

## Ecclesiastical Review.

DR. WM. GILL, a native of Scotland, who is dead at the Cape for many years, has bequeathed £20,000 sterling for the establishment of a College in the eastern province of South Africa. Why will not wealthy Scotchmen in this province make similar endowments for the good of posterity? McGill College in Montreal, Morien College in Quebec, the F. Church in Glasgow, are only a few of many such examples and incitements to similar conduct. The higher education is so far above the comprehension and temits from the sympathies of the common people, that we do not know of an instance where a large and efficient institution of higher learning has been established by means of contributions drawn from the masses without the aid of some such extraordinary gifts on the part of those few who are likely to be exempt from vulgar prejudices.

A MR. MOFFAT of Cairnie, a member of the Free Church Strathgogie Presbytery, which recently resolved to overture the General Assembly against *Good Words*, has charged Dr. Cardish, the greatest of all heresy-detectors, with heresy in his views on inspiration. The *Scotsman* reiterates the charge, and Bishop Colenso claims the Dr. as a convert, in his fourth volume. By the way, Colenso is being tried for heresy, at Cape-town.

STRAUSS is writing a refutation of his famous infidel book—“*The Leben Jesu*.”—having renounced his infidelity. His book was the most subtle assault ever made on the Word of God—meant to denude it of its historical character. How singular that the founder of the school should be seeking mercy by forsaking, while a disciple from the Episcopal bench is seeking notoriety by joining it.

THE *Presbyterian* makes its appearance in a highly improved shape and dress. The reading matter is of the very best quality, and our Church in Canada deserves credit for having brought its magazine up to such a

respectable literary standard. Such a series distinguished by calmness of discussion, moderation of sentiment, and catholicity, may be most beneficial to a country where man temptations try the consistency of the professors of Christianity, and abounding prosperity and material resources must, but for strong counteractions, lead to abounding iniquity.

THERE is no plan by which the Church of Christ can raise more money, more equitably and most according to the scripture model than by collections on the Lord's day. A small Wesleyan congregation in Liverpool collected, the other day, £7,000 for a missionary object. At the rate at which our people in Nova Scotia give to collections for missionary and benevolent objects, it would take one of our congregations, making an annual collection, about 4,000 years to collect this sum. So that had such congregations begun about the time of Noah—somewhere about the time of the deluge, they would not have raised the sum afore-mentioned yet. Meanwhile they would have had time to spend millions upon millions in Satan's service.

THE REV. WALTER C. SMITH of the Free Town Church, Glasgow, the alleged author of the poem “*Rhoda and the Whistle*,” which has appeared in *Good Words* and shared the condemnations of the Strathgogie Presbytery, has been lecturing upon the Conventers in Edinburgh and criticising their narrowness, bigotry and spiritual independence views with great severity. One allusion amused his audience: “he found in one case a presbytery forbidding any of its members to publish anything before it had been approved of the brethren—a cause which seemed there were still some among us not indisposed to follow.”

THE monument which is to be raised to Dr. Duff in India promises to elicit the most liberal subscriptions from all classes there. The Bengalese merchants are, if possible, more ready than Europeans to subscribe. The sum required is said to be £15,000.

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