

It is a matter of surprise that he has not been thus honoured long ago. He is worthy of it.

Her Majesty the Queen in October last took her seat in the manse pew of the homely old parish church of Crathie, and united with the congregation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—a fine example to her subjects of high degree, and a proper rebuke to a High Churchism that recognizes no "orders" but its own. God save the Queen! D.

UNITED STATES:—Our venerable and learned friend, Dr. Schaff, of Union Seminary, New York, is an out-and-out advocate for the revision of the Westminster Confession. He argues that since the Bible has come out of the ordeal unscathed, no fears need be entertained for the Confession. Dr. Briggs, Dr. Vandyke and others make much of the stock argument for revision that many young aspirants to the ministry are prevented from entering the Presbyterian Church because they cannot subscribe to the Confession. Dr. S. W. Dana argues the case calmly in the "Presbyterian" and comes to the conclusion that the Confession is too dogmatic on matters concerning which the Scriptures are silent, that it makes too much of predestination,—“What does any mortal know about the number of the elect.” . . . “The whole chapter on God's eternal decrees might well be reconstructed.” “There is need,” he says, “for putting into the Confession, in language unmistakable, and unqualified, the truth that ‘Christ's sacrifice for sin is sufficient for all, adapted to all, and offered to all.’” He advises that the matter be relegated to the Presbyterian Alliance—forgetting that this is one of the things which the Alliance has distinctly declined to meddle with, and which would be certain to land it in endless discussions without any hope of reaching a satisfactory conclusion. The trend of this discussion already shows that a few verbal alterations, or a little “boiling down” will not meet the difficulty. *Aut Caesar aut nullus*: if the Confession is to be meddled with at all, it must be put into the crucible and recast. . . . The Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church (North) employs 1600 missionaries and 300 teachers. The thirteen theological seminaries and schools report 750 students in all. It is not nearly enough for a church that has 6727 congregations and 753,749 communicants. . . . Since the above was written the Presbytery of New York has agreed to the proposal of a revision of the Confession by a vote of 67 to 15.

IRELAND.—The Presbytery of Magherafelt met lately in Castledawson to ordain Mr. Fitzsimmons, a missionary to India. The place of meeting was suggestive. Full forty-nine years ago, one of the first missionaries sent to India was separated from the congregation worshipping in that Church. Moreover, he is still alive, his name is a well-known one, the

Rev. Dr. Glasgow.—The Rev. Wm. G. Boyd, of Ramoan near Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, has been called away very unexpectedly. He was in the prime of life, appeared to be robust, and looked as if he had many years' work before him. Two years ago last summer when the writer of this notice was in Ireland he had several conversations with Mr. Boyd who then purposed paying a visit to Canada. He was very respectably connected, having many relatives in Kinvoy where he was born, which is not a great distance from where he was settled as a pastor. He was a good man of business and was prominent in the courts of the Church. He was nearly 36 years minister at Ramoan.—The arrangements for celebrating the Jubilee of the Union next July are going on with vigour. A survivor of the Union Assembly gives a list of those that remain who were spectators of that scene and members of Assembly in 1840. There are 30 given, three of whom are not now in Ireland. About half a dozen so far as we know are in active service still, the others have retired from work. There were 433 names of ministers on the roll of the first Assembly. H.

CANADA.—It was hoped that Mr. Gooderham's princely bequest to Victoria College, contingent on its removal to Toronto, would have brought the Federation controversy to an end. But the opposition still holds out, and the paper war continues, although it is generally understood that the constitutional party will come out all right in the long run. Dr. Shaw, Professor in the Methodist College, Montreal, says that there are now ten colleges in connection with the Methodist Church of Canada, attended by 2,104 students. The income of the Educational Society for the past year was \$19,000, one-third of which is administered as loans to students, the remaining two-thirds go to the colleges of Sackville, Montreal, and Cobourg. . . . The Protestant Council of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec, has not seen it to be its duty to decline the \$60,000 grant of the Government for educational purposes arising out of the division of the Jesuits Estates, taking the ground that its whole duty in such matters is to faithfully administer the funds placed at its disposal.

Our Own Church.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY has appointed the *Third Sabbath of December* as the day on which collections should be taken up in all congregations not contributing otherwise for the THE MANITOBA COLLEGE. It is scarcely necessary to say that the important services which this College is rendering to the church and the country