

been allowed the right, and London had been kept out in the cold, on the plea that it was too big or too rich to take care of itself?

What would be the effect of Halifax being allowed to elect its own Trustees? We might refer to two probable effects. Some of the gentlemen who now sit at the Board, we may be allowed in the interest of modesty to suppose, would hardly offer themselves to the citizens for election. That would be unmixed gain. And those to be elected would have to explain publicly their educational position, if they had any, and if recalcitrant to it would not be re-elected. According to the first principle of Responsible Government, this would be not only a gain, but life from the dead.

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Items of Intelligence.

The Calcutta Mission and illness of Rev. Mr. Grant.

'The Calcutta Mission has been passing through a period of trial. We do not refer only to the loss sustained by the death of Dr. Ogilvie, but to the severe and dangerous illness of his much-esteemed and valued coadjutor, Mr. Grant, who has been swimming for his life from a severe and most dangerous attack of inflammation of the liver. Mr. Grant had been married but a few days before, and his sufferings involved the sorrow of his beloved wife also, who had gone from England to join him. We thank God for His mercy in delivering him from immediate danger. He has been ordered to take a voyage for three months to Burmah. We pray for the restoration of one who has been such a source of strength to the mission and to the Church by his ardent and self-denying labours. At such a crisis it was most fortunate that our well-tried and much-valued missionary, Mr. Wilson, had returned from home-furlough—just in time—to Calcutta. It was also a mercy that we had at Bombay one of the ablest missionaries in India, Dr. Jardine, who, by the request of the Calcutta Board, at once proceeded to take charge of the Calcutta Institution.

But what an illustration does this afford of the absolute necessity of having strong missions—so strong, at least, as to prevent their extinction? We have escaped extinction in Calcutta, as it were "by a miracle."—*Church of Scotland H. & F. M. Record.*

The "Heretics."

In the U. P. Presbytery of Dalkeith, the Committee appointed to deal with Mr. Ferguson reported. The Committee had no doubt Mr. Ferguson held that "there is, for men who have not embraced the Gospel here, a dispensation of mercy after death," and that "there is a place or state for departed souls besides Heaven and Hell in the interval between death and judgment." The Presbytery, however, rejected the report of the committee by a majority, and the minority has appealed to the Synod.

Mr. Robertson appealed on Tuesday to the Free Church Presbytery of Meigle against a decision of the Free Kirk-session of Coupar-Angus, cutting him off from the Free Church for denying the inspiration of the Bible, by stating that it contained superstitious fables. The Presbytery heard him at length, but confirmed the decision of the session. Mr. Robertson appealed to the Free Synod of the district.

Dundee—Proposed Erection of Five New Established Churches.

At the meeting of the Presbytery on Wednesday, the Rev. Dr. Watson brought under the notice of the meeting that he was to make application to the Home Mission Committee for a grant of four missionaries to labour in the districts of Balgay, Hilltown, and Blackcroft. Before long there would be another missionary required. It was the intention to erect churches in these districts for each of these missionaries, and already £1500 had been promised towards the erection of the buildings. The gentlemen who were engaged in the movement had the expectation of obtaining £50 from the Home Mission Committee for each of the missionaries, which they intend to supplement to £100 for the first year. The members of Presbytery generally expressed their gratification at hearing Dr. Watson's statement, and expressed the