

(Rev. Mr. Ingram's), with the surrounding district, erected into a parish *quoad sacra*.

PRESBYTERY OF AYR.—The usual monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held in the Court House—the Rev. Wm. Shaw, Ayr, Moderator. Several reasons of dissent from the judgement of the Presbytery severing the lands belonging to the estate of Kilkeran from the parish church of Maybole, and designating them part of the district intended to compose the *quoad sacra* parish of the West Church, Maybole, were read by the Clerk. Rev. Mr. Willison reported that the following students had been examined by a committee, who were thoroughly satisfied with their proficiency in the various branches of study:—D. Strong, J. Fleming, H. A. Fairlie, students for the second year; Thomas Walker, third year; J. R. Chrystal and P. Menzies, fourth year.

THE DUNLOP LIBEL CASE.—A very extraordinary case of libel is now before one of our Presbyteries at Home—the Irvine presbytery, growing out of the Revivals which have taken place in some parts of Scotland. The Rev. Mr. Gebbie, the minister of Dunlop, at various meetings in his church, had conducted himself in a manner, accountable only on the supposition of his being insane. His conduct, and that of some of his hearers, many of them mere children, was extravagant beyond belief. Dancing on seats, singing, snouting, shrieking—praying accompanied with the wildest contortions and gesticulations, all going on at once, headed and encouraged by the minister. This was deplorable enough, but in addition, Mr. Gebbie propounded a new set of opinions, which were for the most part mere gibberish, such as that every infant child without exception who died was eternally lost, that he knew the children of God by merely looking at them—that he had seen the Saviour and like Thomas thrust his hand into his side—and many other acts so irreverent and outrageous as not to be fit to be named. Against this extraordinary conduct the parishioners have complained to the Presbytery in the form of libel. The proceedings have naturally excited great interest. Mr. Gebbie has engaged counsel to defend and the Case will probably go through all the Courts, and perhaps by that time the unhappy man may be restored to his right mind, and the parish saved partially at least from a great scandal.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND'S PROVINCIAL ENDOWMENT SCHEME.—We understand that, in pursuance of the deliverance of last General Assembly, arrangements are now being made for the more successful prosecution of the work of endowment within the midland counties, of Dumbarton, Stirling, Perth, and Forfar which have hitherto been united to form one group, and in which the progress of the subscription has not as yet been so satisfactory as in the other provinces. It

is now intended to break up the group into three sub-districts—the first of these consisting of all the parishes within the Presbytery of Dumbarton; the second, those within the Synod of Perth and Stirling; and the third, those within the Synod of Angus and Mearns. Arrangements have now been completed whereby seven chapels in Dumbartonshire are to be endowed, mainly by the local exertions of the clergy and laity within that Presbytery. Six chapels out of the twelve within the Synod of Perth and Stirling are to be endowed—the order of priority being determined by the order in which each of such chapels to the number of six, shall raise a special local fund of £1000. To this sum the Endowment Committee are to add £500 out of their central fund, composed of church-door collections throughout the Church; and the balance is to be provided by means of a provincial Synod Fund, the successful establishment and completion of which will, of course, constitute the main effort which is now required. It is confidently hoped that the augmented interest which will be excited from the concentration of efforts, and their localisation within the district, will call forth a much greater amount of exertion on the part of promoters, and secure a much larger share of support from contributors than has hitherto been obtained. Throughout the greater part of Scotland, under the able and indefatigable advocacy of the late lamented Professor Robertson, this scheme of the Church has prospered beyond the most sanguine hopes of its projectors, and has enjoyed the munificent support of many who do not belong to her communion.

Review of the Past Month.

The excitement about the famous "Essays and Reviews" has not yet died in the Church of England, Mr. D'Israeli characterised their teachings the other day as mere pantheistic heathenism: It is to be deplored that men entertaining such opinions should be permitted to remain members of a Christian Church for a single day. But though the difficulties and especially the sense attending their ejection will be enormous, still we believe it will be effected. These men can scarcely be said to have a party in the National Church which to day, taking it all in all is more evangelical, more earnest in the cause of the Gospel than it has ever been before.

We observe with pleasure that two Legacies of £000 and £100 respectively have been left to the Foreign Mission of our Church at Home. Surely this is an example worthy of being largely imitated everywhere. A gentleman named George Ross of Woodburn, has also bequeathed to the Colonial Church the sum of £102.

From the Report of the Jewish Scheme it appears that our Church at the present time