

The Church Abroad.

SCOTLAND. By a codicil dated 29th April last the late Sir Wm. McKinnon revoked legacies in his will to the Free Church amounting to £15,000 because of "its departure in many ways from the constitution and principles of the Disruption church of 1843, and last of all by its acceptance of what is now known as 'the Declaratory Act,' which will in my opinion have a baneful effect on the Church's future usefulness."

BUCHAN Presbytery have sustained a call from Fetterangus congregation to Rev. David Conochie.

REV. W. L. WOTHERSPOON, senior minister of Kilsplindie and Rait, died at Hamilton on 3rd inst.

REV. WILLIAM SIMPSON, assistant to Rev. Dr. Gould, of Edinburgh, has accepted the call to Seabridge church, Penpont.

LOCKERBIE Presbytery are going to remonstrate with the military authorities for sending the volunteers home from Minto camp on a Sabbath.

LOCHABER Presbytery have instructed their clerk to write to Rev. D. Macdonald of Shieldaig to inquire whether the report of his having seceded from the Church is true.

REV. JAMES BARTON, D. D., of Montreal, formerly of St. Cuthbert's parish church, Edinburgh, conducted the forenoon service on Sabbath in Newington church, Edinburgh (Rev. W. Whyte Smith's).

THE new church of Mitchell-street congregation, Beith, of which Rev. Henry Glen is pastor, was opened on 6th inst. with a service conducted by Rev. Dr. Fergus Ferguson. The building is in the gothic style, and has cost £2,000.

EDINBURGH Presbytery's committee on Disestablishment in their annual report remark upon the generosity of Sir Charles Cameron's bill towards the Established Church, but express the opinion that religious equality would be a boon warranting some sacrifice.

PAISLEY Presbytery have adopted a resolution that the work at ordinations and inductions be divided, and that gown and bands be worn. Rev. Mr. McLelland, the mover, referred to the incongruousness of a young minister giving the address of advice.

REV. J. L. SKERRET of Cathedral-square church, Glasgow, has been presented by the members of his theological class with twenty-one volumes of a very valuable theological work as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services as their teacher in the study of systematic theology.

THE residue of Mr. John Hope's estate is to be applied to the same purposes as the estate he set aside a few years ago, viz.: to oppose Popery and Ritualism. Rev. Jacob Primmer of Townhill, and Rev. D. Jamie, of Ballingry, are among the trustees, and the former is left £1,000 and the latter £500.

REV. JAMES LAING, M. A., of Stonehouse, died on 7th inst. in his 65th year. A native of Aberdeen, he was ordained to Lesmahagow in 1855. Thence after fifteen years' labour, he was translated successively to the West church, Glasgow; Hermonsey church, London; and Stonehouse. He excelled in the pulpit. The minister at Dysart is his eldest son.

MOFFAT congregation celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the new church, by a service on Sabbath forenoon conducted by Dr. Gibson, Perth. In the afternoon a jubilee service took place. The office-bearers of the United Presbyterian Church were associated with those of the congregation.

LINCOLN provision has been made by the late Mr. John Hope for the education of Mr. John Muirhead for the ministry. He is to study in France and Germany for four years, but is not to read or listen to foreign theological literature. £500 is to be paid to him on his induction.

SIR MICHAEL CONNELL, one of Glasgow's leading citizens, died on 6th inst. at his country residence of Parkhall, Stirlingshire, in his seventy-sixth year. A produce broker, he early in life found time for serving his gen-

eration in philanthropic and religious work. Latterly education was his absorbing interest, the school board having had him for chairman for nine years. On demitting that office in 1887 he was knighted. An elder for many years in St. James' church, he was the founder of the Spoutmouth Bible Institute.

THE election of a minister for the first charge at Dunfermline was conducted by ballot in a manner similar to that of a parliamentary election. The voting took place in the session-house between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., and between 6 and 8.30 p.m.

REV. JOHN HUNTER, of Crieff, referring in Auchterarder Presbytery to the first call to Rev. Robert Young, which Rev. Dr. Henderson displayed at a jubilee meeting, claimed it as the property of the Presbytery, and said that the despised Michael Todd and Peter Clark, who alone signed it, were now represented by a congregation of over 500 members.

THE Presbytery of London (North) **ENGLAND.** held its monthly meeting at the College Bloomsbury. On the motion of Sir George B. Hume, seconded by Mr. Walter Pope, it was agreed to raise the preaching-station at Church-end, Finchley, to the status of a sanctioned charge. It is understood that the call is likely to be addressed to the Rev. Henry Crombie, who has for some time been conducting the services at Finchley with much acceptance. Reference was made by Mr. H. M. Matheson and Principal Dykes, D.D., to the removal by death of Mr. John Johnstone, formerly of Hampstead, who has rendered valuable service to the English Presbyterian Church for a long series of years. Mr. Johnstone, who died in his eightieth year, married the widow of the late Rev. Dr. James Hamilton. It was agreed to prepare a memorial minute expressive of the feelings of the Presbytery for insertion in the records. Rev. Principal Dykes, D.D., submitted an important report from the new committee on "Evangelistic Effort and Church Aid." He stated that Mr. Henry Robson had paid his promised contribution of £1,500, and that additional payments or promises had been received making £2,131; in all towards the sum of £3,000 needed for the committee's initiatory work. On Dr. Dykes's suggestion (made on behalf of the committee), the Presbytery decided that, meanwhile, the following ten congregations should be recognized as included in the sphere of the committee's operations:—viz., Bow-road, Canonbury, College Park, East India-road, Kentish Town, Millwall, Silverton, Stepney, Somers Town and Victoria Docks. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson, seconded by Mr. H. M. Matheson, a resolution of sympathy with the persecuted Christians in Armenia was passed. The resolution was supported by the Rev. Mr. Ford, of Sidon. It was reported that Regent-square church would be reopened, after closing, on Sept. 10th, when the Rev. Dr. Dykes would preach; and it was agreed the Presbytery should meet at Regent-square for the induction of the Rev. Alex. Connell, D.D., on the following Thursday (Sept. 14th) — the Rev. Dr. Dykes to preside, and the Rev. Dr. McGaw to preach.

THE call from the congregation of Broad Street, Birmingham, is to be given to the Rev. W. Ewing, M.A., late of the Free Church Mission, Tiberias.

IT was stated at the last meeting of Berwick Presbytery that the membership within the bounds had decreased upwards of 700 since 1880.

REV. JOHN SELATON, in submitting the annual financial statement to the Presbytery of Manchester, said there were some church schemes to which a large number of the congregations had not contributed. All had contributed to Home Missions except two, and all to Foreign Missions except one. Seventeen congregations had not contributed to the Jewish Missions, and that meant the majority of their congregations. Fourteen contributed to Continental churches, but sixteen did not; ten congregations did not contribute to the college; and eleven made no contribution towards the instruc-

tion of youth. Only nine of their congregations had contributed to all the schemes of the Church. There had been a serious decrease in the Foreign Mission Fund, but the amount received during the six months of this year was greater than they raised in the corresponding period of 1891. The contribution from the Presbytery to the Sustentation Fund was £61, against £71 in the corresponding period of last year; the Foreign Mission Fund showed a sum of £114, against £123; the Home Mission Fund amounted to £51, against £54; the Jewish Mission Fund to £5, as compared with £2 17s.; and the fund for Continental work to £2 12s. 3d., against nothing last year.

REV. R. RICHARDS, Cerrygdruidion **WALES.** Corwen, has received an invitation to take charge of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, Vale-road, Rhyl.

At the annual meetings of the Anglesey Calvinistic Methodists' Association, it was announced that tithes were demanded upon land in connection with the Burwen Chapel for the first time, and that legal proceedings were being taken against the trustees for the recovery of the same. It was decided to defend the action, and a committee was appointed.

MR. J. R. DAVIES, J.P., of Menai Bridge, presided at the annual meeting of Bala College. Previous to the holding of the public meeting the Collego Committee had a prolonged sitting, at which the situation of the collego was discussed, and the work of the past year reviewed. Dr. Alexander Whyte, of Edinburgh, delivered the annual address to the students. He took for his subject "The Imagination." The address, which took nearly an hour and a half in delivery, was listened to with rapt attention. At its conclusion Dr. Whyte presented to each of the students copies of his works on Bunyan and William Law. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Dr. Whyte, after which Mr. William Thomas, J.P., mayor of Bootle, who a short time ago purchased the late Dr. Owen Thomas' library, valued at £1,500, and presented it in a complete form to the College, delivered a short address.

At a meeting of the **UNITED STATES.** Presbytery of Washington city, Mr. Kempler Fullerton was licensed as a probationer for the Gospel ministry. The Rev. Varnum D. Collins was received from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N.J., and Rev. Edward Eels from the Presbytery of Chesapeake.

REV. NEWTON DONALDSON, of the Bellevue church, has decided to accept the call of the First church of Huntington, West Va.

REV. DR. MARCUS A. BROWNSON, to whom the First Church, Pittsburg, extended a call, has decided to remain with his present charge in Detroit, Mich.

REV. WILSON E. DONALDSON, of Bethel church, Allegheny, has been called to the Reynoldsville church of the Presbytery of Clarion.

REV. W. W. RALSTON, D.D., pastor of the Beulah church, has received a call from the church at Walrus, fifteen miles from Pittsburg.

REV. JOHN S. PENMAN, of the Presbytery of Westchester, N.Y., has gone out of the Presbyterian Church to seek a more "Episcopal" soil.

REV. HUNTER CORBETT, D.D., of Chefoo, China, arrived in Pittsburg, Thursday evening week, on his way to Clarion county, Pa., to visit his aged mother, who is suffering from a serious injury.

AT the communion of the Calvary church, Detroit, Mich., Dr. A. T. Wolff, pastor, twenty-five new members were received, making an addition of forty-three since March 1st. This is one of the growing, progressive churches of Detroit, with a membership of 500.

A NOTE received from Dr. F. L. Patton, in Bermuda, conveys the gratifying information that he is, as he says "well." He will not return from Bermuda, however, until the time for opening the next term of Princeton College approaches.

THE Church of the Covenant and the Brick church, New York, have decided to amalga-