

will ever look upon as falling more upon their seniors than upon themselves, while direct interest is lost as soon as their little contribution is swallowed up in the great treasury of some Missionary Society. Both of these difficulties are met by the plan proposed. Tell the children of the Redeemer's command that the Gospel should be preached to every creature, and that, if circumstances prevent us from going forth in fulfilment of this command ourselves, we are the more responsible for seeing that others go in our stead. Tell them of the state of the Heathen, showing them, it may be, the account of some Hindoo mother throwing her little child into the Ganges. A mother's heart is rent with anguish as she sees her little babe engulfed in the tide, a prey to the ravenous crocodile; but in thus murdering the little innocent she believes she is securing her own and her child's salvation. And why is she thus ignorant? It is because she has not that Bible which it is in the power of the Sabbath School to send. A direct interest in the cause is secured by the appropriation of a little orphan, whom the children will regard as their own, and, if possible, will follow through life with intense interest. Their contributions will no longer be swallowed up and lost sight of, the maintenance of their protégée depends upon them, and in her they see the fruits of their exertions.

Space forbids enlargement upon this deeply interesting subject; and much that might be said must be reserved for a future communication. Meanwhile who will join in endeavouring to advance the cause of Missions to the Heathen? A glorious harvest awaits the reapers, but, alas! how few are there to go forth as such. Can we not, each of us, in our humble capacity do something to fulfil our Lord's command? Can we not as Sabbath Schools make an effort to extend to others the blessings which we enjoy.

"ANCRUM."

ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

SCOTTISH EDUCATION BILL.

The fate of this Bill, so earnestly opposed by the General Assembly, and which was carried by a very small majority in the House of Commons, though a Ministerial measure, will be seen from the extract beneath from the proceedings of the House of Lords.

The LORD CHANCELLOR then put the question, observing that, since the motion had been made for the second reading, and the amendment for reading the bill a second time that day 6 months had been proposed, leave had been asked to withdraw the measure.

The Duke of RICHMOND objected to the withdrawal of the bill.

A division, therefore, took place on the question that the bill be read a second time, when there were—

For the second reading.....	1
Against it.....	86
Majority against.....	—85
The bill was accordingly rejected.	

DEPUTATION FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The members of this Deputation, appointed to watch over the progress of the Education Bills before Parliament, have been in London during the week. The Deputation consisted of the Rev. Drs. Cook (of St. Andrews), Barr and Craik, Sheriff Tait and David Smith, Esq. Accompanied by the Earl of Selkirk and Sir George Clerk, Bart., the Deputation had an interview with Earl Granville on Thursday at the Privy Council Office on the subject of the Education Bill. The members were also present, we believe, during the debate on the second reading of the Lord Advocate's Bill in the House of Lords on the evening of Thursday last, when they had the satisfaction of witnessing the rejection of that obnoxious measure.

THE EDUCATION SCHEME OF CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Education Committee (says a statement just issued) have had in view the planting of schools in those parishes whose extent or population was too great to be met by the existing educational provisions. Through the means which they have been enabled to call into existence, nearly 20,000 children are at present receiving education in 181 schools under the direction and superintendence of the Church, who, without the opportunity thus afforded them, would have been growing up, like those who preceded them in the same localities, unable even to read or write. "Still thousands are at this moment growing up to manhood in the Highlands and Islands ignorant of the merest rudiments of elementary instruction; and this not from any indifference to education on their part, but because the means are not placed within their reach. The Committee regret to say that, instead of an annual increase in the number of the General Assembly's schools, so as gradually to overtake the existing destitution, the number has for many years remained almost stationary, while the expenditure has to some extent exceeded the income. Last year, notwithstanding the large number of contributing congregations (925), the deficiency, from causes that will naturally suggest themselves, has been so great that, unless a large increase this year take place, they will be compelled to diminish even the existing number of schools. It is the earnest hope of the Committee that this may be adverted. "We trust this appeal will be responded to with commensurate liberality. *Edinb. Post.*

ORDINATION OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND'S FIRST MISSIONARY TO THE PUNJAB.

The Presbytery of Edinburgh met in St. Andrew's Church for the ordination of the Rev. Thos. Hunter as a Missionary to the Punjab. The attendance was very large. After an eloquent discourse from the Rev. Dr. Grant, who presided, the usual questions were put to Mr. Hunter, which he answered to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Dr. GRANT having engaged in prayer, the ordination was completed by the imposition of hands.

The Rev. Dr. MACFARLANE, as Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, then delivered the address, in which allusion was made to the circumstances under which a mission to the Punjab had been contemplated, and intimated, on the part of the Committee, their intention of sending out to the Punjab, as soon as possible, a coadjutor to Mr. Hunter. The Rev. Dr. urged the necessity of increased liberality in behalf of the Foreign Mission from the extending nature of their operations in the East. A collection was taken up on behalf of the Mission at the close of the interesting service.

After the transaction of this special business the Presbytery held their ordinary monthly meeting. The Rev. Mr. Masson, of the Gaelic Church, was chosen Moderator for the ensuing half-year. Beyond hearing trial discourses from 2 students there was no other business, and an

adjournment till 2 o'clock P. M. took place when the Presbytery resumed procedure in the South Leith case.

CLERICAL PRESENTATIONS.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. William Stobbs to the church and parish of Gordon in the Presbytery of Lauder, vacant by the death of the Rev. James Paterson; and Rev. Cornelius Giffen to the parish of Dailly in the Presbytery and county of Ayr, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Wm. Montgomerie Walker.

The Earl of Airlie has presented the Rev. Charles Chree, from the South Church, Kirriemuir, to the spiritual charge and living of the parish of Lintathen.

Lord Panmure has directed a presentation to be made in favour of the Rev. James S. Young, minister of Fintry, Aberdeenshire, to the church and parish of Monifieth.

PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW.—At a meeting of this Presbytery on a presentation in favour of the Rev. Stewart Wright to the chapel of St. George's-in-the-Fields was laid on the table and sustained, and, Mr. Wright having delivered a discourse, it was agreed to moderate in a call in his favour on Thursday the 5th of July, the Moderator to preach and preside.

The *quoad sacra* parish of Trumisgary in North Uist became vacant in the month of November last by the translation of the Rev. Donald Macdonald from that charge to the parish of Alvie. Whenever the congregation of Trumisgary ascertained that Mr. Macdonald was settled at Alvie, they petitioned Lord Macdonald, the sole heritor, to procure a presentation from the Crown in favour of Mr. John A. Macrae, who had just been licensed; the petition was subscribed by every male adult connected with the congregation, Lord Macdonald kindly complied with the wishes of the people, and a presentation was speedily issued in favour of Mr. Macrae. The call was moderated on the 5th April, and was numerously signed: On the 19th May he was inducted in presence of a numerous and most respectable congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Findlay, of Stirling, has been presented by the Town Council to the second ministerial charge of that town, vacant by the death of the Rev. Robert Watson.

DREGHORN.—The Rev. Mr. Milroy, assistant to the Rev. C. B. Steven, Stewarton, has been elected assistant and successor to the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, Dreghorn.

PRESBYTERY OF DUMFRIES.—This Presbytery met on the 20th June, when a presentation to the parish of Urr in favour of the Rev. Mr. Sandilands, presently officiating at Kilmun in the parish of Dunoon, was laid on the table. The Presbytery sustained the presentation; but, in consequence of the necessary relative documents not being forward, the Court delayed further procedure till next meeting.

LIBERAL GIFT TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND.—Sir James Fergusson, Member for Ayrshire, has given the handsome sum of £500 to the Endowment Scheme of the Church of Scotland.

PARISH OF SCOONIE.—The Rev. Mr. Caird, of Errol, has received the offer of the church and parish of Scoonie, vacant by the death of Dr. Brewster, which however he has refused.

OLD GAELIC CHURCH, PERTH.—This church was opened for public worship for the first time since 1843 on Sabbath last. The congregation at both diets of worship was very numerous. The Rev. Mr. Smith, of the West Church, preached in English in the forenoon, and in the afternoon the services were conducted in Gaelic by the Rev. Mr. McGilchrist, a young preacher of good prom-