

The London correspondent of the *Commercial Advertiser* says that a deputation from the Free Church of Scotland had waited upon Lord Granville during the week to make a representation regarding the expulsion of the Protestant Missionaries from Pesth in Hungary, where they had resided in obedience to the laws for ten years. They had committed no offence, and were sent out of the country in the middle of the winter. Lord Granville had promised to take such steps as might be necessary, after communicating with Lord Westmoreland, the English Ambassador at Vienna.

At Covesea, on the 7th Dec., the Rev. ALEX. SIMPSON, minister of the parish of Spynie, in the 65th year of his age, and 26th of his ministry.

PARISH OF TOWIE.—Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Leith, K. C. B., has presented the Rev. W. A. Smith, A. M., minister of Chapelshade Church, to this vacant charge.

PARISH OF LUSS.—Sir James Colquhoun of Luss, Bart., has presented the Rev. Duncan Campbell of Fossaway, in the Presbytery of Auchterarder, to the church and parish of Luss, vacant by the translation of the Rev. Robert Wright to Dalkeith.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DUMFRIES.—The Rev. Mr. Brown, assistant at Kilwinning, has been elected to this church.

KILCREGGAN AND COVE.—The Duke of Argyll has granted a site for a chapel of ease for the accommodation of the inhabitants of the above watering-places. This new place of worship is to be opened in June.

PRESENTATION TO CERES.—We understand that the Earl of Glasgow has intimated to the Rev. Mr. Reid, of Kettle, Moderator of the Presbytery, his intention to present the Rev. Mr. Brown, assistant at Kilwinning, to this living, vacant by the lamented death of Mr. Cook. Mr. Brown is the same individual who was within these few weeks elected to the pastoral charge of St. Mary's, Dumfries.—*Fifehire Journal*.

PRESENTATION.—The elders and communicants of the church of Lunasting, Zetland, on the first day of the new year presented the Rev. James Crichton, M. A., their minister and missionary of the Church of Scotland, with a handsome pulpit gown and a commentary on the Old and New Testaments, as a mark of their sincere esteem and appreciation of the manner in which he has discharged his important duties among them. Mr. Crichton, though he has scarcely been two years in Lunasting, has by his kindness and attention endeared himself to all; and such has been the success in his ministerial labours that at the communion in October last, though labouring under many disadvantages, 64 individuals were added to the church, 60 of whom had never been in communion with any religious denomination whatever.

INDUCTION AT TRANENT.—The Presbytery of Haddington met at Tranent for the induction of the Rev. William Cæsar, late of St. Bernard's, Edinburgh, to the pastoral charge of that church and parish. The Rev. Alex. Graham, of Morham, presided, and, after an appropriate discourse from 2nd Cor. iv. 5, delivered suitable addresses to pastor and people on their respective duties. Although the day was exceedingly unpropitious, a numerous and respectable congregation assembled, and at the close of the services welcomed their new minister with much cordiality. In addition to the members of Presbytery, there were present the Rev. James Cæsar, Panbride, brother of the presentee, the Rev. David Smith, of Tillicoultry, John Gibson, Esq., W. S., John White, Esq., John Marshall, Esq., S. S. C., and other elders and members of St. Bernard's Church. Mr. Cæsar was introduced to his flock on Sabbath by the Rev. Dr. Paul, of St. Cuthbert's, who preached an eloquent sermon to a crowded and attentive congregation from John vi. 35, first clause; and Mr. Cæsar chose as the subject of his introductory discourse, Acts xvii. 18, "He preached unto them

SCOTCH CHURCH, MANCHESTER.—The Rev. Mr. Dunipace, of Port-Glasgow, has accepted the charge of the Scotch Church, St. Peter's Square, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland. He was to be inducted on the 18th Dec., on which occasion the Rev. Dr. Cumming, of London, was to preach.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—The quarterly breakfast of the Evangelical Alliance was held yesterday in the large class-room connected with the Synod Hall, Queen Street, the Rev. Mr. Wylie, who has lately returned from a visit to Rome, in the Chair. The meeting having engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Guthrie, Revs. Messrs. Parlane, of Tranent, and Thomson, of Slatford, the Chairman gave a graphic and interesting account of the present state of Tuscany, and the religious persecution to which Protestants in that country are subjected. He was followed by Dr. Camillo Mapei, of Naples, and by Signor Ferretti, of London, both of whom received a cordial welcome from the meeting. The Rev. Mr. Heather, Travelling Secretary of the Primitive Methodist Missionary Society in Ireland, also gave an instructive account of the progress of Evangelical Religion in that country. The meeting, which, notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, was very largely attended, and of a very agreeable character, then separated. We understand that Dr. Mapei, formerly a canon in the Romish Church, and a school-fellow of Cardinal Wiseman, is to lecture to-day in the Queen Street Hall. His subject, "The Religious Condition of Naples," is one most interesting in itself, and likely to have its interest enhanced in the hands of Dr. Mapei. We confidently anticipate a large attendance.—*Scottish Press*.

EDINBURGH CITY MISSION.—On Wednesday evening the twentieth Annual Meeting of the friends of the Edinburgh City Mission was held in the Queen Street Hall, Mr. Robert Paul, banker, in the Chair. From the inclemency of the weather the meeting was thinly attended. Among the clergymen and gentlemen present were—the Rev. Dr. Paul, Rev. W. H. Gray, Lady Yester's, Rev. Dr. A. Thomson, Rev. Dr. Innes, Rev. W. Tasker, Sheriff H. Robertson, Bailie Fyfe, Councillors Clark and Gray, &c., &c. After devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Gray, and a short address from the Chairman, Mr. Clarkson, Superintendent of the Mission, read a Statement of the proceedings during the past year, the formal Report being only given in biennially. Although the number of agents of the City Mission Board had not been greatly augmented, yet the necessity for sending missionaries among the ignorant and irreligious masses in the large towns had been of late years more distinctly recognised; and, here, various other parties had sent missionaries into the field, unconnected with the Board. The number of missionaries in this city had never been known to be greater than at present. 23 agents in all were at present employed by the City Mission Board, of whom 21 laboured in defined districts, and chiefly in the Old Town, one went among the Irish Roman Catholics generally, and the other was a missionary to the cabmen. The reports of the various missionaries made it manifest that a large amount of good had last year been effected, although their efforts had not been signalized by any extraordinary measure of prosperity. The Income for 1851 was stated to be £1450 5s. 11d., and the Expenditure £1390 16s. 9d., leaving a Balance of £59 9s. 2d. Resolutions in accordance with the objects of the meeting were advocated by several of the clergymen and gentlemen present, and adopted.—*Edinburgh Advertiser*.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—A case was brought under the notice of the Town Council of Dundee at their last meeting, which is worthy of all commendation. It was that of a gentleman now holding the office of a Professor in one of the Scotch Universities, who had received part of his College education through means of a Bursary conferred upon him by the Council of the day, and who now returned the money, which he had so received,

with an expression of his sense of the benefit which it had conferred upon him at the time. The act of returning the money to the Fund was highly honourable to the learned Professor, and we trust it will serve as a good example to others who may have derived like advantages. There may be few who have turned their opportunities to so good account as the gentleman referred to; but there are many whose bursary education has enabled them to get on well in the world, and who could without any inconvenience do what has been so properly done in the present instance, thereby enabling some other aspirant after knowledge to tread the same course which has proved so advantageous to them. How pleasant is the reflection which arises from contemplating the instance of successful scholarship which has just occurred! It shows that in this country the path to honourable distinction is open to all who can prove themselves worthy of it. Intellectual superiority and unremitting perseverance may overcome all difficulties. The Chairs of our Universities are not reserved for the rich and the great; but are prizes held out to such as can prove a better title—that which consists in the ardent and successful prosecution of learning.—*Dundee Courier*.

FREE CHURCH FINANCES.—SUSTENTATION FUND.—It has become painfully evident that the system, on which the Sustentation Fund has been hitherto distributed, is not such as will ever land the Church in the position, contemplated and urged by the General Assembly, of paying from that Fund a minimum stipend of £130 to each minister. The stipend, on the contrary has become nearly stereotyped at £120. For a considerable time past, therefore, the more liberal and intelligent friends of the Free Church have been contemplating the necessity of some modification of the system. At last General Assembly the Sustentation Fund Committee were especially instructed to direct their attention to this matter, and to devise a scheme for the better distribution of the Fund. At the last meeting of Commission the fruit of their labours appeared in the plan proposed by Dr. Buchanan, and in which, both in the Committee itself and in the large body assembled at the Commission from all quarters of the country, met with such cordial and almost unanimous acceptance. The scheme throughout bears the indelible marks of Dr. Buchanan's wisdom and caution, and we trust that it will meet with an acceptance in the different Presbyteries of the Church not less cordial and harmonious than it has received at the hands of the Commission. It is scarcely a theme for newspaper discussion, at least in its details; and we are not sure that we could help towards its adoption by a patient and full investigation of these. There are, however, one or two points to which we shall take leave to advert. The scheme proposed to retain within certain limits the plan of an equal dividend, and, so far as is possible, to secure that that dividend shall not be less than it was last year. But, as an equal dividend only ceases to be mischievous on the supposition of an equal effort, or the equitable support of it by the congregation, it is proposed that next General Assembly shall appoint a special Sub-Committee, which, from the information they possess or may obtain regarding the numbers or capabilities of the congregations, shall determine what sum each congregation is to be expected to contribute in order to afford to each minister an equal dividend of £120, exclusive of the sum payable to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, or £127 including that payment. If under this arrangement all the congregations reach the standard fixed by the Sub-Committee, the equal dividend will, of course, be £120. On the other hand however, in so far as any congregation falls short of that standard, the equal dividend will be proportionally diminished. For example, say that the Sub-Committee have proposed to a congregation to contribute £127, in other words, to be self-supporting, and that the congregation actually contributes only £100, the sum from which the equal dividend falls to be paid will be £27 less than was contemplated, and the dividend will be about 9d. less than