

responded to; and after a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able manner in which he conducted the business of the meeting, the proceedings were closed by Mr. Russell pronouncing the benediction. The committee having met the Presbytery, they kindly consented to write Mr. M'Pherson, and offer him the charge.

GALIC PARISH CHURCH—ELECTION OF A MINISTER.—At a meeting of the members of the Gaelic Parish Church here on Friday evening last—Provost Grieve presiding—The Rev. Mr. Macpherson, assistant to the Rev. Mr. Bain, of Kilfinan, was elected to be the future pastor of the congregation, in room of the Rev. Mr. Macfarlane, lately translated. The following clergymen were nominated a leet, from which a selection was to be made:—Rev. John Cameron, M. A., Dundee, Canada West; Rev. Donald Cameron, Rothesay; Rev. Mr. Macpherson, missionary, Kilfinan; Rev. Mr. Macfarlane, missionary, St. Columba's, Glasgow; and Rev. Neil Macintyre, Rothiemurchus, Inverness-shire. The choice eventually lay betwixt Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Cameron. Upon the vote being taken, 78 voted for the former and 51 for the latter.

AN EXCITED HIGHLANDER.—Last Sunday afternoon, upon the close of the service in the Gaelic Parish Church here, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cameron of Canada, the gentleman read in English an intimation which had been put into his hand bearing upon the election of a new minister for this present vacant charge, when a person suddenly rose from amongst the congregation, and in an excited tone desired that the intimation should be made in Gaelic. The officiating clergyman at once did so, and the somewhat startled congregation were thereafter dismissed.

DEATH OF THE REV. MR. PORTEOUS.—We regret to have to announce the death of the Rev. William Porteous, presentee to Bellahouston Church. This sad event occurred on Monday at Inellan, after an illness of some weeks. The mother and sister of this talented young divine returned but recently, we believe, from America, for the purpose of attending to his domestic affairs, when he should have been formally inducted to that charge upon the duties of which he was fated never to enter.

CALL TO THE OLD WEST PARISH CHURCH.—At a meeting of the subscribers to the restoration of the Old West Parish Church, on Monday, the Rev. James Rankin, presently assistant to the Rev. Dr. McCulloch here, was unanimously elected minister. Mr. McClure was instructed to present the minute of election at the first meeting of Presbytery, along with a draft of the constitution of the chapel, and to request that steps be taken for the ordination of Mr. Rankin.

THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

St. Matthew's Church Working Society, Halifax.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following Report, and would be happy to be able to lay before our readers any information forwarded to us respecting the operations of similar societies that may exist in other sections of the Church:—

"The Committee of the St. Matthew's Working Society have much pleasure in being able to thank those of the congregation who assisted them last year, for the large increase to the subscription list. The total amount at the Treasurer's credit for 1864 was \$379 71 against \$232 96 for 1863. They were enabled thereby not only to give the usual kind of employment to 18 families, but also to purchase records of wood, which was distributed in 42 portions among the poor. This year they desire to buy a larger quantity of fuel, and to procure some groceries, also, at the wholesale price, for necessitous cases. The chief object of the society still is to supply the industrious female poor of the congregation with work during the winter.

"The committee implores for this year larger contributions and an increased interest in their work."

The office-bearers of this society are—

Treasurer and Secretary:

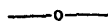
MISS M. IRONS.

Committee and Collectors:

MRS. SUTHERLAND,	MRS. MURDOCH,
MRS. ESSON,	MISSES HOSTERMAN
MRS. O'BRIEN,	MISS E. MITCHELL,
MISSES MCEWAN,	MISS WILSON.

Presentation.

The ladies of St. Andrew's congregation, New Glasgow, have presented their esteemed pastor, the Rev. Allan Pollok, with a handsome silk pulpit gown, as a small token of their regard for him as a man, and respect as their christian teacher.



Halifax Young Men's Christian Association.

THE Rev. Simon McGregor's lecture on "James Montgomery and Religious Poetry," before the Young Men's Christian Association on Tuesday evening, was listened to with great interest by a very respectable audience. Both "the manner and the matter" of the lecturer, on this his first public appearance in Halifax, prepossessed in his favor all who heard him, and we predict for him a much fuller house should he come among us again. After sketching the life of James