## The Presbyterian Review.

## THE CHURCH ABROAD.

Prof. Story goes to the assembly as re-presentative of Glasgow university.

Rev. Dr. J. Cameron Lees is a trustee under the will of the late Prof. Blackie.

Rev. Archibald A. Campbell, of Crathic is about to receive the degree of D.D. from Glasgow university.

A Decrease of £369 is reported in Edin-burgh presbytery's contributions to the Sustantiation fund

Rev. J. W. Taylor, D.D., of Flisk and Croich, has bequeathed £700 to the schemes of the Free Chur .b.

Prof. George Adam Smith, M.A. D.D., Edinburgh, has received the degree of LL.D., from Aberdeen university.

Rev. Dr. Thompson of Hamilton has been granted by his presbytery six months' leave of absence to recruit his bealth.

Rev. George Ferries, B.D., Cluny, and Rev. Jas. Fraser M.A., Colvend, have received the degree of D.D. from Aberdeen.

The Chalmers congregation in Glasgow propose to build a new church. Since Rev. John Urquhart became their minister two and a haif years ago the membership has increased from 190 to 615.

Rev. William Gibson of Lochgoilhead was married in Edinburgh to Miss Mary Laird Reid, younger daughter of the late Rev. William Reid, M.A., Carlisle.

Glasgow Presbytery's annual statistics show an increase of 1,624 in the number of communicants, 76 per cent. partaking at least once during the year. The Christian liberality amounted to £74,876, a decrease of £3,060, but due to the fluctuation in church and hall building. In the Sabbath schools the roll had increased 813 and the attendance 183.

At a committee meeting to make arrange-At a committee meeting to make arrange-ments for the conference of the Women's guild in Aberdeen, Rev. Dr. Cooper objected to the offering up of prayer by Miss Maxwell on the ground that it would be unbecoming and contrary to the Word of God. A motion, however, by Rev. Dr. M'Ulymont that the programme stand was carried by S0 votes to 17 whereupon Dr. Ccoper walked ont, followed by saveral ladies. out, followed by several ladies.

Prof. Story, speaking at the dinner of the Glasgow Society of the Sons of Ministers de-plored the tendency of some of the younger plored the fondency of some of the younger ministers to carry mere points of ritual to an extreme. He truets that as far as this movement is connected with doctrinal opinions tending to mediaval sacerdotalism and superstition, [the church will express itelf plainly and firmly, drawing a distinct line between legitimate improvement of ritual and extravement of ritual and extravagant folly.

Mr. David M'Cowan, chairman of Home Mission board, laid the memorial stone of Avonstreet church, Hamilton, built to re-place the Burgher church erected in 1779. It is expected that the new church will be opened free of debt.

Rev. Neil MacLood, M.A., D.D., Newport hasbeenpresented with new pulpit robes and a purse of sovereigns by way of congratu-lation on his receipt of the D.D. degree. A filver salver was given to Mrs. MacLood.

Prof. Marcus Dods, speaking in Edinburgh in support of disestablishment, said the idsal method would befor the Established churchmen themselves to come forward with a frauk confession that the time for that frank confession that the time for that measure had come. The only loss to the church he could conceive of was one of prestige—a loss of a kind of respect paid to it as an establishment. But overy wordly influence admitted into church shot out a spiritual influence. A first result of dises-tablishment might be a decrease in the number of adherents, but union of the three churches would certainly be followed by great spiritual enthusiasm. The Presbyterian General Assembly, at Auckland, has passed a resolution sympa-thising with Iker. Dr. Paton's efforts in councetion with the new Dayspring fund, but restricting its annual contribution to £150.

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