

the Presbytery. It is pleasing to find the harmony which now prevails after the slight differences formerly existing with reference to the calling of a minister to supply the somewhat protracted vacancy, and that all parties should have united in inviting to their vacant pulpit so distinguished a preacher as Mr. McLaurin, who, if he accept this call, would find himself surrounded with a large congregation in one of the most prosperous townships of the Upper Province. William R. Graham, Esq., of Vaughan, produced minutes of recent meetings of the congregation, stating that they had completed the purchase of a glebe and were taking steps for erecting thereon a manse.

The Presbytery were engaged for some time with a case of complaint from Pickering, the further consideration of which was referred until next ordinary meeting.

A Student in Divinity, who has completed his Theological curriculum in Knox's College, applied for admission to this Church with a view to being taken on trials for license. His certificates of moral character, and of Literary and Theological attainments, were duly examined and found to be satisfactory. A paper given in by him, containing a statement of his reasons for joining this Church, was handed to a Committee of Presbytery to examine and report upon. And he was instructed to appear before the Committee for examination. His appearance in Classics was satisfactory, and his further examination was deferred to next ordinary meeting.

A very interesting communication was received from a member of the Church residing in a distant part of this county, bringing under the notice of the Presbytery the extreme destitution of that district in respect of the entire want of the public ordinances of Religion, there being no clergyman of the Church of Scotland, to which the bulk of the population within 40 miles belong. The writer had reckoned up about 100 families that were firm adherents, and very desirous to have a Minister of the Church of their fathers settled over them. Mr. Campbell was appointed to spend some weeks among them, and Mr. Ross was appointed to supply Mr. Campbell's pulpit on one of the Sabbaths on which he might be absent.

On application of Mr. McKerras, who intimated that the congregation of Darlington were prepared to pay the moiety of the purchase money of a glebe-lot, the other half being paid from "the Seton Fund." According to the provisions of the Presbytery Glebe-scheme, Lot No. 37 in 4th concession of Uxbridge was appropriated to that congregation.

The Clerk gave a verbal report of the Seton Fund, from which it appeared that five congregations were supplied with Glebes under the Presbytery's Glebe-Scheme besides those which existed before the Scheme went into operation.

Appointments were then made for the supply of sermon to vacant congregations, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Toronto on the 3rd Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was closed with prayer.

#### BIBLES FOR CHINA.

It is highly gratifying to announce that the Congregation of St. Paul's Church in this City has contributed 3840 New Testaments, amounting in value to £80 currency, in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society's resolution to send a million of New Testaments to China.

Should any of our Churches in the Province, not connected with any local Auxiliary, wish to unite in this enterprize, they may, if they please, remit their contributions to

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who will transmit them to the proper quarter. Any sum so sent will be acknowledged in the *Presbyterian*.

#### THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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*Letter—Rev. J. Ogilvie to the Convener, dated Calcutta, 4th October, 1853.*

It affords us much satisfaction to intimate to you that four young men, connected with this mission, have recently been admitted as members of the Christian Church. They were baptized by me in the Scotch Church on the evening of Wednesday, the 7th September. One received the whole of his education at the Ghospara Mission. He was formerly connected with a numerous and somewhat singular sect, composed both of Hindus and Mussulmans, and known by the name of *Kurta Bhojas*. He is the nephew of the present *Kurta* or head of the sect. The catechists state respecting him that he has been under religious impressions for more than 2 years. He is well acquainted with the Scriptures and furnishes us with a gratifying proof that, so far as he is concerned, the catechists have been faithful to their trust. The other 3, having long been pupils in our institution, are well known to us. It is many months since they solicited to be taken on trial as candidates for baptism. We have thus had abundant opportunities of becoming intimately acquainted with them; and I am happy to say that their character and attainments have given the highest satisfaction to all of us.

**CALL.—PRESBYTERY OF LORN AND MULL.**—On Wednesday last a meeting of this Rev. Court was held at Oban, when commissioners appeared from the united parishes of Ardbhannan and Appin, and craved leave to present a call to the Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Tarbat; which prayer was acquiesced in, and a day for moderation appointed.

**INDUCTION.**—Yesterday the Presbytery of Edinburgh met in the Gaelic Church for the induction of the Rev. Donald Masson, late of Stoer, Sutherlandshire, to that charge. The Rev. Dr. Arnot preached and presided.

**CLERICAL PRESENTATION.**—The Queen has presented the Rev. Alex. Murdoch to the church and parish of Boharm, in the Presbytery of Aberlour, and county of Banff, vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. Lewis William Forbes.

**THE REV. MR. CAIRD OF ERROL.**—It is rumoured that this Rev. gentleman is likely to leave Errol for Glasgow, his admirers there proposing to build a magnificent church for him at Kelvin Grove.—*Dundee Advertiser*.

**NAIRN PARISH CHURCH.**—The pulpit and precentor's desk in this church have been hung with black cloth, fringes, and tassels, by the order and at the expense of Angus Cameron, Esq., of Firhall, one of the elders, as a mark of respect to the memory of the Rev. James Grant, late minister of the parish.—*Nairn Telegraph*.

**CLERICAL PRESENTATION.**—We understand that Sir Wm. Forbes, Bart., the patron, has presented the Rev. George Cook, minister of Midmar, to the church and parish of Kincardine O'Neil, vacant by the death of the Rev. M. Brown. Mr. Cook, who is son of the late, and brother of the present, Dr. Cook of St. Andrews, will, we have no doubt, be a very acceptable presentee to the parishioners of Kincardine O'Neil; and it will be difficult to find one who shall be reckoned in all respects a fitting successor to him in Midmar.

**DEATH OF THE REV. DR. BRUNTON.**—This venerable clergyman died on Thursday last at the advanced age of 82 and in the 57th year of his ministry. Dr. B., whose presence was long familiar in our city, was a native of Edinburgh, where he was educated. He was for a few years pastor of Bolton, a small country parish in East Lothian, but was early in life called to Edinburgh, where he has officiated, universally respected and esteemed, for more than half a century. He was first minister of the New Greyfriar's parish; and on the decease of the Rev. Dr. Hunter in 1809 he was settled in the Tron Church. A few years afterwards he was appointed by the Town Council Professor of Hebrew in the University. He was also chosen Librarian of the University. Being a man of very active habits, he performed those various duties with great ability and fidelity. He was also conspicuous for his zeal in all that related to the direction and improvement of the public charities of the city. In early life Dr. B. was married to Miss Balfour, a member of the family of Balfour of Trenaby in Orkney, who under her married name attained literary celebrity as the authoress of *Self-Control* and other popular works.—*Caledonian Mercury*.

**THE LATE PRINCIPAL JACK.**—It is with feelings of regret that we advert to the death of the Very Rev. Dr. Jack, the venerable Principal of King's College and University. During his long and useful life he had enjoyed uninterrupted good health till within a few weeks before his death on the 9th inst. at the advanced age of 86. Though he had been for several years afflicted with blindness, he retained his characteristic cheerfulness, while his mental powers remained almost unimpaired till within a few days of his death. Principal Jack was the son of the Rev. William Jack, D.D., and born in 1768 at Northmavin in Shetland, of which parish his father was minister. He was entered a student at King's College and University of Aberdeen in 1780. Among his fellow-students the three, with whom he was most intimate, were the celebrated Colman, Sir James Mackintosh, and Robert Hall, with all of whom he maintained an intercourse of the most friendly nature during their lives. After having gone through the usual curriculum of studies at King's College, he became a student of Divinity; but medicine was the profession which he ultimately chose, and he accordingly went to Edinburgh, then the most celebrated medical school in Europe. But, though he took the degree of M.D., and returned to Shetland with the intention of settling as a medical practitioner, he was not allowed long to remain there. His abilities had not escaped the observation of Professor Roderick Macleod, whose pupil he had been during the three last years of his College course. Upon the first occasion of a vacant Professorship occurring Dr. Jack was solicited to accept the vacant chair, which he did, and was accordingly appointed a Professor in King's College and University in 1794. In the same year he married Grace, daughter of Andrew Bolt, Esq., of Lerwick, a woman possessed of a truly masculine understanding, united with the most refined taste and delicacy of sentiment peculiar to her sex. She died a few years ago; and 4 sons and 2 daughters are left to mourn the loss of parents so