

ing, many shook hands. This evening was one of great congratulation: for I caught a glimpse, although in the distance, and it may be over many impediments, of the fields whiten'g to the harvest."

At Constantinople, Mr. Schaeffer with the concurrence of the Committee has established a Medical Dispensary, under the care of a Physician, for the relief of the countless sufferers among the 80,000 souls of Israel resident in that vast capital, and an operative Institution for Jewish equiters or proselytes. As the former, besides its direct effect in mitigating human suffering, will tend to open and extend intercourse with the Jews, under the most favourable circumstances, the latter is designed to obviate one of the greatest difficulties in the way of Jews embracing christianity or shewing any tendency to do so, who in such circumstances are exposed to persecution and annoyance from those of their own nation, and deprived, so far as it may be in their power, of employment, and of their ordinary means of obtaining a livelihood.

The station at Damascus has only been recently occupied. The Missionaries have obtained a suitable permanent residence, and are principally engaged in the acquisition of the language and other preparatory labours.

Mr. Edward Lazenar, his wife, and Mrs. Barge, left Edinburgh on 4th June for Cochin, where they are to be employed as Missionary Teachers in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland.

Miscellaneous.

ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Edinburgh Seat Letting.—The deficiency on this item of city income having, since the Disruption, amounted to £1600, the authorities have authorized the levying of an impost tax of one per cent. This is a proof of the Disruption which will commend itself to the most stubborn.

SEAT-LETTING IN ABERDEEN.

The *Aberdeen Banner* contains the following statement relative to the number of seats let in the city churches of Aberdeen, which is very important and satisfactory, especially as it shows at a glance the relative proportion of the Moderates to the members of the Free Church in all the churches of that city. The *Banner*, in introducing the subjoined table, premises,—

"That the figures connected with the Free Church are given upon competent authority, while those of the *quoad sacra* churches of the Establishment rest on public report, and that we have taken the largest figure mentioned, which we have no doubt will be found rather to exceed the truth than to fall below it.

ESTABLISHMENT.	FREE.
West, sittings let,.....	1029 1150
East,.....	804 1170
North,.....	253 650
Greyfriars,.....	41 350
St. Clement's,.....	427 1100
South,.....	450 1300
Gilcomston,.....	450 1300
Holborn,.....	49 900
Trinity,.....	40 940
John Knox's,.....	120 1100
Gaelic,.....	0 500
Hon-Accord,.....	0 515
Melville,.....	0 200
Mariners',.....	0 500
Union,.....	0 920
	3,654 12,595

Glasgow Seat Letting.—Total sittings let, in twenty-seven churches of the Establishment, in 1836, 23,941
Total sittings let, in thirty-nine churches of the Establishment, March 1841,.... 27,411

After the Disruption—
Total sittings let, in twenty-two churches and chapels of the Establishment, July,

1841..... 8,804
Total sittings let, in twenty-four churches and preaching stations connected with the Free Church, July 1841,..... 18,698
—*Scottish Guardian.*

Assembly Deputations.—The local papers contain the most gratifying accounts of the cordiality with which the Assembly's deputation on the state of religion have been received throughout the whole country. The Disruption having removed the geographical hindrances to the preaching of the gospel which formerly existed to such a melancholy extent, we trust that the plan of sending out itinerating deputations will be adhered to, until the Free Church shall be able to locate an evangelical pastor in every district.

HUMAN CATHOLICS.

Malta.—There are 700 Popish ecclesiastics in this island, for a population of 120,000, making 1 to 171. They have become very active of late under the superintendance of the noted Jesuit, Padre Esmonde, and it is stated that several conversions have taken place in consequence. While this is going on, the Episcopalian bishop of Gibraltar, Dr. Tomlinson, a Puseyite, is irritating the public mind by squandering large sums of money in alteration on the beautiful church erected chiefly by Queen Adelaide, to suit his Popish notions, and it cannot yet be opened for want of funds.

Irish General Assembly.—The Assembly met in Londonderry, Dr. Brown of Aghadowey, moderator. Deputations from the Free Church and the English Presbyterians were in attendance, and great brotherly harmony was maintained. Spirited and uncompromising resolutions were passed regarding the Dissenters' Chapels and Marriage Bills. The next Assembly was appointed to be held in Dublin.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Modern Languages.—The University of Oxford has rejected, in convocation, the statute founding four lectureships of the modern languages, in part appropriation of Mr. Taylor's benefaction of £60,000 for the express object of their cultivation. By the terms of the statute proposed, the lecturers were prohibited from discussing religious or political subjects.

By a recent communication we learn that the Rev. Messrs. Guthrie, Begg, & Mr. McFarlan, are unable to leave home at the present, but that they may be expected in Canada at a future period. Their places have been filled by the appointment of the Rev'd. Messrs. McNaughtan of Paisley, King of Glasgow and Mr. McMillan of Cardross, as a deputation from the Free Protestant Church of Scotland, to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. We also learn that Dr. Burns of Paisley, expresses himself in the most favourable terms in regard to the call from Toronto. The following letter will be read with great pleasure:—

CHAMBERS OF THE FREE CHURCH,
Edinburgh, 7, N. St. Andrew St. }
21st August, 1844.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

I am instructed by the Commission of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, met here on the 14th instant, to transmit to you, as Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the enclosed extract from its proceedings:—

The members of Commission and our Ministers and people universally, contemplate with joy, and with sincere gratitude to the God of all Grace, the intelligent and faithful adherence to the principles we have been called to contend for, of so many of our esteemed brethren in Canada and Nova Scotia: who have all along been in close though voluntary connection with the Church of Scotland. If in supporting and acting on these principles, which are equally important to the Church of Christ in all lands, you have had to encounter difficulties, to combat prejudices, to withdraw from those with whom you once acted, and

to suffer loss for Christ's and the Gospel's sake, we trust you will receive a reward ample as the Saviour's promise—"a hundred fold in this world, and in the world to come life everlasting." In your present circumstances of trial, it will be gratifying to you to learn that "the things that have happened unto us" in the progress of our affairs "have fallen out," eminently "unto the furtherance of the Gospel." A spirit of prayer has been awakened in many, with a visibly increased attention to the word of God: the relation between the pastor and the flock has become more intimate and affectionate, and the mutual fellowship of the members of the Church has been greatly promoted. If "not many wise men after the flesh, or mighty or noble" have joined our ranks, yet "the word of the Lord has free course and is glorified;" and the disciples begin to be known, as at the first, by their love one to another. It is felt by many as a matter of thankfulness that God has permitted them to live into the times of our Free Church, and to see in some measure the fulfilment of long cherished wishes and prayers.

Amid the many calls made on us at home, we fear we shall not have it in our power to do much for our brethren at a distance; yet we trust that the Messengers and Ministers we propose to send, may give you some help in the forming and settling of congregations; and that your combined counsels may lead to some effectual means of providing a supply of faithful men for the office of the Ministry among you. To raise up such men and qualify them for their work, is the special office of the King of Zion; and in bestowing them on any church he indeed confers one of his most precious gifts.

In concluding, I beg, in the name of the Commission to assure you of our best wishes and prayers, and to solicit for ourselves an interest in your intercessions. And I remain,

Your friend and servant in the Lord,
HENRY GREY,

Moderator of the late General Assembly
of the Free Church of Scotland.

To the Revd. MODERATOR of the Synod
of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

We have been obliged to postpone for want of room, our Home Missionary intelligence; the circular of the Sustentation Board, and some remarks thereon, as well as much other interesting matter. The first mentioned matter will be attended to in our next,—and will probably be introduced to greater advantage after the meeting of Synod; a report of the proceedings of which will also be furnished in our next. Although the proceedings of Synod have been already given to the public in various forms—our readers, we doubt not, will be well pleased to have them, in an authentic shape, as given in the present number. Our future numbers will, however, contain a large portion of general intelligence, excluded from the present one, by these minutes.

We have now to announce that the *Record*, will continue to be published monthly, in the present form, at the rate of half a dollar per annum, exclusive of postage (4d. on each number,) which will be paid by subscribers. It is requested that an Agent be appointed for each locality, as far as possible, and that the names of subscribers, and their subscription money, be transmitted to the publisher here, as soon as possible. The following gentlemen have kindly undertaken to act as Agents for the *Record*, in their respective neighbourhoods:—City of Toronto, Messrs. Alexander Badenoch and A. McIntosh, Merchants; Perth, Mr. James Allan, Postmaster; Toronto Township and Chinguacousy, Mr. Matthew Williamson; Dundas, Messrs. Dixon & McKenzie, Merchants; Galt, Mr. Robert Gillespie, Merchant; Montreal, Mr. Alexander Fraser.

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