

STIPEND AUGMENTATION MOVEMENT.—In the United Presbyterian Church, in Scotland, a movement has been in operation for the last three years with a view to the augmentation of stipends. It is intended to have for the years 1869-70 a sum of about £9,000 collected by the end of February.

PROGRESS OF ROMANISM IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH.—New developments are continually being made of the Romanising tendency of the Ritualistic party in the Church of England. Recently, "A Priest of the English Church" set forth a "Manual of Confession for Children," which is a translation from the French. In this manual, the teaching is of a thoroughly Popish character.

OPENING OF COLLEGES, &c.—A very able opening lecture was delivered by Dr. Calderwood, the new Professor of Moral Philosophy in the Edinburgh University, and formerly a Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Glasgow. In the Edinburgh Free Church College, where two new Professors, Dr. Blaikie and Mr. McGregor, delivered their inaugural lectures, Principal Candlish opened the session with a lecture on the principles of the Free Church, and the scriptural relations of Church and State, to the Free Church College, Glasgow. Dr. Islay Buras gave an opening lecture on "The Pulpit," "The Press," and "The Age."

AFFAIRS IN BRITAIN.—The excitement of a general election, of more than ordinary importance, is over, and as a result of the elections, Mr. Gladstone has taken the place of Mr. Disraeli, as head of the Government. In Scotland, the elections, with very few exceptions, went in favor of the Liberal candidates. In Ireland, too, there is an increase in the number of Liberals returned. The disestablishment of the Irish Church may now be regarded as settled; at any rate, it is simply a question of time.

DEATH OF AN HONOURED CHRISTIAN MAN.—We observe in the American papers the death of the Hon. Walter Lowrie, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Lowrie, who was universally respected, both as a member of the Society and an office-bearer in the Church, was connected officially with the Missionary operations of the Presbyterian Church for the last thirty years.

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CALLS AND INDUCTIONS.

VANKLEEKHILL.—The Rev. J. Anderson, of Lancaster, has received a call from the congregations of Vankleekhill and E. Hawkesbury.

McKILLOP, SECOND CONGREGATION.—The Second Congregation of McKillop lately presented a call to the Rev. F. W. Farries, of Otisville, N. Y. The stipend promised is \$650 per annum.

St. MARY'S.—The Rev. D. Waters, L.L. B. of Port Hope, having been called to St. Mary's, the Presbytery of Cobourg agreed to translate him from his present charge to St. Mary's.

ROCKWOOD AND EDEN MILLS.—On Wednesday, 16th ult., the Rev. E. Reeve was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Rockwood and Eden Mills.

GUELPH—CHALMERS' CHURCH.—The congregation of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, have called the Rev. J. James, of Paris.