

look upon their views as infallible does not astonish us—the human mind is often ill-balanced; that a politician should consider his views on the Union question of any consequence is a phenomenon not new to us, but that a gentleman of the experience, tact and responsible position of Mr. Sprott should permit himself to give to such opinions, the importance which he seems to attach to them is—to put it as mildly as possible—something we did not look for.

The consequences of Mr. Sprott's eagerness to make out a case have been most unfortunate. Ministers coming here as the accredited delegates of the Church of Scotland have always been received in this country with the profoundest respect. It is with corresponding feelings of painful disappointment that hundreds have read the report of our latest delegation. In P. E. Island the Rev. Mr. Goodwill has been authorized by an indignant community to give a correct account of affairs in that island. In this county a committee of Presbytery has taken the matter in hand. We regret that it should be necessary to do so. For Mr. Sprott personally we entertain profound respect, but we are compelled to state that as to the Union sentiment of these Provinces he has suffered himself to be most grossly misled.

The Halifax Infants' Home has been in operation five years. During that time it sheltered two hundred and sixty-six babies. The death rate was as follows:—First year, thirty-three per cent; second year, twenty-one and one-third per cent.; third year, nineteen and one-fourth per cent.; fourth year, eighteen per cent.; fifth year, twelve per cent. The adoptions have been—First year, one; second, five; third, eleven; fourth, twenty; fifth,

thirteen. The expenditures for the home from the commencement have been about \$13,000. In the fifth annual report, the managers say: "We are in the greatest need of a suitable building—a large airy, well drained house, erected for our special accommodation. Our case is urgent. The experience of five years shows that the Infants' Home is of the highest value; but it cannot do its work satisfactorily without a proper building. Will not the benevolent come to our rescue? Alex. Macleod, Esq., has deeded to us a valuable lot of land on Ivanhoe street for a site. Mrs. W. L. Black has subscribed \$1,000 towards the building. With such encouragement as this, it is surely possible to go forward promptly."

Dr. Munro of Camprie, Scotland, is dead. He died in the seventieth year of his age. He was one of the victims of the City of Glasgow Bank disaster and lost all his property by that disastrous institution. "I die in the faith which I have preached" he said to a friend a few days before he passed away; "the substitution of Christ is the sole ground of my confidence; in that alone I trust."

Upwards of a thousand people including forty ministers attended his funeral.

We also notice the death of another venerable minister of the Church of Scotland, the Rev. Neil McKenzie of the parish of Kilcurenan. In this connection we may mention a remarkable fact which this aged gentleman once narrated to ourselves when paying a visit at his manse on Loch Awe side some years ago. He had in his younger days been a number of years minister of St. Kilda the westernmost island in the Scottish Hebrides. So difficult of approach is this rocky islet that in those days it appears an interval of years might occur without a visit from the mainland. In