

In the Established Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. Stewart of Liberton moved that a Committee be appointed to enquire how far Dr. Lee had disobeyed the General Assembly, in continuing the use of his prayer book in Old Greyfriars. He said that it was notorious that Dr. Lee had violated the laws and usage of the Church. Dr. Lee's arguments in defence were, (1.) that no one had ever been able to point out the laws referred to; (2.) that a prayer book had been used after the reformation for 60 years; (3.) that his practice was in accordance with the ancient usage; (4.) that the practice of reading sermons was as contrary to the practices of the Revolution Church as reading prayers; (5.) that any attempt to enforce measures upon him for which there was no justification in law, would produce a collision with the civil power. The motion was negatived, but the minority have appealed to the Synod. These discussions bring prominently into view a rather remarkable historical coincidence. Our Scottish fathers of the 17th century, surrendered, to please England, the old Scottish Confession of Faith, (a beautiful confession and the work of Knox.) Knox's prayer book and the old Scottish version of the psalms; adopting instead the Westminster Confession, the Directory, and Rouse's version of the Psalms. And now, under the influence of a desire to conform to English notions, a certain party wishes to restore the service book, introduce changes into public worship, and even modify the Confession of Faith.

The long talked of union of all Presbyterians in New South Wales, has been consummated. Thus all the branches of the Presbyterian body in Australia have effected unions.

Our Church in Canada, after a litigation of 20 years, has acquired St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal,—a Church capable of holding 600 people, with a manse worth £100 per annum.

In our own Province, the most exciting topic has been the execution of Dowcey for the murder of Capt. Benson, and the commutation of the mate's sentence to imprisonment for life. We are glad that our Executive has maintained so firm an attitude, notwithstanding the attempt, on the part of the Roman Catholic Archbishop, to awaken the sympathy of his own people in behalf of the cook. The Judges may have been mistaken in their opinions, but while they all, so many as gave an opinion, concurred in saying that there was no legal evidence against the mate, it would have been unreasonable to expect the Executive to persist in the execution of the first sentence.

A. P.

NOTICE.

The Secretary complains of delay in sending in new lists for the *Record*. We hope that our friends in the country will bestir themselves, and get as many subscribers as may, at least, ensure the Church from loss in the publication of this magazine.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

1866 HOME MISSION.
Jan.—Collected by Miss E. J. Campbell,
Baddeck, C. B., for expenses
of Deputation £4 0 0
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Jan. 30, 1866. W. GORDON, Treas.

FOREIGN MISSION.

Jan.—Cash from Rev. Mr. Brodie, C.B. £1 0 0
W. GORDON.

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In addition to the sum of Sixty Pounds contributed by the Belfast (P. E. I.) congregation, two years ago, to the Dalhousie Fund, the following subscription list is now forwarded, amounting to upwards of £70:—

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Al. Dixon, J. P.	1 10	0	jr.	1 0 0
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Peter Nicolson	1 0	0	John McLeod	5 0 0
Francis Panting	10	0	John McDonald	5 0 0
Ron. McDonald	1 0	0	Angus McSwain	10 0 0
A. McLean, J. P.	1 10	0	Don. McLeod J. P.	15 0 0
A. Williams, J. P.	10	0	Angus Murchison	5 0 0
A. Stewart	6	0	Alex. McKenzie	10 0 0
John McLellan	10	0	Wm. McLean	15 0 0
John McLeod	10	0	Hugh Finlay	2 0 0
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John Morrison	10	0	W. Finlay	1 0 0
Archy McRae	1 0	0	Wm. McQueen	10 0 0
Evander McRae	12 6	0	P. McQueen	15 0 0
John McRae	10	0	John McDonald	10 0 0
J'n McWilliams	1 0	0	Wm. McLeod	5 0 0
Capt. R. McRae	11 0	0	A. McQueen	10 0 0
James Nicolson	1 0	0	Murd. McLeod	3 9 0
Fin. McDonald	10	0	Norman Gillies	3 0 0
John Stewart	10	0	Ewen Cameron	1 0 0
Samuel Nicolson	5	0	Alex. McRae	6 3 0
Angus McLeod	5	0	Capt. McLeod	1 0 0
Neil Campbell	10	0	Angus McDougal	3 0 0
David McLeod	5	0	Neil Nicolson	10 0 0
Angus Gillies	5	0	Capt. Young	12 6 0
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Angus McLeod	5	0	Ebenezer Beaton	5 0 0
John Murchison	10	0	Capt. Jas. Murchison	12 6 0
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W. McLeod	5	0	Duncan McRae	5 0 0
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1865

Dec. 22—St. Andrew's Church, Halifax \$40 00
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Lochaber 9 00
Barney's River 6 42 1/2 20 95

1866

Jan. 3—Musquodoboit (per Rev. Mr. McMillan) 10 50
18—Coll. in St. Matthew's, Halifax 150 70
" Gairloch and Salt Springs (per Rev. Mr. McKay) 82 00
19— " McLellan's Mount'n (per Rev. W. Stewart) 23 50

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JAS. J. BREMNER, Treasurer,
Halifax, N. S., 19th January, 1866.