

in 1845. But he was cut off in the meridian of his career, and before he had exhausted half the themes upon which he had amply prepared himself on those peculiar and highly important departments of Sacred Literature which few had so successfully cultivated. The posthumous volume of Sermons now before us, bears indisputable evidence to the acuteness of his intellect, his singular originality of mind, and comprehensive range of illustration. The reader cannot peruse a single page without being struck with the vigorous thinking and devotional spirit which characterize these very talented and pleasing discourse.

MISCELLANEOUS.

**EDUCATION IN HALIFAX.**—The Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland have advertised in the last number of the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record* for a teacher for this city, under the superintendence of the Lay Association, fully qualified to teach the usual branches of Common School Education,—English, Writing, and Arithmetic, and also Latin, Greek, Geography, and Mathematics—one who is conversant with the most approved modes of teaching, and able to conduct a regular Commercial and Classical Academy. A salary of £150 is guaranteed for his services, and every other encouragement will be given for the formation and establishment of a prosperous and useful seminary for the instruction of the youth of the city. We understand that the Managing Committee of the Association are in daily expectation of hearing that a properly qualified teacher has been appointed to fill the situation, and that arrangements will be made for opening the Academy as soon as he arrives to commence his labours.—*Halifax Guardian*.

P. S. From a late number of the *Halifax Guardian*, we learn that Mr. John Costley, of the Burg School of Rutherglen, appointed to the important situation alluded to above, had arrived in Halifax, by the *Hibernia Steamer*, and received a cordial welcome from his friends. It is stated that he comes after having had considerable experience as a Teacher, highly recommended for his unassuming manners, his moral worth, and genuine piety, and that he has already distinguished himself as a zealous friend of Sabbath Schools, and Religious and Missionary Institutions. Mr. C. had received from his fellow citizens of Rutherglen, among whom he has laboured so acceptably for Ten years, a gratifying testimonial consisting of a valuable Gold Watch, and been entertained at dinner by a numerous and select party of friends and well-wishers at the *Globe Hotel, Glasgow*.

**REV. DR. CRAIG**—Application for admission to the *Church—Presbytery of Cupar*. Mr. Cochrane said he now rose to table some documents of considerable importance. These were applications by the Rev. Dr. Craig, the Minister of the Relief Church at Cupar, and from his elders and congregation, for connection with the Established Church. During the last twelvemonth he had had much personal intercourse with Dr. Craig, and was deeply convinced of his high talents and acquirements. Dr. Craig had read deeply, and had thought much. His character was not only irreproachable, but was high as a man and as a Christian.—Mr. Cochrane then tabled the documents, which consisted of applications from Dr. Craig, from his kirk-session, from his managers, and from a majority of his congregation. The Doctor in his application stated that, owing to the union between the late Relief Synod and the late Secession Synod being made on principles of which he could not approve, he and his congregation had been left the sole Relief minister, and the sole Relief congregation, in the county; that he cordially approved of the constitution and government, the doctrine and discipline, of the Church of Scotland; and was desirous to be received, along with his congregation, and in his status as a minister, into that Church.

The other documents were then read over, after which certificates from the Professors of St. Andrew's University (including one from the late Dr. Chalmers), and from the Relief Divinity Professors, attesting, in the most satisfactory terms, the acquire-

ments, and abilities, and character for morals and piety of Dr. Craig, were read to the Presbytery.

Dr. Anderson said he could not but rejoice that the Church was to get the accession of a gentleman of experience and talents in the ministry, and of high personal character, in these difficult times. It was matter of great thankfulness that, amidst all the agitations without, the Church of Scotland possessed a security, such as, perhaps, no other Church on earth possessed. She had a Confession of Faith, which even those who dissented from her admitted to be pure and sound, and she was now receiving into her bosom some who had for a time been alienated from her. He rejoiced particularly to receive amongst them a friend who had for some time been labouring within the bounds of their Presbytery with much success and ability, and who brought with him a majority of the body with which he was connected. Taking all these things into consideration, they had great reason to be thankful in receiving Dr. Craig into the Church. The documents produced were in every way satisfactory, and all that the Assembly required. All that they had to do now was to prescribe some trials to Dr. Craig, and these, he thought, should simply be to require him to deliver a discourse before next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Leitch begged to add his testimony to the orthodoxy and talents of Dr. Craig.

Mr. Cochrane spoke in similar terms, and referred to Dr. Craig's soundness on the matter of Establishments.

Mr. Cook of Ceres said he was exceedingly gratified to witness the proceedings of this day in receiving amongst them a gentleman of such high character and efficiency.

The Presbytery then adjourned till the 25th of April, when Dr. Craig is to deliver his first discourse.

P. S. The General Assembly, has sent back this case, on account of an informality to the Presbytery of Cupar, that it may be prepared for the Meeting of the Assembly in 1849.

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