

On the 13th inst. the Senatus Academicus of the University of St Andrews conferred the Degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. Andrew Bennet, of Closeburn, and the Rev. Robert Wilson, of Greenock.

The Rev. Dr. Gillan, and the Rev. Colin McCulloch, of Montrose, have 'greatly distinguished themselves,' it is said, at the Church of Scotland's Missionary Anniversary in London. Dr. Gillan's speech is said to have surpassed in glowing and impassioned eloquence anything he had ever previously witnessed.

INDUCTION.—The Rev. S. G. Burns was on Thursday inducted to the church and parish of Newton-on-Ayr, the Rev. W. Shaw preaching and presiding. The Rev. gentleman received a cordial welcome from his flock. The Magistrates afterwards entertained the Presbytery, Mr Burns, the Magistrates of Ayr and friends to the number of about 40 to dinner in the King's Arms Hotel. Mr B. was introduced to his flock on Sunday forenoon by Professor Brown, St Andrews, who preached an appropriate discourse. Mr. B. did not preach in the afternoon, owing to sudden and severe illness, but is expected to officiate next Sabbath.

Death of Sir George Campbell.—We have to announce the death of Sir George Campbell, elder brother of the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, which event took place at his seat, Edenwood, Fifeshire. Sir George, who was created a Knight Bachelor in 1833, was eldest son of the Rev. George Campbell, D.D., Minister of Cupar, Fifeshire, by the only daughter of Mr. John Hallyburton. He was born in 1778, and married in 1823 the daughter of Mr. A. Christie, of Ferrybank. The deceased knight was one year the senior of the Lord Chief Justice, who was born in 1779.

SERMONS BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER.—The services in the High Church before the Lord High Commissioner, ecclesiastical and civil dignitaries, on Sabbath were conducted in the forenoon by the Rev. Dr. Jamieson, of Glasgow, and in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Caird, of Errol. On both occasions the church was densely crowded; but in the afternoon the anxiety to hear Mr. Caird was quite unprecedented. By half-past one o'clock the doors were besieged by hundreds; and, many who had been present at the previous diet having never left their seats, the church was quite filled almost as soon as the doors were thrown open; so that by the time the bells began to ring all the passages and every inch of standing room were crowded to excess. Mr. Caird preached an impressive sermon from Rom. xii. 11th—"Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." In the evening the usual prayer-meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church at 7 o'clock. The services were entirely devotional, and were conducted by several ministers. The collection was for the 5 Schemes of the Church. His Grace and suite attended.

POETRY.

* Written with reference to the recent Tractarian attempts to hinder Bishop Gobat from preaching Christ to the members of the corrupt Eastern Churches.

—Episcopal Recorder.

THE BISHOP BOUND AT JERUSALEM.

"Necessity is laid upon me."—1 Cor. ix. 16.
Ye tell me that I must not preach
The Gospel to these men;
And, if it struggles up to speech,
Must choke it down again.

I may stand here with dimming eyes,
And watch the world abroad;
For what? Lest they in any wise
Should catch the Truth of God.

They have "Most Holy Lords" to reign
Where poor apostles wrought:
Shall "right divine" God's Word restrain,
And bring this faith to nought?

Can tapers, robes, and painted saints,
And chants of old time words,
Save more than flowers that sunlight paints,
Or out-door song of birds?

If living faith in God's own Son
Alone true life can give,
Shall I make void what God has done,
Nor bid these dead men live?

The winds are His, as well as I;
And, as their quick feet flit,
They will not let the message die,
But men shall hear of it.

Could ye stand by me in my need,
When the last Judge is set,
And all is done of human deed,
But not accounted yet?

Oh, no! this breath I breathe of air,
And shape in words to-day,
Must preach His Gospel everywhere,
Or woe is mine for aye.

MONTGOMERY'S LAST POEM,
WRITTEN THE DAY BEFORE HIS DEATH.

O come, all ye weary
And ye heavy-laden,
Lend a glad ear to your Saviour's call:
Fearing or grieving,
Yet humbly believing,
Rest, rest for your souls He offers to all.

O then sing Hosanna
With jubilant voices
And follow his train with willing accord;
Like Him meek and lowly,
In heart and life holy,
Own Christ, as good servants, your MASTER
[and LORD.]

How easy His yoke is!
How light is his burthen!
But what He suffered no language can tell—
His grief in the garden
To purchase our pardon—
His pangs on the cross to save us from hell.

Hence loud Hallelujahs
Shall sound without ceasing;
And, till they all meet in the kingdom above,
The living, the living,
Prayer, praise and thanksgiving
Shall joyfully render their love for His love.
J. M.

The Mount, April 29th, 1854.

WE MEET AGAIN.

JOYFUL words—"We meet again!"
Love's own language, comfort darting
Through the souls of friends at parting;
Life in death—"We meet again!"

While we walk this vale of tears,
Compassed round with care and sorrow,
Gloom to-day and storm to-morrow,
"Meet again!" our bosom cheers.

Far in exile while we roam,
O'er our lost endearments weeping,
Lonely, silent vigils keeping,
"Meet again!" transports us home.

When this weary world is past,
Happy they whose spirits soaring,
Vast eternity exploring,
"Meet again!" in Heaven at last.
—Montgomery.

SHEFFIELD.—No event that has occurred in Sheffield for many years past has called forth such a marked expression of the public feeling as the death of the venerable James Montgomery. The public funeral took place on Tuesday, and the whole town put on the appearance of mourning. The shops were closed, business was sus-

pending in the greater part of the manufactories, and the streets through which the funeral procession passed were crowded to excess, so that it was with some difficulty that the police could keep clear a sufficient space for the progress of the mournful cortege.—English Paper.

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