

Committee of the great need there exists for missionaries in the Province, requesting the Committee to use their best exertions to procure the services of one missionary for each of the Presbyteries. The death of Mr. Cassilis so soon after the meeting has increased the destitution, and rendered the appointment of visiting missionaries still more urgent and necessary, and it furnishes an additional and powerful argument in favour of the memorial appointed to be sent by the Synod to the Colonial Committee of the Parent Church.

ARRIVAL OF THE REV. FRANCIS NICOL.—We are happy to have the pleasure of announcing so soon after his appointment the safe arrival of this young clergyman, on Monday last, in the steamship *Asia*, from Liverpool, as Assistant Minister in St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's Churches, in this city. Mr. Nicol will commence his public ministrations next Lord's Day, when he is expected to preach in the forenoon in St. Matthew's, and in the evening in St. Andrew's at the usual hours.

REVIEWS.

EDINBURGH CHRISTIAN MAGAZINE.

This Magazine, which has now entered upon its second year, is increased in size and very much improved in every way, and it is now one of the most valuable competitors for the favour of the Religious Public, of any of the periodicals of the same class, as it is quite unsectarian and may be read with interest and profit by persons of other denominations from that with which it is professedly connected, the Church of Scotland. The contents of each number are varied and such as to indicate a careful editorial supervision. Each number contains a sermon by some leading clergyman. The number which lies before us contains a sermon by Dr. Craik on Sanctification; the Blind Mourner, an interesting story from real life; Reviews of a work recently published on the Voyage and Shipwreck of St. Paul, and of the Footprints of the Creator (which last we intend transferring to our columns); an interesting Biographical Sketch of Dr. Arnold, the celebrated Teacher of Rugby School, and numerous Missionary and other Religious Notices. The high religious tone of all the articles is such as will ensure the Magazine success. It is deserving of a much wider circulation in this Province than it has yet attained, and, though it requires no praise from so humble a periodical as the *Presbyterian*, we would be pleased if any merited commendation of ours should introduce it to the notice of any of our readers. It is published monthly by Messrs. Paton & Ritchie, of Edinburgh, at the low price of four pence sterling a number. We need only add in conclusion, that it is under the editorial care of the Rev. Norman McLeod, of Dalkeith, who was so favourably known as a member of the last Deputation to this country.

THE GOOD OLD WAY. *A Sermon preached at the Opening of the new Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, by the Rev. James George, Minister of the Congregation.*

In this world of vicissitude the Church is subject to the law, shares in the fate, and partakes of the character, of all things on earth, and suffers change. It has undergone many changes in past times, is undergoing changes in the present, and will undergo other changes in the future, ere it be presented to all eyes as the perfection of beauty, whence God shineth gloriously. Rent and divided, as it now is, we behold in it too plain a picture of man himself to leave any doubt that, in contemplating the Church in its present condition, we are looking at a great deal of mere human handy-work. While all seek their own things and not those of others, and, not in honour preferring one another, strive to have the pre-eminence, we cannot recognize the perfection of that fellowship in which all are members one of another, each supplying what is lacking in the other, and forming that Church which is the body of Christ, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all, bound together and animated by His Spirit, and growing up into a holy temple unto the Lord for a habitation of God, in whose dwelling should reign peace, good order and love. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His, and let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." God will perfect that which remaineth concerning His Church, and in due time present it to the world in its true form and fair proportions. To accomplish this is the desire of all His saints, but even those who truly desire the prosperity and perfection of Zion, do not desire it in pure simplicity of faith, nor labour to bring it about in the fulness of that charity which thinketh no evil, rejoiceth in no iniquity, seeketh not her own but her neighbours' good, and consequently do not pursue their object in the meekness of wisdom and Godly sincerity. Yet the path of the just is as the morning light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day; and such, notwithstanding many appearances to the contrary, we firmly believe to be the progress of the Church through time, and that it is still going on from perfection to perfection. But we are apt to forget, that the gradual brightening of the Church towards her meridian glory is not the breaking-forth from obscuring clouds of the innate light of human nature, and that her progressive splendour is not the result of light evolved from a native fountain within, but of a process of derivation, in which she receives light from without, even from the Great Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift.

The glory of the Church is a derivative glory. It shines, not in a light of its own, but in the light of the Sun of Righteousness, who has arisen upon it with healing under His wings. All that is dark in this world can be made light only by being turned towards this great Luminary and receiving illumination from His rays. The Church can be filled with light, only by being made light in the Lord. But the light of the Lord is His Word, for whatsoever maketh manifest is light, and by this Word all things, even the deep things of God, are made manifest to the spirit of man.

Man has always been disposed to seek in himself for that which can be found only in God. It is a marked peculiarity of the present day, to speak of any superiority of intellectual light, moral improvement, or social progress, to which the world seems to have attained, as the result of undivided energies of human nature, working upon an accumulated inheritance of its own experiments. The treasures of Divine wisdom communicated from Heaven, and stored up in the Scriptures, either go for nothing, and are disregarded, or are reckoned among other inventions of man, and drawn from as depositories of the lessons of merely human sagacity. To those who reflect upon the providence of God, according to the principles revealed in the Bible, it appears, that, to abate this arrogance of human wisdom, God is so ordering His plans that every lofty imagination will be cast down, and the sons of men made to know that verily the Heavens do reign, and that wisdom, and knowledge, and power belong only to the Most High.

There are three books given to man to study, the book of Creation, the book of Providence, and the book of Revelation or Scripture. Those who would study any of these to good purpose, must stand in the ways and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, not that they may travel over the very same ground as those who have gone before them, but that they may go forward, and, avoiding the errors of such as have turned aside, may advance in the same direction as those who have already kept the path of wisdom, and gained an increase of knowledge. The Bible is emphatically the Book of the Church, and in this chart her whole course is laid down, and she has nothing to do but go on her way under its guidance. It is peculiarly, therefore, the duty of the Christian to "stand in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, that he may find rest for his soul."

To this duty, as a watchman in Zion, Mr. George has called the attention of his people at the dedication of their new Church. It has been built for the worshippers of an old faith. Walking in the footsteps of their fathers, they have