

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

Lochcarron presbytery has adopted overtures asking the Assembly to deal with Prof. Drummond for his "Ascent of Man," and to maintain the doctrine of a scriptural union of church and state.

Glenelg synod has adopted overtures calling on the assembly to deal with Prof. Drummond for his recent book, and to promote union among the Presbyterian churches on the basis of an Establishment.

Rev. Andrew Dickie, senior minister of St. Paul street church, Aberdeen, died on the 13 ult. in the 82nd years of his age and the 50th of his ministry. His wife, who suffered from the same ailment as her husband, survived him only three days; their remains were interred together.

Rev. Jas. Kidd, D.D., Erskine Church, Glasgow, has been presented at a soiree of his congregation held in consequence of the resolution of Glasgow university to confer on him the degree of D.D., with a purse of sovereigns and academic robes, along with a davenport for Mrs Kidd.

Perth and Stirling synod has, by 13 votes to 11, adopted an overture, moved by Rev. McIntosh of Alva, in favour of increased co-operation among the churches rather than of union. The minority was led by Rev. P. A. Gordon Clark, who objected to the suppression of small charges.

Rev. William Burnet, senior minister of Huntly, died in Edinburgh recently in his 73th year. He was long the leading member of Strathbogie presbytery, retiring from active duty in 1890. As a member of Huntly school board, and in other capacities, he rendered the community good service.

Much sympathy is expressed about Dunganon owing to the serious illness of Rev. Joseph L. Scott, the respected pastor of Upper Clonacross Presbyterian Church, and clerk to the Dunganon Presbytery, who is suffering from a severe complicated attack, principally jaundice, at his residence, Daisy Hill Manso.

The annual meeting of the Belfast Synod in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland was opened on Tuesday 23 ult. in Fisherwick Place Church (Rev. Dr. Williamson's) At 11 o'clock the outgoing Moderator, the Rev. Robt. M'Bride, Dundrod, commenced the service, and preached an earnest discourse from the text—"They first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."—2 Cor., viii. 5.

Rev. D. Fairweather, M.A., of Kinfauns, when tabling a Sabbath Observance report at Perth and Stirling synod, contended that it was a mistake in fact and in policy to base Sabbath observance on the Fourth Commandment. That was not New Testament ground. The Lord's day was a privilege, and the details of its observance should be left to the individual conscience. Rev. Dr. Bannerman and others recommended Mr. Fairweather to reconsider his views.

The Rev. D. C. Macgregor, M.A., of Elie, Fifeshire, who is fully expected to accept the call addressed to him by the Wimbledon congregation, London, is a son of the late Rev. Duncan Macgregor M.A., of Dundee, and a cousin of the Rev. George H. O. Macgregor, M.A., who was settled last year in Notting Hill. The salary promised by the Wimbledon congregation is £500, an advance of £100 on that given to their late pastor.

Rev. Thos. M. Lawrie, senior minister of Dowanhill church, Glasgow died on 15th ult. at Ayr, whither he had gone for a change. Born in Edinburgh 1819, and brought up in the Secession church, he was settled in Patrick in 1841 and never left that charge, although called elsewhere more than once. In 1866 the congregation built a handsome Gothic church at Dowanhill. On the occasion of his jubilee Mr. Lawrie was presented with 1,300 guineas. A few years ago he obtained as colleague Rev. Wm. Dickie, M.A., Perth, but he continued to preach frequently, the last time being only a fortnight before his death. As preacher and pastor he was held in the highest esteem.

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"I returned home in January, and again commenced trying doctors and medicines, but I grew worse, and in April I once more returned to the hospital. My general health again improved, but the rheumatism remained very painful. I could not raise my arms to my head, and was dressed and undressed like a child.

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