

joined to be "obedient to their masters, showing all good fidelity." "Walk worthy of your vocation." Disgrace it not by wickedness; stoop not from your lofty throne to di-grace yourselves by contamination with intemperance, licentiousness, or any form of evil. Show that labor is honorable by illustrating in your own persons an alliance with a sober, righteous, and godly life.

This alone imparts honor to labor—godliness. The most menial offices become acts of solemn worship, when performed in thankful submission to the appointments of a gracious Providence. That noblest of all books, the birth-right of the working man, when addressing slaves, cheers them with this ennobling sentiment—"Ye serve the Lord Christ." And shall any laborer regard his occupation as menial or degrading, if by honest industry, in the most obscure station, he is obeying his Maker and Redeemer? No; for be assured of this, that if the man of toil works in a spirit of loving, obedient homage to God, he does no less than cherubim or seraphim in their loftiest flights and holiest songs. You then are called to be diligent in business, not only that you may attain success in life, but you are called to do so as Christians, as the servants of your Creator, Redeemer and Judge.

Let the law of your lives be—not expediency, the law of the world, but religious principle, the law of God's children. Let that religious principle be firmly rooted in faith in Christ, and thus growing out of faith, let it be watered and nourished by humble, earnest, persevering prayer. So shall life be strong, though it be a conflict, and death shall come as a blessed reward; and whether in old age or early youth, the last message from heaven to you shall be the most pleasant—the same which was spoken to Daniel: "Go thou thy way till the end be, for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

THE CHURCH AT HOME.

Synod of Glasgow and Ayr.

The half-yearly meeting of the Synod of Glasgow and Ayr was held on Tuesday.

THE LATE PRINCIPAL MACYARLAN.

A Committee was appointed to draw up a minute expressing the deep sense entertained by the Synod of the loss they had sustained in the death of the venerable Principal.

THE ENDOWMENT SCHEME.

The Rev. Dr. ROBERTSON addressed the Synod in support of this Scheme. He enlarged on the necessity of the work, and said that all that was required of the Established Church was just to take a leaf out of the book of the Free Church, and if for two or three years the Church of Scotland made such exertions as had been made by that Church, all their chapels of ease would be in the way of being speedily endowed. He was sorry to say that the work had not been prosecuted so vigorously in the Glasgow district as he could

have wished. The proposal was to raise a sum of £43,000, so as to enable them to make a grant of L.2000 for each of the first twenty churches to be endowed in the county of Lanark, including the large city of Glasgow. He believed they had raised L.14,000 and odds as the subscription for Glasgow. There were four other provinces in Scotland, and one of them—the Midland—was L.3000 to L.1000 lower. Aberdeen was L.2000 or L.3000 before Glasgow; and in Edinburgh they wanted but L.2500 or so to complete their object—(hear, hear)—for they had already raised L.37,000. (Applause.) The rev. Doctor concluded by stating, as the result of several years' experience, that the conducting of the Scheme was too much for any one man to accomplish, for the very correspondence occupied most of his time. He was willing, if the Church was pleased, to continue in the post he held in connection with the Scheme—(applause)—but only on condition that they all heartily co-operated with him, so that the work might not be left to hang on from year to year, till really hope deferred made the heart sick. Let them make a gallant and united advance on the Lucknow that, he was sorry to say, was to be found in our country, and not be sundered in the attack, but march shoulder to shoulder and foot to foot, so that they might be able to give as good an account of their social Lucknow as that which was rendered by Sir Colin Campbell. (Applause.)

The thanks of the Synod were given to Dr. Robertson; and on the motion of Dr. Hill, a Committee was appointed for the purpose of carrying forward the subscriptions to the Scheme.

EVANGELISATION OF INDIA.

Mr. D. SMITH, of Wiston, moved a petition to Parliament in favour of the evangelisation of India, which, after a brief discussion, was agreed to.

Synod of Aberdeen.

This very reverend Court met on Tuesday in the West Church. The Moderator for the past half-year, Mr. Milne, Tough, preached an appropriate discourse from Colossians, 1st chap. 28 v.

ENDOWMENT SCHEME.

Dr. Robertson, Convener of the Endowment Committee, was then introduced, and, in a lengthened and eloquent speech, addressed the Synod in support of its object. How, said he, are we to bring the Gospel to bear on the dark places of our land? Not by the circulation of the Scriptures merely—that may accomplish much, but in many cases it has been without effect. It was not thus that the Apostles went forth to preach the Gospel. They came into personal contact with their fellow-men; they went from house to house, with "line upon line, precept upon precept," and let it be in our own time as it was then, that the Word of God (he spoke with reverence) might become incarnate. Let it be seen in the person of the "living epistle, known and read of all" about him. Let the Saviour's love be seen beaming in the eye of the preacher, and of the humble Christian visitant even; let the words of His mouth be found on the lips of His followers; let them put forth their hands to seek and save the lost, and the man or woman is not yet born that could fail to apprehend such a Gospel, and feel its power. Now, this is precisely the ministry that we contemplate. It is true we can only provide

the requisite machinery; but we have abundant ground for the conviction that, if we fail not in our part, God will as certainly fail in His part. It becomes us to speak in no spirit of ostentation of the few thousands of pounds that we give for the outward means of carrying on the work; if we honour Him with our substance, we honour Him with His own. But if we apply ourselves with thankfulness and in earnest prayer, to the work, we have the fullest assurance in the promises made of an effectual blessing. Now, in cultivating the waste places of our land, we should subdivide the labour—committing a district to a qualified labourer, who shall give his strength to his prayers, and his exertions to the work. And inasmuch as these districts, before they are cultivated, can yield nothing to the labourer, it becomes necessary to provide for him a moderate substance; and for this purpose an endowment is absolutely necessary. They would not expect that one man, unaided, could do this work. No; let every Christian man and woman, in their respective places, be ministers of Christ. Now, in the Providence of God, the Church of Scotland has far greater facilities for applying this ministry than any other body of Christians amongst us. We are not to suppose, even though the object of the Endowment Scheme were accomplished, that the work is done. Our population is increasing, and all that the Scheme can do is to supply an efficient parochial ministry to the great aggregates of our neglected population and, followed up by the Home Mission Scheme, it would enable us to nurse young congregations till they reached the stage of being erected into new parishes. It may not be generally known that meanwhile, the funds of the Home Mission Scheme are, to a very great extent, applied in providing for the sustenance of the ministry in our Chapels of Ease. Through the progress of the Endowment Scheme, forty-two parishes have been added to the Church, and the funds of the Home Mission have thus been partially relieved, but not in the way by which these funds might be beneficially applied; because, for a time, a considerable number of our chapels were not taken up; but the relief afforded has enabled them to take up every chapel in Scotland—(hear). But the farther object of an Endowment Scheme is to erect our hundred Chapels of Ease into parish churches; and you thus set at liberty, on an average, L.40, given by the Home Mission to each chapel, to be applied exclusively to missionary purposes—viz. to foster young congregations till they come to be parish churches. In this way, by the two schemes, the whole spiritual destitution of the country would be provided for. His thesis was, that the Church of Scotland has peculiar facilities for this work. He did not disparage the efforts made by our dissenting brethren. They have done a vast amount of good. They have prevented hundreds of thousands from sinking into a state of practical heathenism, but have any of these churches the power to overtake that portion of the population which we find already sunk? We have one or two bright instances, such as the West Port Mission, under Dr. Chalmers, and an effort now going on under Dr. Guthrie and his colleagues; but even the Free Church, mighty as its exertions have been—surpassing all that could have been expected—is now, by its own confession, as appears by statements made in various of its Church Courts, probably at the utmost limit which it can reach, and still the great work is undone, thus showing that the voluntary principle, even in the hands of ty