

nan. in May, 1816; was for several years a tutor in Glasgow and Old Monkland, and afterwards in the family of Sir R. K. D. Cunningham, Bart., of Prestonfield. He was licensed as a preacher by the Presbytery of Hamilton in August, 1824, and was ordained Minister of Shettleston in April, 1826. He was appointed assistant and successor to the Rev. Dr. Burns of the Barony in July, 1828, so that he is now in the twenty-fifth year of his Ministry, twenty-three of which have been spent in the Barony. In 1834 he received from the University of Glasgow the degree of D. D. Dr. Black was the first and only assistant of Dr. Burns, and during the ten years he was his assistant the utmost harmony and good will prevailed between them. In the summer months his congregation averaged about 1200 persons. So ardently have his people been attached to him that at the Disruption he lost but three elders out of a Session of sixteen, and not fifty of his congregation.

The demise of Dr. Black was yesterday noticed in affecting and suitable terms from the pulpits of many of the City churches.—*Glasgow Herald*.

It will perhaps interest the readers of the *Presbyterian* to know that the Heritors, Kirk—Session, and Congregation of the Barony Parish have already petitioned the Crown to present the Rev. Norman McLeod to the vacant charge. There is little doubt but that the Home Secretary will accede to the request of the petitioners. Mr. McLeod has agreed to accept the presentation. A more suitable place for the exercise of his talents and eloquence cannot, perhaps, be found within the limits of the Church, and there is none, we believe, better qualified to discharge its most arduous and important duties.

Since the above was in type, we have received the following:

BARONY PARISH OF GLASGOW.—The following letter has been received by Bailie Stewart of Glasgow from Sir George Grey's Secretary, from which it will be observed that he has, in compliance with the unanimous memorial addressed to him by the congregation and others, recommended to her Majesty to present the Rev. Norman McLeod, of Dalkeith, to the Barony Parish of that city, in room of the late Dr. Black. The friends of the Church of Scotland in Glasgow will hail with much satisfaction this eminent addition to the Ministerial talent of their city:—

“Whitehall, Feb. 22, 1851.

“SIR,—I am requested by Sir George Grey to acquaint you that he has had under his consideration the several documents transmitted to him with your letter of the 20th instant, in support of Mr. Norman McLeod for the charge of the Barony Parish, Glasgow.

“It is with much satisfaction that he has given effect to what appears to be the general concurrence of opinion in favour of Mr. McLeod by recommending him to her Majesty for presentation.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

“H. BRAND.

“Robt. Stewart, Esq.”

THE PRESBYTERY OF DUNKELD met at Little Dunkeld on Friday last for ordinary business, as well as to moderate in a call in favour of the Rev. Daniel Macbride, lately presented to that parish by the Crown in compliance with the wishes of the parishioners. An appropriate sermon having been preached by the Rev. P. C. Campbell of Caputh, Moderator of the Presbytery, the call was read, and thereafter subscribed by all persons entitled to do so. Objections being called for, none were offered. The call was

sustained, and Messrs Campbell of Caputh and Wilson of Dunkeld were appointed commissioners to prosecute Mr. Macbride's translation before the Presbytery of Tain, of which he is a member, or other judicatories of the Church.

INDUCTION AT RENFREW.—On Thursday week the Presbytery of Paisley met at Renfrew for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Mr. Alexander, late of Wishaw, to the pastoral charge of that parish, vacant by the deposition of Mr. Wood. The settlement of this able and popular minister in this important parish has given unqualified satisfaction to all concerned, and we cannot but anticipate the happiest results from Mr. Alexander's devoted labours.

SPRINGBURN CHURCH.—The Presbytery of Glasgow met yesterday in this church to moderate in a call in favour of the Rev. James Arthur. Dr. Napier, of the College Church, preached on the occasion. The call being read was respectably signed and sustained. Trial discourses were then prescribed to the presentee, and appointed to be heard at next meeting of Presbytery.

ORDINATION AT SPRINGBURN.

THE Presbytery of Glasgow met at Springburn for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Arthur to the Pastoral charge of that district. The chapel was filled by a most respectable and attentive audience; and the solemn services of the day were conducted by Principal Macfarlan with that dignity and ability which have long distinguished him, and to which his consistent character and venerable age add influence of the most impressive kind. The subject of the Principal's discourse was taken from 1st Samuel xii. 23, in which he pointed out the temptations to dereliction of duty to which Ministers of the Gospel are peculiarly exposed, the sources from which these most frequently arise, and the spirit in which they are to be resisted. The addresses of the very Rev. Principal, immediately after the solemn act of ordination, first to the young pastor, and then to his flock, were most appropriate, and were heard to the close with breathless interest. There was a very numerous attendance of the Presbytery on the occasion, for whose comfortable accommodation on a platform in front of the pulpit every arrangement had been made. It must have been most gratifying to the Reverend gentlemen to participate in the proceedings of a day which gave augury of so much coming good to that interesting locality, and evidence of so much already accomplished. It must have been pleasing, also, to every member of the Church Building Society to enjoy ocular demonstration of the success which has attended their appointment of Mr. Arthur

to this important charge, in conformity with the desire of the inhabitants, who have known him well for the last eighteen months as a most faithful, diligent, and zealous Missionary. To none under God are the Christian public so much indebted for the successful establishment in this quarter of the stated ministrations of our Holy Religion than to James Reid, Esq., of Wellfield, who took up the cause at a time when it gave but feeble promise of success, laboured assiduously in its promotion in the face of difficulties that seemed almost insuperable, and was rewarded on Thursday by seeing that, through the blessing of Providence on his labours, his heart's desire and prayer had been fully realised. How happy that gentleman must have felt in the evening when, surrounded by the members of Presbytery whom he entertained at his hospitable board, he received their warm congratulations and the well merited expressions of their gratitude. We must not omit to mention, that at the close of the service, and before the congregation left the church, a very handsome pulpit gown and cassock, together with an elegant pulpit Bible and Psalm-book, were presented to Mr. Arthur, as a gift from the ladies of his congregation, by J. P. Brown, Esq., in a neat speech, to which Mr. Arthur made a feeling and suitable reply.—*Glasgow Constitutional*.

INDIA MISSIONS.

We regret to say that the same ship, which conveys from India in disabled health Mr. Walker, the able and useful agent at Madras of the Ladies' Association for Female Education, is bringing home Mrs. Sheriff, the wife of the esteemed Missionary at the same Presidency. Her health was so broken that, in a letter which the Convener received from Mr. Sheriff, it appears that, humanly speaking, it seemed as if the choice lay between a speedy departure and a speedy death. “On the day previous to her embarkation she was so weak that we feared it would be impossible to convey her on board. She rallied a little on the following morning; but, before reaching the vessel, she was in a state of insensibility. Thus we parted,” adds her affectionate husband, —“a sorrowful parting indeed; and I am left in a state of anxious suspense, which trust in the Divine goodness alone enables me to bear with patience. In about three months I hope to hear in a letter from the Cape, that the expectations formed by the physicians of the benefit she would derive from the voyage have been fulfilled.” It is right to state this, because, while it shows the heavy incidental charges to which the Mission is exposed, it not less clearly reveals the Christian sympathy due to those who, amidst so many privations, so many personal and domestic trials, are proclaiming to the Heathen the unsearchable riches of Grace.