

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

Rev. W. Sutherland of Tobermory is addressing in Gaelic church defence meetings in Skye. Lewis also is to have a visit from him.

The Pulpit of Crathie church is to be made of various specimens of Scottish granite, and decorated with marbles and pebbles collected by Princess Louise of Iona.

Lansdowne congregation, Glasgow, has called as colleague to Rev. Thomas Dobbie, Rev. Alexander Ramsay, B.D., of Highgate Presbyterian church, London.

Rev. David Beatt of Belmont-street church, Aberdeen, has left for San Remo, where he will have charge of the church's mission for three months.

Glasgow presbytery ordained in Sydney place church on Sabbath evening Jan. 20, Dr. William Park Porter as medical missionary for Old Calabar.

Continuing his series of sermons on "Job," Dr. Pentecost preached on Sunday morning Jan. 21st, on the question of Satan, "Doth Job serve God for nought?"

Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang does not believe in separate services for children; they should worship with their parents, and the preacher ought for their benefit to make more of an appeal to the imagination, have more illustration, and adopt perfect simplicity of language.

The latest phase of the dispute in the Balfield trust, Kilmarnock, is the adoption of a resolution to apply to the court of session for a judicial factor to distribute the money among the, poor as the parish ministers will not give any account of their disbursements.

Rev. J. Victor Lozan, the new minister of the Ellison-street Presbyterian Church, has (writes a correspondent from Jarrow-on-Tyne) been practically lionised since he settled down here some two months ago. A lecture which he delivered last week on the "Music of Words" was a distinct success.

Dr. Laws and Dr. Elmalis have had a narrow escape from lions. They were on a journey from Bandaw to Deep Bay, and were asleep in their tent when several lions approached, and one leaped upon it, its paw passing through the canvas and almost touching Dr. Laws. The yells of the native attendants scared the lions away.

Rev. W. D. Thomson of Lochend has created another series of scenes in Dumfries presbytery, the moderator (Rev. J. H. Thomson) threatening him with expulsion. His motion for dismissal of the clerk found no seconder, all the other members voting confidence in Mr. Anderson, who has held the office for nearly 50 years.

The death took place on 20th. ult. at Liverpool of Rev. R. H. Lundie, D.D., one of the best known ministers in the Presbyterian church of England, after an illness extending over several months. Dr. Lundie was a son of the manse, both his father and grandfather having been ministers of the parish of Kello, where he was born in 1821. After graduating at Edinburgh university, he was in 1850 ordained minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Birkenhead. Here he laboured for 16 years. He was transferred to the new charge at Fairfield, Liverpool, where he has since remained. He was twice moderator of the Presbyterian synod, and was recognised as a valued counsellor in connection with all synodical committees. Having travelled considerably in the United States, Canada, Palestine, and European countries, he was a man of wide knowledge and culture. In 1890 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Edinburgh university. He was a strong advocate of temperance principles, and was the leader of what is known in Liverpool as the "Purity Crusade," for the suppression of drink and vice. His wife was a daughter of Mr. Chas. Cowan, formerly M.P. for Edinburgh.

Home Mission Matters.

LETTER FROM DR. COCHRANE IN REFERENCE TO THE MEETING IN MARCH.

Editor PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW:

SIR,—In view of the approaching meeting of the Home Mission Committee, on Tuesday, March 26th, will you permit me briefly to call the attention of congregations, students, and all interested, to the following:

FUNDS.—All contributions from congregations and Sabbath schools should be in the hands of Dr. Reid, not later than the 15th of March. The committee can only meet the claims for the past half year, in proportion to the funds then in hand. The present indications are, that there will be a considerable deficit, in spite of the aid rendered by the British churches. So far there is not enough in the Treasurer's hands to meet the notes falling due at the bank, for the moneys borrowed last October, to pay for the summer work. The urgent need of funds was presented last October to every Presbytery and congregation, so that nothing further need be said. If there are still congregations that have not allocated their missionary contributions, I trust they will help the committee to the utmost of their ability, while at the same time not overlooking the other important schemes of the Church.

STUDENTS AND MISSIONARIES.—The attention of students and missionaries desiring appointments from the committee for the ensuing summer, is called to the following enactments of last Assembly:—

1. That hereafter every ordained minister, licentiate, student, catechist, or other missionary desiring work from the committee, shall make application on printed forms specially prepared, at least one week prior to the regular half yearly meetings of the committee, and only such shall receive appointments. (This rule applies to Presbyteries also, who must forward the names of catechists at present under their care, for reappointment, if so desired.)

2. The Assembly ordains that in giving appointments to students, the Home Mission Committee give the preference to students in the order of seniority in their college course, and the Assembly enjoins all Home Mission stations to procure their supply through the Home Mission Committee. (In other words, theological students are to have appointments before all others.) The blank forms for applications for mission work may be had from Dr. Warden, Montreal, to whom also claims for the past half year should be sent.

3. There is yet another matter to which I desire to call the attention of student missionaries, especially those who labour in the North-West and British Columbia, and who are assisted by special contributions from missionary societies, congregations and Sabbath schools. Certain fields were allocated to these societies and Sabbath schools, on the promise that the student missionaries would send them from time to time letters, giving an account of the progress of their work. In some cases the missionaries have faithfully done their duty, and their communications have been received with great interest. But in many cases the student missionaries pay no attention to the matter, in spite of the explicit instructions of the Superintendent of Missions. The result is that complaints are sent me by the societies and Sabbath schools, contributing, and intimation made, that unless the letters are sent, the assistance will be withheld. I have made inquiries as to the cause of this neglect on the part of our missionaries, and the replies sent me seem frivolous in the extreme. Some think it unfair to ask them to write, while others are not; some are afraid to write because they have nothing worth talking about, others think that if they write they will be blowing their own trumpet; others, it is said, have never been taught to observe and record what they see and hear; while a large number are simply indifferent or unwilling to put pen to paper. Such excuses are a reflection upon the foreign missionaries and other labourers, who, amid their arduous toils, endeavour to keep the Church fully informed as to their

fields. What the committee may do, at its next meeting, in the premises it is not for me to say. My own opinion is that in every case where the student neglects or declines to correspond with the society or congregation or Sabbath school assisting the field, his claim for service should not be honoured, and further appointment refused.

Societies or Sabbath schools or churches assisting certain fields during the past year, but who have had no communications from missionaries in charge, will please write me before the meeting in March.

Yours, etc. WM. COCHRANE.
Brantford, Ont., 7, 1895.

THE Critical Review is of more than usual interest to Canadian readers, containing, as it does, a learned review from the able pen of Professor A. B. Davidson, Edinburgh, of Professor J. F. McCurdy's recent book. It gives the author credit for having written an epochal work, a contribution to the literature of the subject which must be seriously reckoned with.

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