

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

The opening services at the new church at Carlisle realized £107.

An iron church is being erected at Cardenden, and will be opened on 1st. August.

The Queen has accepted from the Scottish Bible Society, a present of Bibles, Psalm Books, and Hymn-Books for the royal pew in Craihie Church.

It is proposed to remove St. Luke's church, Edinburgh, to Comely Bank, and to add to the parish portions of the Dean and St. Bernard's parishes.

The amount raised in Greenock Presbytery during the past year was £13,849, about £500 of a decrease; the communicants numbered 6,617—an increase of 58.

Rev. James Mackie has raised an action against Edinburgh Presbytery to have it declared that they have power to give him a part of the price of the Scots church, Manchester.

A stained-glass window has been erected in Maxwell church, Glasgow, by Mr. Alexander Moffat of Edinburgh, one of the original trustees and elders, in memory of his mother and his wife.

The first meeting of the newly formed presbytery of Ardrrossan was held in that town last week. Rev. Dr. Walter Ross Taylor of Glasgow preached on the occasion, and Rev. Dr. Watson of Largs was appointed first moderator.

Wellesley-Square congregation, Calcutta, have granted their pastor, Rev. David Reid, B.D., nine months' furlough, and Rev. Lewis Davidson, M.A., Edinburgh, is convener of a home committee to select a minister or probationer to take Mr. Reid's place in Calcutta from March next till the end of 1896.

The following are the terms of Mr. Henry Robson's motion on "Changes in ministerial spheres," which will be discussed at the Presbytery of London North, next week: "Whereas there are ministers and congregations of our Church to whom a change of ministry would be both acceptable and beneficial, the Presbytery resolves to appoint a committee to consider the matter, and, if possible, to draw up a scheme to facilitate the interchange of charges amongst ministers of such congregations."

The report of a committee of Newcastle Presbytery on the rearrangement of Presbyteries, suggesting a number of important changes, was agreed to almost unanimously. According to the proposed scheme, Northumberland and Berwick would be united so as to form one Presbytery, consisting of thirty-three churches. Newcastle, losing eight, and gaining five, would number forty-two congregations; and Darlington, losing seven, and gaining eight from Newcastle, would be left one stronger than at present. The seven from Darlington, with several from Manchester, would form a new Presbytery of York.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met on July 16th. Rev. H. S. Beavis was received as a minister of the Church. The resignation by Mr. Bryant of Merritton and Port Robinson was accepted, to take effect on the second Sabbath of August. Mr. Geider was appointed moderator of session *pro tem*. Standing committees for the year were appointed with conveners, viz: Christian Life and Work, Jas. Murray; Finance, Dr. McDonald; Augmentation and Vacancies, J. H. Radcliffe; Superintendence of Students, J. G. Shearer; Schemes of the Church, W. J. Day; Systematic Benevolence, Geo. Rutherford; Young People's Societies, J. S. Conring. A request for separation of Merritton from Port Robinson was laid over till next meeting. Mr. R. McKnight, formerly pastor at Dunnville, again applied to be restored to the ministry; the application was received and a special meeting to consider it, was appointed to be held in Knox church, Hamilton, on the 10th day of September, at 9.30 a.m.—JOHN LAING, Clerk.

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