

gregation has increased from 500 to 750, and the communicants from 150 to 220. At Martyr's Church, Glasgow, there has been an addition of 151 to the congregation, and the communicants now number 183. In St. Luke's Church, Edinburgh, an increase from 414 to 530 has taken place in the congregation, and from 264 to 336 in the number of communicants. In St. Luke's Church, Glasgow, the congregation has increased by 100 and the number of communicants by 51. At the new Mission Station of Whalsay, Nesting, there is now a congregation of 300, with 270 communicants. At Hutchesontown, Glasgow, the congregation has increased from 450 to 560, and the number of communicants from 142 to 184. At Ladhope, Melrose, there has been an increase in the congregation from 450 to 600, and there are now 279 communicants. At Larkhall, Dalsersf, there is now a congregation of 600, with 230 communicants. At Strathbungo, Govan, the congregation has increased from 330 to 400, and there are 101 in full communion. At Grangemouth, Falkirk, 90 have been added to the congregation. And at Springfield, Cupar; at Seafield, Cullen, Fullarton, Dundonald; and in St. Leonard's Church, Lanark, the respective congregations have increased by upwards of 50.

The number and prosperous circumstances of the Sabbath Schools connected with the chapels receiving the Committee's aid, have added them great gratification; and they do but continue to feel that important results will be derived from these schools in the several districts in which they have been established.—16

Gordon—Ordination.

THE Ordination of the Rev. Wm. Stobbs, lately assistant minister at Abbotshall, to the church and parish of Gordon, took place on the 16th August. The Rev. Mr. Langwill of Legerwood preached and presided on the occasion, and, after addressing the presen-tee and the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Stobbs received a most hearty and cordial welcome from those who were assembled on the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Gordon of Newbattle introduced the Rev. gentleman to his congregation on Sabbath the 19th, and the presen-tee also preached an excellent sermon on the same day. The settlement has been very harmonious, and much good is anticipated from the connection thus formed. We are glad to find that the Rev. Mr. Stobbs was not permitted to leave his former sphere of labour without receiving a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which he was held. A meeting of members and others connected with the congregation of Abbotshall Church, took place in the parish school-room on the evening of Thursday the 2nd ult. for the purpose of presenting a memorial of esteem and attachment to the Rev. Wm. Stobbs, late assistant minister of Abbotshall, and presen-tee to the Church and parish of Gordon. The Rev. Mr. Blaikie, minister of the parish, occupied the chair, and, in a neat speech, congratulated the congregation, on their good fortune in having had in his place during his absence one who had so satisfactorily discharged his duties as to call forth quite a universal

expression of gratitude. He also congratulated Mr. Stobbs on the success of his labours, on his presentation and call to the parish of Gordon, and on the kindly feelings which had all along been manifested towards him in Abbotshall, and which was now cemented by a substantial memorial. Mr. David Stenhouse then addressed Mr. Stobbs, and, in the name of the congregation requested Mr. Stobbs to accept of their testimonial, consisting of a large and elegant mahogany book-case and a purse of sovereigns. The book-case contains the following inscription: "Presented, along with a purse of twenty sovereigns, to the Rev. Wm. Stobbs, by the congregation of Abbotshall Church, as a token of their esteem and gratitude for his diligence in the discharge of his duties amongst them as assistant minister, for a period of two and a half years. Abbotshall, 2nd August, 1855." Mr. Stobbs made an appropriate and feeling reply. He thanked them for all their kindnesses, and for such munificent presents, and took an affectionate leave of them. Mr. Blaikie having closed with prayer, the meeting separated.

Principality of King's College and University, Aberdeen.

WE understand that the Earl of Aberdeen, Chancellor of King's College and University, has intimated his intention to appoint the Rev. Peter Colin Campbell, A. M., present Professor of Greek in the College, to the vacant office of Principal. The appointment, it is believed, will be acceptable to the Professors, and we have no doubt that it will also prove of eminent advantage to the interests of the higher education in the North of Scotland. The evidences of Mr. Campbell's qualifications for the important office of Principal are in every respect highly satisfactory. He taught with distinction in Canada; he was greatly esteemed as a minister—receiving a tribute of affectionate respect from his parishioners on leaving his flock at Caputh; he received a few years ago public commendation in the General Assembly, for the admirable scholarship displayed in a Latin address, prepared by him, and sent from the Assembly to the Dutch Church; and his teaching last session in King's College united in an eminent degree scholarly with personal popular qualities. The new principal is in the prime of life, and he will, it is understood, take an active share in the work of teaching—probably in the Theological Faculty. The appointment was not sought by Mr. Campbell; and it is known that the emoluments of the Greek chair are considerably larger than those pertaining to the office of Principal. The appointment of one of the Professors to the office of Principal is, we believe, in accordance with the general practise followed, as shown by the annals of the University. The induction will no doubt take place soon, when there will, of course be a vacancy in the chair of Greek.—*Aberdeen Journal.*

Presbytery of Perth.

A special meeting of this reverend body met on Thursday September 13, for the purpose of receiving and considering objections, if any, by the kirk-session and other parishioners of St. Madoes, to the translation of the Rev. J. R. Macduff, who has accepted of a call from the congregation of Sandysford Chapel,

Glasgow. The Rev. A. Burt, of Aingask, presided as Moderator, *pro tempore*.

Upon the minutes of the previous meeting of Presbytery being read, and Mr. Macduff reporting that the kirk-session and parishioners of St. Madoes had been duly cited, the officer was instructed to make call outside the door, whether any one objected to the translation of Mr. Macduff? No one appearing, the question was put by the Moderator, translate or not? when it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Macduff be translated.

Mr. SMITH extremely regretted that some one of longer standing than himself was not then present for the purpose of giving expression to what, he was sure, were their united feelings with respect to the removal from amongst them of their much esteemed friend. Mr. Macduff, he said, is well known. When he came amongst us he was considered a great accession, and his worth and eminent ability having endeared, and made him much esteemed by all, we cannot now but feel regret at his removal. We have every confidence that in the wider and more important sphere he is henceforth to occupy, he will, under the Divine blessing, prove an able, faithful, and successful labourer in the vineyard of our common Master. And I have only further to add, that he leaves us with every feeling of affection, and with every sentiment of regard.

Mr. DUNCAN (Procurator-Fiscal) said, that he heartily concurred with what had been said by Mr. Smith as to the translation of Mr. Macduff. His removal would not only occasion a blank in the Presbytery, but also in the neighbourhood of Perth. The lay members of the church highly esteemed Mr. Macduff for his deep piety and his great talents and accomplishments; and if it had not been that Mr. Macduff had been called to a higher and much more important sphere of usefulness, he (Mr. Duncan) should not only have opposed his translation, but have done all in his power to prevent it. He wished Mr. Macduff every success in his new charge.

Mr. MACDUFF said, if permitted to say a few words in a matter that so much concerned himself, he could only state that if personal considerations had regulated him in considering the honourable and urgent call which he had received from the congregation of Sandysford Chapel, he would not have left St. Madoes. But he could not honestly, and with a clear conscience, have refused to comply with a paramount duty, however mingled with much sacrifice of friendship and former kindness. He would endeavour to carry the remembrance of the affection and friendship of the Presbytery with him to his new charge, and he trusted it would survive for many long years.—The Presbytery then adjourned.

Presbytery of Glasgow.

EDUCATIONAL DESTITUTION.

Dr. Runciman brought forward his motion previously given notice of, in reference to the