

and was not his title to heaven sure? Was he not a man who had done very little harm, and a great deal of good? Was he not therefore justly entitled to indulge in self-glorification? Certainly, in order to carry out his vain idea of his own perfection. Why should he who, as he supposed, had no want to oppress him, and nothing to make him afraid, put himself in the humiliating position of a mendicant? Why should he plead for pardon if he was perfect in the sight of God? So it was. He did not do it. He did not ask anything, for neither the conviction of his own sins,

nor the wickedness of his own heart, troubled him. And much less did he ask any thing in His name, through whom, and for whose sake, the Father bestows on the Church "the blessing that maketh rich, and added no sorrow with it." The result therefore was perfectly natural, for the Pharisee did not receive. He did not cry with a child's faith, and did not therefore receive of the children's bread. And herein was that saying verified, "Whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have."

Miscellaneous.

ESTABLISHED PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW.

This Presbytery held a *pro re nata* meeting in Bellahouston Chapel of Ease—Dr. Craik moderating.

TRANSLATION OF MR MENZIES OF ST GEORGE'S-IN-THE-FIELDS TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. P. S. MENZIES, of St George's-in-the-Fields, asked to be allowed to demit his present charge under the following circumstances. About four months ago Mr Charteris had placed in his hands a series of documents in connection with the Scotch Church, Melbourne, from which it appeared that the congregation worshipping there were anxious to relieve their minister, the Rev. Irving Hetherington, of a portion of his duties, which had become too much for his years. In order to get a colleague and successor the assistance of several ministers of the Church of Scotland was asked and obtained, it being part of the instructions to these ministers that in addition to the man wanted being a capable minister he should be able to undertake the duties of a theological tutorship in connection with the Victorian Church to which, in all probability, he would be appointed. The selection committee unanimously resolved to ask him (Mr Menzies) to accept the offer, and after consideration he had resolved upon doing so. Though contented to continue his labours in St George's-in-the-Fields, where he had the happiness to enjoy no small share of the confidence and affection of the congregation, he had become clearly convinced that a field of usefulness was offered to him which it might not be improper or imprudent to accept, even at the cost of relinquishing the great happiness of his present position. He had therefore intimated his acceptance of the call (which had recently been sent to him from Melbourne) to the session and managers, and he now begged to tender his demission to the Presbytery. He assured the Court that he considered it no light matter to break up his connection with its members and with an attached congregation, and to leave the country and the church of his fathers. In Victoria the leading bodies of Presbyterians were amalgamated into one, but, while he rejoiced that such

was the case, he should not consider his new connection as inconsistent with an adhesion to and love of the Church of Scotland. With deep regret he took his leave of the Presbytery, and begged to return his sincere and earnest thanks to the brethren, who had uniformly shown him the most marked attention and kindness.

Mr CHARTERIS, as one of the ministers into whose hands the selection was placed, stated that the Melbourne congregation had been most anxious to obtain as Mr Hetherington's colleague and successor a minister of the Church of Scotland. Mr Menzies was the minister upon whom at the very first the committee heartily and unanimously agreed. They felt that in him they had not only a competent preacher and pastor, but one who was qualified to take a prominent position and to fill ably the theological professorship which had been referred to. They were unanimously convinced that the gifts required could be found in no other man in such complete harmony. Mr Charteris concluded by moving the acceptance of Mr Menzies' demission.

Dr LEISHMAN, while extremely averse that anything should be done which would inconvenience Mr Menzies in his arrangements for leaving this country, expressed the opinion that it would not be constitutional to accept the resignation until the congregation of St George's-in-the-Fields had had an opportunity of giving their voice on the subject.

The MODERATOR expressed an opinion similar to that given by Dr Leishman.

Dr SMITH, on the other hand, saw no difficulty in the way. The case was different from ordinary translation. Only one of the parties could be called, and a one-sided opinion might be given.

After some further conversation it was agreed to act upon the suggestion of Dr Leishman, and a special meeting of Presbytery was fixed to take place on the 5th prox., to which the congregation should be summoned.

The Moderator, Dr Leishman, Dr Smith, and Mr Leiper expressed their regret at the removal of Mr Menzies, and their earnest desire for that gentleman's well-being and prosperity in his new career; after which the Court rose.