

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

An elaborate memorial of the famous Marquis of Argyll is to be erected in the Hammermen's chapel of St. Giles's cathedral.

Rev. Dr. Philip, St. John's Edinburgh, preached a special sermon on Sabbath, sketching the history of the church during the past fifty years. The jubilee collection amounted to £130.

The death has occurred at Blantyre, South Africa, of Mr. William Afleck Scott, M.A., M.B., C.M., of the mission there. His widow, who is at present in this country, is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Wilson of Newabbey, Kirkcudbright.

Argyll synod has made an end of the Ardrishaig debt case, which arose out of charges by Rev. John Campbell of North Knapdale against Rev. John Stewart. No substantial injustice is held to have been done to the Debt Extinction Committee.

Canon Gore, the well-known English High churchman, says that it admits of no question that the Established Church of Scotland, though it is Presbyterian, has maintained more successfully than the Church of England, with her Catholic succession, the spiritual independence of Christ's society.

The total of the Irish Presbyterian Sustentation Fund for the past year has just been published. It amounts to the sum of £24,522. This is a decline of £521, 5s. 5d. as compared with the previous year. But the times have been hard, and the feeling is one of gratitude that the deficit has not been greater.

Another death deserves special mention, that of the Rev. Hope M. Waddell, who for some twenty-nine years was a missionary, first in the West Indies, and then in Old Calabar. Although connected with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, he was an Irishman, hailing from County Monaghan.

Eleven congregations have raised upwards of £2,500 each for all purposes during the year. In some cases, however, this includes large sums contributed for local church building. They are St. John's Wood, £6,538; Marylebone, £6,451; Salford Park, Liverpool, £5,956; Trinity, Newcastle, £3,727; St. George's, Sunderland, £3,720; Trinity Birkenhead, £3,141; Crouch Hill, £3,053; Regent Square, £2,861; Clapham Road, £2,709; Trinity, Boodle, £2,514; and Kensington £2,502.

The official "Blue book," issued on the eve of the meeting of the English Presbyterian Synod, supplies some interesting particulars of the Church's progress and work. There has been an increase of more than 20,000 in the sittings provided, and of more than 19,000 in the number of communicants, since the Union of 1876. In that year the sittings numbered 131,146; they now number 154,455. In 1876 the communicants numbered 51,013; they now number 68,997. The increase in the membership for the past year is 1,412 and it is distributed over nearly all the eleven Presbyteries. The church buildings are insured for £1,125,318, as compared with £619,990 in 1876; whilst the debt resting on them has been reduced from £121,173 to £23,572. The average membership of the congregations (225) stands to-day at 232; eighteen years ago it was only 198. Whilst the total income of the Church is £231,513, the amount raised for purely congregational purposes reaches the large sum of £135,253, or an average of £662 for each congregation. It is interesting to notice that there is an elder for every thirty-three communicants, and that the Christian workers form one-fourth of the entire membership. The Church is thoroughly well organised, and is evidently much stronger than would appear from the number of its congregations. Its Sustentation Fund gives it a splendid coherence, and its ministers are well paid. Its "Tables of Statistics" are probably unequalled for fulness and accuracy.

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