

hope that every Presbyterian family will have and read this life of the greatest Presbyterian Minister since the days of Chalmers.

We hereby beg to acknowledge receipt of the "Sunday Times," Feb 22. From a perusal, we heartily congratulate our contemporary, and wish it as wide a circulation as it really deserves. The selections are admirable and varied, and it contains that which, with all the abuse poured out, we find most sensible people to enjoy—a sermon; and we pronounce it a decidedly good one on an important subject.

THE remains of a few of the unfortunate men, who were killed by the disastrous explosion at Drummond Colliery, have been found, but they are so disfigured and burnt that identification was utterly impossible. Suitable and appropriate funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. Dunn and the other clergymen of the locality, on the occasion of the interment, which were deeply affecting. Over a thousand people are said to have been present on the occasion.

THE proposal of a Union of the Wesleyan Methodists of Canada with the Conference of Eastern British America, and with the New Connexion Methodist Church, appears to have met the approval of the Wesleyans by an overwhelming majority. The chief difficulty seems to be that of reconciling opinions in regard to the subject of *Lay Representation* in the General Conference—the minority seemingly opposed to this amounting, however, to scarcely one-ninth of the votes recorded.

A communication signed "Old Catholic" has come to hand for insertion. The name of the writer is not given, and so we are prevented from publishing it. We regret this, as it is on the all-important subject of Union, and as it is a rough-and-ready, straightforward, practical document. The writer has come through 1843, and bears some marks of the conflict; and yet he puts the question to himself, and wishes it put to the whole Church: "By rejecting the Union movement at present under consideration, will the people of the negotiating Churches advance the glory of God more than by

accepting it?" This is, after all, the question which each member must settle in his own mind. But then an opponent of Union might reply: "Is it necessary to unite with other Churches in order to advance the glory of God?"

THE DISESTABLISHMENT PARTY IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT.—A correspondent of the *Times* points out that of the 61 members of Parliament who supported Mr. Miall's disestablishment motion last year, 28, including Mr. Miall himself, have no seat in the new House of Commons.

DEATH OF REV. DR. GILFILLAN.—Rev Dr. Gilfillan, of Stirling, minister of the United Presbyterian Church, and author of an excellent work on the Sabbath, has lately died. He was held in high respect. The Rev. G. Gilfillan, of Dundee, is a brother of Dr. Gilfillan's.

PROTESTANTISM IN ROME.—Protestants have now more than forty places of worship in Rome. A Scripture-Readers' Association has been formed for reading the Bible from house to house.

Notices of Books.

"THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD: FROM THE EARLIEST TO THE PRESENT TIMES."

This is the title of a book just published. Mr. W. G. Pender, No. 18 Blowers Street, Halifax, is the agent, by whom a copy has just been laid before us. It is a large book of 792 pages, substantially got up and beautifully printed. The paper is of the very best quality, and the type clear, large and bold. For particulars as to price, &c., see advertisements, or apply to the agent.

Now what of the book itself? It is an American publication, and as such deserves special attention to the history of Presbyterianism in the United States; and as such, even if there were nothing more, it is a valuable addition to our Church History. It is a valuable book were it only for that itself. It begins two hundred years ago, and gives the history of the Church from its inception; and very vivid indeed are the pictures which it draws of the men, the scenes,