

and the Church there. It will make a great difference in the Gaelic districts when they are licensed to preach among their countrymen. They will be leading men in the Colony."

Ordination of Rev. George Boyd.

On Thursday evening, the 11th ult., the Rev. George Boyd was ordained pastor over the congregation of St. Andrew's Church in this city. The Presbytery of Halifax in connection with the Church of Scotland had previously met and heard Mr. Boyd's trial discourses, which were declared to be highly satisfactory. The call was cordial and unanimous, and no objections having been made to Mr. Boyd's life or doctrine the Presbytery proceeded to ordain him. Rev. John Scott preached on the occasion, from the words, "And we will give ourselves to the ministry of the Word," Acts vi. 4; showing the responsibilities, the necessity, and the dignity of the ministerial office. The sermon being over, Mr. Scott, as Moderator of the Presbytery, proposed to Mr. Boyd the ordinary questions. These being suitably answered, the Presbytery then, by solemn prayer and the laying on of hands, ordained Mr. Boyd to the ministry of the Word and the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church. Mr. Martin then addressed the minister and the people on their respective duties and privileges. It is about thirty-five years since he, Mr. Martin, was ordained over the same Church. How many changes did he witness both in this congregation and throughout the world since that day! And how few of those who welcomed him to be their pastor thirty-five years ago are now alive to welcome his successor! This consideration, Mr. Martin remarked, made him feel this to be a peculiarly impressive occasion. After prayer by Mr. Scott, and an Anthem by the choir, the congregation was then dismissed with the benediction and gave a warm welcome to their youthful pastor.—*Prccs. Wit.*

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

The Late Professor Menzies.

"We cannot close the *Record* for 1856, without alluding to the loss the Church has sustained in the death of Professor Menzies. Few have exerted themselves more in behalf of Missions than he did, in the midst of his various occupations. He was the originator of the Lay Association. And in alluding to the Report of that Association, his friend Dr. Robertson has thus made mention of his character and services—
"The Report adverts in very appropriate terms to the lamented death of my late deeply revered friend, Professor Menzies. The distinguished part which he took in organising the Lay Association, in aid of its missionary enterprises, at a crisis of peculiar difficulty in the affairs of the Church, was but one of many signal services which Mr. Menzies was privileged to confer upon it. These services were felt, indeed, in every department of its labours. In that of education, in particular, they are literally invaluable. As secretary to the Trustees of the late Mr. Dick, and superintendent of the schools aided by the Dick bequest, Mr. Menzies left behind him a monument which will never be removed from its place. His plans in respect of education, were formed with a thorough comprehension of its great end, and so arranged as to conspire with admirable harmony and efficiency to the accomplishment of this end.

To educate, with him was to instruct and train alike for the duties of the life that now is, and the hopes of that which is to come.

"I am safe to say, that I cannot name a man to whom the cause of sound education has been more deeply indebted, or who laboured to promote it in a more Christian spirit,—the spirit of Christ was pre-eminently characteristic of Mr. Menzies in every walk of life. It was so visibly impressed upon him, as to command, of necessity, the homage of all who were intimately acquainted with him. All were constrained to feel that he was made a witness to them for the truth. It was my own high privilege to be intimately acquainted with him for many years. I have passed many happy, and I trust, not unprofitable hours in his company; and the conviction has been rooted in my mind that he made as near an approach as any man that I have ever known, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. I beg to add, therefore, to the motion for the approval of the Report, the following expression of the deep sense entertained by this House, of the heavy loss which the Church has sustained by the death of Prof. Menzies."—*H. and F. Record.*

Free Church Assembly.

THE MODERATORSHIP.—At a meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in Edinburgh, after its meeting of commission, it was resolved unanimously that the Rev. Dr. James Julius Wood, of Dumfries, be invited to take the chair of next Assembly.—*Witness*

Moderatorship of the General Assembly

"We are authorised to state," says the Edinburgh Courant, "that the Rev. Dr. Robertson, Professor of Divinity and Ecclesiastical History in the University of Edinburgh, will be proposed as Moderator of the next General Assembly."

Lecture by the Rev. Norman McLeod.

On Monday night, in the City Hall, the Rev. Norman McLeod delivered the eleventh of the course of lectures in connection with the Glasgow Young Men's Christian Association. The subject announced was—"The Story of a Life with Comments"—and it was treated, not as a lecture, but, as the title suggested, simply as a story, most beautifully sketched, and relieved alternately with genuine pathos and humour, but not burdened with an obtruded moral. However, in the mad struggles of his deceased fellow student-friend to reach a position in society which Providence had given him no reasonable hopes of attaining, Mr. McLeod's story carried along with it a plain lesson, which he pointed out rather incidentally than directly, viz., of contentment with the lot in which Providence has placed us, and which we have no honest and right means of rising above. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok occupied the chair, and on his motion, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. McLeod by an audience which crowded the hall.

Society for the Sons of the Clergy of the Church of Scotland.

The annual meeting of the society was held in Edinburgh on Monday week, when £434 was allocated among thirty-three sons, and

£100 among sixteen daughters, of clergymen, to assist in their education at the universities, and in the higher branches of study. In the evening a number of members and friends of the society dined together in the Hopetoun Rooms—the Dean of Faculty, the President of the Society, in the chair, Walter Cook, Esq., W. S., the Secretary of the Society, croupier. Among those present were—Lords Curriehill, Deas, and Mackenzie; Rev. Drs. Grant, Muir, Crawford, Hunter, Nisbet, Macfarlane, Smith, Paul, Professors Robertson and Swinton; Messrs. Elder, Fleming, Cheyne, Goodsir, Tawse, Cook, &c., &c. It was stated that up to the present time, upwards of £24,000 had been distributed by the society. About twenty new members have been added this year to the roll of the society.

Notice

Our agents and friends throughout the Country and adjoining Provinces, will confer a very great favor upon the Proprietors of this Periodical, by sending in their several lists of subscribers, and also by collecting and transmitting the subscriptions as early as possible in the current year.

We have received a copy of the Rev. Professor George's address on "Moral Courage," delivered at the opening of the fifteenth Session of Queen's College, Canada, which we have perused with much pleasure and profit. We cannot do justice to its merits in our present number. We shall bestow greater attention upon it in our next.

The Rev. Wm. Murray's letter from Moncton, with the Richibucto subscription list, has just now been received, and will appear in our next.

The Rev. George Harper's funeral sermon on the death of Wm. Cooper, Esq. of Pugwash, has been published, and is now for sale at Mr. Grant's Bookstore, George Street.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.—We are sorry to inform our readers that in the fearful conflagration of the 1st inst. in this City which destroyed so much valuable property, this venerable structure erected more than a century ago, and in which successive generations assembled for the worship of God, was completely consumed in less than a hour.

We have been reluctantly compelled to postpone the publication of several important articles till next month for want of space.

Synod Fund.

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