

The Church Abroad.

SCOTLAND. The Free Church congregation of Kilfinnan, in Bute, having for a long period refused to call a minister in consequence of their dislike to the Declaratory Act, Dunoon Presbytery sent a deputation to them. The church door was, however, found locked, and the meeting, after Rev. R. McMorran had called three times for the keys, had to adjourn to the schoolhouse. There a favourable reception was given to the deputation by a considerable congregation, including one or two elders, and four assessors were appointed to succeed the disobedient elders.

DUNDEE Presbytery have agreed to the translation of Rev. J. S. Stewart of Rathen, to Rutherford church, Aberdeen.

REV. R. L. JAFFREY, M.A., of Irving Memorial church, Camelon, Falkirk, has accepted the call to St. John's, Edinburgh.

A BAZAAR is to be held at the Free Church, Lochranza, Arran, to raise money for much-needed improvements on the church.

LINLITHGOW Presbytery have released Rev. William Ross, of Polmont, from his charge in view of his acceptance of St. Mary's, Partick.

BRECHIN Presbytery have recognised as a minister within their bounds Mr. A. Thomson Landreth, a brother of the well-known minister of Logie-Pert.

A PETITION has been presented to the Court of Teinds to have Kilmun disjoined from Dunoon and erected into an established *quoad sacra* parish.

DALTON church, built in 1704, is to be enlarged and re-seated at a cost of about £1,200, half to be paid by the parishioners.

DUNDEE Presbytery have recorded their satisfaction that Parliament is at last acknowledging the necessity of dealing with the drink traffic.

A PROPOSAL to convert the Maygate chapel, Dunfermline, into offices is being resisted by Mr. Daniel Turner, solicitor, Edinburgh, a memorial to whose father is inserted in the wall.

THE first division of the Court of Session have adhered to the Lord Ordinary's decision in the Old Deer case reducing the minute appointing Mr. Anderson minister. It now lies with the Presbytery to fill the vacancy.

KILVINSHAUGH *quoad sacra* parish has been extended by the Court of Teinds so as to include a part of the Barony parish lying between the east bank of the Kelvin and the west boundary of Sandysford and the north boundary of Kelvinhaugh.

REV. DR. BALFOUR protests against Principal Rainy's Hawick speech, and says that he, for one, will not sit still and see those who defend the principles of the Disruption casting them into the miry pool of Voluntarism as their rightful destination.

REV. JOHN GLASSE, of Old Greyfriars, Edinburgh, has been presented with his portrait at a meeting representative of his congregation. Mr. Sutherland, S.S.C., in making the presentation, referred to the success of Mr. Glasse in following in the footsteps of two of the foremost leaders of religious progress in Scotland. In reply Mr. Glasse explained his Socialism as the result of his study of God's Word.

THE United Presbyterian Synod's Disestablishment Committee have issued a statement as to the effect of the Home Rule Bill on Irish education, in which they call for amendment of the sub-sections of clause fourth, so as to remove all doubts that the legislature is not to have power to support denominational education in school or college with annual grants.

At a meeting in Glasgow recently, presided over by Councillor Paton, an address was presented to Rev. Dr. James Morison of the Evangelical union, signed by 1,948 persons, representative of sixty churches of Glasgow Presbytery, expressive of their esteem for him as a man and as a minister.

Although a laymen's movement, many ministers added their signatures. The Principal replied in a few words, expressing his profound gratification that the views which for more than fifty-three years he had felt to be essential to his own personal peace and salvation were widely accepted as Scriptural revelation of the thoughts of God.

REV. JOHN W. LAWRIE, of Tulliallan Free Church, died of an affection of the throat from which he had suffered for several years. A native of Kilmarnock, he acted for a short time as assistant to Rev. Dr. Guthrie, and after a year's labour in Carlisle was ordained to Tulliallan in 1802. He was a clerk to Dunfermline Presbytery, and received considerable support at the last election of junior clerk of Assembly.

THE bond of union which is being signed by the seceders contains a protest against the Declaratory Act because it denies the sovereignty of the love of God, that death has passed upon all on account of the sin of our first parents, and the absolute necessity of the means of grace for the salvation of the heathen. Hymns and instrumental music are also objected to.

A PRIVATE meeting of those opposed to the Declaratory Act, held in Edinburgh recently, was addressed by Mr. Mackay, lately missionary in Holyrood church, and by several Edinburgh and Glasgow students who have left the Free Church. Some office-bearers urging delay before deciding whether to secede, the meeting was postponed for a week. It is expected that a congregation of seceders will be formed in the city.

ENGLAND. THE Instruction of Youth Committee, of which Principal Dykes, D.D., is the chairman, at a recent meeting, recommended the formation of a Young People's Guild "to promote earnest Christian life in its members, to increase their knowledge of the Word of God, and to train them to various forms of Christian service." It was agreed that the Sunday School examination in January next should be on the third quarter's lessons for the year instead of the fourth. A proposal to have the examination on a Sunday was rejected by a large majority. It was agreed that the interest of £500, left by the late Mr. G. Duncan, should be expended in the purchase of prizes in connection with the higher instruction scheme. The question of a proposed new Catechism was deferred.

REV. DR. MUNRO GINSON has left for the United States and Canada.

THE Ministerial Efficiency Committee of the Church has been considering the difficult question of lifting "square men out of round holes" and vice versa.

LADY VICTORIA CAMPBELL, a daughter of the Duke of Argyll, is the teacher of a senior Bible-class for girls in St. John's church, Kensington (Rev. C. Moinet's).

THE jubilee of the English Presbyterian College next year will be commemorated, amongst other ways, by an enlargement of the College buildings, to give increased library accommodation, and towards the cost of this a considerable sum has been already subscribed.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Berwick, it was stated that the membership within the bounds had decreased by upwards of 700 since 1880. On referring to the Blue-book, we find that the actual decrease within the thirteen years amounts to 771. At the end of 1879 the communicants numbered 4,230, and at the end of 1892 they numbered 3,459. The decrease last year was 149; but the secession at Etal partly accounts for this.

THE Synod's Ministerial Support Committee, Dr. MacEwan, Convener, held an important meeting lately. It was intimated that two anonymous donations of £50 each had been received for the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, through the Rev. Dr. Lundie and Mr. R. T. Turnbull respectively. The following amongst other re-arrangements, were made with congregations with regard to their contributions to the Sustentation Fund:—Marylebone £500 in aid; Workington, £160 for the equal dividend

(£200); Holderness Road, Hull, £180 for the equal dividend; and Grimsby, £110 for the lower platform (£155). It was resolved to send special deputations to the congregations at Bishop, Auckland and Hartlepool in the interest of the Fund. Sir George B. Bruce was cordially thanked for his excellent pamphlet on the working of the Fund, of which it was stated 14,000 copies had been already circulated. The executive was authorized to print a new edition of not less than 10,000 copies. It was reported that triennial re-arrangements fall to be made this year with all congregations within the Presbyteries of Berwick, Carlisle, London North, and London South.

THE Birmingham Presbytery have passed a resolution condemning legalised vice in any form, and regretting the action of the Bombay Decennial Conference of Indian missionaries in allowing the resolution condemning the system to be withdrawn.

THE congregation of Softu Park, Liverpool (Rev. John Watson's) is, with characteristic liberality, not only arranging to purchase a valuable and excellent site for the Smith-down road congregation (now a preaching station, under the care of the Rev. J. M. Blake, M.A.), but is also contributing £3,000 for the enlargement of Earle-road Church, in which the Rev. J. W. Pearson ministers to a large working class congregation. This is a good example of the strong helping the weak.

THE Rev. R. M. THORNTON, of Camden-road, is spending his holidays in Canada. He will pay a hurried visit to the World's Fair and, while in Chicago, will call upon his friends Mr. Moody and the Rev. John McNeill. On his return to Canada, he will give his lecture on South Africa in the Church where his father was minister, and would also have occupied his former pulpit in Montreal had the church, which was the oldest in the city—not been in course of rebuilding. He is accompanied by his wife and eldest son. During his absence the church at Camden-road is to be thoroughly cleaned and the walls distempered. Rev. Mr. Smith, one of the foremost ministers in the Natal Presbytery, is occupying his pulpit in London.

THE Presbyterian Church of England earnestly recommends all its members who may go to reside in Wales, or any district where there is no congregation of its own, to join an English congregation of the Welsh Presbyterian Church, should there be one there, inasmuch as it regards the said Church as bearing the closest relation to itself. Accordingly all members changing their residence are earnestly requested to apply for certificates of Church membership and for letters commending them to the fellowship of the Church in the locality in which they settle.

At the opening services of **WALES.** "Hope" New Presbyterian church, Merthyr Tydfil, the Rev. D. C. Edwards, M.A. (pastor of the church) preached in the morning, and the Rev. Ellis Edwards, M.A., Vice President of Bala Theological College, preached the afternoon and evening. Professor Edwards preached again on Monday evening to a large congregation. Nearly £300 was collected towards the building fund, making a total of nearly £1,500. The building which is a very imposing structure, costs about £3,500.

REV. J. HUGHES, Parry, Holyhead, has just returned from a visit to America, where he officiated in Welsh and English for about six months. He received a call from a church in New York, but declined it.

MR. EDWARD DAVIES, J. P., of Plas Dinam, Montgomeryshire, son of the late member for Cardiganshire, has placed at his own cost in the chapel at Llandinam, a handsome new organ.

THE Vale of Clwyd monthly meeting was held at Capel Mawr, Denbigh, the Rev. Evan Jones, Denbigh, presiding. The morning sitting was chiefly devoted to the consideration of the Sustentation Fund scheme, and, with a few minor alterations, the scheme, as sent by the Association, was approved of. At the afternoon meeting the Rev. Francis