

£120. Suppose that a considerable number of congregations thus fall short of the sum proposed, the equal dividend will of course be proportionally diminished. The deficiencies of a particular congregation, however, will not be visited upon the minister of that congregation, but will be a common loss to all the ministers of the Free Church. It is certain, however, that a considerable number of congregations will contribute not only their equitable proportion to the Sustentation Fund, but will exceed that proportion. The proposed scheme regulates also these surplus contributions. They go, in the first instance, to make up the stipend of the minister to £150; and the remainder, if there be any, is destined partly to form a fund for Church Extension, and partly to supplement the incomes of those ministers in rural districts who left the Establishment at the Disruption. Such are the general features of the scheme.—*Scottish Guardian.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ENDOWMENT SCHEME.

LIST OF CHAPELS which have been, and are being brought forward, under the auspices, and with the assistance of the Committee.

I. In which Decrees of Erection have been Obtained, constituting them Parish Churches.

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| 1. St. Andrew's Church, Dunfermline. | 8. St. Columba's, Glasgow. |
| 2. Savoch, Deer. | 9. Gaelic Chapel, Edinburgh, (endowment provided exclusively by Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge). |
| 3. Enzie, Fordyce. | |
| 4. Ardrossan, Irvine. | |
| 5. Houndwood, Chirnside. | |
| 6. Tenantry, Dunkeld. | |
| 7. St. Bernard's, Edinburgh. | |

II. Prepared with Endowments, and ready to enter the Court of Teinds, for erection into Parish Churches.

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| St. Peter's, Glasgow. | Glenap, Stranraer, (endowment provided from funds specially appropriated). |
| St. Matthew's, do. | |
| Cumlodden, Inverary. | |
| New Pitsligo, Deer. | |
| Edgerston, Jedburgh. | |

III. In a state of Forwardness.

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| Camelon, Falkirk. | Fullarton, Irvine. |
| Pathhead, Kirkcaldy. | Brydekirk, Annan. |
| Gilcomston, Aberdeen. | Newhaven, North Leith. |
| Portlethen, do. | |

LIST OF CHAPELS which have been, or are in course of being erected under Sir James Graham's Act, and the endowments secured out of the free teinds.

- I. Cases in which Decrees have been obtained.
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| Shalton, Glasgow. | Teviothead, Jedburgh. |
| Shettleton, do. | Kirkhope, Selkirk. |
| Maryhill, do. | |

- II. Cases in Preparation.
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| St. Mark's, Glasgow. | Buccleuch Church, Dalkeith. |
| Springburn, do. | |
| Ardoch, Muthil. | |

It thus appears, that FOURTEEN NEW PARISHES have been already erected under Sir James Graham's Act, and that SEVENTEEN ADDITIONAL DISTRICTS are in the course of erection, as to not a few of which the Committee entertain a confident hope, that decrees of erection will be obtained at a very early period.—*H. & F. Miss. Rec. for February.*

THE LATE DR. ADDISON, OF LIFF.

Our obituary to-day records the death of one of the most distinguished ornaments and revered ministers of our National Church, the Rev. Dr. George Addison, minister of Liff and Benvie. The Rev. Doctor was a native of Huntly in Aberdeenshire. He was ordained minister of Glenisla in 1803; translated to Auchterhouse in 1805; and thence to Liff in 1817. Throughout his whole life Dr. Addison secured the esteem and friendship of all with whom he was called to hold intercourse. He was distinguished as an elegant scholar, as an excellent theologian, and, more than all, as a preacher of surpassing power

and attractiveness in a style and manner now unhappily becoming rare in most churches. His knowledge of the Christian was correct and profound, and yet this was brought out in the pulpit in language so chaste, so simple, and so appropriate that, while the learned and refined admired, the simplest could easily understand. Nor was the style the only attraction felt by those who listened to him as a preacher. There was a deep heartfelt pathos and tenderness in his manner, kept in severe check by exquisite taste and judgment, and a perfect aversion to all display; and thus the mild, calm, tender accents of his lips were listened to with a thrilling pleasure, and with a deep and abiding impression, which more boisterous preachers generally fail in producing. Often was he importuned by individual friends, and by Church Courts, to commit to the press what they had listened to with so much pleasure and profit; but from this he modestly and sensitively shrunk. Let us hope that a portion of these finished and beautiful discourses, so full of Gospel truth and faithful and affectionate warning and entreaty, will not be lost to the world. Dr. Addison was not so frequently spoken of beyond the sphere in which he moved as many others of less note, because, though he faithfully discharged his duty in Church Courts, he seldom mingled in debate. But the respect for him as a minister, as a scholar, and as a gentleman, entertained by the Church, was lately shown by his being offered the highest honour the Church can confer—the Moderatorship of the General Assembly. As a member of society his company was coveted and duly appreciated, as a pastor he was faithful and most affectionate in the discharge of his duties, as a private friend his kindness was unwearied but always manifested with extreme delicacy. In such a notice as the present we presume not to enter the family circle farther than to say that it was there he was seen to the greatest advantage. He has been called away to receive the reward of his labours at an advanced period of life, and of a long and faithful ministry, and we do not believe he has left an enemy behind him. Nor could it well be otherwise, for perhaps a gentler spirit never breathed, nor a warmer heart ever filled a human bosom.—*Edinburgh Advertiser.*

DEATH OF PROFESSOR DUNBAR.—We have to announce the death of one whose name, we believe, is familiar to most of the scholars of this country—Mr. George Dunbar, Professor of Greek Literature in the University of Edinburgh. The melancholy event took place on Saturday morning at his residence, Rose Park, Trinity. The natural decay, attending even an otherwise green old age, has been for some years aggravated by a virulent internal malady, which at the commencement of the present session compelled him to abandon his Academic duties; and the functions of the Chair have accordingly been since very ably discharged by Mr. Kirkpatrick from Oxford. The serious apprehensions then entertained for him were within the last few days fully confirmed by a series of spasmodic attacks, the violence of which ultimately proved fatal.

Mr. Dunbar was, we believe, in the 76th year of his age, having been born at the village of Coldingham, in Berwickshire, in the year 1774. In early life he laboured for some time as a gardener; but an accident, from the effects of which he was lame during the rest of his days, incapacitated him for so active an employment. His attention accordingly was thenceforward devoted to the literature; and an assiduous cultivation of the Classics, soon developed those faculties of which in subsequent years he showed himself possessed. Coming to Edinburgh about the beginning of the century, the attainments he had already acquired easily procured for him a situation as tutor in the family of the then Lord Provost Fettes. Having been shortly after selected as assistant to Professor Dalziel, he was appointed, on this Professor's death, to the Greek Chair in 1805. The duties of this responsible position he has since continued to discharge with a zeal and an ability which could well be demonstrated by a reference to the many eminent scholars whom our Alma Mater has sent forth. The published works of Professor Dunbar are

too well known to need any lengthened allusion. Shortly after his appointment in the University he published the *Collectanea Majora* and *Collectanea Minora*, both of which attracted considerable attention among educationists at the time, but have been latterly greatly superseded by more recent elementary works. The mention of Dunbar's Greek Grammar, which followed some years after, will, we dare say, awaken among the tyros of that day too painful recollections to render any further allusion expedient. His great work however, and the one which may well be called the object of his life, is the *Lexicon of the Greek language*, which was given to the world with his name in 1840. The desideratum, which this massive tome supplied in Classical literature, is acknowledged on all hands, and, though various other works of a high standard of excellence have since appeared, it is still of high repute and likely to continue so. The author in his preface tells us he was engaged on it for a period of eight years; and the work itself is a most enduring memorial of his assiduous industry and unwearied research. Mr. Dunbar was twice married. The remains of the late professor were interred on Wednesday in Greyfriars church-yard. Nearly all the Professors were present, and from two to three hundred students took this last opportunity of showing their respect for their late Professor by attending on the occasion. The Town Council have appointed the first Tuesday of March as the day for filling up the vacant Professorship of Greek.—*Edinburgh Papers.*

POETRY ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

THE EGYPTIANS OVERTHROWN IN THE RED SEA.

The might of Jehovah was felt by the flood,
The billows recoiling like battlements stood,
And the womb of the deep was laid bare to the view.
Then on in their march thro' the wondrous ford
At their leader's command move the hosts of the Lord,
While Egypt's proud squadrons them hotly pursue.

The luminous pillar guides Israel's path,
While darkness, the emblem of vengeance and wrath,
Envelops the foemen as onward they throng.
Neath the all-seeing glance their terrors prevail,
The looks of each hero are ghastly and pale,
As slowly the steed drags the chariot along.

Destruction is menacing that ill-fated host,
Their high hopes are vanishing, their glory is lost,
Till, Israel past, and from danger set free,
Submissive, the waters impetuous bring
Their angry foam upon rider and king:
The lance and the buckler are dashed in the sea.
DAVID WATSON.
Queen's College, February, 1852.

LINES BY MILTON IN HIS OLD AGE.

This sublime and affecting production was but lately discovered among the remains of our great epic poet, and is published in the recent Oxford edition of Milton's Works.

I am old and blind!
Men point at me as smitten by God's frown:
Afflicted and deserted of my kind;
Yet I am not cast down.

I am weak, yet strong;
I murmur not that I no longer see;
Poor, old, and helpless, I the more belong,
Father Supreme! to Thee.

O merciful One!
When men are farthest, then Thou art most near.
When friends pass by, my weakness shun,
Thy chariot I hear.