

peal. In 1844, he was elected to the Moderator's chair; and many of the pastoral letters that were addressed to the church, were from his pen.

He was born 1780 in a village on the Gala Water. He was for a time under the famous Dr. Leiden; and afterwards passed to Glasgow College, where he obtained M. D. Subsequently he entered the Church, his first charge being a Scotch Church in London. He was then appointed to Peebles, where he resided for four years; and thus early rising some degree of eminence, he was in 1812 elected to the chair of Church History in the University of St. Andrew's. He was minister of Canonsgate, Lady Yesters, and the old churches, successively, until in 1840 he was elected by the Town Council to the high office of Principal of the College. He took part in at least one government commission, and also held the position of Secretary to the Bible Board. He did not shrink from taking a share in the ecclesiastical controversy of the times, ever showing, however, a manly and temperate bearing. In 1844, he was elected to the chair of Divinity in the college, which he held in conjunction with the principalship. On his appointment to the latter, he resigned his charge as one of the ministers of the city, and he once proceeded actively to discharge the duties of his new office. It was his custom to open the session every year by an address to the students; and such as have been present must have marked the impression made by his reverend and unaffected dignity of his manner. Of the lessons of practical wisdom, breathed in such inimitable felicity of style that flowed from his lips as these occasions, it is needless to speak. He was one of the deans of the Chapel Royal, and a fellow of the Royal Society.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WIDOW McINNIS, a near relative of General McDonald, Duke of Taranto, died at Barra, aged 110. Her mind and body remained the last unimpaired.

"THE SCOTCH," says the *Illustrated News*, "is getting up at Aberdeen, a great exhibition of Scottish historical memorials—the Queen Consort presiding, and are about to be loaned to the dean and chapter of Westminster for the coronation of the stone from Scone—the famous stone on which the Scottish kings were crowned long and still a part of the coronation of the kings and queens of England. The committee, we believe, have refused to exhibit any memorials of King Edward I., of Edward, Earl of Surrey, or of William, Duke of Cumberland.

THE INSTRUMENTAL BAND consisting of inmates of the Blind Asylum, Glasgow, is recorded as one of the best in Scotland.

JAMES SCOTGAL has been appointed one of His Majesty's Assistant Inspector of Schools in Scotland.

QUITO has been almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake; loss of life nearly 5000.

LIEUT. COL. ALEX. McLEAN, who died at Milton, on 17th ult., has bequeathed the bulk of his fortune, amounting to about £50,000, to educate boys of the name of McLean; *McLaine* will not be eligible. His will provides that of the number of boys the first year shall not exceed ten, and will be increased by gradations each year, till they reach one hundred and forty, after this number is reached, £15,000 of surplus revenue shall be expended in building a Gaelic Church in Glasgow, to be called *Keillig Orain na Buann*, the sittings to be free and open to all, especially to the poor, and soldiers, &c. The services to be conducted by a minister of the Church, and Free Church, and to be paid £1 per service. The Col. was a native of the Island of Mull.

THE TWO VACANT exhibitions in Balliol College, Oxford, after close examination, have been awarded, Mr. D. A. Grant, son of Dr. Grant, St. Mary's, and Mr. R. B. Burton, son of Mr. T. Rankine, S. S. C.—distinguished pupils of the Edinburgh Academy.

THE GLASGOW NORMAL SCHOOL was lately examined by Dr. Cook, St. Andrew's, when it was intimated that 690 pupils were on the roll.

IN AN OLD PRESS, unopened for years, in the Library of Hanover Court, F. de Careil, by a singular accident, has discovered copies of four M. S. S. written by Descartes, but supposed to be lost:—1. Considerations on Science in General. 2. Something on Algebra. 3. Experimenta, and 4. Olympica.

ON THE FIRST DAY the Court of Oyer and Terminer met at New York, *nine* alleged murders were arraigned. Nor is this all. There are three more parties committed for murder but not yet indicted, and several others are still at large with their brother's blood on their hands.

PRINCE ALFRED has visited Jerusalem. This is the first time a British Prince was *within* its sacred walls. He also paid a visit to Bethlehem, Hebron, and Solomon's Gardens. He attended divine service on Mount Zion, where the Bishop officiated. He left the city to go to the Dead Sea, and thence by Bethel to Damascus.

THE question is often asked, "Who is Prof. Masson?" whose "Life of Milton" has awakened such enthusiasm among literary circles in England. He is Professor of Literature at University College, London. He was born in 1823, in Aberdeen; educated at Marischal College in that city, and subsequently at the University of Edinburgh. He is one of the great workers in the world, work anonymously in the profession of journalism, contributing largely to the British quarterly reviews.

MR. G. M. WORTABET, the Syrian gentleman, who lectured in this country some years ago, and author of an interesting work on "Syria and the Syrians," has been appointed a Doctor of Medicine, after three years' study at the University of Pennsylvania.