

an insufficient sacrifice. It is often worse than this, a very aggravation of the evil circumstances of the congregation, a standing memorial of ecclesiastical pauperism.

It is a great sacrifice to leave an old and well established congregation, a minister to whom one is attached, a communion of saints in which for many years the highest spiritual joys have been experienced, even a Church edifice that one may have largely contributed to erect or beautify. There can be no doubt that it is a sacrifice. But our religion calls us to sacrifice. It is not a needless or unprofitable act of self-abnegation, but one that the prosperity of the Church urgently demands, and one that will undoubtedly bear great fruit. Not simply will God's kingdom and glory be advanced, but the spiritual good of the agent along with them, for our good and God's glory go together. He who fails to obey the call that sends him forth, even as a private Christian, into a new sphere of labor and influence, may find too late that he has missed the turning point in his own life that leads to highest prosperity. Many congregations that have stored up for themselves all their wealth of Church membership, pulling down their barns and building greater, have found in the end that the very lack of such division as we have indicated leads to divisions of another kind.

The philosophy of Church extension is *fissiparous* re-production, multiplication by division. The division may be very small, but let it be a real division—not of money, of effort, of countenance, but of Church members and office-bearers. When a minister or missionary is asked to go to a new field of labor, let some of those earnest Christians who reside within it or in close proximity to it, cast in their lot with him and with the people he may gather together. When this is the rule we shall have no more weak or unsatisfactory city missions, but every one of them will itself become a parent Church, until Christianity, and our true apostolic form of it, cover every corner of our wide Dominion.

Missionary Intelligence.

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

Mr. Moody Stuart has issued an appeal for funds to build a church as a memorial of the 4,000 Protestant martyrs entombed in the year 1420 in the silver mines of Kuttenberg, by Sigismund the perjured Bohemian king.

The students of the new College, Edinburgh, are endeavoring to raise sufficient means for erecting a church and theological institution at Aadbajar, in Bithynia, under the care of Pastor Alexander Djeiziani.

Dr. and Mrs. Murray Mitchell, so well known in connection with the Calcutta Mission, have returned to Scotland for their health after a long and laborious term of service.

Mr. Tomory, Missionary to the Jews at Galata, reports interesting progress in the work of education. He says:—"Two recent cases are mentioned in the last annual report of the well-known mission in Kishinew, in Bessarabia. Three years ago a girl that was in Miss Henry's class said one day to her,—‘I love the Lord Jesus; I would like to hear more about him.’ Of course an especial interest was taken in the child, and she visited Miss Henry on the Saturdays, and at other times. She read privately the Bible, and other Christian books. But the remarkable thing was that at that very time her father was an inquirer in Kishinew, and was