

NUNNERIES.—A loyal address to Her Majesty from females of Stranraer in favour of having all nunneries in the kingdom open to the inspection of the Civil Law has been despatched to the Earl of Shaftesbury for presentation. 1300 names are admitted.

LADY EGLINTON AND POPERY.—The *Tablet*, the *Telegraph*, and the *Nation*, unite in launching one common anathema against Lady Eglinton, who has declined subscribing to the funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, or patronising its bazaar, which amounts to the same thing.—*Dublin Evening Herald*.

EXTRAORDINARY MUNIFICENCE.—At the Annual meeting of the London Missionary Society, the Rev. Mr. James announced that on the preceding evening a note of £500 had been put in the plate after Dr. Beaumont's sermon in support of the Society, and that another gentleman had promised a guinea a-day.

OUT-DOOR PREACHING.—A meeting of ministers and others was held in the Religious Institution House, Edinburgh, for the purpose of making arrangements for a general system of street-preaching on the Sabbath evenings during the summer months. The Lord Provost was called to the Chair; and it was moved and unanimously carried that the scheme be entered upon; and a committee was appointed to give effect to the resolution.

PRIZE POEM ON THE SABBATH.—A prize of L.25 was some time ago offered for the best poem on the Sabbath, to be competed for by students of Divinity of the Established, Free, and United Presbyterian Churches, the adjudicators being a clergyman of each denomination. The prize has been unanimously awarded to Mr. Daniel Gorrie, Kettle, student of Divinity of the U. P. Church. Two years ago Mr. Gorrie gained the prize for a poem on Ossian in the Rhetoric class in the Edinburgh College.

THE Rev. Dr. Hanna, senior minister of Rosemary Street, Presbyterian congregation, Belfast, and one of the joint Professors of Divinity in the General Assembly's College, died on Friday evening last at the residence of his son-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Denham, Londonderry. Dr. Hanna was the oldest minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, being at his decease upwards of eighty years of age. The Rev. Mr. Macnaughtan, late of the Free High Church, Paisley, was recently translated to Rosemary Street congregation as Dr. Hanna's assistant and successor; consequently the Rev. gentleman will succeed to the full emoluments of the congregation. We believe that Dr. Hanna, biographer, and son-in-law of Dr. Chalmers, is a son of the deceased.

SYNOD OF THE (FREE) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.—This body closed its sittings in Kingston on Tuesday. The attendance of ministers (of whom there are now eighty on the roll) was larger than usual. We understand that several interesting and important matters were brought before the Synod: among others, the subject of revivals occupied a prominent place, and a committee was appointed to prepare and issue a pastoral address on the subject. An interesting report was read on the subject of the Sabbath, and measures were devised for endeavouring to secure its better observance. The friends of the coloured population were exceedingly gratified at the Report of the Buxton mission, which was most satisfactory. On the subject of Temperance, the Synod agreed to petition the Legislature for the enactment of a law for the total suppression of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.—The grievances, to which the inhabitants of the Lower Provinces are subjected in consequence of the numerous holidays recognized by Law, were brought before the Synod, and it was agreed to petition the Legislature on the subject. The Synod also agreed to petition the Legislature for the revival of the Marriage Law, and especially of that part of it which subjects Presbyterian and other Christian ministers to the necessity of ap-

plying to the Quarter Sessions for the privilege, a condition from which the ministers of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church are exempt. The Report of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund was highly satisfactory: it appears that donations to the extent of about £2,000 have already been paid to the Fund, from which annuities of £30 to £40 will be paid to the families of deceased ministers who have paid the annual rate of £2. After an appropriate address by the Moderator, Mr. Wightman, the Synod adjourned to meet next year in Hamilton on the second Wednesday of June.—The proceedings of the Synod were most harmonious, there having been only one question, and that on a matter of form, on which a vote was taken.—*Kingston News*.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN PRESBYTERY OF CUPAR—THE REV. DR. TAYLOR.—This court met in Boston Church, Cupar. The attendance was unusually large, it being understood that the main business was to hear the decision which the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Auchtermuchty, was to make anent the cordial and unanimous call which he had received from the Canadian Synod to become their Professor of Theology. Mr. Harley, on the part of the congregation, stated that there was the most ardent and unanimous wish that the Doctor should continue to be their minister. But they knew that he would act strictly according to his conviction of duty, and that weightier reasons than they could have produced would be anxiously pondered by himself. If he should see it to be his duty to accept the call, the Auchtermuchty congregation would feel keenly that they had lost a most able and devoted pastor. They would ever cherish a hallowed remembrance of him and his valuable ministrations, and would follow him to the new sphere of his labour, not only with their best wishes for his comfort and happiness, but also with many fervent prayers for his usefulness. The Rev. Dr. Taylor said it would be wretched affectation in him then to pretend that he was at a loss what step to take in reference to the call from the Canadian Synod. There was only one course at that stage open to him, that of accepting the call and of asking the Presbytery to dissolve the connexion between him and his congregation. A man who had laboured for a quarter of a century in one congregation, and enjoyed comfort and happiness from their uniform kindness, if he were possessed just of common sensibilities, could not quit that congregation, could not quit his native land and relatives, without a pang. The Presbytery, whilst concurring in the decision to which Dr. Taylor had come, expressed their sense of the high value of Dr. Taylor's services as a minister, a member of the Presbytery, and a member of society, and their deep regret that they were henceforth to lose such services. All the members of Presbytery in succession expressed their opinion of the eminent qualifications of the Doctor to be a Professor of Theology, and their profound sorrow that the connection between him and them was now to be broken off. In addition to the testimonial which has been projected by the Auchtermuchty public at large, a movement originating with, but not confined to, the Presbytery, has been begun, to present the Rev. Doctor with an expression of their admiration and their best wishes.

POETRY.

GOD IN ALL THINGS.

When Samuel heard in still midnight
A voice amid God's presence bright,
He rose and said on bended knee,
"Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth Thee."

Even such a voice I too may hear,
Even such a light my soul may cheer;
For Scripture words by God are given,
And conscience is a ray from Heaven.

All that I learn can tell of God;
The Bible best, 'tis His own Word;
But men and books, each star and flower,
Can tell me of Him more and more.

Within, without, above, around,
I'll listen for the holy sound;
And still my ardent prayer shall be,
"Speak, for Thy servant heareth Thee."
Miss MARTINEAU.

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