

at Bellahouston. They had the interests of that congregation very much at heart, and would deplore such a result as appeared inevitable—the keeping that church closed till June 1865, or perhaps June 1866, without the likelihood of the exclusion of the presentee. Mr. Galbraith further stated that he had had a short conversation with Mr. Macgeorge, agent for Mr. Porteous, and he felt warranted in saying to the Presbytery that from the views of parties there was every probability of the libel being withdrawn at the ensuing meeting of Synod. His clients simply wished that the Presbytery should inquire into the matter, having every confidence that in their hands it would receive all due consideration. They had the future prosperity of the church at Bellahouston too much before them to protract an ecclesiastical litigation when they now see their way, as they think they do, to have the ends of justice served otherwise, and much animosity and heartburning stifled. Mr. Macgeorge, writer, said that since his conversation with Mr. Galbraith before the meeting of Presbytery, he had had no opportunity of seeing his client; but the intimation made to the Presbytery certainly gave him great pleasure. So far as Mr. Porteous was concerned, he felt sure that he was most willing to listen with respect to the opinions and counsels of the Presbytery as his ecclesiastical superiors; and he (Mr. Macgeorge) had every reason to think that all unpleasant feelings would now pass away, and that so harmonious a conclusion of the whole matter would be agreeable to the Presbytery as it would be welcome to the people of Bellahouston. Dr. Smith (clerk) said the statement which had been made by parties must be very gratifying indeed to every member of the Court. The Presbytery could not take any action in that statement, and must proceed as if no such explanation had been made; but it was pleasing to know that an arrangement would in all probability be made to put an end to this process, which was of so painful a character. The clerk read a letter, dated 4th inst., from the Rev. Mr. Slater, minister of St. George's-in-the-Fields, tendering his resignation of his present charge, in consequence of his having been nominated minister of the first charge of St. Andrew's Church and Parish, Demerara. The Clerk read a communication from Her Majesty, presenting the Rev. Gilbert Johnstone (who recently quitted the Free Church) to the church and parish of Shettleston. Certified interlocutors of the Court of Tiends were given in to the Presbytery, erecting the churches and parishes, *quoad sacra*, of Sandyford and Park, into the Presbytery of Glasgow. The Rev. Dr. McDuff and the Rev. Mr. Charteris were present, and received the right hand of fellowship from their co-Presbyters. This was all the business of general interest.

Opening of New Churches.

On Sunday, the handsome new church which has just been erected in Victoria Road, Glasgow, for the Rev. Alex. Cumming's congregation, was opened for public worship. In the forenoon, the Rev. Dr. Eadie conducted the devotions; the Rev. R. C. Smith officiated in the afternoon; and the Rev. Marcus Dodd preached in the evening. The church occupies a commanding position at the junction of Victoria and Pollockshaws Roads. The site is of a triangular shape. The building runs north and south, parallel to Victoria Road. It is a structure of lofty proportions, in the pointed style of architecture, being an adaptation of early French. The church is seated for upwards of 1020 persons, and the estimated cost is upwards of £6000. The building has been erected from the designs and under the superintendence of Mr. James Salmon. The edifice erected in East Howard Street for the accommodation of the Rev. P. Hately Waddell's congregation was opened on the same day. Mr. Waddell preached to large congregations in the forenoon and evening, the middle service being conducted by the Rev. J. S. Johnson, Cambuslang. The collections during the day reached the sum of £366. The church has been built from the designs and under the superintendence of Mr. Robert M'Alister, architect. Externally, it is a plain but elegant and substantial-looking edifice. In the area and gallery, accommodation is provided for about 1300 sitters. For the reception of the preacher, or of speakers at congregational meetings, a platform has been erected, with a reading desk in the centre, the cushion of the latter being supported by two palm-trees in carved woodwork. Behind the platform is a large window, filled in with partly obscured glass. A palm-tree of large size and graceful proportions is traced in the centre, with a lily in each of the two side panes. Underneath the church is a large hall, capable of accommodating about 300 persons, as also a session house and vestry. The cost of the structure is understood to have been about £5000.—*Glasgow Herald*.

TESTIMONIAL TO PROFESSOR ROBERT BUCHANAN OF THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

—A meeting of the Old Logic students was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Logic Class-room, for the purpose of concerting measures with a view to present a testimonial to this venerable Professor on his retirement from office. The Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod, who presided, stated that at a previous meeting a committee had been appointed to further the object in view. It was suggested that Professor Buchanan should be requested to sit for his portrait, which was to be presented to the University; and that an engraving should be taken from it for the purpose of presenting a copy to the old students. As it was the impression that more money