

the spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

By her will she has left the following sums for religious purposes:—

Two bursaries explained before	£400
The Foreign Mission	200
The Home Mission	200
British and Foreign Bible Society	300
Ministers' Widows' Fund	100
Deaf and Dumb Institution	100

Besides considerable amounts in personal charity, which he who regards a cup of cold water given to a disciple in the name of a disciple, and who is the God of the widow and fatherless, will regard as given to himself equally with the above.—(Matt. xxv. 40.)

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

There is a widespread yearning for Union among the churches. The Free Church, the United Presbyterian and Reformed Churches are thoroughly in earnest discussing a "basis." The subject was to come before their supreme judicatories last month, and the result was expected with prayerful anxiety.

While union is discussed and earnestly advocated in the non-established churches the Establishment people are chafing under the fetters of patronage. This old grievance has been recently discussed in some of the Presbyteries. The most earnest and evangelical ministers and people are opposed to patronage, and cannot rest contentedly under so strange, so anti-Presbyterian a yoke. The question of organs in churches has also caused considerable agitation in the Establishment. But these instruments have been so extensively introduced that there is now but little opposition. Every fashionable church will feel bound to have its organ. Far more ominous than the "organs" are the teachings of Drs. Tulloch, Lee, and Norman Macleod. Tulloch sneers at the confession of Faith and teaches that it is high time to be done with it. Lee sneers at everything except printed prayers got up by himself. Macleod fights the fourth commandment and indeed the whole Ten. The Presbyteries are beginning to call these men to account. They have done and are doing an incalculable amount of mischief, especially by influencing the rising ministry of their church. The Presbyterian Church in England held its Synod recently in Dr. Hamilton's Church, Regent Square. Mr. Alexander of Chelsea was chosen moderator. This church seems to prosper well in its work at home and abroad. They receive invaluable aid in men and money from the Scottish churches. A union between the United Presbyterian Synod in England and the English Synod is expected to take place ere long.

The Reformed Presbyterian Synod met at Glasgow early in May. The Report on Union was laid before the Synod by Dr. Goold, Edinburgh. The Committee was re-appointed, and the tone of the discussion was of the most hopeful character. Dr. Blaikie and others in the Free Church are under the impression that there are chafes impending in the Established church which will render a union with that body practicable.

The Free Church Sustentation fund is in advance of any previous year. The Foreign Mission Fund is also in a flourishing condition. The United Presbyterian Synod met on the 14th May. Its meetings were to continue ten days. The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund amounts to £18,600.

Fireside Reading.

The Bible Illustrated.

"Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."—Revelation xix. 9.

The evening before Ridley suffered martyrdom, when sitting at supper, he bade his hostess and all present to his marriage, as he called his death. Mrs. Irish was much affected by his words, and wept bitterly. "Oh, Mrs. Irish," he gently said, "you love me not now, I see well enough; for in that you weep it doth appear you will not be at my marriage, neither are content therewith. Indeed you be not so much my friend as I thought you had been. But quiet yourself: though my breakfast shall be somewhat sharp and painful, yet I am sure my supper shall be more pleasant and sweet."

"Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich."—Proverbs xxviii. 6.

A poor but very pious woman once called to see two rich young ladies, who also loved the Lord. Without regard to her mean appearance, they received her with great kindness into their drawing-room, and sat down to converse with her upon religious subjects. While thus engaged their brother entered the room. He was a gay, proud, thoughtless youth, and looked much astonished at their unusual guest.—One of them rose up with dignity, and said, "Brother, don't be surprised; this is a king's daughter, only she has not got her fine clothes on."

"Yea though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."—Psalm xlii. 4.

It is said that after the American steamer