

how they can well escape, in those circumstances, from coming forward and declaring their mind as to what ought to be done, with a view to justice, and to the religious well-being of Scotland. And, for my part, I am convinced that the answer must be, that the only way to be taken now is disestablishment. I don't choose to take any responsibility in bringing it about. I am convinced that all these movements are bringing us nearer to that issue, and I can't refer to them without adverting to that as an eventuality for which, as I think, we should be prepared.'

These subjects have been discussed before now in the General Assemblies, though the results of discussion have not yet reached us.

The United Presbyterian Church had an income from all sources during the past year of £338,878 1s. 7d., showing an increase of £7424 7s 5d. on the income of the previous year. The total amount of congregational income during the year 1873 has exceeded that of the previous year by £5983 15s. 5d., having amounted to £320,728 9s. 1d., of which sum there were contributed for congregational purposes £244,441 8s. 9d., and for missionary and benevolent purposes £75,287 0s. 4d. The number of members in full communion with the Church at 31st December, 1873, was 184,033, showing an increase during the year of 1223; and the average rate of contribution per member for the year has been £1 14s. 10d., or two shillings per member more than in 1871. The number of Sabbath School teachers is 10,963, and of Sabbath scholars 84,754; and the average attendance at public worship on the Lord's Day is estimated at 209,130.

This is a noble *exhibit*, but according to present appearances the current year will show still better results.

The death of the venerable Professor M'Michael of this Church is deeply regretted. We quote the *Magazine* for May:

We shall miss at our approaching annual gathering familiar faces. Mr. Thomas, of Mauchline, will not occupy his accustomed seat, and we will not have the benefit of his sagacious counsel and singular ability for the important office he so honourably filled. And now also one, with whom a whole generation of the ministry were familiar as a teacher, has passed away. It stirred feel-

ings of genuine sorrow, and awakened pen- sive memories in the hearts of many long tried in ministerial labour, when they read in the newspaper obituary that Professor M'Michael was no more. This is not the place to speak of his amiability and excellence as a man, of his ability and erudition as a professor, of the great boon which he conferred on the Church by originating and carrying successfully out one of the most useful of its schemes,—these will receive due notice. But we must here express our deep sense of the loss we have sustained by the removal of one who for a time occupied the place of editor of, and always was an able and valued contributor to this *Journal*. It was our hope that we would long and largely benefit by his ripe experience and various learning; but it was the Master's will to take him to Himself and to the reward which awaits the faithful servant, and it is ours to submit to His decree.

One of the congregations of the Free Church is calling a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, under the Mutual Eligibility Act.

Bishop Wordsworth of the Scottish Episcopal body has resigned his bishopric on account of the irrepressible progress of Ritualism among the clergy associated with him.

The glory and the joy of Scotland is the revival of religion still in progress. A similar movement prevails largely in the Established Church of England as well as among dissenting bodies.

In Ireland we are glad to note that the Episcopal Synod has come to a very decided finding against the Romish "Real Presence" idea. The contest between the two elements in the body—the Reforming and the Romanizing—is still very keen.

The Presbyterians are hard at work as is their wont. They have raised over £25,000 for Sustentation Fund. One of their leading ministers is now a member of Parliament; but he has not relinquished his ministerial functions. The pulsations of the spiritual life, prevailing in Scotland are felt in Ireland, and a general revival is expected and ardently longed for.

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REV. NARAGAN SHESHADRI is on his way back to India. His services were equally acceptable in England, Scotland and America.