

Principalship has fortunately been effected, and it is expected that a sufficient salary for the former will be secured by the Royal Commissioners who are now adjusting the affairs of the several Universities in accordance with the provisions of the late act. In the meantime the Edinburgh Presbytery have permitted Dr. Crawford to hold the Professorship of Divinity for one year, in connection with the Collegiate charge of St. Andrew's Church, which he had previously.

You will be happy to learn that the Parish of Kildalton seems now to have got into smooth water. The Assembly having decided against Mr. McIntyre (whom I doubt not many of your P. E. Island readers remember), the people have been allowed a choice, and taught by experience of the evils of disunion, have unanimously selected Mr. McFadyen, of Strowan, to be their minister elect. I was very anxious to see for myself the results of a contrary decision which the Assembly gave some two or three years ago in the case of Fortingall. I had been told that they were very disastrous,—in fact, that not a dozen people had remained in connection with the church. However, as I went strolling this year by the Drummond hills and up the banks of the Lyon, I heard rather different accounts from several most intelligent parishioners. The effects had been bad, they said, but the evil was wearing away; the average attendance at the old Kirk was now nearly 100, and daily increasing; while at the last sacrament both church and schoolhouse were quite filled. It is a bonnie parish; pity that there should be any dispeace in it! In the churchyard, there is a wonderful yew tree. Its history can be traced by the annalists of the place to a period long before the wars of Bruce; and though now age has hollowed out its trunk, so that men pass through it at funerals, and in height it is little better than a tall stump, it still sends forth shoots and green leaves right bravely, and the youngest boy in the village, I doubt not, would exchange his lease of life for its remaining space. Has the "stubborn hardihood" of this yew become "incorporate" with the parishioners? or is it in any way connected with their ecclesiastical stoutness?

The Irish revivals seem still to be going on, though they do not attract so much public attention as at first. The work is proceeding with greater calmness, and manifests itself not so much by outward physical effects, as by a wide-spread liveliness for divine things, more devoutness and zeal in the churches, and among the masses an awakening in regard to the one great question of salvation. In several large places in the west of Scotland, such as Glasgow, Greenock, Airdrie, there is a movement going,—large prayer meetings held daily, and various other means put in operation; but without presuming to judge finally, I cannot help saying that as far as I have seen, those efforts are rather like the forcible pumping up a revival, or the mechan-

ical use of pulpit, platform, tracts, etc., a species of galvanic batteries to effect a given end, than the free, silent, resistless outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Still, if Christ is preached more "I therein do rejoice;" and while the first wind will scatter the chaff, whatever else there is will remain to be gathered into God's garner house. He "reveals himself in many ways." Let the church have a single eye to His glory, and it will see His working in the hurricane as in the calm, in the night as well as in the day.

The Rev. Mr. Macrobie, the zealous and energetic minister of Tabusintae, was in the month of August presented by the ladies of his congregation with a very handsome pulpit-gown and cassock, in which was testified their hearty appreciation of their pastor's labor and exertions for their spiritual improvement. The same congregation has shown their regard for the church of their fathers, by improving the church and the grounds surrounding it during the course of the past year.

NOTICE.

The address of the Rev. Mr. Nicol, delivered on the occasion of laying the corner stone of St. James' Church, London, C. W., is unavoidably crowded out this month; but will appear in next number.

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1859.		
June.	By bal. of acct. rendered	
	Synod,	£38 11 0
July,	Collection Loehaber congregation, per Rev. Mr. Mair,	7 0 0
Sept.,	St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, Collection,	4 13 7
		£49 15 6
July,	Paid part salary Synod Clerk,	£2 0 0
	Paid Rev. Mr. McKay, attending Home Mission Com. in 1858,	1 4 0
Aug.,	Cash paid by order of Synod,	13 10 0 16 11 0
		£33 15 0
	W. GORDON,	
	Treasurer.	
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