

ducted in a similar manner to those already held in different parts of Scotland, and one or two of the gentlemen who took part in the latter were present. On Friday, at eleven o'clock, some dozen clergymen and laymen took their stand on and around a wooden platform erected near railway bridge, and in short time an audience of from 500 to 1000 individuals assembled. The proceedings were then commenced with praise and prayer, and short addresses were delivered; stirring appeals being addressed to those present to embrace the "offers of mercy" and to "take hold of the Holy Ghost," who was represented as hanging over the whole town. Nothing particular occurred during the day, but on Saturday, and particularly in the afternoon, affairs took a different course, and numerous groups of men and women detached themselves from the main body, and, gathering in knots of six or ten individuals, engaged in praise and prayer. Young lads addressed the people gathered around them with a fluency and earnestness of manner, really remarkable; and young women also offered up most fervent prayers on behalf of themselves and others. But, notwithstanding all this, and the appeals from the platform, the paucity of "physical manifestations" was most marked; and one clergyman from the north, who outstripped all his brethren in the violence of his mien and gesticulation, attributed this to "the hardheartedness of the men and women of Montrose." That peculiarity, he said, was unequalled in the inhabitants of Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, or any other town he had visited, and he boldly assured his hearers (with a defiant wave of his hand) that the devils in hell would be clapping their hands and crying "Well done, Montrose!" Barring this injudicious outburst, however, the addresses were generally calm, and withal interesting. It was estimated that there were on Saturday afternoon from 7000 to 8000 on the ground. Meetings were held each evening in the New Market, which was crowded to excess, but no cases of prostration (excepting one female who fainted, and was carried out singing a hymn) have occurred. Amongst those who took part in the services on both days were—Major Davidson, Edinburgh; the Rev. James Smith of Greyfriars, Aberdeen; Rev. R. Williamson, Huntly; Rev. G. Bain, Free Church, Chapel of Garrioch; Rev. D. S. Maxwell, Melville Parish Church, Montrose; Mr Duncan Mathewson, Huntly; Mr Hammond, from America; &c.

GIFT OF £30,000 TO THE PARISH OF TYNE-MOUTH.—The division of Tyne-mouth parish into districts, so long desired, is at last, we believe, *un fait accompli*. It was known a few years ago that his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, who is the lay rector of the parish, had offered to give £15,000 if the Ecclesiastical Commissioners would

give the like sum towards the establishment of district churches in the parish of Tyne-mouth. His grace now gives the munificent sum of £30,000 for the purpose of endowment only, and it is expected that the Commissioners will build the new churches and parsonage houses. The parish will be divided into six districts, in three of which churches already exist. Besides the large sum named for endowment, the whole expense of carrying out this scheme will be defrayed by the noble Duke.—*Newcastle Chronicle*.

THE SCOONIE CASE.—PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO MR. WEMYSS, M. P.—A deputation of ten members of the Congregational Committee of Scoonie lately waited upon Mr Wemyss, M. P., at Wemyss Castle, for the purpose of presenting him with an address, expressive of the thanks of the parishioners of Scoonie for the services of the hon. member in pressing on the committee the propriety of issuing a presentation in favour of the Rev. James Blackwood to the vacant incumbency. The address was read over, and handed to Mr. Wemyss by Mr David Malcolm. Mr. Wemyss expressed his thanks for the honour the deputation had done him in presenting him with the address, and stated that the reasons which had induced him to recommend Mr Blackwood to the Crown were because he considered that, in doing so, he was promoting what was right, and that, had he not taken that view of the matter, he certainly would not have done so from any other consideration. The deputation having thanked Mr. Wemyss for the cordial reception he had given them, withdrew.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTROSE.—This Presbytery, in the Synod of Canada, received the demission of the Rev. John Moffat, of the charge of La Prairie, who has been necessitated to return to Scotland, and who preached his farewell to that congregation on Sunday, 5th August, having been previously missionary minister in the South Chapel, on the Green of Girvan, in the Presbytery of Ayr.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ENDOWMENT SCHEME.—The sum of £10,000, estimated as necessary for the endowment of twenty new churches in the south-western section of Scotland, has now been made up.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE.—The Senatus Academicus of Marischal College and University of Aberdeen, on Saturday last, conferred the degree of L.L.D. on the Rev. Charles M. Combie of Tillyfour, minister of Lumphannan. Mr. M'Combie's literary acquirements (says the *Aberdeen Journal*), and acknowledged ability as a minister of the Church of Scotland, well merit the honour which has been conferred on him by his *alma mater*.