

used merely to proselytize and irritate Sister Churches, the effect will be to hasten her dis-establishment. Even as it is, one of her political bulwarks has been taken from her, though the gain she must receive from being popularized in accordance with the traditions of Scottish Presbyterianism will probably more than make up for the loss. We hope for the best.

In presenting the report of Rev. J. F. Campbell with reference to Spring Hill, published in our columns a few months ago, to the readers of the *Home and Foreign Record*, the editor hopes that "this report may be the means of encouraging ministers at home, as well as in Nova Scotia, to approach men in these times of special blessing in the confidence that the Lord the Spirit has been before us, and is with us to work, if in working we really seek and expect the conversion of sinners." Why should not all Christians so act?

MISSIONARIES FOR INDIA.—The Presbytery of Edinburgh have ordained the Rev. James Jollie as assistant Chaplain on the Madras Establishment, and the Rev. John Anderson as missionary to Darjeeling.

THE Church at Home is appealing for a qualified Medical Lady Missionary to proceed to the Poona Zenana Mission in India, who is willing to devote herself to the care of ladies and children in sickness.

THE return of communicants in the Church of Scotland recently issued, shows that the two parish churches in Leith contain the largest number of communicants with the exception of Forfar. South Leith has upwards of 2500 on the roll, and as the church is only seated for about 1500, great difficulty is experienced in obtaining seats. The collegiate charge was recently abolished, and the Rev. Mr. Whyte appointed as assistant to the Rev. James Mitchell. The parish having increased so rapidly, more church accommodation was required. For this object subscriptions were freely offered, and a handsome new church, capable of holding 1200 persons, will shortly be erected within the burgh, at a cost of £6000.

LATE REV. WM. BELL, OF SANQUHAR.—The Church of Scotland has lately lost a steady adherent and faithful servant in the Rev. Wm. Bell, formerly minister of Pittsburg, in his native country, Canada, and latterly assistant minister of Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire. Early in life he decided on devoting himself to God's service in the ministry, and for this purpose left his native country to study in Edinburgh. Here, with slender means and a few friends, his life was for some years a trying one; but a simple childlike trust in his Heavenly Father's care and love cheered and supported him. After having passed his examinations most creditably, he returned to Canada, and was appointed minister of Pittsburg—an appointment which he was soon obliged to resign, as the climate did not suit him. His work in Scotland was for the most part in country parishes; but he had also city experience in the Grassmarket of Edinburgh, where he assisted the Rev. Dr. Robertson in his parochial duties. Mr. Bell made various changes in search of health; but the disease that finally removed him steadily gained ground, and whilst he was still discharging his duty as assistant in Sanquhar, such serious symptoms appeared as necessitated rest. This he sought at Blawlowen Logie, in April.

There his strength gradually decreased until 3rd June, when, at the early age of 36, he entered into the rest which remaineth for the people of God.

IV. Other Churches.

This section might be made long enough to fill the whole *Record*. First, as to our Sister Church in these Lower Provinces, she is to be congratulated heartily on the prosperous condition of her Trinidad Mission. The founder of it, Rev. Mr. Morton, has been here for the last three months, and his interesting addresses have awakened a strong interest in the work. All who knew Rev. Messrs. Grant and Christie know that they are like-minded with Mr. Morton. Three such missionaries would be a credit to any Church. Their mission claims our sympathy on special grounds, in addition to the general feeling we all have in favour of Foreign Mission work.