

They reported they were not now in a situation to do so. The Commission remitted the case to the Presbytery of Aberdeen to proceed in the moderation of a call to Mr. Edersheim. When supporting this deliverance, Dr. Cunningham took occasion to say that it was the law of the Church that a Presbytery, as well as the congregation, had a veto in the induction of a minister. After some other business the Commission broke up.

MONUMENT TO RALPH ERSKINE.—The inauguration of the statue of Ralph Erskine, one of the Fathers of the Secession Church in Scotland, which has been in contemplation for some time past by the United Presbyterian Church, took place on Wednesday afternoon in front of Queen Anne Street Church, Dunfermline, of which he was long the minister. The statue, which is of white freestone, was executed by Alexander Handyside Ritchie, Esq., and reflects the highest credit on the taste and skill of that distinguished sculptor. It stands on a pedestal made of the same material, chastely adorned near the top with an elegant wreath of flowers cut in the stone, on which are inscribed the words "Ralph Erskine, 1849." Erskine is represented in the costume of the period, which is at once sculptural and graceful. The single-breasted coat with the large slashed cuffs, the knee breeches, silk stockings, and buckled shoes, have been sculptured with wonderful fidelity, and while an innovation on what is termed classic art, this fine work proves that genius can arrange modern costume in sculpture in a manner to harmonise with the most refined ideas of beauty. The figure which is colossal, is cut from a fine block of stone from Bavelaw Quarry. We understand the monument will cost altogether between £160 and £170. At the inauguration ceremony, which was conducted with masonic honours, the concourse of spectators was considerable, notwithstanding the occasionally unfavourable state of the weather, and letters of apology for absence were read from various individuals. After the statue was exposed to the view of the assemblage, the Rev. Dr. Kidston of Glasgow offered up an appropriate prayer, which was followed by the singing of the 64th paraphrase, the composition of Ralph Erskine. Addresses were then delivered by Professors M'Michael, and the Rev. James Young, minister of Queen Anne street congregation; after which votes of thanks were awarded to Mr. A. H. Ritchie, Mr. Andrew Balfour, builder, who has been mainly instrumental in procuring the erection of the statue, and of the other parties concerned. The Rev. Mr. Fraser of Alloa, the oldest living male representative of Erskine, having pronounced the benediction, the assemblage separated. In the evening a soiree was held in the Church, at which addresses on topics connected with the day's proceedings were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Young, the Rev. Dr. Johnston of Limekilns, the Rev. Mr. Law of Dunfermline, the Rev. Dr. Kidston, the Rev. Dr. John Macfarland of Glasgow, and the Rev. Mr. Anderson of Glasgow.

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