

**THE CHURCH ABROAD.**

The Rev. R. S. Stimpson, Turrit, has accepted the call from Edinburgh Free High Church.

Considerable damage was done by fire on Thursday last in Allans U. P. Church, Hawick.

The Rev. E. Gordon Mitchell, assistant to Dr. King, New Kilpatrick, has been elected minister of the Parish of Shapinshay, Kirkwall.

The Rev. A. N. Bogie, M. A., assistant to the Rev. Peter Charles Purves, M. A., St. James's Free Church, Ferry-road, Edinburgh, has received a call from Larbert.

Mr. John Ronald, M. A., B. D., Annan, has been appointed assistant in Cambridge-street United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow.

The Rev. Dr. Adamsom, Edinburgh, has received a cordial and unanimous invitation to the pastorate of the Carver Memorial Church, Windermere, in succession to the Rev. Professor Taylor, D. D., who resigned in May last. He has also been offered the pastorate of Queen's Park Congregational Church, Manchester.

At a meeting of the Edinburgh U. P. Presbytery, in the Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., a resolution was agreed to condemning the barbarous outrages being perpetrated in Armenia, and desiring Her Majesty's Government to adopt some measures which shall effectually help the Christians in Turkey. Ministers were asked to lead the public devotions of their congregations to Almighty God for the deliverance of their fellow-Christians in Armenia.

A handsome communion table has just been presented to the congregation of Lerwick Parish Church by Mr. Robert P. Gilbertson of Liverpool. The table is made of solid oak, and is finely carved.

The Presbytery of Kilmarnock and Ayr met at Irvine on Thursday last and inducted the Rev. Robert Pollok, M. A., B. Sc., Granton, to his new charge, the Relief United Presbyterian Church.

At the annual meeting of the Finner U. P. Church, Greenock, it was shown that the affairs of the congregation were in a satisfactory condition. Mr. R. Muir, who has been treasurer for thirteen years, was presented on his retirement with a handsome silver vase.

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Edinburgh met last Sunday evening in Argyll-place Church—the Rev. T. S. Dickson presiding—and ordained Mr. J. Miller Graham as a missionary to Manchuria. Dr. Westwater addressed the newly ordained missionary and the congregation.

Mr. Neil MacLean, Edinburgh, a native of Coll, has forwarded to Mr. John Nicolson the sum of £20 as a contribution towards the building fund of the church to be presently erected in the High-street, Oban, for the new Free Presbyterian body.

A special service was held last Sunday evening in the Barclay Free Church, under the auspices of the Edinburgh Free Church Praise Union, when the Rev. Dr. J. Hood Wilson preached a sermon on praise to a large congregation. The choir, numbering seventy voices, supplied by various congregations connected with the union, was under the leadership of Mr. Allan Reid.

We are informed that the name of the Rev. Dr. John Robson, of Aberdeen, is being favourably considered in connection with the Moderatorship. It is forty-five years since the Granite City gave a Moderator to the Church, and it is thought that the time has arrived when the eyes of the Church might again with advantage and fairness be turned to the north.

The contribution of the Free Church to the Sustentation Fund for the seven months ending 10th December amounted to £63,590—an increase of £1,545 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. From associations there was a revenue of £33,277—an increase of £112; while donations and legacies, 25,113, showed an increase of £1,432. Edinburgh Presbytery contributed £11,580—a decrease of £191. With regard to Sabbath schools there was an increase of 1,249 in the number of scholars, and upwards of 20,000 young people were receiving religious instruction under the Presbytery.

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