

of our Home-work. It may thus be found that, in accordance with the eternal law of self-sacrifice, the best and shortest method in the end of gaining to God those at home who have hitherto resisted all the innumerable agencies which have been in vain brought to bear upon them, is to seek to gain the heathen abroad who at present cannot possibly know Him; and thus, if necessary, to reduce in very many places our home missionaries, who over-missionary our localities, and to increase our foreign missionaries, who are so weak in number, and so inadequate by thousands, for the work given them to do. At present Scotland, with about three millions of inhabitants, has 5000 clergy of all denominations preaching the Gospel, with more than half a million of Christian agents, and England has 25,000. India, with *two hundred millions*, has about 500 ordained missionaries, contributed by the whole Protestant Churches in America and Germany and part of Britain! The Church of Scotland has so much to do at home that *she has eight Scotchmen only as missionaries to India*; four only of these being ordained, three being teachers, and two medical missionaries. The other members of her staff are, one German missionary, seven natives; four being ordained, and three licensed. That is all we contribute to the whole heathen world! May God Almighty make this crisis an occasion of great and permanent revolution in regard to our Mission to the heathen!"

Of course the Church of Scotland has wealth enough to multiply her agencies abroad ten fold; all that is wanting is the spirit of liberality.

The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church shows an increase in comparison with previous years,—and this notwithstanding the half-hearted way in which the Anti-Unionists contribute. We are sorry to see the continued fierceness of the Anti-Union controversy. A disruption of the Free Church is apparently inevitable. A plan for securing co-operation between the negotiating churches has been matured by the Committee.

Scotland has been agitated by the Education Question. The fate of the bill introduced by the Lord Advocate is uncertain. The dissenting churches favour it; but it is opposed by the Established Church and by the Anti-Union party in the Free Church.

Evangelistic work is carried on with in-

creasing vigor and success in Glasgow by all the Presbyterian Churches.

The Earl of Kintore is preaching with good effect in the Presbyterian Churches in London. Evangelistic services are being held very generally in the Presbyterian Churches in England and Scotland.

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Edinburgh intend to invite a conference with the Free Church Presbytery, and with other Presbyteries and denominations in Edinburgh, with the view of mapping out the city into districts, and assigning certain portions to the different congregations for evangelistic purposes. This certainly is a proposal well worthy of support, and if properly and zealously carried out ought to place every part of Edinburgh under the influence of an energetic and earnest evangelism. It is co-operation at least, on a truly Christian basis, and should tend to foster feelings of cordiality and interest between congregations of different denominations.

The Irish Presbyterian Church is successfully grappling with its noble Sustentation effort. It is also doing good service in several mission fields in Ireland and in foreign lands. The Irish Episcopal Church is engaged in revising its Prayer Book and services, with the hope of wiping out the most popish elements in the book.

Coming to America, we find the Presbyterian Church of the United States engaged in the vast and arduous task of revolutionizing her financial system and adopting that of the Free Church. The effort is likely to be successful, and it will be an immense benefit to the church on other than financial grounds.

In our own Colonial Churches there appears to be nothing requiring special note in this article.

The news of the month from foreign missionary fields are encouraging. Africa is being penetrated from the north, west and south. Madagascar is almost a Christian country. Japan is agitated with the commingling of old and new ideas; the new wine is likely to burst the old bottles. In China there is less fanatical opposition than was noticed last year.