

protest against these innovations. The Rev. Joseph Corbett, formerly of Manchester, has been inducted to the pastorate of the Camphill U. P. congregation, Queen's Park.

Australia.

THE LATE DR. MENZIES OF MELBOURNE.—Melbourne has suffered a heavy loss in the early and unexpected death of its most brilliant preacher. Peter was the fourth son of the Rev. Dr. Menzies, parish minister of Maybole, in Ayrshire. Born in 1839, he was licensed in 1862, after a college career of high distinction, and remarkable for not only the unusual width of his reading, but his power of continuous study. Two years' ministry in the High Church, Paisley, were followed by three years in St. George's-in-the-Fields, Glasgow, a parish remarkable for its successful pastors; but in 1868, urged by Professor Charteris, he accepted the Scots Church at Melbourne. There his powers and popularity were rapidly developed. Buoyant and bright, he was also a steady scholar, thoughtful and profoundly earnest. His congregation became not only crowded, but crowded with men of mark, and proceeded to erect a new building at a cost of £30,000. Before it could be occupied his health gave way; he was obliged to resign his charge, and he was induced to accept the easy post of president of a ladies' college in the hope that his services would be thus to the colony. But the disease was too deeply rooted. He had injured his constitution by overwork, preaching often three times a day, "as much in Victoria as three times three in Scotland;" advocating the causes he loved in newspapers and magazines, and justifying himself by the need of directing the busy, eager, unsettled life about him, and laying the foundations while there was time. The universal regret produced by the resignation of his charge, was still at its height when, on the 29th of February, it was intensified by his sudden death. Thus, at the early age of thirty-four, the Church and the colony have lost one whose career was of the most singular promise, and whose generous catholicity endeared him to every communion.

The deceased was brother of Mr. W. C. Menzies, Banker, Halifax, a most efficient Elder of St. Matthew's Church, and a gentleman whose extraordinary parts render him a valuable aid in all the work of the Church. By his "abounding in good works" his name is well and worthily known throughout the church.

Intelligence.

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convened on Thursday, May 21st, in St. Louis. The moderator, Rev. Howard Crosby, delivered an opening sermon which was purely Scriptural in its bearing. Nearly all the members are present, numbering between five and six hundred from all parts of the United States, and including many of the most distinguished divines.

The two great subjects which thus far have engrossed the attention of the Assembly are the report of the committee on the Consolidation of the Boards of the Church, with a view to greater efficiency and economy, and a more thorough centralization of force, and the establishment of a homogeneous and harmonious system, involving the condensation of labour, the reduction of incidental expenses, and the avoidance of waste by indirect or conflicting methods of action. The report which recommends these changes has been ably discussed and is still under discussion, but the points it involves are rather of local than of general interest, relating mainly to matters of detail. The other matter of vital importance which has been before the Assembly is the proposal to unite with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The negotiations which have been going on between the committees of the respective bodies are likely to result in an organic union, as there is no real difference in the doctrines held by them. It is to be hoped that such a union will be consummated. The election of a Moderator, resulted in the choice of Prof. Samuel J. Wilson, of the Western Theological Seminary, a representative of the former Old School "branch." He is a native of Pennsylvania, and is 45 years