

## Ecclesiastical News.

**SCOTLAND.**—Dr. Gustavus Aird of Creich, one of the pre-disruption ministers, is spoken of as the next Moderator of the Free Church Assembly, appointed to meet this year at Inverness. An encouraging feature in the Foreign Mission work of this church is their resolution to send a deputation to India, with a view to evangelistic effort there. One Glasgow merchant has subscribed \$5000 a year to the work. The venerable evangelist, Dr. A. N. Somerville, has commenced the work assigned to him in Bohemia and Hungary this winter. Rev. James Stalker, recently translated to Glasgow, was elected Moderator of the Free Church Synod of Glasgow and Ayr. Rev. W. J. Macdonald of Killin, has been called to succeed Mr. Stalker at Kircaldy. The congregation never heard him preach, yet such was their confidence in their committee, the call was signed by over a thousand people. The women of the churches are coming to the front in a variety of ways, and in their missionary activity are following the noble example of their sisters, on your side of the Atlantic. Miss Rainy recently gave a most interesting address on Missions at Alyth. Young men's and young women's Guilds are taking hold of our youth and doing a great work. They seem to come in just where the church and the sabbath-school show symptoms of weakness. Influential meetings in this behalf have been held at Gallashields and at Hamilton. The opening of a Guild House for the training of those who have devoted their lives to evangelistic work is seriously advocated. On the Guild Committee are three Knights, Sir John Guthbertson, Sir Charles Pearson, and Sir Charles Dalrymple, while Lord Polwarth is always forward in this, as in every other Christian enterprise. In this connection, also, a Training Home for Christian nurses is being opened in Edinburgh, under the charge of Miss Maxwell, who is at present at Mildmay, London, studying the excellent methods adopted there. The residents will receive instruction in medicine and the care of the sick, together with Biblical study and lectures on missions. The disestablishment committee of the United Presbyterian Church, recommended their people not to let the question drop, and insist on the support of those Parliamentary candidates, only, who are clear on this question. The Foreign Mission Committee of this church are thinking of abandoning their missions in Spain, on account of the pressure on their funds. Dr. Cameron Lees has returned from Melbourne, and Dr. John Marshall Lang has gone there for a short time. Dr. George Matheson, the gifted, blind minister of St. Bernard's, Edinburgh, recently preached before the Queen at Balmoral, where a statue of Her Majesty, erected by the tenants and

servants on the estate, was unveiled a short time ago by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. Gaelic sermons by Highland ministers continue to be preached in Crown Court Church, London. Mr. Dewart of Arrochar, officiated in this way recently. Rev. James McCaul, formerly of Montreal, has been supplying Anderston Free Church pulpit, Glasgow. Drs. Alexander Paterson and R. Stuart Cowan of the F. C., have gone as medical missionaries to the Mahomedan Arabs and Somalis, while the Rev. James Russel joins the staff at Madras. In the obituary list this month we notice the death of Mr. William Nelson, the well-known publisher; Revs. W. Fraser of Brighton, J. Sharp of Aberdargie, age 87, J. Laidlaw of Wanlockhead, aged 86, and the Rev. Angus McIntyre, one of the early incumbents of St. James Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I. He left the Island in 1846. He was an excellent Gaelic scholar, a poet, and a translator of several hymns into Gaelic. The wife of Mr. James A. Campbell M. P., of Stracathro, died somewhat suddenly, at their residence in Forfarshire. Mr. Campbell is well known as member of Parliament for the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen, and a warm supporter of the Church of Scotland.

**IRELAND.**—The contribution in last month's RECORD of Ireland seems to have got badly mixed. The writer never meant to say, and indeed did not say, that Dr. Johnston and Dr. Hanna were former ministers of the congregation now worshipping in Crescent Church, Belfast. What was said was, that both the fathers referred to ministered to congregations in Berry street, but it was after the congregation now known as Crescent Church had moved from Berry street to Linenhall street. In a late number of the *Witness* there is a report of the stated meeting of the Mission Board, held in Dublin, and among other grants made, Dr D. Wilson, the Colonial convener, recommended that appropriations be given to the Home Mission Board (Western Section) of Canada, £150; to French Evangelization, £150, and to Manitoba College, £100. Dr. Wilson's motion was carried unanimously. During the last month the following settlements were made: The Rev. Mr. Gallaher, licentiate, was ordained and installed in Dromore, Co. Tyrone, as assistant and successor to the Rev. James Reid Dill; the Rev. S. E. Caldwell was ordained and inducted into the charge of Hollymount, Co. Mayo, as assistant and successor of Rev. Andrew Brown, and the Rev. George Gillespie was ordained and inducted into the charge of Richhill, Co. Armagh, as assistant and successor of Rev. Andrew M. Caldin. A quarterly meeting of the Sustentation Board was held lately, and the report made of the fund was very encouraging. The receipts for the quarter had been over £600 more than the corresponding quarter of the year. The energy of the