

In the evening a number of the members of the congregation entertained the Rev. Mr. Grant and the members of Presbytery to dinner in Maclean's Hotel.

Presentation to a Church of Scotland Clergyman in Holland.

On the 24th of January, the Rev. John M'Ilraith, minister of the English Presbyterian Church in Amsterdam, who has recently been presented by Lord Blantyre to the parish church of Erskine, was waited upon by deputations from his congregation and friends, bearing with them substantial tokens of the high esteem in which the reverend gentleman is held. From his church in Amsterdam he received a purse containing £100, together with several handsome and valuable pieces of plate; and from his Velsen congregation a purse of £60. The members of the latter church are composed entirely of British *employés* on the Amsterdam New Sea-Canal Works, which are being carried out by the contractors, Messrs. Lee & Freeman, of London. Since the commencement of these works in 1865, Mr. M'Ilraith continuously supplied almost the entire spiritual wants of the community, and in that capacity his ministrations met with marked appreciation and success. As a gentleman of influence, having an extended knowledge of the country in which he sojourned, his valuable assistance was always at the service of his countrymen, and not a few of them, when in difficulties, obtained material advantages therefrom. A wide circle of admiring friends will long regret his removal from amongst them; and their very best wishes accompany him and his family to their new home in the West of Scotland.

Missouri.

In this State of the great Republic there are at present no less than 202 Presbyterian Churches, and yet there are many counties where there is no Presbyterian organization.

Sweden.

Methodism in Sweden seems to be making rapid progress. During the past year there have been 17 societies

formed, and 821 members added to the Church.

Turkish Mission.

The first Protestant Mission was established in the Turkish Empire in the year 1818. The good cause has made remarkable progress from time to time. Schools have been established and various publications distributed throughout the land. At the close of the year 1870, no less than 166 Missionaries and 140 native helpers were engaged in promoting the cause of Christianity. The Church of Scotland's labours for the Jews in Constantinople, Smyrna, and Salonica have been abundantly blessed.

Memphis, Tennessee.

Rev. Richard Nelson Newell, A. M., a Roman Catholic Priest, has been admitted to the Protestant Episcopal Church by the Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee. He is said to be an old man, and has entirely abandoned his faith in the tenets of Romanism.

Burmah.

In six years Mr. Vinton, a Baptist missionary, planted forty churches, opened forty-two houses of worship and thirty-two school-houses, and between eight and nine thousand Karens were raised to the level of Christian worshippers. This mission contained in 1868 sixty-six native ordained pastors and evangelists, 346 native preachers unordained, 360 native churches, 19,231 church members, and nearly 60,000 native Christians of all ages. This surely is success; this is the blessing of God. Says Dr. Mullens: "The Shanars were an oppressed race, living on palm sugar, climbing trees, with hard daily toil; untaught, with scarcely an idea about God; fearing only the powers that work in the air, sky, and earth close around them; their only recreation the wild dances of devil priests, with the loud drumming and rude feasts that ever accompany the dances."

Now there are over 500 native preachers, and the nominal Christians are estimated at 100,000—all separated from heathenism, with their names all on the mission rolls. These native Christians contributed \$20,000 (in gold) for religious purposes in 1866. The Rev. J. F. Tucker of the Church Missionary Society, during a mission of twenty years among this people, baptized 3500 converts. These converts he saw