

plan will meet with the requisite support, the Committee are anxiously endeavouring to secure the services of a well-qualified labourer. To Van Diemen's Land the committee have appointed Mr L. Campbell, to occupy a station at Oatlands, intermediate between Hobart Town and Launceston, and are in daily expectation of hearing of his arrival.

2. INDIA.

In India, also, this has been a remarkable year. The interesting station at Agra, recommended by a former General Assembly to the care and attention of the committee, has been supplied by the appointment of the Rev. T. Clarke, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Edinburgh. The Rev. John Milne was loosed by the Presbytery of Perth from his large and deeply attached congregation; and on the 20th April sailed from Southampton to enter on the charge of the Free Congregation in Calcutta, vacant by the resignation of Mr McKail. We expect soon to be able to announce the filling up of the Free Church of Bombay, now vacant by the resignation of Mr Fraser.—Mr Moir continues his labours in Penang, both among the English and the natives, with encouraging success. He is now engaged in building a church, and greatly needs the encouragement and aid of friends at home.

3. AFRICA.

No progress has yet been made with respect to the Cape colony. The Port Natal church, in course of erection for Mr Campbell, languishes for want of funds, but in every other respect there seems to be much encouragement. The church at Pinetown is finished and occupied. The Rev. C. Scott, formerly teacher at Innerleithen, has been ordained, and generously serves this station without stipend.

4. MADEIRA.

The Committee exceedingly regret to state, that the Rev. Mr. Burns has felt it his duty to resign his charge at Funchall. No intelligence has yet reached us from the office bearers since this resolution was communicated to them; but from the diminished numbers of our countrymen there, and the growing and dreaded advance of the grape disease, which has already thrown so many into starvation, and from other circumstances, it is possible that the committee

may not be long able to maintain a stated ministry in that interesting locality.—We have been honoured to do some work there. We have been permitted to sound the trumpet, and to call out those who would not receive "the sign of the beast," but sought to escape her plagues. It is possible that we and other Protestant labourers are now to be removed, and that darkness and superstition are again to settle over that land, where the saints of God have so signally borne the persecutions of Popery.

5. WEST INDIES.

Here we have peculiar occasion to raise our Ebenezer. Amid the awful ravages of disease, not one of our labourers has fallen, or even suffered, except as they have all been worn out by their exertions. Some important changes, however, have taken place. Rev. Mr Thorburn of Falmouth, exhausted and enfeebled by attendance on the sick, has removed to Bermuda. Mr. Ewing, student in divinity, who, having gone to this Island in quest of health, supplied as catechist, the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Thorburn's removal, designs to return home. Mr. Brown, missionary catechist, still continues to labour with unwearied diligence at Stewarton. Mr. Noble, the teacher at Falmouth, fears he will not be able to continue longer than August.

Rev. Mr. Maclure of Nassau, New Providence, after a residence of sixteen years, amid exhausting labours and prevalence of cholera, has sought leave of absence, and returns to this country for a short time.

Rev. Mr. Mason continues at Antigua, and, in compliance with his request, we have been able to appoint an able teacher to this station, viz.—Mr G. McDonald, late of the Fortrose Academy.

Repeated application has been made for a teacher and an additional minister for Bermuda. The former only as yet we have been able to send. Mr Houston, late teacher at Bogue, fully qualified for that high kind of school which it was desired to establish, has, after full consideration, been appointed,—and has taken his departure for the scene of his future labours.

At Trinidad, the congregation and extensive district under the charge of Rev. Mr. Church, and the interesting congregation under the care of M. Henrique de Viero, continue without any material change of circumstances, and in both of these labourers the committee place entire confidence.

6. SOUTH AMERICA.

Honduras has, during the last year, been visited with great sickness. Our minister, the Rev. Mr. Arthur, has been subjected to severe personal affliction. Through the kind providence of God, he has been preserved and restored to health, and has returned to his arduous duties with zeal and devotedness. In addition to the work of the ministry, he at present superintends a mos-