

supply of them adequate to our necessities.

The Presbytery had read various documents relating to the missionary operations within its bounds, and the clerk was instructed to draw up an account of the same, and forward it to the Corresponding Secretary.

Among the routine business, we may note the examination of Mr. McColl, the injunction to sessions, to give in at the next meeting—complete rolls of the elders constituting them—together with the formal returns required by the Synods.

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CHURCH EXTENSION IN SCOTLAND.

Extracted from the report of Dr. Chalmers to the General Assembly, 1837.

The cause was only to be made known to become triumphant everywhere. The Committee felt assured that a public meeting held in every parish would make the whole of the ancient kingdom of Scotland, in overpowering majorities, come forward for the defence of the Church, and the furtherance of the great object she was now pursuing. Their's was a cause which was too firmly rooted in the principles and sense of the Scottish community to be given up in despair. It might be shaken, but it could not be overthrown. Did they but know where its great strength lay, they would never be dismayed, either by controversy or the designs of its adversaries, and amid all the uncertainties which overhang the fluctuation of human policy, they might calculate on victory at the last,—the legitimate and moral victory of public opinion in their favour. The Rev. Doctor then proceeded to particularize a few instances of efforts and sacrifice, which, in the absence of aid from the Government, had been made for the erection of new churches, under the Assembly's Extension Scheme. The Duke of Buccleuch had determined on providing an additional place of worship at Dalkeith, at the magnificent cost of £5000, and it might turn out to be more. In addition to this, his Grace had demonstrated his attachment to the Church in handsome donations to various new churches. Two of their number had gone as a deputation to the north, and had waited upon the Duke of Richmond, who gave them the important

assurance, not only of his general friendship to their object, but his purpose to ascertain and provide for the destitution of his own extensive parish. It was gratifying to receive the countenance of men holding such language, but not more gratifying than the reception which, two days before, the agents had experienced from a body of operatives in a large spinning mill at Montrose. It was agreed that they should hold a meeting on the subject, and there were no want of arguments, nor of men able to maintain them, but the result was the hearty congratulations of all the people, and many of them promised to give up a day's wages for the erection of a church to themselves and their families. This was one of the proofs that their church had an amalgamating power over the hearts of the many. Instead of fierce contention in the arena of opposing rights and opposing interests, they should behold those orders of an else discordant community, which now stood at a distance from the Church, appear united in the most sacred and enduring works, pouring their contributions into the common treasury.—There was one instance of a common hand-loom weaver, who wished his name to be concealed, but who had given £100 to the Church Extension Fund, the hard-won earnings of past years. The landed proprietors of the parish of Cambusneithan had unanimously resolved to double their subscriptions for a new church in that place. This was an important movement, as it might operate as an example, and be followed up by other landed proprietors. Mr. Dundas, of Arniston, in conjunction with the Marquis of Lothian, had also engaged to erect a new church in the parish of Temple. and Lord Dundas had resolved on the erection of a new church at Grangemouth, which, on the most moderate statement of its extent, would at least cost £1000; and farther, that his Lordship had generously resolved to superadd an annual endowment of £80 to the same, which, converted into a capital, would make his total contribution amount to the magnificent sum of £3000. The Chisholm, who was a Member of Parliament for Inverness-shire, had nearly completed a church on his own property, which would accommodate 1268 persons. Mr. Tindal Bruce had advanced £500 for a church in the parish of Auchtermuchty; and Mr. W. Campbell, of Glasgow, had acted, throughout the year, in giving twenty guineas to each of the new churches erecting throughout the country. Such was the value entertained of his example, that it was right to state, that altogether, the