

of Scotland, having been present, laid on the table various documents, his extract of license, appointment by the Committee, and certificate from the Presbytery of Fordyce, where he had last resided. These documents having been read and found highly satisfactory, Mr. Harper was received as a probationer within the bounds of the Presbytery.—*Monthly Record.*

CHURCH BUILDING IN PICTOU.

We hear from time to time with great pleasure of the erection of new churches by our friends in the Presbytery of Pictou. Within a recent period new churches have been opened for public worship at Wallace, Pugwash, Cape John, and Salt Springs, and others are in course of erection. The New Glasgow congregation, finding their old building quite insufficient, are already far advanced with a new one which, when finished, will be one of the most magnificent churches in the country. We learn also from the minister of Gareloch that a congregational meeting was held lately in that parish for the purpose of giving some orders about repairing the old church, but that before they separated they changed their intention, and subscribed most liberally towards the erection of a new one. We understand also that preparations are being made for building Manses at Wallace, Pictou and in one or two other places. Pictou has long been the stronghold of the Church of Scotland in the Province, and we rejoice that it is not losing its ancient character. For a number of years our congregations there were left almost destitute of ordinances, the Rev. Mr. McGillivray being the only minister of the Church in the Country. Efforts were not wanting to seduce them from the Church of their fathers, but their attachment was too deep to be shaken, and since they have been better, though they are still imperfectly, supplied with ministers, they have been most active and zealous in every undertaking that has for its object the welfare of the Church.—*Ibid.*

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

We invite attention to the ensuing notice of a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow. The plan there adopted is an admirable one. Presbytery meetings are often called when there is nothing but routine business, useful in its character, but yet it may be uninteresting, to be transacted.

How much more useful would such meetings become if, at least once a year, such a session was held as that of the Glasgow Presbytery, or if at each meeting one effort of the Church or of Christian usefulness was discussed, and its advantages explained.

Mind acts and reacts on mind, and a healthy stimulus, exciting to exertion and encouraging the faint-hearted, might thus be afforded.

PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW.

This reverend court met on Wednesday, the Rev. Norman M'Leod, moderator.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

After the routine business was disposed of, two hours were devoted to the hearing of statements by the members of Court in reference to what had been done by their several congregations in aid of the schemes of the Church during the past year.

The Court adjourned about two o'clock for the purpose of meeting in St. George's Church to afford the members of the Church an opportunity, agreeably to the instructions of the General Assembly, of hearing a statement of the position of the several Schemes, and with the view of still farther enlisting their sympathies in behalf of these Schemes.

The proceedings in St. George's Church were commenced by the Rev. Dr. Muir engaging in prayer. Mr. M'Leod, the moderator, having stated the object of the meeting,

Dr. CRAIK said the result of the conversation, which had taken place to-day in the Presbytery, showed that the sum of £1670 had been subscribed during the past year within the bounds by 18 congregations towards the Schemes. Taking the contributions from these 18 congregations during the year, including those for Educational purposes, the relief of the poor, the distribution of Bibles, and the payment of missionaries, the total reported was upwards of £11,000; and, if to this there was added the collections from the chapels of ease, they would have presented a total of upwards of £12,500.

The Rev. Principal MACFARLAN was then called upon to address the meeting upon the claims of the Colonial Scheme. After stating the origin of the Scheme, and enumerating the many blessings which it had conferred upon our expatriated countrymen, he concluded by making an earnest appeal in its behalf.

Dr. JAMIESON advocated the claims of the Jewish Scheme, and was followed by Mr. Monro, of Campsie, upon Foreign Missions.

Dr. CRAIK spoke upon the Education Scheme, and, after impressing upon the meeting the great importance of the supply of a sound moral and religious system of education for the youth of the country, detailed what had been done during the last thirty years by the Church for the accomplishment of an object so desirable, and proceeded to show the want that still exists for increased efforts in that direction.

Dr. GILLAN made a very forcible appeal on behalf of the Endowment Scheme, which, he said, was peculiar to the Church of Scotland, and gave some interesting details as to the liberality which had been called forth in the way of endowing the quoad sacra churches.

The proceedings having extended longer than was originally contemplated, the Home Mission Scheme was not entered upon beyond a statement by the Moderator to the effect that all the chapels in Glasgow were now opened, and that the respective congregations were not only numbered by thousands, but also the communicants.

PRESBYTERY OF EDINBURGH.

On Wednesday this Presbytery held its ordinary monthly meeting, the Rev. D Brown, Moderator.

EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND.

In reply to Mr. Stewart, Liberton,

Dr. STEVEN intimated, on the part of the Committee on Parish Schools, that, since last meeting of the Presbytery, notice having been given by a member of the House of Commons that it was the honourable gentleman's intention to bring in a bill upon Education in Scotland immediately after the Christmas recess, it was the opinion of the Committee that, in the meantime, the consideration of the subject should be delayed.

Mr. STEWART said that, having given notice of a motion on this subject at last meeting of Presbytery, he had to state that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting of the Committee of Presbytery on Parish Schools, on Friday. Had he been present, he believed that, in the circumstances, he would have come to the same decision as that to which the Committee had come. He confessed it was with some surprise he observed in the newspapers that Mr. Stirling had given notice of his intention to introduce into the House of Commons a bill in regard to parish schools, without any statement being made as to what the bill should be. He should certainly deeply regret that Lord Kinnaird and Mr. Stirling, who had both shown themselves so

friendly to the parish schools—so anxious to maintain that connection which had so long subsisted between them and the Church of Scotland—and at the same time to improve the condition of that highly respectable, yet ill-requited, class of men, the parish schoolmasters—should be found bringing into Parliament different measures on the same important subject. He should rather cherish the hope that Lord Kinnaird and the honourable member for Perthshire would cordially unite for the same great object, and that the Church of Scotland would as cordially unite with them in supporting their measure, and with the same success as she did in resisting the Lord Advocate's obnoxious Education Bill, when that bill was recently brought before Parliament. Perhaps before the next meeting of Presbytery the respected Convener of the Committee on Parish Schools might have received as distinct information of the nature of Mr. Stirling's bill as they already possessed regarding Lord Kinnaird's, and the Committee might be able to come to a decision as to what course they thought the Presbytery should follow. But, if not, then he apprehended it would be the duty of the Presbytery to take up the subject and to decide for themselves what steps they should take, and which, he hoped, would be to approve generally of Lord Kinnaird's bill, and to give it that countenance and support which it so justly merited; and that his Christian and truly patriotic efforts in behalf of the parish schools—in behalf of the best interests of the people of Scotland—might be crowned with complete success; and that one of the noblest institutions which the wisdom of man could have devised, and which had been the means of conferring such signal blessings on the people of these lands, might, amid all the changes which were taking place around them, be maintained in all its integrity and efficiency for generations to come.

Dr. BRYCE did not approve of the reason stated by the Committee for delaying to bring before them Lord Kinnaird's bill. The bill had been some time before the country and the Church; it had received in many county meetings large consideration and general approval, and it had come before several of the Synods of the Church, by some of whom it had been received with unqualified approval, and by others valuable suggestions had been made as to the improvement of its details. It was a bill which ought especially to be taken up by the Presbyteries, because it proposed to alter the relation of the Presbyteries to the parish schools to a certain extent.

Mr. FOWLER (Ratho) said they thought it better to wait to ascertain the character of the bill promised in the House of Commons before again taking up the subject.

Dr. MACFARLANE said that Lord Kinnaird's bill, though before the country, had not yet been laid on the table of Parliament, so that they could not yet take any practical action either in support of it or otherwise. He might state that there was no difference of opinion among the Committee in regard to approving of the general principles of the noble Lord's bill.

PRESBYTERY OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

At a *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery the Rev. Messrs Struthers of Prestonpans, and Cesar of Tranent, Commissioners from the Presbytery of Haddington, appeared to prosecute the translation of the Rev. W. L. Riach, of Balmaghie, to the church and parish of Peneaitland. The Commissioners laid upon the table the relative documents, and urged the unanimous call of the people, the importance of the parish, and the suitable gifts of the presentee, as reasons for his translation. The Presbytery agreed to record these reasons, and to take the usual steps for the translation of Mr. Riach. Mr. Leckie, of Parton was appointed to preach in Balmaghie on Sabbath first, and to make the necessary intimations.

PRESBYTERY OF KIRKALDY.

The Presbytery met on Wednesday last, when a presentation with the usual documents was laid on the table of the Presbytery in favour of Mr. Alexander M'Laren to the church and parish of