

FREE CHURCH.—We learn with much regret that Rev. Mr. McKenzie, the editor of the *Free Church Record*, died a few days prior to the issue of the July number of that periodical.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The late General Assembly by a very large majority decided to make an effort to get rid of Patronage. A deputation, headed by Dr. Norman Macleod, called on Mr. Gladstone to ask the government to introduce a bill into the British Parliament to relieve the church from Patronage. Dr. Macleod was very severe on Patronage and expressed the greatest anxiety to get rid of it, and his views seemed to be endorsed by the rest of the deputies. Mr. Gladstone made no promises, further than that he should carefully study the whole matter. He suggested, however, that as the Church of Scotland is now taking up the ground maintained by the early seceders and by the Free Church, it might be proper that the prior rights of these earlier reformers should be considered. It certainly is quite remarkable to see the Church of Scotland taking her stand so decidedly on Free Church ground.

IRISH CHURCH.—The bill to disestablish the Episcopal Church of Ireland has received the Queen's assent, and is now a law.

THE POPE.—Great preparations are being made for the general council to be soon held in Rome. Puseyites are very anxious to be present. Dr. Cumming, of London, offers to attend, if the Pope will give him full liberty of speech.

THE TOTAL INCOME of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland last year was £318,853. Income of the Free Church £421,636. The two sums together make the splendid aggregate of £740,489 stg.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—The Ritualists boldly declare their belief in Transubstantiation, and challenge the Protestant party to expel them from the English Church.—We regret to say that there are no signs of the ability to purify the Church from the presence of these bold heretics.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—A grand convention of representatives for the Christian Associations all over this continent, was held recently at Portland. The proceedings were deeply interesting.

A new Presbyterian Church has lately been built at Lake George, New Brunswick. This is a section of the Prince William congregation, which now enjoys the services of Mr. Chas. Fraser, catechist.

During the past season a Union Church has been erected at South Bay, N. B. In the event of a pastor being settled at Carleton, this section, only six miles distant, will demand some attention at his hands.

OBITUARY.

DIED, on the 8th June, at Wilmot Creek, P. E. Island, in the 78th year of his age, Mr. Thomas Stavert. He was a native of Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland. At 8 years of age he had been deprived of both his parents by death. When 14 years of age he went to reside at Ettrick, in the parish which had once been under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Thomas Boston, so well known by his authorship of the "Four-fold state," and Mr. Stavert was one of those employed in assisting to convey to the appointed place the materials of the monument erected to that distinguished minister. Mr. Stavert had carefully read many of the writings of Mr. Boston, and was familiar with their contents. At 27 years of age he became a member of the Kirk of Scotland. In 1821, having just previously married, he left Scotland and came to P. E. Island, and after residing for one year at Cascumpeque, he removed to Bedeque, where he continued until his death. Immediately after his arrival in Prince Edward Island, he became a member of the Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian church of Nova Scotia, and soon after was elected a ruling elder in the congregation of Bedeque, the office of which he continued faithfully to discharge for more than 40 years. Mr. Stavert has left a large family, all well instructed in the doctrines of our holy religion. It was his regular practice, especially of Sabbath evening, to instruct his children in the knowledge of our Standards or the Shorter Catechism, &c., an example worthy of imitation. The happy results of this practice are apparent. One son has been chosen to the office of Eldership, several others are useful members of the church. The disease of which Mr. Stavert died was cancer in the lip. His sufferings were great, but under them he uttered no murmur. He was calm and resigned, and died in the firm hope of a blissful immortality. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They rest from their labor, and their works do follow them."