

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

Rev. Andrew M. Smith, M.A., Sunderland, has accepted the call to Darlington-place, Ayr.

Glasgow Town Council has decided to re-seat St. Knoch's Church, a building the presbytery want removed.

By the will of the late Miss Cowper, Buccleuch-place, Edinburgh, £2,000 has left to Rose-street church free of conditions.

A three days bazaar was held last week at Strone in aid of Kilmun manse building fund. £880 was realized in two days.

Kilwinning congregation has now in hand for the erection of an organ about £412. As £1,000 is required a bazaar is proposed.

Rev. Hugh M. Jamieson of Monzie is about to erect a stained glass window in the church there as a memorial of his late wife.

Rev. John McNeill is to remain in Oban for another month. During August he will conduct the services in the United Presbyterian Church.

A stained-glass window has been erected in Greenhead Church, Glasgow, by Messrs. Tallis of Bridgeton as a memorial of their father and mother.

The Free Church sustentation fund for the two months ending 10th ult. shows an increase of £380. Associations are down £477, but donations up £857.

Dr. David Landsborough, a son of Rev. David Landsborough of Kilmarnock, is going to Formosa as a medical missionary of the English Presbyterian Church.

The late Duke of Hamilton has left £500 to HAMILTON kirk-session for behoof of the poor, and the same sum to Brodick kirk-session for behoof of the poor of Arran.

The *National Review* has been advocating the endowment of a Roman Catholic university in Ireland, and it is rumored that the Government is considering the matter.

The large workhouse at Nanterre, France, accommodates 3,600 inmates, but there is no place of worship. The reformatory at Montesson for 400 boys has no religious services.

The late Miss Laffley of Murrington has left £100 to the deacons' court of Craig, Dumfries, Dumfriesshire, and the late Mrs. Austin of Dumfries £25 to the poor of Maxwelltown church.

Rev. Jacob Primmer was mobbed when holding a meeting in Dumfries first week in August and but for the protection of some young men would have been severely injured. A young woman hit him in the face.

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand at its General Assembly in Auckland, reported 84 ministers, 15 students, 10,436 communicants, 200 Sabbath Schools, and 14,437 scholars. Its contributions to foreign missions amounted to about £900.

Mr. Ben Oriel, who has appealed in vain to a good many of the Presbyterian Churches to help him in maintaining a mission in Jerusalem, has applied to be received by the American Baptist Missionary Union. It is said, however, that this society is in financial straits, and is not likely to venture into a new field.

Rev. Daniel Edward, M.A., Braslau, who was ordained the first missionary of the Church of Scotland to the Jews, and began his work in Jassy in 1841, now feels constrained, on account of the failure of his own health, and that of his two daughters, who have been his devoted helpers in the mission, to send in his resignation to the Jewish Mission Committee.

The possibility that the next Pope may be an American is being discussed somewhat in Roman Catholic circles, and it has been suggested that Cardinal Gibbons may be elected. Probably when the college of cardinals meets after the death of Pope Leo the Italian influence will continue to prevail. Cardinal Gibbons would make a good Pope but the future of Roman Catholicism might become very different if any other than an Italian Pope were to be chosen.

Ian Maclaren on "Individuality."

In an article which he has contributed to the Young Man for August, Rev. John Watson, M.A., says: "With some men individuality has been so crushed that they have no moral right to say 'I.' They are as like their neighbors as one brick to another in a smooth, featureless wall. One loses patience with certain inoffensive people, and is tempted to do them mischief because of their contented nonentity. They were intended to be numerals of some value, and they have reduced themselves to ciphers. If they say anything, it is an echo. If they do anything, it is as a lay figure pulled by strings. If they declare their opinions, you hear the leader of a morning paper. One longs for the day when this man will assert that the earth is square, or that *Queen Elizabeth wrote Shakespeare's plays*; it would be the first assurance that he had an independent mental existence. When once he has started for himself, anything is possible. There are grown-up men who would be justified in raising an action for damages against some person for having defrauded them of individuality. A father may be so absolutely satisfied with himself—his own career, views, habits—that he considers the greatest blessing for the world would be a replica of himself, and he crushes out any originality in his son with iron hand. He works a double wrong, first to the world which hungers for variety, next to the son who ought to have been unfettered. When the church passed from her function as the foster-mother of religious life, to become a dictator of dogma to the conscience, she did immense mischief, and changed Christ's freemen into slaves. Society is also apt to play the tyrant, forcing her customs, manners, ideas on people, till everyone becomes the mere repetition of his neighbour, and character has free play only in remote places. We are born with at least one object, to fulfil ourselves as God made us, and if anyone tries to take this end from us he is guilty of injustice and tyranny."

Literary Notes.

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In the August number, after the items, a succession of splendid signed articles are given of which the best mention could be some of their titles: "How to listen to music; Letters to teachers," by W. S. B. Mathews; "Mendelssohn as a teacher and infant musical prodigium." This is not half the subjects, but we wish to also notice the sheet music which contains 4 piano pieces of moderate difficulty, two being a Polonaise Brillante, by H. Stiehl, and a charming cradle song, Op. 81, No. 13, by N. Wilm.

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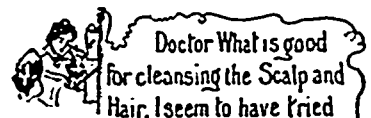
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