

**THE CHURCH ABROAD.**

Rev. William Ross of Cowcaddens, Glasgow, officiated at ten marriages on Friday—"Fair" Friday.

A party of Americans, including several ministers, visited the Martyr's graves in the Muirkirk district. Services were conducted at each place by local ministers.

The Rev. A. Black has been selected by Greenock U.P. Presbytery, to preach at the ordination of the Rev. J. H. McLean to the pastorate of the Free Middle Church.

The Rev. Gilbert Meikle, Inverary, has applied to be placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Greenock Presbytery has recommended the granting of the application.

On his leaving for Edinburgh, Rev. Daniel W. Macdonald, assistant Free High Church Dumbarton, was presented with a purse of sovereigns, in name of his many friends and well-wishers by Lord Overton.

Rev. Robert T. Jack, M.A., minister-elect of Penicuik, has been presented by the congregation of Strathaven where he has been assistant for two years, with a timepiece, and by the Bible class with Chambers' Encyclopedia.

Anniversary services were held on Sunday, July 14, at City-road Church, Chester. The Rev. Dr. Munro Gibson, London, who officiated, delivered two discourses, which were listened to with attention by crowded congregations.

The autumn meeting of ministers of the United Presbyterian Church is to be held in the Hydropathic Establishment, Bridge-of-Allan, Sept. 23-25, for mutual stimulus before entering upon the work of the winter. Subject of conference: The Coming of the Kingdom of God.

A meeting of the elders of the Presbytery of Giendermott, who are opposed to the authorization of a hymn-book to be introduced into the psalmody of the Presbyterian Church, was held in the Working Men's Institute, Dramond, Derry, last week. An association is to be formed.

Rev. Dr. William Balfour protests against the circulation among the ministers of the church, by the Church and State committee, of Mr. John Philip Wood's pamphlet (Edinburgh: Macniven and Wallace), which he maintains does not base the relation between church and state on scripture.

The church at Rotterdam in Holland, recently renovated as the result of a movement begun at the celebration of its 250th anniversary in 1893, was re-opened on 7th inst. with special services conducted by Rev. Dr. Donald Macleod, Moderator of Assembly. An organ has been introduced.

At a conference of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, Rev. Mr. McFarlane of Rassy stated that they had now seven ministers, eighteen students, and forty missionaries, with about twenty thousand people. In the island of Rassy a site for a church and manse has been refused five times.

A flower service was conducted by Rev. R. McLean in the Free church, Inchinnan, on the evening of Sabbath week, July 7. There was a large display of flowers given by the Sabbath scholars, which were sent to the Paisley infirmary and the sick children's hospital. A collection was taken for Mr. Quarrier's home.

A reception was held in the library of the New College, Edinburgh, on Saturday evening in honor of a party of American Presbyterians. The visitors included Rev. Dr. Charles L. Thompson, ex-moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of America, Dr. Thomson, Dr. Niven, Mr. Judson Lawson, and Mr. Elliot.

Fairlie church, recently renovated and added to a cost of £2,400, was re-opened on Sabbath week, when Rev. Dr. J. Marshall Laug preached at both diets to large congregations. A tower with spire has been erected as a gift from Mr. Charles Stuart Parker of Fairlie House, formerly M.P. for Perth. The communion table is being made out of an oak tree planted by Dr. Chalmers, who often preached in the village.

MAHOMET had no use for bar-keepers, and they have no standing in the Koran, and are only allowed in territories of Islam in deference to a supposed sentiment in their favour on the part of foreign visitors.

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Carleton Place, has been decorated and improved, and was reopened for service on Sabbath, July 23th. The speaker for the day was Rev. W. A. Hunter, M. A., Ph.D., of Erakino church, Toronto.

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