

British and Foreign

Dr. Matheson has resigned the charge of St. Bernard's Church, Edinburgh.

Contracts have been arranged for the first section of the work of restoring Paisley Abbey. The amount involved is over £13,000.

A marble bust of the late Dr. Morrison has been placed in the hall of the Training College, Glasgow.

The largest Sunday school in Glasgow Presbytery is connected with Govan Parish Church, where the number of scholars is 892.

A fine new organ has been placed in Cambridge street church, Glasgow (Rev. N. Smith), as a memorial of the late Mr. James Alexander, for many years an office-bearer in the church.

The foundation stone of the Pringle Memorial Free Church, Fochabers, was laid recently by Dr. Smith, Fochabers, and Dr. Black, Inverness.

The Presbytery of Philadelphia, after discussion, commended to the pastors, elders, and Sabbath school teachers the committing the Shorter Catechism to memory by the scholars as early as possible.

A stained glass window has been placed in St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, by the senior minister, Dr. James McGregor, in commemoration of his twenty-five years' ministry in the parish.

We understand that amongst other names that have been spoken of for filling the pulpit of the late Dr. John Hall in New York, Revs. J. B. Meharry, of Church Hill, and Dr. Ross, of Newcastle, have been freely mentioned.

Mr. Robert Wales, owing to unforeseen circumstances, has intimated with extreme regret that he will be prevented from attending the meetings of the Pan Presbyterian Alliance, in Washington this autumn as delegate from the English Presbyterian Synod. His place will be taken by Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P.

Robert Bonner, of New York, widely known as the founder of the New York Ledger, and as the friend of Dr. John Hall and Henry Ward Beecher, died last week. He was seventy-six years old, and had been out of business for some time. He left a large estate. Mr. Bonner was an elder in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. James Wallace M.A., assistant minister of Trinity Free Church, Glasgow, has been unanimously elected minister of Horncliffe, in the Presbytery of Berwick-on-Tweed. Mr. Wallace is son of the Rev. J. Wallace, Downvale Free Church, Patrick.

The membership of Marylebone Church now stands at 730, an increase of 118 since Dr. Hansen's induction seventeen months ago. The preachers at Marylebone church during the minister's vacation from August 13 will be Rev. Dr. Douglas Adam, Reformed Presbyterian minister, Brooklyn (three weeks); Revs. Hugh Falconer and S. Herbert Wylie (Newcastle), and Dr. Newman Hall.

The foundation stone of a new church for St. Paul's congregation, Birkenhead (Rev. T. W. Macpherson) was laid in Higher Tranmere by Mr. J. Evans. The church is intended to seat 600 people, and the cost will be about £5,000. Mr. Evans said the growth of Presbyterianism in Birkenhead during the last twenty-five years had been remarkable. There are now five churches in that locality, and ten between that borough and Chester.

To spend such a day in formal attendance at church, in yawning idleness that has not energy enough to think that God cannot possibly prefer that to honest, hard work; to spend it in gossiping levity, in a vacant weariness that hails dinner as the great event and real relish of the day—is a scandal to our common humanity.—Marcus Dods, D.D.

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