE GOD.

IN our September No. we adverted at some length to this subject, and gave the first impressions produced by the events, of which that country has recently been the theatre. Since that date public interest in these events has increased rather than diminished, and a large amount of information has been elicited regarding the causes, the nature and the objects of the revolt.