

year's report, which was copied in *extenso* in the *Home and Foreign Record of the Church of Scotland*, and extensively quoted from by many religious periodicals.

The report of the Trustees of Queen's College shows an encouraging state of affairs. The number of students last winter in Arts and Theology was 60, viz., 51 in the former and 9 in the latter; and, according to present prospects, the attendance next session will be larger. Two extra courses of lectures were given to the Divinity Students—one on Science and Revelation by the Revd. Dr. George Bell, the other on Pastoral Theology by the Revd. Dr. Jenkins, men admirably qualified to discourse on the subjects selected by them.

The report of the *Presbyterian* shows the circulation to be 8575. We question if there is a Church in Christendom whose *Record* is taken by so large an average of its members. It used to be very different; but Mr. Lang's plan of cheapening the paper and getting it taken congregationally, and Mr. Croil's excellent editing, have brought about the present gratifying state of affairs.

The last number furnishes the following facts:—Rev. J. B. Muir was inducted to the charge of Huntingdon, recently. Revs. Messrs. Watson of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and P. Rogers of the Methodist Church, being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery—a good indication of a Union sentiment. Many of the clergymen are temporarily absent from their charges on excursions.

The minister of St. Andrew's, Kingston, has gone to Scotland for the benefit of his health. Rev. Messrs. Burnet of Martintown, Wilson of Nawark, and Canning of Oxford, have also taken a trip to the other side of the water. Rev. Mr. Campbell of St. Gabriel's, is off to the Upper Ottawa; Mr. Gordon of Ottawa, down to the Gulf; Dr. Bain of Perth, away to far-off Manitoba; and Gavin Lang is rusticated at Lachine. Rev. Mr. Livingston has demitted his charge of Pittsburgh, and his demission has been accepted with reluctance. A new church has been opened at New Lowell, capable of seating about 300 persons—and it has been handed over

to the trustees, free of debt. Mr. Malcolm McGillivray has been laboring at this station for some time as missionary.—A new manse is being erected for the Rev. John Bennet of Almonte, to cost \$5000.—A missionary from the Colonial Committee, Rev. Mr. Barnhill, has gone west to enter upon missionary labors there.

THE September *Presbyterian* says that "arrangements have been made for the induction of Revd. Neil Brodie, of Gairloch, N. S., to Lochiel congregation, Presbytery of Glengarry."

### III. The Church of Scotland.

The Revd. D. Leishman of Govan, a man who figured prominently in the history of the Church, between the years 1840 and 1845, has departed this life. Our old friend, Rev. Allan Pollok, had been acting as his assistant for the last year, and we hope to be able soon to congratulate him on being appointed to the charge, which is one of the best—if not the best in point of stipend—in all Scotland. The patrons are the Senate of Glasgow University, for the new Patronage Act does not come into operation until Jan. 1st, 1875.

According to the new Patronage Act, each congregation of the Church of Scotland is now vested absolutely with the right of appointing its minister, it being left to the General Assembly to define the word "Congregation." The "Congregation" will probably be made to include Communicants, male and female, and perhaps, also, such adherents as regular pew-holders, sitters, &c

What the effect of the new Patronage law on the Church of Scotland may be, it is very difficult to say. Much will depend on the attitude taken by the General Assembly. If it uses the vantage-ground it now occupies to conciliate the other Churches,—if, for example, it makes such regulations for the Highland parishes that where the congregation is small, the members of the Free Church shall be allowed to vote for the minister, and allowed to elect a minister of the Free Church, then the effect will be to strengthen her, no matter what keen and violent sectaries may do or say. But if the vantage-ground so generously given by Parliament be