

the commercial crisis through which the district had passed. It appeared that the parishes of Abirlot, Arbroath, Guthrie, Inverkeillor, Lunan, and Panbride, were the only parishes that had collected for all the schemes—that Carmylie, Kinnell, and Kirkden had collected for five of the schemes—Inverbrothock and Barry for four—St. Vigeans for three—the Abbey Church for two—Frickheim and Carnoustie for one, only the Home Mission—and that from Ladyloan there was no return. The parishes of St. Vigeans, Kinnell, Kirkden and Abirlot had, in addition, made collections for the liquidation of chapel debts,—Arbroath, Abirlot, and Lunan for female education in India—and most of the parishes reported that liberal collections had been made in behalf of the “sufferers in India.” Besides the collections for these objects, returns were made of collections in behalf of the Arbroath and Montrose Infirmary and other charitable objects. Altogether the report was a very gratifying one, showing the amount collected during the year to be very creditable to the Church. The only other business of a public nature before the Presbytery was the examination of Mr. William G. Strachan, late of Montrose, who has been recently appointed to the school of Inverbrothock. Mr. Strachan passed his examination well.

Synod of Orkney.

This reverend Court held its ordinary annual meeting at Kirkwall on the 18th Aug. The Rev. Oliver Scott, of Holm, retiring moderator, preached an excellent discourse from Peter v. 4. The Synod unanimously chose the Rev. Mr. Caskay to be moderator for the current year.

The Rev. Dr. Trail, seconded by Mr. Logie of Firth and Stennis, then brought forward an overture to the General Assembly ancient theological study and the principalships of the Scottish universities. The overture calls upon the General Assembly to adopt such measures as may appear best fitted for securing that the young men training for the office of the ministry shall not, in the course of their literary and philosophic studies, be exposed to teaching, in the course of which the sacred truths and duties of religion shall be treated with irreverence and disrespect, and that, for the theological professorships, such provision shall be made as shall make appointments to them desirable to ministers of the Church best qualified for the office. It was unanimously resolved to transmit the overture.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ENDOWMENT SCHEME.—A public meeting in behalf of this Scheme was held in the parish church of Peebles on the 10th Aug. There was a good many ladies present, and all listened with deep attention to the long, eloquent and stirring address of the talented Convener of the Scheme, the Rev. Dr. Robertson. Sir G. G. Montgomery, Bart., M. P., took the chair, and remarked that there was no Scheme more worthy of attention and support than that in regard to which the meeting had been called.—*Border Advertiser.*

REV. JAMES MILNE, MINISTER OF INVERKEITHNY.—It is with deep regret we (*Aberdeen Herald*) have to record the death of this much-respected and justly lamented clergyman, which occurred at the manse of Inverkeithny on the evening of Thursday the 12th of August. He was grandson of the Rev. Mr. Milne, the first

Presbyterian minister of Inverkeithny after the abolition of Episcopacy in Scotland, and son of the Rev. John Milne, also minister of Inverkeithny, whom he succeeded in the twenty-second year of his age. He held the office of minister for the period of forty-nine years, though for the last three years of his life he had been incapacitated from discharging his more active duties by the state of his health. In the quiet retirement of his chamber, however, he found ample scope for the exercise of the generous and benevolent feelings of his nature, and, if a man's worth is to be estimated by the good he has done to his fellow-creatures, how many a monument has he left behind him to bear witness of his usefulness.

CERICAL PRESENTATION.—The Duke of Hamilton has presented the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of St. Bernard's, Edinburgh, to the second charge of the parish of Hamilton, vacant by the death of Dr. Memes.

Monument to Margaret M'Lauchlan and Margaret Wilson.

There are few in this country who are not familiar with the sad story of Margaret M'Lauchlan and Margaret Wilson, the two heroic maidens who some century and a half ago suffered martyrdom for the truth in the tidal waters of Wigton Bay. And there is not a single son or daughter of Presbyterian Scotland, whether at home or in far distant lands, who will not rejoice to learn that a suitable monument to their memory is being erected near the scene of their “victory.” On Tuesday the 17th, as we learn from the *Galloway Advertiser*, the foundation stone was laid in the presence of an immense assembly, gathered from all parts of the country. At half-past one the large assembly, computed to be between two and three thousand people, met in the Square, where the “Martyrs' Anthem” was sung by a number of young ladies and gentlemen belonging to Wigtown with fine taste and feeling, and the procession then formed, four abreast, headed by the Provost, Magistrates, and Council; James Dodds, Esq. of London; James Caird, Esq. M.P.; the clergy of the district; and the Committee of Management, and walked to the Windyhill,—a conspicuous spot where the monument is to be erected,—where the Rev. James Fleming of Whithorn gave out the 25th Psalm, at the 7th and following verses (said to be the psalm last sung by the martyrs before they were drowned), which was sung by the assembled crowd to the old and solemn tune named “Martyrs.” He then engaged in prayer, after which the ceremony of laying the foundation stone was performed by the Provost, John M'Guffie, Esq. The rain continuing to fall very heavily, it was intimated that Mr. Dodds would deliver his address in the U. P. Church—immediately there was a run for the church, and soon after it was opened it was filled to the door, but a small portion of the crowd being able to get in. Mr. Dodds, in an ex-

cellent speech, pointed to the peace, comfort, and liberty enjoyed by the people of this country above perhaps any other country in the world, and then compared our advantages in that respect with those of our forefathers 150 years ago. He eloquently and graphically described their dangers, difficulties, and sufferings. He spoke of the circumstances, character, seizure, temptations, sayings, and death of the two to whose memory especially the monument is to be erected; and declared that but for them, and such as them, we might in Scotland at this day have been in a condition no better than those who have to submit to the tyranny of the King of Naples. He touched on the rise and progress of the Reformation, and gave it as his own opinion, and quoted the opinion of others, to the effect that the Presbyterians had not only been mainly instrumental in working out constitutional order ecclesiastically, but also constitutional order politically, and concluded a long and able speech by pointing out the duty and safety of acting in the spirit of Margaret M'Lauchlan and Margaret Wilson. Referring to the fears felt and expressed in some quarters in reference to an armed invasion, he saw no great danger. The despots of Europe reigned by the power of the military, and could only keep their power by keeping up their armies,—withdraw these, and where were they? Let one of them invade Britain, not a despot's throne in Europe was worth an hour's purchase. An appropriate anthem was then sung, and the benediction pronounced.

Deputation on behalf of the Foreign Mission.

Extract from the Minutes of the last meeting of the Acting Committee.

“The Convener stated that the Deputations sent in May to different parts of Scotland had, on the whole, been eminently successful. He read communications from Rev. Dr. Ritchie of Longforgan, Rev. Mr. Honey of Inchture, Rev. Mr. McCulloch of Montrose, and others, from which it appeared that much zeal on behalf of the Mission had been shown by many friends of the Church, and in some cases liberal contributions made. He laid on the table intimation of a remittance from Dr. Ritchie and Mr. Honey of £108, 15s. 6d., being a sum made up of a legacy, Collection, and Contributions from the Parish of Longforgan and vicinity, together with £41, 5s. 6d., raised by Dr. Ritchie and Mr. Honey in the north. It appeared that the collections made through means of the same Deputation in two other parishes had been remitted to the collector in Edinburgh, as well as collections made through some of the other Deputations. The Committee having received this gratifying intelligence, recorded their deep sense of the value of the services rendered to the Mission by the members of the various Deputations, viz.:—