

W. Smyth, Esq., of Methven Castle, having intimated to the parishioners of Methven that he would allow them their free choice of a pastor, a meeting of the male heads of families was held, when it was unanimously resolved to request Mr. Smyth to present the Rev. W. Robertson, one of the ministers of Hamilton. With this request Mr. Smyth complied, but Mr. Robertson has declined acceptance.

The Rev. P. Cameron has been inducted into the Parish of Glenisla.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson is presented to the North Church, Stirling.

The Rev. David Chapman has been appointed to the South Church, Girvan.

The petition against Mr. Logie, Presentee to Scoonie, was signed by 847 communicants and adherents. The Presbytery has been engaged in taking evidence.

The Presentation to Methven, has been offered to and accepted by Rev. John Wilson, Dysart.

The Presbytery of Cupar has ordained the Rev. Alexander Forbes, missionary to India.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, Greyfriars, Aberdeen, has been called before his Presbytery for allowing Mr. Radcliffe to occupy his pulpit, and the case has been simply referred to the Synod.

The Revivals in the towns near the Clyde, elicited remarks in the Presbytery of Glasgow, from Dr. Hill, Dr. McLeod, Barony, and Messrs. Munro, Runsiman, Cochrane, Smith; whereupon the Presbytery agreed to hold a meeting for conference and prayer, and to ask the *quoad sacra* ministers to be present.

#### THE PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW.

Dr. Hill said—Although it is no part of the business of this meeting, I take the liberty of addressing the Presbytery in regard to a subject—which, I am sure, must have occupied the attention of every member of Presbytery for a considerable time past—I mean, in regard to the state of religious feeling in this city and elsewhere, along the banks of the Clyde particularly. I do not wish to give my opinion at present. We cannot be prepared to say anything at present, and I have no motion to make; but some of my brethren have suggested that it would be desirable to have a private meeting, in order to talk over the matter ourselves, and to consider what steps, or if any steps, should be taken by us.

Dr. Norman McLeod—I feel very thankful that our Rev. father, Dr. Hill, has brought this matter before the Presbytery, and moved that there shall be a private conference to talk fully over this most interesting matter. I have myself not the slightest doubt, and have not had for a very long time, that this work in America has been one of the most remarkable in the history of the Christian Church. It has by no means abated. I have received, from time to time, information regarding it from

clergymen who have kindly called for me in this city, and I had a very long conversation about a fortnight ago with a clergyman, who gave me some interesting details, and who said that that work is going on steadily, without any decrease. Nor have I the slightest doubt that it has been a great and a blessed work in Ireland. I am quite aware that there have been some things there that we all lament. We have every reason to hope and believe that something like this has taken place in our own land; at all events, one fact is patent to us, that there is an extraordinary amount of interest in regard to these subjects, such as we have not seen before, so that wherever we go there is a deep and wonderful willingness and desire to receive the truth. I was very much struck the other evening with a remark of that greatly good man, Mr. Edwards, who says that many excellent clergymen around him had kept back from this work; but, he says, the people will, in such a time, have guides, and if they do not get wise guides they will fall back upon foolish guides—so that a movement which might produce much good must turn out in some respects to be bad. I should like also, if the rules permitted it, that our *quoad sacra* brethren should be admitted to the conference.

Mr. Cochrane expressed his sympathy with the remarks that had been made. Throughout all Scotland there was a spirit of inquiry among the people, and he believed it was only necessary to intimate a meeting for Divine service to get the house filled. There were no doubt many things in connexion with this movement in other places that could not be approved of, and he thought that was a strong argument for a conference of the members of Presbytery.

The Moderator concurred most heartily in the remarks which fell from Dr. Hill and Dr. McLeod.

After some further conversation it was agreed to hold a private conference on Monday first, at one o'clock, and to invite *quoad sacra* ministers to be present.

#### YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

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New Glasgow, £4 0

#### HOME MISSION SCHEME.

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New Glasgow, £4 0

W. GORDON,  
Treasurer.

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