

greatly last spring in assailing other denominations. Others had to come forward in self-defence. Mr. Annand's lecture was called forth in connection with this controversy. It is very pointed, readable, and intelligible. The case is well put in small compass.

Rev. K. J. Grant.

The Board of Foreign Missions met at New Glasgow on the 20th September. The departure of Rev. K. J. Grant has been fixed November 4th, that being the day on which the steamer is appointed to leave for Bermuda and St. Thomas. By that time Mr. Grant will have visited nearly all the congregations of the church.

Religious Intelligence.

Reformed Church of Spain.

A considerable number of Reformed Priests met recently at Valladolid, Spain, and formed themselves into a "Reformed Church." Their Confession resembles that of the Westminster Assembly, and their form of government is in the main Presbyterian. They have adopted the following basis of a Constitution for a Spanish Church:—

"Article I.—This Church receives, confesses, and believes every doctrine contained in the Holy Scriptures, the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene, Constantinople, and that of St. Athanasius embodied in the first four Councils of the Church.

"II.—This Church, which possesses the faith of all Churches truly Christian, will have its own proper discipline, which may be amended according to conditions of time and place.

"III.—This Church at present will be governed in everything disciplinary by a Council of twelve Presbyters and one President, who are all to be elected by the General Assembly, to meet every five years, if no shorter period be thought necessary by the majority of the Council.

"IV.—The towns will elect their governing or parish ministers, who shall be previously examined, ordained, and acknowledged by the Council.

"V.—As soon as two hundred Presbyters are convened together they will be cited to form a Council of the first General Assembly, the which will re-elect or re-name a new Council to establish the mode or form of the celebration of Provincial Assemblies or Synods, as well as to give a definite approval,

addition, or correction of these bases, excluding, however, the one in reference to that of questions of faith.

"VI.—The ecclesiastical ministrations will be dispensed gratis in this Church, as done and ordered by Jesus Christ and the Apostles, in virtue whereof there is abolished the payments at marriage, baptism, and burial; yet the ministers of this Church shall be watchful and ready, night and day, to fulfil their duties.

"VII.—The ministers of this Church are prohibited from receiving any salary from the State.

"VIII.—No persons can be ministers of this Church who do not live moral lives, and are of good manners, and whose religious and political principles are not clearly presentable.

"IX.—The ministers of this Church are in every sense on a level with the members of their flock in the scale of rank and social standing, and will be called guiding brothers, in conformity with the works and doctrine of Jesus Christ and the Apostles.

"X.—The Council will publish the necessary regulations—one to the nation, another to the Chambers, and another to the clergy—through the official gazette.

"XI.—Each Presbyter will sign a copy in duplicate of this constitution, returning it to the Council for the purpose of being registered."

Free Church.

Rev. William Govan, long known as a Missionary Teacher in Kaffraria, has resigned. The Free Church Schools in Bengal were attended by 4000 pupils during the year. 500 of these were females.—Fourteen hundred have been attending the Institution in Calcutta. The Institution was commenced in August, 1839, by Dr. Duff; and the principles on which it was founded have been steadily adhered to during these thirty years. One extremely interesting and suggestive fact was mentioned by Dr. Mitchell. "One of our most advanced classes," he says, "which is engaged in the perusal of some of our noblest English classics, had this question put to it the other day, 'Which of all your books do you find most interesting?' and the answer from the majority was, '*The Bible!*' We state the fact. We do not wish to overrate its value. Admiration of the Scripture does not necessarily imply the reception of its truths into the heart.—Still the fact is significant and cheering." Sir Richard Temple, who was present at the examination of the Institution, made a noble speech, in which he testified cordially to the good work done by the Missionaries. One of the Free Church Fathers, Dr. Robert Simpson of Kintore, is dead.