

ders, Hammersmith, and late of Reading, Berks.—*H. & F. Record of Ch. of Scotland.*

At a private meeting of the Commission of the Free Church Assembly, held recently, Dr. J. Buchanan, Edinburgh, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly of the Free Church.

We understand that the Rev. Dr. James Macfarlane, minister of Duddingston, will be proposed as Moderator of the next General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Monthly Summary.

WE, in this Province, have many grounds for thankfulness, in the enjoyment of peace and plenty, at a time when many homes, and even large countries, on this continent, are desolated by the ravages of war. The progress of the war has been, during the past month, unfavourable to the South. Hood has suffered a decided defeat in Tennessee, and retreated south, with the loss of a great part of his artillery. Sherman is in the neighbourhood of Savannah, his dangerous scheme of leaving his base of supplies, and marching through a hostile country, having, hitherto, been attended by no disaster. The message of President Lincoln, to Congress, gives no indication of a desire to desist from war, but furnishes evidence of the pressure of financial difficulties. A committee reports in favor of the abolition of the Reciprocity Treaty—a proposal in keeping with the protective policy of the American government. Confederate raids on the Canadian frontier endanger the interests of peace between Britain and the United States.

THE Bellahouston case, in the Church at Home, has received a calamitous termination, by the death of Mr. Porteous, a native of New Brunswick, who studied at Home. This case has been unfortunate, from beginning to end. Mr. Porteous was presented to Bellahouston chapel, by a majority of the subscribers, but an influential minority initiated a charge of plagiarism against him, before the Glasgow Presbytery. The matter went up to the last Assembly, and came down again to the Presbytery. The minority then proceeded, by libel, and after the libel was considered, and for the most part cancelled, threw up the case before the Synod. The Presbytery agreed to induct, but, meantime, Mr. Porteous was seized with fever, and last mail brings the melancholy news of his death. He is very much lamented by his late congregation, having endeared himself very much to them, by his kindly manner and pastoral diligence.

A HARMONIUM has been introduced into the Tron Church, Glasgow, and an organ is being built for the Barony Parish Church.

These movements indicate that a great change has taken place in the public opinion of Scotland, on this question, for it cannot be supposed that the ministers of these congregations would adopt such measures, at the risk of offending the well-meaning prejudices of even a small moiety of their people. The experiment of improving congregational singing, by the aid of an instrument, is one of great interest in Presbyterian Churches, wherein praise is the only part of the service in which the people take part audibly.

The Confederation Scheme is still undergoing discussion. Both sides have been heard separately in the metropolis. The despatch of the Colonial Secretary is a cautious, non-committal document. It amounts to this: that the proposed constitution is nearly as good as it could be, in the circumstances. A. P.

“Trials of the Cape Breton Highlanders—No. 3.” will appear in our next.

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