

anxious about the men; now we have the prospect of having abundance. All that we want now is the money that will enable us to send out these men. Would you not think it an easy matter to get that? It is a difficult thing one would think to get the men, for a holy missionary is a grand product, the result of years of prayer and earnest education; but this vile money, why should there be any difficulty in getting that? Permit me to suggest where the difficulty lies. There is a little verse in Paul's epistle to the Corinthians that throws light on it—"Having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you." When your faith is increased, there lies the difficulty. The difficulty lay, then, in the Church at Corinth, just as it now lies in the Church here. The difficulty lies not in Bombay, Calcutta, or Sealkote; the difficulty lies in our own hearts: and, till our faith is increased, there is no hope for our missions. We must have a deeper and more soul-possessing faith that, whatever may be right, this is right, that as individuals and as a Church, we should go forth to convert the heathen. Another thing we need is, that ministers should have more faith in our people. We must have this conviction in us all, that the giving of this material thing money is as much a part of the will of Christ—is as much a part of religion as taking the communion and saying our prayers. Christ has so willed it that you cannot accomplish the end without it. He has connected these two things together, and we dare not say it should be otherwise. The thing is not done without regular organization and earnest work. Looking at one of our collecting books last year I find that out of 433 subscribers nine gave less than 6d., and the highest was a subscriber at 11s., there being other two at 10s. It is not by large sums that the object is obtained, but by making every communicant feel that he is a member of a missionary society, and that it is his privilege to be permitted to aid in this work. I sincerely hope that, by the help of God, we shall be delivered out of our present position; it cannot last long without our going down—that is my solid conviction.

CHURCH AT HOME.

MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRINCIPAL MACFARLAN.—A monument has just been erected in the Necropolis, a little to the south of John Knox's monument, to the memory of the late Rev. Principal Macfarlan. It has been erected by public subscription, and is a very elegant structure in the old Scottish style. The design is richly ornate, but chaste and effective, and the monument presents a fine appearance from its command-

ing position, and the bold yet graceful outlines of its parts. It is composed of a beautiful white freestone of a very fine quality, which renders the edifice still more attractive. It height from the surface of the ground to top is 49 feet; and the base is eleven feet square. It was designed by J. A. Bell, Esq., R.S.A., architect, Edinburgh, brother of Mr. Sheriff Bell of our city, and the workmanship was executed by Mr. James Shanks, sculptor, Glasgow, who has performed his part with uncommon merit. A bronze medalion portrait of the Principal, in bas-relief, designed and executed by Wm. Brodie, Esq., R. S. A., Edinburgh, will be placed on the front of the pedestal, and beneath will be the following inscription in bronze letters,—“In Memory of the Very Rev. Duncan Macfarlan, D.D., born 1771, died 1857, succeeded his Father as Minister of Drymen, in 1792; became Principal of Glasgow College in 1823, and became Minister of St. Mungo, the original parish of Glasgow, 1824. Erected 1861.” The following inscription is cut in the stone on the east side:—“Principal Macfarlan, as a minister of the Gospel, was faithful and diligent, as a member of the Church of Scotland, his knowledge of its constitution and history, his zeal for its stability and extension, and his sound judgment and sagacious counsel in circumstances of difficulty, obtained for him the confidence and respect of his brethren, and the singular honor of having twice filled the chair of the General Assembly. In the University he strenuously upheld its privileges, and judiciously watched over its interests. He enjoyed the friendship of his colleagues and the respect of the students. In the management of the public institutions of the city, his great sagacity and good sense, joined to an extensive experience and a singular aptitude for business, made his services valuable, while his firm adherence to principle, and his dignified yet courteous demeanor, secured for him the esteem of all who had intercourse with him. To erect this memorial of his honored and useful life all classes of the community cordially contributed.”

DEATH OF THE REV. ALEX. MACNAUGHTON, MILNGAVIE.—It is with feelings of sincere regret that we have to record the demise on Tuesday, of the venerable pastor of the United Presbyterian Church—Rev. Alex. Macnaughton—in the 75th year of his age, and the 53rd of his ministry. His health, not robust for some years past, had been declining rapidly of late, and having reached the goodly age of more than three score years and ten, he quietly passed away, full of years and of honors.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENT.—The Revd. George Sturrock, missionary, North Parish, Aberdeen, who is a native of the parish of Kikdon, Forfarshire, has been unanimously appointed minister of the Established Church, Corsock, Dumfriesshire.