

THE Rev. Mr. Barclay of St. George's, Glasgow, has received a call from the Tron Church, Edinburgh, to become the minister of that highly important Church and Congregation. While in Glasgow, Mr. Barclay did good work, and now a noble field is before him in the Tron Church of Edinburgh.

THE law of Patronage is likely to be before the minds of some of the people of Scotland during summer again. A few men such as Drs. Charteris, Pirie and Phin, are enthusiastic for its abolition; but whether the people of Scotland are or not is another question. Popular election is not evidence that the Church possessing it is in a state of perfection. Some Churches have refused to purchase their own Patronage, and thus secure popular election; others, again, through having popular election, have been split up into factions and rent asunder by parties seeking the election of rival candidates; and others again have ended after months and even years of violent contest—have gone, tired of war and popular election both, back to the Patron, and have accepted thankfully his nomination. However, it seems to be the general opinion, outside the Church, that its total abolition would greatly strengthen the Church. For example, the "Congregational Union of Scotland"—a sort of Synod or Assembly of the Independents—came to the following deliverance on the subject:—"That, whereas a movement was now being promoted to abolish patronage in the Church of Scotland, the conference expresses its strong conviction that the only effective remedy for existing evils is disestablishment, and urges the importance of strenuously opposing all measures tending to strengthen the existing Establishments; and the conference instruct the committee to watch the movements and take such steps as may seem advisable for the promotion of general disestablishment; and further, appoints the Rev. D. Jackson, Hamilton, as its delegate to the approaching triennial conference of the Liberation Society."

CANDIDATES FOR LICENCE.—Considering all that has been said about the scarcity of Divinity students, it is gratifying to state that from those who have

just emanated from the Halls of the several Universities there are 41 candidates for Licence. Edinburgh sends out 9; St. Andrews, 11; Glasgow, 8; Aberdeen, 13. Nearly one-half of the students are graduates in Arts.

THE Rev. Dr. Watson, Dundee, has been promised two grants from the Baird Fund of £1,000 each, towards the erection of district churches, planned in connection with the Dundee Established Church Extension Scheme. The first £1,000 will be allocated to St. Matthew's, which is about to be erected on the Glebe at the Ferry Road, and the second £1,000 to the new church at Clepington.

DR. TULLOCH sailed for the old country on the 27th ultimo, and is due in the pulpit of Crathie Church on the 14th instant, when he is expected to preach before Her Majesty the Queen.

THE Established Church Presbytery of Greenock has received into its fellowship the Rev. William Williamson, formerly in connection with the United Presbyterian Church; and the Presbytery of Dundee has agreed to transmit to the Assembly its recommendation in favour of the admission of the Rev. Mr. Knight and his congregation within the folds of the Establishment. The Presbytery of Paisley has discussed the Baird Trust, and, on the motion of Dr. Lees—who considers that "payment by results" is the great principle of the trust deed, threatening the spiritual independence of the Church and the powers of its Courts—has resolved to overture the Assembly to apply for a modification of the conditions specified in the deed. The Reformed Presbyterian Synod has once more debated the Union question, and has resolved to acknowledge the Mutual Eligibility Act, and to continue "its negotiating and expectant attitude" as to ultimate union with the Free or U. P. Church, or with both. In the Free Church Presbytery of Glasgow, the Rev. Evan Gordon took occasion to repeat his objection to "the introduction of instrumental music and other objectionable material" into the service of the Church, and to express his regret that those of his brethren who had taken part in the revival movement had not uttered their