

is the perfect freedom of religious creeds. I recognize in your position the assertion of this right, associated with the doctrines of that Church which has long guided the people of Scotland.

"I thank you for your address, and for your prayers, offered in behalf of the Queen—my mother—and myself."

We may add, that in the absence of the Moderator of Synod, Principal Willis was requested to remain in the reception room until the proceedings of the levee were at an end.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 11th Sept., His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Governor General, the Duke of Newcastle, General Bruce, and others of the suite, paid a short visit to Knox College. The College address having been already presented, Principal Willis read a brief sketch of the history and results of Knox College. After inscribing his name in the Visitor's Register, His Royal Highness, with his party, departed.

#### CALLS, INDUCTIONS, &c.

**SCARBORO.**—The Rev. D. H. Fletcher has accepted a call from the congregation of Scarboro.

**COTE ST. MONTREAL.**—This congregation have agreed to present a call to the Rev. D. H. McVicar of Guelph.

**FARNHAM.**—The R. Rev. McArthur has received a call from the United congregations of Farnham Centre and Farnham West.

**MORNINGTON.**—We noticed briefly in our last the induction of the Rev. D. Beattie, formerly of St. Mary's. We give now a more particular account of the interesting proceedings:

The Rev. W. Doak presided, and opened the services with a very suitable discourse from the words "God has given to us the words of reconciliation," in which he pointed out clearly and forcibly the nature of the gospel ministry, the duties involved in it, and the authority under which it is exercised. After recapitulating the steps usually taken by the Church Courts in such cases, and intimating that all things had been done in accordance with Church rules, he proceeded to the induction, when Rev. Mr. Beattie was recognized as the minister of the Millbank congregation, and received the right hand of fellowship from his brethren of the Presbytery. The presiding minister having offered up a very solemn and appropriate prayer for the blessing of the Head of the Church upon the union between pastor and people thus formed, the Rev. Mr. Allan of North Easthope, addressed the newly inducted pastor in a most impressive and suitable manner. The services were concluded with an address to the people by the Rev. Wm. T. McMullen, the late pastor, now of Woodstock. After the benediction, Mr. Beattie was heartily welcomed at the door of the Church, by the members of the congregation, after which the members of the Presbytery and several of the friends were entertained by a very substantial dinner, at the

house of Mr. Andrew Mundell, an Elder of the congregation. Several ministers of other congregations were present, and manifested that spirit of christian unanimity and kindness which should always characterise professors of religion. As an example worthy of imitation, it may be well to mention, that all the expenses of the ministers attendant on the occasion, were voluntarily and freely paid by the Trustees.

**REV. DR. BURNS.**—The Rev. Dr. Burns, who has been absent during the summer, on a visit to Britain, has now returned, and will deliver the opening Lecture at Knox College, on Wednesday, 3rd inst.

**COLPORTAGE.**—It is earnestly requested that in all congregations where the collection for Colportage has not yet been taken up, the injunction of Synod on this subject be attended to as soon as possible.

#### ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

**REV. F. D. MAURICE.**—This clergyman, whose doctrinal views are essentially unsound, was lately presented to the incumbency of St. Peter's, Vere Street, London. A memorial signed by fifty-four clergymen in London, was presented to Lord Palmerston, and also to the Bishop of London, praying that Mr. Maurice might not be instituted to the incumbency without an inquiry as to his doctrinal views. Mr. Maurice has been however, formally installed.

**ITALY.**—**MOVEMENTS OF GARIBALDI.**—There is every reason to believe that mainly through the agency of Garibaldi, Italy, (with perhaps the exception of Rome and Venetia,) will be comparatively free; and under the sceptre of Victor Emmanuel. Garibaldi's movements excite deep interest in Britain. There is a female association in London, at the head of which is Lady Shaftesbury, for the purpose of collecting funds to provide medical assistance and other supplies for the wounded and sick of Garibaldi's army.

**SYRIA.**—The correspondent of the *Presbyterian Banner*, says:

From Syria comes intelligence of vigorous measures adopted at Damascus, by Fouad Pacha, the Envoy of the Sultan. Four hundred persons who had taken part in the massacres had been arrested; they were to be tried immediately, and those found guilty were to be summarily executed. It remains, however, to be seen whether the ex-Governor who tacitly sanctioned the massacre, and whose troops drove the poor Christians into the flames of burning houses, will receive his desert. He was sent away at once from Damascus, to be tried at Constantinople. But we know that at Jeddah some eighteen months ago, the Pacha, who was the real murderer, imprisoned for a time, is now at large. Only a few poor wretches that were his instruments, and probably some innocent men besides, were hung on the beach, in order to satisfy France and England. In the present instance, however, the French Ambassador's remonstrances have compelled the Turks to send back the guilty Pacha and another

prominent criminal, to be tried in Syria itself.

The distress and misery of the people of Syria are beyond conception. The majority of them at Damascus were not put to death; twenty-five thousand survive, but like others elsewhere, they lost nearly their all. A London Committee is raising large subscriptions, and Lord John Russell, as Foreign Minister is encouraging the movement.

**REV. DR. MCCOSH.**—We observe that the Rev. D. McCosh, of Belfast, has been appointed to the chair of Logic and Metaphysics, in the University of Aberdeen.

**SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE REV. D. HAMILTON OF BELFAST.**—The Rev. D. Hanson, of Fahan, in the Presbytery of Derry, has been elected successor to the late Rev. Dr. Hamilton. Mr. Hanson has been most successful in his first charge, and enters on his duties at Belfast with every prospect of comfort and usefulness.

**IRISH MISSION AT DAMASCUS.**—The Mission Board on hearing of the outbreak in Damascus, and of the sad murder of Rev. Mr. Graham, promptly voted an ample amount for the relief of the mission, and the aid of the converts connected with it. A special collection is to be taken up on 3rd Sabbath of October.

**GENEROUS CONDUCT OF ABD-EL-KADER.**—The conduct of this Chief, during the massacres in Syria, was beyond all praise. He did all in his power to stay bloodshed, and actually saved many Christians from death. The Emperor Napoleon has sent him, in acknowledgment of his generous conduct, a cordon of the Legion of Honor. His conduct has also been gratefully made mention of in the British Parliament.

**REVIVAL MEETINGS IN SCOTLAND.**—Revival Meetings, attended by large numbers and addressed by various ministers and laymen of various Churches, have been lately held, both at Dundee and Perth. Open-air meetings have been held in various parts of the country.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT ST. ANNE.**—At the late meeting of the General Assembly at Rochester, it was agreed to erect several churches and schools for Mr. Chiniquy's people, one of these to be erected by the offerings of the children of the Presbyterian Church. The foundation stone of this erection was laid on the 5th September, at St. Anne. The exercises were all conducted in the French language.

#### PROPOSED WEEK OF PRAYER 1861.

In our last issue we noticed the proposal, under the sanction of the Committee of the Evangelical Alliance for a week of prayer in the beginning of 1861. We copy the following brief notice, issued by the Committee of the Alliance.

#### PROPOSED WEEK OF PRAYER IN 1861.

Our missionary brethren at Lodianna, invited Christians throughout the world to begin this year with united supplication for the enlarged outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The cordial response to their appeal is fresh in the memory of us all. The earth was girdled with prayer. The sun for seven days never set on groups or congregations of praying believers. Many striking answers to these prayers are known to have been received. Eternity along