

way. While the earnest and active young man is engaged in labouring for the improvement of his fellowmen, the good which

ults is not all on one side, for not only will the people among whom he works be benefited, but there will be a reflex influence for good on his own mind. Those display great ignorance of the human mind and its resources, who maintain that young men ought not to go out in this capacity until they have acquired a full store of knowledge and are fully equipped for the ministerial station. It is a first principle in Mental Philosophy that all the powers of the mind are invigorated and strengthened by exercise, so that the mind by every repeated act gains strength instead of losing its elasticity as some contend. On the contrary such employment would relieve and relax the mind which has been taxed for a period of six months by the oppressive monotony of learning languages, by the pursuit of science, and other exercises which tend to wither the heart and dry up the fountains of the soul. An additional reason why this scheme should be countenanced in this country is that ministers are hurried from the halls of the College immediately into the bustle and activity of settled pastors. If during their Collegiate course they had exercise and experience as Catechists, they would be in a measure fitted for assuming the duties and responsibilities of the overseers of God's heritage.

It is hoped that this Home Mission Scheme will be approved of generally and supported, that new churches will be planted, that young and energetic pastors will fill them; and then our languishing Church will have life imparted to it, then Zion will awake and put on her beautiful garments and shall shine forth as the sun in his strength, and as the moon in her brightness. To those who are now sitting in darkness in the waste places of the country will be visited with the Light of Life, and God's name will become glorious in our land.

A VOICE FROM THE WEST.

ECCLESIASTICAL ITEMS.

PRESENTATIONS.—Robert Dundas, Esq. of Arniston, has presented the Rev. James Reid, minister of the West Parish, Dalkeith, to the church and parish of Borthwick.

The Rev. William Law, minister of Auldfield Chapel, in the Presbytery of Paisley, has been presented to the church and parish of Kilmalcolm, in the Presbytery of Greenock and county of Renfrew.

THE SERVICES ON SABBATH BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY.

In the forenoon the Rev. Mr Wilson, of Forganenny, lectured from 1 Peter i. 9 and following verses;—"Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." He afterwards preached an eloquent and appropriate discourse from Matt. xxvii. 50:—"Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost." In the afternoon the services were ably conducted by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Peterhead, who

selected his text from Exodus xvi. 15:—"This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat."

At both diets the church was filled in every part with a deeply attentive audience: while hundreds who could not obtain admission had to crowd into the two adjoining churches.

On the afternoon of Sabbath last the Rev. Dr. Cumming, of London, preached an eloquent sermon from Proverbs xiv. 34, to a crowded congregation in St George's Church. The church was filled to the doors, hundreds of people having had to leave, disappointed at not gaining an entrance. At the close of the sermon an appeal was made in behalf of the Caledonian Hospital in London for orphans and poor children; among the present inmates of which are the children rendered fatherless by the havoc made in the regiment of Scotch Fusilier Guards during the late War. The collection amounted to nearly L.40.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.—We again respectfully request the friends and members of the Church to forward to us whatever information they may think calculated to promote her interests and welfare; we need scarcely add, that such communications will at all times receive every attention at our hands.

POSTAL IRREGULARITIES.—We earnestly request our subscribers to favour us with immediate notice of any irregularities in the delivery of the paper, in order that we may take the necessary steps to prevent their recurrence.

P. S.—Several communications, unavoidably crowded out of this number, will appear in our next.

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