

As Voluntaries they could not look without concern at the proposals of many eminent men in the sister country; the strong tendency manifested to ask Government to do what Churches only can, and are called upon to do. The Episcopalian panacea for the woes of India was to cover the face of the country with new bishoprics; the Presbyterians—those who had spoken—were more indefinite, but seemed to lean to some Governmental steps being taken. He noticed that their Congregational friends in England were moving, and it was their duty also to speak out, and that speedily. They might prevent much mischief being done, much evil in the future in India. They might modify, if they could not prevent; at all events, by testifying they could exonerate conscience. He begged to move "That a Committee be appointed to draw up a series of resolutions as to the duty of evangelizing India, and the principles on which that important object should be prosecuted."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Johnston, and unanimously agreed to. It is very natural to suppose, that the more the attention of the Mission funds of the Church in Britain are directed to the East, so much the more must the West be thrown on its own resources. Everything demands that our Church in Canada should make the utmost effort to be absolutely self-sustaining.

#### EXCITEMENT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Rev. Dr. Arnot, Free Church Minister, Glasgow, in speaking on the Temperance question admitted that he was excited, and gave his reasons why he should be. He said:—"People need not take the trouble of telling me I am excited on these questions. I know that I am. I would be ashamed before God and men if I were not. There is more in the public houses of Glasgow to stir the spirit of a minister than in all that Paul saw at Athens. In my ministry I meet the horrid fruit of these whiskey shops. I see men and women perishing in these pit-falls. The number of the victims is so great that it overwhelms one. My brain is burning. My heart is breaking. The church is asleep, and the world too, and they are hugging each other. I am weary with holding in. I must cry. I would rather be counted singular in the judgment of men, than be unfaithful in the judgment of God."—*Exchange*.

#### CONGREGATIONAL BAPTISTRY.

Rev. H. W. Beecher, brother of Mrs. Beecher Stowe, gave notice on the last Sabbath of December, of his intention to apply to the trustees of his church for the construction of a Baptistery in the building, after the manner of the Baptist denomination. He explained the immediate occasion of this proposed innovation on Congregational customs. Numbers of persons had applied for membership, to whom immersion seemed the truest baptism. He had no scruples to administer the ordinance in that mode, and therefore desired the means of doing so, without being dependent on another Church. He gave notice of the administration of the ordinance at Pierrepoint Street Church, next Lord's day, as the last he should probably administer in this form out of his own church.—*New York Paper*.

#### THE FATHERS OF THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND.

By the death of the Rev. Principal M'Farlane, the Rev. John Anderson, United Presbyterian Church, Kilsyth, is now the oldest minister in Scotland. This patriarch was ordained in 1793, and yet he still preaches with energy. The second oldest minister is the Rev. Peter Young, Wigton, who was ordained in 1799. He is thus the father of the Established Church. The father of the Free Church is the Rev. William Burns, Kilsyth, who was ordained in 1800. It is somewhat remarkable, that the small village of Kilsyth should have the honor of possessing the fathers of both the United and Free Churches. The father of the Episcopal Church is the Rev. Patrick Cushnie, Montrose; he was ordained in 1800. The Rev. James Kennedy, Inverness, is the father of the Congregational Church; he was ordained in 1806. It is only of late he has given up preaching a third sermon each Sabbath, and he mourns over the degeneracy of the modern race of ministers, who find two discourses quite enough for their powers.—*Scottish Press*.