

The Church Abroad.

The death of the Rev. Professor Milligan, took place at Edinburgh on the 11th ult.

Dr. Milligan was one of the most eminent men included in the ranks of the ministers of the Church of Scotland. After being parish minister, first at Cameron, and then at Kilsnochan, he was appointed in 1860 to the then newly established Chair of Divinity and Biblical Criticism in Aberdeen University. He succeeded Principal Tulloch in 1880 in the office of Chief Clerk of the General Assembly, of which he had been moderator in 1882. Dr. Milligan was one of the New Testament revisioners. He was the author of several theological works which mostly centred round two things—the writings of St. John and the doctrines of the Resurrection and the Ascension. Among his principal works were "Words of the New Testament as Altered by Transmission and Ascertained by Modern Criticism," written in conjunction with Dr. Roberts, "The Resurrection of our Lord" (the Croall Lecture, 1881); "The Revelation of St. John" (Baird Lecture, 1895), and "The Ascension and Heavenly Priesthood of our Lord" (Baird Lecture, 1891).

ARBRATH presbytery have sanctioned Mr. Burnet's plans for the rebuilding of the Old church.

A RENOVATION of St. George's church, Paisley, to cost £1,750 has been approved of by the congregation.

THE plans of Belmont church, the cost of which will be £7,800, have been sanctioned by Glasgow presbytery.

REV. JOHN DICK of Tweedsmuir has applied to Peebles presbytery for an assistant successor, who should have £200 a year.

"A PARISH MINISTER" says in a letter to the press that laughter will not kill the Scottish Church society. Sacramentalism is to have an innings, he fears. There was so little Christianity in the church that there was room for the thing. Indeed, a marked recrudescence of superstition was to be expected before the final bursting up of the old formulae. Drs. Cooper and John Macleod were so enamoured of the Fathers they had become the "blessed dead" themselves, only past praying for.

GLASGOW presbytery have adopted a motion of Rev. Dr. Elder Cumming recording their strong sense of the evils occasioned by the general running of tramway cars on Lord's Day, and referring the matter to the standing committee on life and work to take all needful steps to secure that the running shall as far as possible cease.

REPORTS on gambling made to Ayr presbytery show the evil to be prevalent in the towns, especially in Ayr, where it is said to be more deeply rooted than drunkenness. In one return it was suggested that a letter on the evil printed in Charles Kingsley's biography, was circulating, and in another that the church must be done for ever with raffling at bazaars.

PRINCIPAL DOUGLAS has been elected president of the Ladies' Highland association, whose annual meeting was held last week in Glasgow. The aim is now to supplement the efforts of school boards and church courts.

SIR JOHN N. CUMMERSON believes that if all the Christian agencies in Glasgow were under some arrangement to prevent overlapping, the evangelisation could be overtaken of every man, woman and child in the city. He finds a grand conception at the root of the Home Mission Union.

PROF. CANDLISH indignantly denies the statement of Mr. Allen of the Marriage Law Reform Association, made at the reception of its deputations to the Lord Advocate, that in Scotland at present no section of the Presbyterian Church upholds the prohibition of marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The Declaratory Act, he says, has not repealed the law of the Free Church on the point.

REV. JOHN THOMPSON, retired minister of Greyfriars church, Aberdeen, and the oldest minister of the church, died on 4th inst. in his 91st year. A son of Rev. Dr. John Thompson, of Greyfriars, Edinburgh, he

came out in 1843, giving up his church at Shettleston, Glasgow, and becoming minister at Loven. He was afterwards translated to Montrose, and finally to Aberdeen. He retired from active work 20 years ago.

REV. ANDREW DOUGLAS, alluding in Arbroath Presbytery to the Scottish Church Society's conference, said that the essence of Popery was now publicly advocated by eminent men in the Church.

It is alleged that the fountainhead of the Scottish Church Society is the Catholic Apostolic Church, one of whose officials boasts of his doing a great work among the Established ministers.

REV. DR. JOHN MACLEOD expects in the future a discussion of questions of a deeper kind than have agitated men's minds for many years. Personally he looks forward to the prospect with great equanimity.

REV. DR. GENTLES, of Paisley, addressing a church defence meeting in Trinity College church, Edinburgh, lately, described some of Principal Rainy's recent remarks as high art or "Lobby" and Pecksniff lines.

THE following notice of motion **England.** was given at the recent meeting of the London North Presbytery: "Whereas the Church of England established by law, is a national institution of great influence, and its condition and relations to the State are matters of just concernment and grave responsibility to the whole country. Whereas among other things calling for attention the teaching and practice of so called Catholic doctrine and ritual within that Church have, of late years, largely increased to the serious impeding of the principles of the Reformation which are dear to this Presbytery as the truth of God, and a source of national well-being, and whereas continued silence on our part as a Church might involve us in complicity with what is evil and injurious to religion and the best interests of the people. It is therefore humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London North to the venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, appointed to meet in London on the 30th of April, 1894, to take the premises into consideration, and act, in the matter, as to it, in its wisdom, may seem best.

THE Liverpool Presbytery at its meeting in February will dispose of the following resolution on the subject of ministerial efficiency: "With reference to the articles and schedule submitted; the Presbytery are of opinion that the proposals made for the removal of inefficient ministers from their charges by the methods suggested would be likely to produce more evils than they would remove; inasmuch as they would encourage unnecessary and disturbing actions on the part of reckless spirits in some congregations, and would, to an undesirable extent, interfere with the tenure of the pastoral office, the effect of which would in the long run be injurious in a variety of ways to the interests of the Church at large; and in cases where unwarranted and unsuccessful attempts might be made to remove from their posts ministers or office-bearers, would not only wound the spirits, but tend to impair the future usefulness of such persons."

IRELAND. At a recent meeting of the Cork Presbytery the Rev. Matthew Kerr intimated his desire to resign the active duties of his ministry at Queen Street, Cork, in consequence of failing health. Mr. Kerr is known and esteemed as one of the most earnest ministers in the General Assembly. He has served his Church in somewhat difficult fields for somewhere about forty-seven years. More than half that period was devoted to missionary work in the West and in Tipperary while the last twenty years have been spent in Queen Street, Cork, where his untiring labors, his rare spiritual qualities, and his clear-sighted sympathies have gained for him an exceptional measure of esteem among all sections of the population, Roman Catholics included. Very many will hear with regret of the unsatisfactory state of Mr. Kerr's health, and will unite in the earnest hope that for him "the evening time" may be full of light.

A greatazaar, taking the shape of "A

Street of Nations," was opened in the Ulster Hall by Lady Dixon, the mayoress of the city. The proceeds are for the reduction of the debt on the Cooke Memorial Church, which stands at £5,000. The Rev. John McMillan, formerly of Dundalk, is the minister; he is an able worker and deserves success.

FRANCE. It was officially announced at Paris on Thursday last week that Pere Hyacinthe Loyson, whose recent "retreat" at the Grande Chartreuse and other symptoms led to the supposition that he was about to submit to Catholicism, had made another change. The ex-Carmelite was to be the Advent preacher in the French Protestant chapel in the Rue Taitbout, beginning on Sunday. The services were to be conducted under the auspices of the French Evangelical Society. M. Loyson declares that his new move is not a conversion to Protestantism. He believes that amongst French Protestants he can still work as a Catholic reformer. The Dutch Jansenists, holding jurisdiction from the Archbishop of Utrecht, who are outside the pale of Rome, will serve his chapel in the Rue d'Arna. In Parisian ecclesiastical circles the latest evolution of the former preacher of Notre Dame is looked upon as an irretrievable departure from Catholic or even Anglican doctrine. All hope of his return is now abandoned. On Sunday afternoon Pere Hyacinthe preached before a large and distinguished congregation of French Protestants, including MM. de Pressense and Bersier, and several senators and deputies. M. Metadel, the President of the French Evangelical Society introduced M. Loyson, welcoming him to a pulpit not, perhaps, as exalted as that of Notre Dame, but certainly to a new sphere of usefulness. Pere Hyacinthe, who has now discarded the surplice altogether, read a passage from the Scriptures, and then delivered a long and eloquent discourse on the millions of Christians found outside the pale of all Churches. He maintained that, apart from reasons of absorbing business and distracting pleasures, this was chiefly due to the neglect of the clergy, and to the antagonism to scientific enquiry displayed by all religious bodies.

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