

Scotland.

ABERDEENSHIRE.

The classes in the Aberdeen F. O. College were opened on the 6th ult. "The Aberdeen Medical Student" is the title of a new magazine. The Aberdeen Free Presbytery have been offered £800 to aid in a scheme for church extension. The Free Presbytery of Aberdeen have agreed to acquire ground for a site on which to build a new Free Church at Ferryhill, Aberdeen. A surveyor named John Keith was found dead in the waiting-room of Fraserborough station on the 9th ult. The Aberdeenshire members of the Scottish Chamber of Agriculture recently discussed the question of land tenancy. It was urged to resolve on measures rendered necessary by altered circumstances, and press those measures on members of Parliament.

AYRSHIRE.

Foot-and-mouth disease is now disappearing from Dalry. The Free Presbytery of Irvine report a decrease of £84 8s. 8d. to the Sustentation Fund. A coalmaster, named James Oastler, belonging to Kilmarnock, was recently killed on the railway. On the 3rd ult., Thomas Hope, a drover, residing in East street, Lochmaben, was found dead in bed. John Currie, Kirkeoch, has carried off the chief honors for cheese-making at the great show at Kilmarnock. At the recent sitting of the examiners, Mr. R. J. Richardson, Gretina, and Mr. John Smith, Half-Morton, passed their first professional examination for graduation in medicine. Miss McLaren, teacher of the industrial department of the parish school, Mauchline, who is leaving for a situation in West Calder, was recently presented by her pupils and friends with a gold brooch and ear-rings set with pearls.

ARGYLLSHIRE.

A sergeant of the Royal Engineers was at Islay last week surveying the ground at the shore end of the telegraph cable, for the purpose of preparing plans for the erection of a store house and dwelling house for the permanent linesman. A severe storm broke over Campbeltown on the 4th ult., accompanied by a down-pour of rain, which continued all day, and flooded the streams in the district to such an extent that the low lying fields are completely covered with water. In the harbor above forty vessels sought shelter, and notwithstanding the good anchorage some of them drove from their moorings.

BERWICKSHIRE.

Mr. Brodie has been elected Chief Magistrate of North Berwick. The Sunday post, between Greenlaw and Dunso, has been abolished. On the 7th ult., a fire occurred at Little Todrig, Coldstream, occupied by Mr. Thos. Young, causing the destruction of the entire dockyard, as well as of the barns and threshing-mill. H. R. H. Prince Arthur has been pleased to accept of, and signify his high opinion of some lines composed by Mr. Mitchell, E. P. School Tweedmouth, entitled "God Preserve our Soldier Prince."

DUMFRIESSHIRE.

Mr. Walter Paton, probationer, Whithorn, has accepted a call to the Dumfries R. P. Church. The dwelling houses at the foot of Swan's Vennel, Dumfries, have been sold to Alex. Combie, architect, for £600. The Dumfries Free Presbytery have granted leave of absence for six months to Mr. Grierson, Irongrey, and an additional three months leave to Mr. Brown, Ruthwell.

EDINBURGH.

A bust of the late Professor Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart., presented by the family of that late distinguished physician, has just been placed in the Library Hall of the University. The Millar Scholarships, of the annual value of £40, tenable for two years, and open to competition to second years' students in arts of all the Scotch Universities, have, after competitive examination, been awarded, the first to Mr. John Stevens, John O'Groats, Cathness, and the second to Alfred W. Munnery, London—both students of Edinburgh University. The literary remains, with a memoir, of Miss Susan Ferrier, author of "Destiny," &c., are being prepared for publication. Miss Ferrier died in September, 1854. Her correspondence embraces letters from Sir Walter Scott, John Gibson Lockhart, and many other distinguished contemporaries; while the Commonplace Book contains unprinted compositions of Scott, Campbell, Layden, M. G. Lewis, and other eminent poets.

FIFESHIRE.

Ex Dean of Guild Robertson has been re-instated as Dean of Burntisland. James Adamson, a minor, was killed in a coal-pit near Dunfermline, on the 8th ult. Mr. Patriek, the clerk of the Fife Local Authority has had his salary raised from £26 to £40. The Dunfermline Free Presbytery have agreed to approve of the Building Fund of the church, granting the sum of £100 to aid in meeting the cost of a district for Mr. Jenkins, Culross.

FORFARSHIRE.

James Cox has been elected Provost of Dundee. Provost Whyte, of Forfar, has been re-elected Chief Magistrate. Mr. Miller, and Mr. Robertson have been elected Bailies of Cupar. The Right Hon. the Earl of Strathmore has presented the Rev. John Stevenson, minister of the parish of Dun, to the church and parish of Glamis. The Barony of Frol, including the mansion-house of Errol Park has, been sold to Thos. Wiso, Esq., for the sum of £115,000. The Rev. Mr. Campbell, Montrose, has received the authority of the U. P. Presbytery to employ an evangelist for work in a needy part of his district. To the Montrose Harbour Trust Provost Guthrie, Bailies Duncan and Sharpe, and Mr. Duke have been appointed. The following gentleman have been elected as magistrates of Montrose:—Provost, Mr. Nitchell, Bailies—J. Milne, J. W. Japp, and A. Lyall; Town Chamberlain—Mr. Willis; and Fiscal—Mr. Ross.

GLASGOW.

The Rev. Andrew Keny has been inducted to the charge of Trinity Free Church. Three new dissenting churches were opened for public worship on the 10th ult. George Lee, aged sixty years, residing in Main street, Gorbals, died suddenly in a cell of the Southern Police Office. The foundation stone of a new United Presbyterian Church in Elgin street, which is to cost £5,000, was laid on the 8th inst. Ground has been broken at the Cross for the commencement of the tramway line from London street to King street along Trongate. During the last half-year there has been a decrease in the Education and Sustentation Funds of the Free Presbytery in this city. An interesting little pamphlet by the late Dr. William Anderson, of Glasgow, entitled "The Two Graveyards; A Dream," has been published. The congregation of North Leith Parish Church has unanimously chosen the Rev. David Watson, at present assistant in Laurieston Parish Church, this city, to act as assistant to their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Smith. The first annual introductory address to the re-organised University Missionary Association was delivered in the Divinity Hall of the College on the 8th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Gillan of Inchinnan.

HADDINTONSHIRE.

Bailie Gardner has been elected Provost of Dunbar. Bailie Porteous has been elected chief magistrate of Haddington.

INVERNESSSHIRE.

Bailies Maclean and Bailie have been re-elected magistrates of Inverness. The Inverness U. P. congregation have applied for admission to the Free Church. It is exhibited that the debts on St. John's Church, Inverness, will be reduced one-half before Martinmas. In connection with the School of Science and Art in Inverness, Mr. Stuart, the new teacher, has started a class for carrying on the study of drawing from living models. The Nether-Lochaber correspondent of the Inverness Courier has received some subscriptions towards the erection of a tombstone over the remains of Ewan Mac-lachlan, the celebrated Gaelic scholar and bard, in old Killovaodian Ardjour.

LANARKSHIRE.

Messrs. Somerville and Harvey have been elected magistrates of Lanark. The Lanark Free Presbytery have approved of the Mutual Eligibility Scheme. Miss Young, teacher in the Subscription School, Cambuslang, has just been presented with a gold watch by a few friends. Mr. Evan Evans, Lanark, has received a number of presentations from various associations prior to his leaving for London. The trustees for the Law and Castlehill Penny Savings Bank are the Rev. Dr. Whyte, Mr. T. Mathews, banker, and Mr. J. Barr, jun. The following is the result of the election of magistrates in Hamilton:—W. Alston Dykes, writer, chief magistrate, re-elected; Councillor J. Cairns, junior Bailie; Town Clerk, Mr. Edward P. Dykes; Water Commissioner, Councillor Taitish.

Mr. Claud Wilson, who, for upwards of eighteen years, has acted as gardener at Earbeck House, Lanark, was recently presented with a purse containing twenty-eight sovereigns, in testimony of his personal worth and integrity of character.

LINLITHGOWSHIRE.

Mr. Adam Davison, jun., has been elected Provost of Linlithgow. The committee appointed by the Free Church, Lerwick, have re-appointed the Rev. F. C. Robertson, of Crofthead, to the church as their pastor. The man George Farrie, who was lately incarcerated in the prison of Linlithgow, charged with the murder of his wife, has been fully committed for trial upon that charge.

MORAYSHIRE.

Provost Cameron has been re-elected Chief Magistrate of Elgin.

Bailie Pent has been re-appointed third bailie and Mr. Gillan Dean of Guild of Forres.

Messrs. Law & Orr, not manufacturers, Kilbrnie and Elgin, intend erecting a new manufactory in Elgin, and have purchased as a site, from the Rev. Dr. Brander, for £140, about an acre of ground near the west saw-mills.

NAIRNSHIRE.

Mr. Leslie has been elected Provost of Nairn. Mr. William Allan, accountant in the Caledonian Bank, Nairn, has been appointed agent for the new branch of the bank at Portree. The annual competition for prizes given by John Gordon, Esq., of Cluny, for the best turnips on his estate of Kinsteary, has just been decided. The award of the judges is as follows:—1. Mr. C. C. Shaw, Knocknagins, silver medal and £1; 2. Hugh Mann, Meadowfield, bronze do. and £1; 3. W. Clark, Easter Brightmony, 10s; merit, John Clark, Woodfield.

PERTHSHIRE.

The barony and estate of Errol, situated on the Cars of Gowrie, has been purchased by Mr. Francis Molison, of Dundee. In a letter addressed to the Bishop of St. Andrews, the Earl of Glasgow states that he is not a Trustee of the Sisterhood in Perth. The death of Joseph McLean, Esq., of the firm of Stirling & McLean, solicitors, Dunblane, is announced. Hand-loom weaving in Dunning is in a very dull state at present. More than half of the hands are unemployed, the supplies of webs from Glasgow, Auchterarder and Perth being almost all. At the competition held in Edinburgh for the Heriot Bursaries of £20 each for four years, Master Peter Dewar, son of Mr. Dewar, Mitchell Street, Crief, gained the first prize along with a student of the University. There has just died in Strathmore Street, Perth, an old soldier, named William Marshall, whose service in the army commenced as far back as 1804. He was severely wounded in both legs in a sortie at the battle of Bayonne, and was discharged with a pension on the 10th of November, 1814. He had medals with clasps for Talavera, Busaco, Fuentes d'Onore, Ciudad Rodrigo, Salamanca, Victoria, Noyde, and Nive.

RENFREWSHIRE.

The death of the Rev. William Graham of Lochwinnoch is announced. The wooden bridge which crosses the Lovers at Barrhead, has been swept away. On the 7th ult., a spirit dealer named J. M. Willoughby, residing in Greenock, suddenly expired in his shop. Mr. Robert Anderson was recently entertained by the Paisley Congregational Church members and friends at a soiree and presented with a handsome walking stick. Within the Paisley Free Presbytery there has been for the last five months a decrease of £60, from eight congregations to the Sustentation Fund, and a decrease of £21 14s. 9d. in six congregations.

ROSSSHIRE.

The new St. Duthus cemetery, Tain, will cost £1100. In the absence of the parish minister of Stornoway, his pulpit was filled on a recent Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Darrock, rector of Wimbledon. The annual examination of the Lochcarron parish school take place on the 10th ult., Right Honourable Sir John Stuart presiding. Dr. Macfadyen, who for some time back was provincial medical officer at Ullapool, has left the parish to fill an appointment in Beaulieu. A call from Free Church of Bogart to the Rev. G. L. Campbell of Lochs, Lewis, was before the Free Presbytery of Lewis, on the 31st ult., when the Court refused to place it in Mr. Campbell's hands. The building of the Ross Memorial Hospital in Dingwall is well advanced. The building will cost about £1100, and of this £700 has been subscribed as a memorial to the late Dr. Ross, his widow having handsomely declined to accept the honor of the money as originally proposed. The Duchess of Sutherland contributes £150.

ROXBURGHSHIRE.

Mr. Walter Clark has been elected Dean of Guild of Jedburgh. Robert Milligan has been appointed third bailie, and Edward Wilson, junior, bailie of Hawick. The Rev. Robert Fordyce has been ordained to the pastorate of the Territorial Free Church, Hawick. James Youngson, one of the police constables who left Jedburgh some time ago to join the Hong-Kong police, has been appointed a sergeant in that force.

SELKIRKSHIRE.

Messrs. Roberts and Mercer have been elected Bailies of Galashiels. At the Selkirk hiring fair on the 6th ult., ploughmen were hired at a rise of from £2 to £3. On the 3rd ult., an old man named Pringle Ramage, residing at Castle street, Selkirk, was found dead in his bed. The Galashiels' East U. P. congregation have agreed to increase the stipend of the minister, the Rev. John Pollock, from £250 to £300 per annum.

STIRLINGSHIRE.

On the 5th ult., damage to the extent of £100 was done to the premises of Hugh Provan, barber, Falkirk, by fire. On the 5th ult., the Rev. Dr. Monro, minister of the parish of Campsie was presented with a silver salver, a timepiece, a musical box, several other valuable articles and a purse of 800 guineas—the contributions of over 1200 subscribers. We (Daily Review) understand that Mr. H. Campbell, M.P., for the Stirling burghs, and Financial Secretary of War, has assumed the additional surname of Bannerman, in accordance with the will of his late uncle, Henry Bannerman, Esq., of Hinton Court, Kent. His name is now Mr. Henry Campbell Bannerman.

THIRTY REASONS

Why the early conversion of children should engage the attention of every true Christian. 1. Because children are sinners, and may be lost. 2. Because Jesus Christ died for them, and they may be saved. 3. Because the simple plan of salvation through faith in Christ is the same for children as for grown-up people. 4. Because there is a special promise for the young: "Those that seek me early shall find me." 5. Because very many dear children have found the Saviour, and are now happy in His love. 6. Because the Holy Spirit is striving in the hearts of many more. 7. Because it is constantly found that there are little ones who want to come to Jesus, but do not know the way. 8. Because they are not safe until they have come. 9. Because the child's heart is tender, and not yet hardened by a long course of sin. 10. Because the child receives the truth in more simple faith than the adult. 11. Because it is easy for children to love, and therefore they may be taught to love Jesus. 12. Because it is easy for children to trust, and so they may be led to trust in Jesus. 13. Because those converted in early life make the most earnest and consistent Christians. 14. Because those who spend their youthful days in learning in Christ's school will become the wisest Christians. 15. Because, having life before them, they are likely to be the most useful Christians. 16. Because we now have the children with us, and it is easy to get them to listen to the story of the Cross. 17. Because, when they grow up to be young men and women it will be very difficult to reach them. 18. Because thousands of children leave our Sabbath schools at thirteen or fourteen, and leave them unconverted. 19. Because it is a startling fact that these Sunday school scholars form nine-tenths of the criminals in our gaols and the unfortunates in our streets. 20. Because we live in a fast age, when children too often learn the manners, and, too often, imitate the vices, of grown-up people. 21. Because these children may become the fathers and mothers of the next generation. 22. Because they may die while they are still young. 23. Because the Lord may come, and none of them may ever grow up to be men and women. 24. Because children may be so readily gathered together in the school-room, the cottage, or the drawing-room, in the open air, by the seashore. 25. Because a little book or tract given to a child will always be accepted and read, which is not always the case with grown people. 26. Because a letter written to a child is sure to be treasured up again and again. 27. Because a word can be spoken with freedom to a child, and all of us meet with children sometimes, and have many opportunities of individually pointing them to Jesus. 28. Because this work among the young does not want special gifts as much as earnestness and love to souls. 29. Because it is a work that brings us so near Christ. 30. Because the lambs are so dear to the heart of the Good Shepherd, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—The Christian.

CHILDREN ATTENDING CHURCH.

The following paragraph from the S. S. Times is worthy of the attention of parents: We have no sympathy with the sentiment that would excuse the little ones from attending church, simply because they cannot understand all that the preacher says. It is quite possible that they do not understand much that is spoken and done in an ordinary church sermon. But if the sermon is Greek to the young people, we must remember that it is not always plain English to the grown people. The amount of truth clearly apprehended and fairly appreciated by the average adult hearers, as set forth in the sermon, is small. Children understand more and better than we usually think. A minimum of truth fastened in the memory, proves not, seldom, to be the word of the Spirit which saves a soul. But the question of understanding aside, the habit of attending church is invaluable, and the practice should be insisted on when the child is young, till it becomes a fixed habit. "While my boy sits at my table," says one, "he must sit in my pew. A good dictum perhaps; but should not the parents and the preacher, come to an understanding about the fare? Should not the pulpit, in its mental provision for the child, offer some of the nourishment and attractiveness of the parents' table?"

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