

The religious services in connection with the Week of Prayer have been largely attended in Halifax.

A Society has been formed for the defence of the Church of Scotland. A public meeting was held in the City Hall of Glasgow, "of those favourable to the Disestablishment of the Church of Scotland," at which strong "resolutions" were passed. It appears that the abolition of Patronage has not in the slightest degree altered the estimate held by the opponents of the Church of Scotland, though in former years it was the pet theme of their denunciations. They say, "The Church of Scotland now elects her own ministers, *therefore* she ought to support them by voluntary effort." The logic of this sentence we refer to school-boys to correct; and yet we have only to add, had logic and all, "Yes; give the Church back her own lands and money, which she gave to the State at the Reformation (on the strength of which she now receives State pay), and she will support herself, and give every minister in Scotland—Free Church, U. P. and all—one half more salary."

A similar meeting was held in Edinburgh. An influential section of the Free Church also take up the matter with vigor. Dr. Begg and a few other Free Churchmen have all their sympathies with the Establishment, and an effort is being made by them to pave the way for an honorable return of the Free Church Highlanders to the Established Church.

At the same time, a meeting of the Theological Society of the Glasgow Free Church was held, at which the following resolution was passed, notwithstanding those of the "Disestablishment Meetings": "That the grounds which led to the Disruption of 1843 have been removed by the Patronage Act of the present Government."

We observe the name of the Rev. G. M. Grant as a contributor to *Good Words* for 1875. His name is classed among the most eminent contributors in Great Britain. We might also add that his book "Ocean to Ocean," has been published by the firm of Sampson, Lowe, Marston, Lowe and Searle, who have brought out a fine, high-priced edition of the work.

Beach Street Presbyterian Church, Boston, has been sold to the city authorities for \$115,000. The street is to be widened. The congregation intends building a handsome place of worship on the corner of Berkely Street and Columbus Avenue, south end, nearly opposite the venerable Dr. Blaikie's Church. Rev. Mr. Graham's congregation (Reformed Presbyterian) has a very comfortable building in that vicinity also. We observe that Rev. Mr. Dunn is about undertaking the editorship of a new union monthly paper to be called "Pastor and People."

THE CHURCH AND THE QUEEN.—On Sabbath, Oct. 26th, Her Majesty the Queen, being at Balmoral Castle, attended Divine service at Crathie Parish Church, accompanied by Princess Beatrice. The Rev. Dr. Lees officiated, preaching from Matt. xi., 2, 3, and had the honor of dining with Her Majesty in the evening. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had the honor of a visit from Her Majesty at Crathie Manse on the forenoon of the following Friday, and Mrs. Campbell had the honour of receiving, from the hands of the Queen herself, an elegant China Tea-service. This was no doubt a real "surprise party at the manse."

It is in ways such as this that Her Majesty has endeared herself to the minds and hearts of the Scottish people. Long may she be spared to enjoy the love and confidence of the nation, which she has so worthily secured.

Dr. Vaughan, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Galford, has been denouncing Gladstone's pamphlet. He accuses its author of being "ignorant of the science of Catholic Theology;" asks how he should know "the sacred science unless he had been taught it;" and charges him with "astounding folly in attempting to interpret it."

RITUALIST.—St. James's Chapel, Brighton, England, of which the late Rev. J. Purchas—whose name is so closely connected with the most celebrated ecclesiastical case of modern times—was the minister, has come to a sad end. It has been entirely demolished, and the altar, which was formerly connected with so many ceremonies—