

many a storm of persecution, may revive into something of youthful verdure and fling out her boughs to the sea and her branches to the rivers, till all the people can sit down under her shadow and send up a common song of praise and thanksgiving to her God.

The Rev. Dr. Gillan, the moderator of the Church of Scotland—"the gladiator of platform oratory," as some one called him, was the next speaker. We like the ring of his remarks about giving for Christian purposes. It squares with what we have elsewhere said about a notably princely gift.

If he—one of her noblest sons—has done this the greatest, ought not others to proffer the less? If he has consecrated his thousands on thousands to her service, surely our nobility, gentry and merchant princes may not begrudge their hundreds. (Cheers.) From such reservoirs we descend to smaller rills. (Cheers and laughter.) We want your tens, ye traders—(laughter)—nay, we shall be grateful for the units of the working-man, so that we shall be able to rise to a respectable height in the numeration table—units, tens, hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, nor shall we pause till we have touched the million.

The laying the foundation-stone of a new church at Lenzie was the occasion of another goodly gathering, where real and true words were spoken of the Auld Kirk by Mr. Orr Ewing, M.P., and others, among whom we notice the name of an old friend Mr. Whitelaw, one of the truest friends the Church has, and whose liberality is equalled only by his sagacity.

At an ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow, *inter alia*, the Rev. Duncan Morrison of Owen Sound was introduced to that venerable Court by Dr. John Marshall Lang of the Barony, and met with a cordial reception. And, that he improved the occasion by dispelling the mists which conceal from view the wants of the Colonial Churches and suitably enforced the duty of contributing to the necessities of the Saints in Canada, we do not doubt. The Presbytery resolved to meet in Blackfriar's Church on a given day, to induct the Rev. Thomas Somerville, of St. David's, Kirkintilloch, to the Church and parish of Blackfriars. It was reported that the Rev. James Douglas, of

Maxwell Territorial Church, had received and accepted a call from the congregation of St. Stephen's.

PERTH.—The Presbytery of Perth by 6 votes to 3 have resolved not to interfere with the use of instrumental music in the East Church.

DUNFERMLINE.—The interior renovation of the Abbey Church is now nearly completed. The beautifully carved gallery front, preserved from the old building, has been transposed, and a fine effect produced by gilding the crowned heads at the spring of the arches.

OLD MACHAR CATHEDRAL, ABERDEEN.—After a long and acrimonious discussion, the heritors have agreed to borrow funds to defray the expense of "stamping out" the dry rot in the woodwork of the Cathedral. The minority dissented and protested against the decision as illegal. The meeting broke up in confusion. Meanwhile the dry rot is playing havoc.

BROUGHTY FERRY.—At a meeting of the congregation 366 votes were given in favour of introducing instrumental music; 85 objected: A large number of "no votes." The Kirk session have resolved to proceed with the matter and an organ is already looming in the distance.

BLAIRGOWRIE.—The new organ lately fitted up in the Parish Church has been inaugurated with a recital and concert which was largely attended, and all went merry as a marriage bell.

CAMPBELTOWN.—The Rev. John Cameron, previous to leaving for his new parish, Dunoon, was entertained at a public dinner, and was presented with a splendid time-piece and a purse of sovereigns.

ELGIN.—The Rev. Duncan Stewart of Dornoch has been translated to the Church and Parish of Elgin. On a recent Sabbath the congregation worshipping in this Church had the unwonted pleasure of having the service conducted—with the formal leave of the Presbytery—by a Free Church minister, the Rev. John Jenkins of Culross, Fifeshire, and his presence was hailed with pleasure by the whole congregation. This is the first instance that has come to our notice of a Free Church minister conducting the ordinary service of a Parish Church. We trust it may be the harbinger of the dawn of a better day.

"BEHOLD NOW GOOD A THING IT IS!—The Free Church and Established Church congregations in the parish of Sorbie, Wigtownshire, at present worship together, the ministers preaching on alternate Sundays. The Free Church being closed for repairs, the parish minister made the above offer, which was readily accepted.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. The whole amount raised for the various schemes, for the year ending 31st March, 1873, is £452,789. Sir David Baxter, who died towards the close of last year,