

Italy and France are doing. The other Churches of Great Britain are more alive to this than we seem to be. The Church of England has long been the chief support of the Waldensians, though, being Presbyterian, they appear to have greater claims upon us. The Free Church has, during the last year, spent nearly £1000 in support of the Protestant Churches on the Continent; and the United Presbyterian Church, double that sum. All honour to them that, in the midst of such enormous demands at home, they are willing and able to do so much for the cause of Christ abroad! All honour to them for this, we repeat; but, brethren, we would not have the Church of our fathers show either a cold heart or a niggard hand in such a cause; we would not have the Church of our fathers ignored among the Christian Churches of the Continent. May the example of others inspire us with a holy emulation! May we be taught by the Divine Spirit to apply to ourselves the injunction, "Go and do ye likewise."

Remember Sabbath the 17th of January!

In name and by authority of the Committee,

WILLIAM ROBERTSON,
Convener.

Appointment as Government Inspector of Schools.

We understand that Mr. John Black, schoolmaster of Banchory-Devenick, has been appointed one of H. M. A. Inspectors of Schools for Scotland, and that he commenced the duties of his new office last week in Edinburgh. Many of our readers (says the *Banffshire Journal*) need not be reminded that Mr. Black is a native of Glenrinnies, in this county. He is yet comparatively young, being only, we believe, twenty-three. Receiving his education first at the General Assembly's School in his native district and latterly at the well-known Parish School of Keith, he went from thence to King's College, Aberdeen, in October, 1851, and gained the third bursary at the entrance competition. He was also very successful in prizes at the close of each of the sessions of curriculum. Besides first, second, or third honours in Humanity, Greek, Chemistry, and Moral Philosophy, he carried off first prizes in all the Mathematical and Natural Philosophy classes of the course, also coming in at the end for the Simpson Mathematical prize of £60. As a parochial schoolmaster, which he has been at Banchory-Devenick since the summer of 1855, he underwent an examination last year in Edinburgh for the Dick Bequest, the report of the examiners to the trustees of which bore, as we noticed at the time, that Mr. B. had "distinguished himself greatly more than any master who has at any time offered himself at these exami-

nations." The resolution of the Trustees proceeding upon the report was that, besides the maximum for his annual share in the funds of the 'Trust, and the "usual addition in respect of scholarship," Mr. Black should be awarded "a special extra allowance of thirty guineas," the highest ever before given having been twenty-five guineas. It may also be mentioned that Mr. Black was, we believe, no candidate for the situation he has been chosen to fill—did not even know of the vacancy until he received by post from Government notice of his appointment. He has to reside, we understand, in Edinburgh, the districts in which he has to examine lying chiefly around that city.

Charitable Bequests.

By the Late Miss JANET GRAHAM ROBERTSON of Torrie.

Miss Janet G. Robertson of Torrie was daughter of the late Rev. Dr. James Robertson, minister of the parish of Callander for forty-four years, and sister of the late Rev. Peter Robertson, minister of said parish for thirty years.

Miss Robertson was the last survivor of a numerous family—all born in the parish of Callander. Many of them lived to a good old age, and, with the exception of one, the Hon. Duncan Robertson of Jamaica, spent their latter years in their native parish, to which they were warmly attached, and in which they were much respected, useful, and beloved.

Miss Robertson, by her latter will and deed of disposition, bequeathed the sum of £100 to each of the six schemes of the Church of Scotland; as also the sum of £250 to assist in the endowment of the church at Trossachs, in the parish of Callander; the sum of £100, the yearly interest or produce thereof to be applied in assisting to establish a library in connection with the parish Sabbath school; the sum of £100, the yearly interest or produce thereof to be applied in the promotion of the objects of "The Callander of Monteith Society for the Monthly Distribution of Religious Tracts;" and the sum of £20 for the use of the poor of her native parish. In all, the said charitable bequests amount to £1070, which amount, we understand, has been paid over by the executors to the proper parties.

In the death of Miss Robertson the poor of her native parish have lost a friend. She knew them well; her ear was open to their complaints; her heart was large, and her liberal hand sent them not empty away.

Miss R. was possessed of many accomplishments, natural and acquired, was long an ornament to society, esteemed in her life, regretted in her death, her memory now warmly cherished by many, and long to be remembered in deeds done

for the benefit of generations, to come. Being dead, thus she yet speaketh.—*Communicated to the Glasgow Herald.*

EAST PARISH CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL SOIREE.—The annual soiree of the Sabbath school in connection with the East Parish Church, Greenock, which took place on the night of Wednesday, was a most successful entertainment. The children turned out in crowds, and were accompanied by parents and friends, until the comfortable church was crowded in every part. The Rev. Mr. Hutcheson, the eloquent pastor of the congregation, presided, and was ably aided in the speaking department by the Revs. Dr. McCulloch, Messrs. J. B. Smith, Jarvie, Macfarlane, and Rattary of Camlachie. The musical department was first rate; for, be it known, Neil Dougall, the veteran psalmist, is one of the members of the church, and though he has ceased to take an active part in vocalisation, it could not be supposed that the fine ear of the aged composer would tolerate anything commonplace in sacred music. A fine choir performed exquisitely; and Miss Lillias Dougall, the popular vocalist, sang several sacred solos with great power. Then, Mr. Collins and Mr. M'iver contributed the substantials, which were not the least important items in the programme; in short, it was altogether such a meeting as is calculated to amuse and instruct both old and young.

GLASGOW ELDERS' ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The fourth annual general meeting of this association was held on Monday evening within the Tontine Hotel—Thomas Whyte, Esq., presiding. During the course of the evening the following particulars regarding the operations of the association were elicited, from which its value will be best understood: One of the principal objects aimed at is the employment of missionary agency in perhaps the worst locality of our city—that included within a small circle with the Cross as the centre. Here their missionary has hitherto habitually laboured, and they have determined still farther to extend the usefulness of their society by the employment of another workman in this most degraded but interesting field. To all sects and classes is the message of peace borne, and throughout the locality Bibles and Testaments are gratuitously distributed. To give some idea of the onerous nature of the duties devolving upon the missionary, we may state that during the eleven months of the past year seventy prayer meetings have been held, 3350 missionary visits have been made and 580 sick and infirm persons have been attended.