

meetings, both public and private. The author seeks, with true Christian earnestness and affection, to press upon Churches and individual Christians the urgency and necessity of this work of evangelization. It has been undertaken with much spirit by the several Churches in Brooklyn City, N. Y., and so far followed with most blessed results. No book, in our estimation, is more wanted than this at the present day. It will, we trust, tend to awaken professing Christians from the lethargy into which too many of them have fallen. We have a large measure of profession in our cities and towns at the present day, but for the most part it is profession, and nothing more. Very frequently it is accompanied with entire disinclination to do *any* kind of work in the Church or for religion. The most paltry excuses are constantly pleaded by Church members for the avoidance of every duty that requires personal labor. The minister is supposed to do and to be capable of doing everything, and very often unmeasured and unmerited censure is heaped upon his head for the neglect of work which it is physically impossible for him to overtake. We wish this excellent and most readable book could be put into the hands of every member of our Churches. We trust that it will be as widely perused as its merits and the importance of the subjects of which it treats demand. The work is neatly got up by the publishers, and the type is large and clear. We most cordially recommend it as one of very great practical value.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

ECOLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY.

NON-INTRUSION IN THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—It is with much pleasure that we notice a movement in this direction in the Established Church at home. The late settlements of ministers, contrary to the most unequivocally expressed wish of the people, has drawn the attention of good men in that communion to the dangers to which their Church is exposed from this quarter. Accordingly we find gentlemen of high standing and most zealous members and elders of the Church, at the head of whom is Sir James Campbell, well known for his munificent charities, memorialising the Presbytery of Glasgow at its late meeting. They express their regret at the proceedings in Church Courts in the matter of disputed settlements for several years past. Considering the evils of settling unacceptable ministers over reclaiming congregations, they declared that it was "essential to the interests of religion and to the welfare of the Church, *that the principle of non-intrusion should be distinctly and unequivocally recognised in the laws for regulating the settlement of ministers.*" The memorial further states that Lord Aberdeen's Act, however well intended, had been found in practice not sufficient in all cases to prevent the intrusion of unacceptable ministers upon congregations; and that a change in the law is required, which shall give unequivocal effect to the Call of the people. This memorial was received with that respect which the names attached to it merited. It has been laid on the table of the Presbytery, to be considered at its next meeting. We rejoice in this movement, and wish it God-speed; not only because it is a testimony to the wisdom of our Free Church movement, but also as giving promise that the grounds of separation may yet be removed between those two sections of the Presbyterian Church.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, OLD CALABAR.—The Rev. Mr. Waddell and his wife, who have so long and efficiently conducted this mission, have been obliged permanently to retire from it on account of their health. After twenty-eight years of assiduous labours in tropical climates—sixteen in Jamaica and twelve in Africa, Mr. W. feels he needs the bracing influences of a more temperate region. He has achieved a great and difficult work in founding and firmly establishing the Mission at Old Calabar; in so doing he has linked his name with Africa as one of its benefactors, and have won for himself the honorable title of the Apostle of Old Calabar. We are glad to find that this Mission is prospering in the hands of our brethren, and gives promises of great future blessings to that down-trodden and benighted land.