

ease was hopeless. He was carried on board the steamer next day, sailed up to Glasgow, tarried there overnight, and calmly expired on the succeeding morning at half-past seven in the presence of Mrs. Clark. His remains were conveyed to Aberdeen, and brought thence on Saturday by a hearse. That Dr. Clark possessed great moral energy and intellectual power, there can be no doubt. He had also knowledge, acuteness, and temper. These qualities made him formidable in debate. He was a skilful reasoner, and he had a quickness in applying his reason, which entitled him to a higher praise than that of a more logician. What detracted from his powers was, that he often waxed prolix, and occasionally appeared over-ostentatious. Two traits in his character deserve to be especially noted—his benevolence and placableness. He was a very extensive alms-giver, and many of the poor he was much beloved. It is a settled conviction with some, that, when third minister, the emoluments of that office being somewhat stinted, he dispensed one-half of his income in charity. And he never betrayed animosity towards opponents. Amid all the angry discussions in which he was engaged, he was never known to exhibit that littleness of mind which prompts one to vent ill-will towards an individual, or allow difference of sentiment to affect private friendship.—Abridged from the Inverness Advertiser.

THE SCOTCH CHAPEL ROYAL.—The Rev. James Paull, D. D., late Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is to be appointed one of the royal chaplains for Scotland in the room of Dr. Mearns deceased.—*Morning Herald.*

The Presbytery of St. Andrews met in the parish church of Kemback, and proceeded to the ordination of the Rev. Alexander M'Laren to the church and parish of Kemback.

CLERICAL PRESENTATIONS.—The Queen has presented the Rev. Colin Mackenzie to the church and parish of Contin in the Presbytery of Dingwall, and county of Ross, vacant by the death of the Rev. Charles Downie; also the Rev. John Sinclair to the church and parish of Muckairn in the Presbytery of Lorn, vacant by the transportation of the Rev. Donald McFarlane to the united parishes of Killean and Kilkenny.

AUCHINBLAE.—At a numerous meeting of the parishioners of Fordoun on the 3d May, the Rev. Dr. Buchan was presented with a pulpit gown and cassock and a silver tray. The Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Arnott (one of the heritors), in presenting the testimonial to Dr. Buchan, explained that the parishioners had been led to make the presentation from the admirable manner in which he had discharged all the duties of the ministry since his settlement in the parish in January 1846, his great attention to the aged, the afflicted, and the dying, and his labours of love in regard to the upholding of the Sabbath schools in the parish, which are now attended by upwards of 300 children. The Chairman also alluded to the fact that Dr. B. had been mainly instrumental in accomplishing the erection of a monument in the churchyard to the memory of George Wishart, the martyr.—*Montrose Review.*

ABBAY PARISH OF PAISLEY.—The call and concurrence in favour of the Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Falkland, presentee to the first charge in this parish, has been signed by 981 persons, including 56 of the heritors. Among the latter are the Earl and Countess of Glasgow, the Marquis of Abercorn, Lord Blantyre, Sir John Maxwell, Bart., Sir M. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Mr. Spiers of Elderslie, Mr. Houston of Johnstone Castle, and the great bulk of the other landed proprietors, embracing nine-tenths of the valued heritage of the parish. The ancient valuation in Scots money of those heritors who are represented on the call is £9785 10s. 10d., while the valuation of two heritors who have signed the objections is £14 3s. 4d. 446 communicants, and 303 adherents of the Church (exclusive of 35 of the heritors who are also connected with the Establishment) and 130

parishioners who are Dissenters, have appended their signatures.

TRON CHURCH.—On Monday, the 10th May, the Rev. Alexander Cosens, who for several years has acted as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Brunton in the pulpit and parochial duties of the parish, and has now been appointed minister of the united parishes of Fossaway and Tullibole, was presented with a testimonial of plate by several members of the congregation in token of their esteem and appreciation of the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of assistant.

ORDINATION.—The ordination of the Rev. Alexander Cosens to be minister of the parish of Fossaway and Tullibole took place on Thursday, the 13th May, in the parish church. It was filled by a large and respectable audience. The Rev. P. Glog, assistant and successor in the parish of Dunning, preached, and delivered suitable addresses to minister and people. After the service Mr. Cosens received a most cordial welcome from every member of the congregation. In the afternoon a company, comprising the minister and kirk-session, many of the heritors and parishioners, the Rev. Dr. Hunter, of the Tron Church, Edinburgh, the Rev. Dr. Paul, of the West Church, the Presbytery of Auchterarder, the Rev. Messrs Campbell, of Luss, Peters, of Kinross, Ross, of Cleish, and others, dined at Mrs. Murray's of the Rumbling Bridge Inn—Robert Scott Moncrieff, Esq., of Fossaway, being chairman, and Mr. Ker of Middlebank and Thawmill, croupier. On Sabbath last Mr. Cosens was introduced to his new charge by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, of the Tron Church, and both gentlemen preached excellent discourses to numerous and attentive audiences. This settlement has been most harmonious, and promises to be of much advantage to the Church of Scotland in that parish.—*Edinburgh Evening Post.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

LAY ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—Yesterday evening a public meeting was held in the Assembly Hall at seven o'clock. The treasurer read the Report to the association for the year. It appeared that to the Education Scheme there had been appropriated by subscribers £465, 19s. 7d., by the Acting Committee, £210—in all, £675, 19s. 17d.; to the Foreign Missionary Scheme, by the subscribers, £485, 4s. 10d., by the Acting Committee, £145—in all, £630, 4s. 10d.; to the Home Missionary Scheme, by subscribers, £866, 5s. 5d., by the Committee, £140—in all, £1006, 5s. 5d.; to the Parochial Schools, by the subscribers, £265, 2s. 2d., by the Committee, £94—in all, £360, 15s. 2d.; to the Conversion of the Jews, by the subscribers, £250, 3s. 8d., by the Committee, £61, 8s. 11d.—in all, £312, 12s. 7d. To all the Schemes there had been appropriated, by the subscribers, £1788, 8s. 8d., by the Committee, £652, 8s. 11d.—in all, £2440, 17s. 7d. The meeting was then addressed on the various schemes by the Rev. Mr. McCulloch, of Denny, the Rev. Mr. Brown, of St. Bernard's, the Rev. Mr. Baird, missionary from Canada, and by the Rev. Robert Stevenson, Dalrying.

ELDERS' DAUGHTERS' ASSOCIATION.—The third Annual Meeting was held at the office of the Schemes of the Church of Scotland, on Friday the 21st May, which was numerously attended. The following clergymen and gentlemen were among those present:—The Rev. Dr. Cook of St. Andrews; Dr. Craik, of Glasgow; Dr. Hunter; Dr. Crawford; Robert Wright, of Dalkeith; Andrew Wilson, of Falkland; James C. Fowler, of Ratho; James Hope, Esq.; Peter Anderson, Esq.; John Gordan, Esq.; Claude Muirhead, Esq.; Dr. Johnson, &c. On the motion of Dr. Craik, the Rev. Dr. Cook took the Chair. After an impressive prayer the Chairman addressed the meeting. He intimated that the

share of the funds of the Association formerly voted to the Education Committee had been the means of adding to the number of its Females Schools, and he hoped that through its means the number might be still further increased. The Report of the Committee having been read by the secretary, the Rev. Robert Wright, in moving its adoption, a very elegant picture of the state of morality amongst the lower classes in Scotland two centuries ago, compared with what it is in the present day, the contrast drawn being very much to the disadvantage of the days in which we live. This he considered to be owing to the means and education and Bible instruction having become inadequate to the population. Every effort, therefore, that was made to supply this deficiency was worthy of support. The adoption of the Report was seconded by James Hope Esq., and carried. The Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Falkland, moved the following resolution—that £65 be paid to the Education Committee, and £45 to the Ladies' Association in support of Gaelic Schools, to be employed in promoting female industrial education: which was seconded by Claude Muirhead, Esq., and unanimously adopted.

SCHEMES OF THE FREE CHURCH, MAY, 1852.—

Mr. JAFFRAY, the agent of the Church, rose to make a report on the state of the Funds. He said if the statement which he was now to make was not altogether similar in character to the statements of former years, it was still such as gave no good ground for being discouraged. For the Home Mission Scheme and the Highland Mission Scheme the contributions for last year were in all £5774 10s. 8d. From the various stations in connection with the Home Mission, and Church Extension Fund, and the Committee on the Highlands, the contributions amounted to £1883—making the whole available funds, £7657 15s. 10d. The Education Scheme (exclusive of the Government grant for normal schools) had received in contributions, £4355 9s. 4d.; the College Endowment Fund, £978 19s. 7d.; College Building Fund, £1666; the Bursary Fund, £515 2s. 10d.; The Foreign Missions Scheme, £4560 14s. 3d.; from Associations, £2103 19s. 4d.; from miscellaneous contributions, £4246 19s. 4d.; Missionary Buildings, £1680 2s. 1d.; Colonial Scheme, £3968 14s. 8d.; Jews' Conversion, £4436 1s. 1d.; Church Building Scheme, £1489 15s. 6d.; Glasgow Church Extension Scheme, £2552 16s. 5d.; total, £53,876 4s. 8d. The sum received last year, if all the items were included, was, in all, £61,776. In this sum, however, there were large special contributions, so that the true deficiency could not be stated at a larger sum than £1727 2s. 5d. It would be gratifying to the Assembly to learn that this year the offerings from congregations had increased over the amount of last year to the extent of £855 5s. 1d. There was, however, a decrease this year on the revenue of several Schemes, the objects of which were dear to every member of this House; there was a decrease on the Colonial Church Fund to the extent of £230, as compared with the previous year; there was also a decrease on the Jews' Conversion fund to the extent of £491 13s. 10d.; on the Church Building Fund to the extent of £1203 13s. 10d.; on the Education Fund to the extent of £1191 12s. There was an increase, however, in several departments. On the Foreign Missions (looking merely to the congregational collections) there was an increase of £763 18s. 7d. On the whole, he did not see that there was any cause for being cast down or discouraged. Mr. Jaffray then referred to the proposed new church at Gibraltar, for the erection of which the committee had in hand £737. The Glasgow Ladies' Association had collected £153 14s. 6d.; the Ladies' Association for Educating Females in India, £1375 15s. 4d.; the Glasgow Ladies' Association in connection with Caffraria, £227; and he had no doubt that the Ladies' Association for Educating Jewish Females were persevering in their work of faith and labour of love. In the Funds contributed by private associations there was this year a diminution of £95 6s. 5d.