

The work gives evidence of great research, deep study, and a clear comprehension of the subject. Although such men as Dr. Sherlock, Calamy, Abraham Taylor, Horne and Simpson, have left valuable treatises on this important subject, yet, to the anxious enquirer, the earnest sincere student of the sacred writings, this volume will prove of very great value. It is a good treatise on a cardinal doctrine, and well worth reading and studying. We like the calm thoughtfulness, the entire freedom from learned pedantry, and the simple expressive language of the book. It abounds in passages displaying the discrimination of acute thought, and the charms of a high eloquence. And though all the passages quoted or referred to, may not convey to the reader's mind as clear an idea of the doctrine of the Trinity as they do to the writer's, yet we feel assured that the reader will in a great measure realize what has been the writer's hope, that his labours have not been in vain.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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HOME MISSION REPORT.

Dr. PHIN gave in the report of the Home Mission Committee, from which we extract the following :—"In their report to last General Assembly the committee had the gratification of stating that their total revenue during the year then ended amounted to £6745 3s. 7d., being £2162 2s. 5d. above the average revenue of the twenty-five preceding years—£1715 15s. more than the revenue of 1842, when the church had not been weakened by the deplorable secession of 1843—and £305 greater than during any year since the commencement of the scheme. The committee were not without fear that, after a year of such unprecedented prosperity, there might have come one of a different description. They are, however, thankful to report that such is not the case. The income of the year just ended has been—from church-door collections and parochial associations, £4761, 5s. 8d.; from donations, £170, 11s.; from legacies, £1922, 5s.; and from other sources, £416, 1s. 10d.,—in all, £7359, 3s. 9d., being £614, 0s. 2d. in excess of the preceding year, and £919, 0s. 2d. beyond the revenue of any other year. Since the accounts were closed, the committee have received from the Ferguson Bequest Trustees the handsome contribution of £300 towards the liquidation of the large debt on Milton Church, Glasgow, for the discharge of which the committee had become responsible. They have also ascertained that upwards of £200 have already been paid into their bank account for next year. While cherishing fervent gratitude to God for these renewed proofs of the growing interest of the ministers and members of the Church in home missions, the Committee feel bound to record their conviction that the Church is, as yet, very far indeed from having raised a sum in any degree commensurate with the home mission work to which she is called. A few months ago, the committee were led to anticipate a demand from Glasgow, and another from Dundee, with which it would have been quite beyond their power to comply. Being persuaded that the church extension contemplated in these two great towns is indispensable, they are earnestly desirous to have the means of meeting the expected applications from them. There are many other parts of Scotland which will speedily entreat the committee's aid, if the spiritual wants of the people are duly cared for. The committee therefore anxiously look at once for a great enlargement of the funds at their disposal, and for a vast increase of local efforts in the Home Mission cause. As an illustration of the lasting benefit which may result from a liberal donation in behalf of church extension, the committee would recall to the recollection of the Assembly that the late Miss Lucy Campbell, about the year 1845, bequeathed a large sum for church extension in the Highlands. After paying