

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.—This Synod met, *pro re nata*: the object of the meeting, which was called at the request of the Theological Education Committee, being to take into consideration the state of the Divinity Hall in consequence of the death of Dr. Eadie, lately Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis. Dr. Robert Johnstone, of Parliamentary Road Church, Glasgow, was unanimously elected Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in the U.P. Divinity Hall in room of the late Dr. Eadie. Dr. Duff, the Professor of Church History, who e name had been sent up for the appointment by a number of Presbyteries, asked that he might not be put in nomination.

ORDINATION OF A MISSIONARY.—The Rev. John Stoddart, of Bonyrig U.P. Church, who has accepted a call from the Board of Missions as missionary to Lucea Church, Jamaica, has been ordained by the Edinburgh Presbytery of the U.P. Church, within La-swade U.P. Church. The Rev. John Young, A.M., preached from Matt. xiv., 16. The Rev. Mr. Brodie, of Laeswade, then addressed Mr. Stoddart a few counsels having relation to the high and holy function to which he had dedicated himself, and concluded by bidding him God-speed.

HONORARY DEGREE.—The honorary degree of D.D. has been conferred on the Rev. Robert Anderson, U.P. Church, Milnathort, by Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, U.S.

THE GILLESPIE MONUMENT.—An influential Scotch deputation recently waited upon Lord Henry Lennox, the chief commissioner of works, for the purpose of remonstrating with him on his refusal to permit a certain inscription to be placed upon the tablet destined to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Thomas Gillespie in the Abbey Church of Darncliffe. The inscription in question sets forth the historical fact, which nobody can deny, that Dr. Gillespie had, some one hundred and twenty five years ago, been "deposed by the General Assembly for refusing to take part in the forced settlement of a minister at Inverkeithing." Lord HENRY LENNOX has addressed a letter to the Rev. Dr. HUTTON, the leading member of the deputation, in which he explains that "his original objection to the inscription arose from an earnest desire that "strife which had so unfortunately distracted the Church in those days should "not be perpetuated." He adds, that after carefully weighing the arguments of the deputation, and consulting distinguished authorities in the Church of Scotland,

he is of opinion that his object will best be attained by the withdrawal of his opposition to the proposed inscription.

These is nothing like patience and perseverance in all the affairs of this life.

IRELAND.

A lively paper war is going on in the columns of the BELFAST WITNESS as to whether or not fraternal intercourse ought to be established betwixt the Presbyterian Church of Ireland and the Established Church of Scotland! "Oh! wad some power the giftie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us." Has the time not come for beating Ecclesiastical swords into ploughshares, and theological spears into pruning hooks?

ORDINATION.—At a meeting of the Bailieborough Presbytery held in Corlea Presbyterian Church, the Rev. J. McKee licentiate of the Carrickfergus Presbytery, was ordained to the pastoral charge of that congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF DUBLIN.—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held, in the Lecture-room of Rutland Square Church, when the Rev. James Porter resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Kilkenny. The Rev. Mr. Lytle submitted a call from the congregation of Warrenpoint, County Down, to the Rev. A. Halliday, A.B., T.C.D., Dublin.

DONAGHADEE.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXCURSION.—Recently one of the largest trains which ever passed along the County Down line carried the children of the Sunday-schools of Shore Street Presbyterian Church, Millisle, and Ballygrainey on an excursion to Newcastle. About twelve hundred took part in the trip.

The Irish Church has still two hundred ministers on its roll who are without a "manse." But the Irish Church does not mean that this state of things shall continue. It proposes to give every minister in the Church a house to dwell in. The Rev. Dr. Porter, of Belfast, the Moderator of the General Assembly of last year, has proposed to himself the task of raising the funds necessary. He has already secured subscriptions amounting to \$30,000, and promises of more.

LECTURE IN CORVALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—On 25th July Rev. Hugh Hanna, of Belfast, lectured in Corvalley Presbyterian Church, County Monaghan, on "Prophecy and the Supernatural." The chair was occupied by Evelyn Philip Shurley, Esq., J.P., D.L., Lough Fea Castle, and the audience included the neighbouring gentry. The lecturer selected a section of