

VARIETIES.

Agents who do not receive the number of *Records* stipulated for, will please communicate with the editor at once.

An application has been received by the Presbytery of Edinburgh for admission into the Established Church, from the Rev. W. Mackellar, formerly of the Pencaitland Free Church.

Don't talk much, neither long at a time. Few can converse profitably above an hour. Keep at the utmost distance from pious chit-chat, from religious gossiping.—*Wesley.*

Sir William Thomson has been awarded by the Italian Scientific Association the prize for the Italian or foreigner who by his writing or discoveries has contributed most during the past year to the advancement of science.

I am possessed with a most chivalrous and firm determination to live and die fighting for this bulwark of Protestantism, this ark of righteousness, this conservator of social order and religious liberty, the dear old Kirk.—*Norman McLeod.*

There is dew in one flower and not in another, because one opens its cup and takes it, while the other closes itself and the drops run off. So God rains goodness and mercy as wide as the dew, and if we lack them it is because we will not open our hearts to receive Him.

A motion has been made in the Edinburgh Free Presbytery for the transmission to the Assembly of an overture which sets forth that the Hymn book is inadequate and defective, and that steps should be taken to get it enlarged or improved, or that permission should be granted to congregations to use the Hymn-book of some other Church.

Roman Catholic papers are praising the British Government for granting a fine site at Gibraltar on which to build a Roman Catholic Church. They are also praising the Spanish Government for compelling British Protestants to close their churches in Spain. Oh no, the church of Rome is not intolerant as she used to be! Isn't she?

"Captain, we are entirely out of ammunition," said an orderly sergeant to his commander, on a field day. "What! entirely out of ammunition?" exclaimed the captain. "Yes, entirely out," was the reply. "Then cease firing," peremptorily said the captain. Will not some of our speakers take the hint, and stop firing when their ammunition is expended

At the Edinburgh Presbytery on the 28th ult., Dr. Scott pressed the claims of the Endowment Scheme upon every congregation within its bounds. He explained that an appeal is to be made to the Church for funds to endow 100 additional parishes within the next five years, as a fitting tribute to the memory of Dr. Smith, and as a thank-offering to the "Great Head of the Church" for the large measure of increase already bestowed.

On St. Andrew's day, the happy event of a Union between the Independents and the congregations, in connection with the Church of Scotland in Mauritius took place, the former signing the standards and Formula of the Church of Scotland, without any expressed desire, for the insertion of the thin end of the wedge into any of the chapters of the confession of Faith under the guise of "conscience clauses."

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