

The Church Abroad.

SCOTLAND. Rev. R. Howie estimates the non-church going population in Glasgow at about 300,000.

A new congregation of the Free Church secessionists has been formed in Inverness with Mr. Allan Mackenzie as ordained pastor.

Rev. James G. Goodall has been ordained at Pittonwee parish church.

The Northern Presbyteries of the United Presbyterian Church held their ninth annual conference lately at Aberdeen.

JOHNSTONE congregation have celebrated their jubilee. Rev. John R. Macgregor, the pastor, presided, and among the speakers were Rev. Dr. McEwan, of Edinburgh, Rev. James Stirling of that city, and Rev. Hugh Mair, of Glasgow.

At a conference on non church going held in Glasgow the chairman, Sir John N. Cuthbertson, expressed the opinion that the evil was on the increase, as were also promoting and the giving of social entertainments on the Lord's Day.

SPEAKING at one of the annual meetings of the Free Church Guild held at Stirling Dr. Marcus Dods said he could not shut his eyes to the fact that competition was still a very powerful motive among men. There were several types of religious feeling and sentiment and thought in the country, and it was a question whether they should be incorporated in one Church. The Church of Scotland was held together by State connections, and within it were parties far more widely separated from one another, both by feeling and in thought, than the Churches in Scotland were separated from one another. Nothing could ever tempt the Free Church to enter the Established Church. The spirit of unity ought to come first, and it was delightful to hear delegates from other Churches come and offer the right hand of fellowship. There was a rumor that if the Church of Scotland was disestablished a large number would join the Episcopal Church. It was impossible to believe that those men whom they looked up to and esteemed would do any such thing. In the history of our country Episcopacy had played a poor part. It was an alien, an intruder, and a mischief-maker, associated with cruelty and unscrupulous tyranny, persecution and bloodshed. Presbyterians had always stood up for the rights of the people and the rights of conscience. How any Presbyterian could go over to Episcopacy in Scotland passed his comprehension.

IRELAND. The Duchess of St. Albans in presence of a numerous and influential gathering, opened a bazaar in the Court House, Co. Limerick, Tipperary County, inaugurated by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, to help to raise funds for the renovation of the places of worship in Clonmel and Fethard, the pastor of which is the Rev. R. W. R. Rentoul. Canon Warren, of the Rectory, the Rev. W. Beale, Mr. J. C. Grubb, J.P., and Mr. Gerald Fitzgerald, J.P., took part in the ceremony. The amount realized was considered highly satisfactory.

The Young Men's Guilds are spreading over towns and cities, and the excellent work done is reported upon very favourably.

Rev. JOHN WARDELL, minister of Newington, has been made the recipient of an address and presentation on the completion of twenty-five years in the ministry.

The sale of work in connection with Cliftonville Presbyterian church, opened in Carnegie Memorial Hall, by the Earl of Ranfurly, has been a great success.

On the evening of the 17th ult., there was a large gathering of the congregation of Rosemary street Presbyterian church, Belfast, in the Ulster hall, to do honour to their minister, the Rev. William Park, M.A. Mr. Park began his ministry in First Ballymena, and at once came to the front as an able and earnest preacher. Twenty years ago he was called as colleague to the late Rev. John Macnaughton, at Rosemary street, and for the greater part of that time

had full charge of the congregation. Rosemary street dates a long way back, and has had a distinguished history, being the mother church of the city so far as Presbyterianism is concerned. Mr. Park, during his twenty years' incumbency, has kept up, and even enhanced, its best traditions. As an earnest systematic, and devoted worker he has few equals. He has already passed the Moderator's chair, and it was no small mark of the Church's confidence in him that at the death of the Rev. Dr. Fleming Stevenson Mr. Park was chosen as his successor in the convocation of the Assembly's Foreign Mission. His people have presented him with a very appreciative address and a gift of £250.

The call from Forest Hill, to **ENGLAND.** Rev. J. Jeffrey Johnstone, of St. Leonards, has been sustained by the Presbytery of London South.

Rev. JOHN BEVERIDGE, M.A., B.D., of Stowe, has accepted a call to Wolverhampton.

LORD RADSTOCK assisted in the mission work carried on lately at Chatton where special services were held. His Lordship is an eloquent evangelist and his addresses attract much attention.

The sale of work at the Tate Institute, Silvertown, East London, for the Sabbath-school class rooms of the Presbyterian church there, realized £163. This, with a grant from the Presbytery's Church Aid and Evangelistic Effort Committee, will extinguish the debt on the school buildings.

Rev. CHARLES DAVEY, B.A., of St. Ruoach's Presbyterian church, Belfast, has just conducted a week's mission at Highbury Park church, London (Rev. P. Carmichael's). Mr. Davey, who succeeded Rev. Dr. Hanna, was a student of the London Theological College, and in his student days gave promise of the remarkable evangelistic gifts which have marked his subsequent ministry.

Mrs. BAWERTZ, while on a visit to Chillingham Castle (the seat of the Earl of Tankerville), preached three times recently at Chatton Presbyterian church, near Belford, Northumberland. Mr. C. L. Thorp, of London (brother of the Chatton minister,) has conducted a ten days' mission in the church, being assisted by Mr. J. R. Mackenzie, of the Monthly Tract Society, London.

WALES. The Welsh Calvinistic Methodists of Liverpool have decided on clearing the debt remaining on the various chapels in the city.

Rev. W. J. JONES has commenced his ministry at Burry's Green, Gower, near Swansea.

Rev. JOHN OWEN has resigned his charge of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church, at Dublin, which he has held for the last eight years.

Mr. S. GEORGE, of Trevecca College, has accepted a call from Llwynypia. Mr. D. Tyler Davies, of Trevecca College, has received a call from Middlesboro'.

Rev. J. GRUFFYDD HUGHES, (Moelwyn), Festiniog, a student of Bala College, has been invited to undertake the joint pastorate of the English and Welsh Calvinistic Methodist churches at Neath.

The Tabernacle chapel, Portmadoc, was crowded on the occasion of the celebration of the third jubilee of the connexion. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Thomas Owen, and addresses given by Rev. W. Thomas, Rev. Dr. J. Hughes, and others.

Rev. JOHN THOMAS, of the Bible Depot, Rome, writing to the Banner, states that Rev. W. Sylvanus Jones, of Machynlleth, Montgomeryshire, has reached that city and preached this week in the Porta Pia mission hall, in connection with the Italian church.

The English Presbyterians purpose establishing a new cause at Llandudno Junction. The new cause will be under the care of Rev. C. T. Astley, M.A., Llandudno, and Rev. J. Edwards, with the office bearers of their respective churches.

Rev. W. F. ALLAN, late of Canada, has been called to Westminster church, Denver, and was installed on the

31st ult. For the information of old friends in Canada who may wish to communicate with him, his address is 916 South 10th Street, Denver, Col.

A Letter From Mexico.

DEAR REVIEW,—If, while attempting a description of Zacatecas, we succeed in giving your readers a general view of the exterior of Mexican cities, our purpose will be realized. Aside from the varying physical features and the few individual characteristics, these towns present a striking sameness. This being the case, your correspondent may soon pass from the exterior of Mexican life to the consideration of the spiritual. Zacatecas is the capital of the state bearing the same name, has a population estimated all the way from fifty to seventy-five thousand, is over 8000 feet above the ocean, has a temperature seldom below 50 or 70 in shade, had its foundations laid perhaps 350 years ago by the ancient Aztecs and is now the centre of our missionary operations in Northern Mexico. Having introduced me to your kind reader, I will, with your permission, ask him to accompany me to the fourth floor (or better still, to the roof) of our mission building that we may talk of the sights beneath and around. Are the roofs of the buildings all flat or do my eyes deceive me? There is but one exception—the Baptist chapel. Are there no waggons or other vehicles on these cobble-paved, narrow and winding streets? They are rarely seen here. The backs of men and burros (donkeys) are the most common conveyance. Your friends at home may smile and say "fish story" when you tell of one man carrying four or five hundred weight on his back or a burro having a load much larger and heavier than itself, but their doubts do not disturb facts. My curiosity is aroused by you burro carrying on either side a pair of large tin cans in a rude framework while the space between is occupied by the driver. That is a Mexican milk wagon. Has that man who is climbing the ladder with a large piece of rock balanced on his head made a bet? Oh no, he is a laboring man, earning perhaps twenty five or thirty cents a day. Is that a procession, a drove of cattle or a mammoth show I see a few blocks away? In a sense it is a procession of cattle from a ranch perhaps one hundred miles distant. In looking more carefully you will observe there are seven pairs of oxen hitched to a monster cart with its load of wood. In dimensions the famous "Red River cart" is far exceeded by this. There is not a bit of iron in its composition and the wheels are from six to eight feet in diameter while the other parts are well proportioned. You will notice that the oxen have, instead of the Ontario yoke or the Manitoba harness a piece of straight wood about four feet long laid on the top of their heads and firmly strapped to their horns. However numerous and fierce the flies, they cannot protect themselves. You ask why these mules are being unhitched from, and why the harness is being put on the rear of the car. They have brought the car up a long and heavy grade and are allowed to return leisurely while the driver regulates the speed with the brake. I see many women with large earthen jars of water on their shoulders. Have you no water-works or other modern improvements? We have railroad communication and electric lights but no water-works. Water is scarce and is carried for all purposes from fountains and wells often two or three miles away. These buildings have a very plain, ancient and substantial appearance. True, my friend. Some of these, like the one under you, have walls of solid masonry six feet thick and have stood perhaps three hundred years. How one is reminded of descriptions of ancient eastern cities. I almost fear myself in dreamland. We felt thus for awhile, but now all this is living reality and has become wonderfully modern. Be assured that this description though novel is not a novel, but reality here and now. Before exchanging this advantageous view point for the top of one of these mountains enclosing the city let me enquire about these half dozen immense structures with old fashioned towers and domes and