

The Monthly Record.

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Items.

WE understand that the Rev. Mr. McCune has safely arrived in his native land and we trust that we shall soon see him in health and safety in his adopted country, and among his beloved flock.

The Free Church College, Edinburgh, has sustained a great loss in the death of one its Professors, the Rev. Dr. Bannerman, and we observe that another, the Rev. Dr. Buchanan is about to resign on account of age and infirmity.

WE give copious extracts from the *H. and F. M. Record* containing details of the arduous and successful labours of the Rev. Drs. McLeod and Watson in India, which will be read with deep interest by all who labour and pray for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

LAST month, the progress of the Abyssinian Expedition was noticed; most of our readers are already aware that the Expedition has been nobly and bravely accomplished; and that the cruel Theodore has had to atone for his insult to the British flag, with his life and kingdom.

We regret to observe that the Rev. Robert Markland, late of Moss-green, in the Presbytery of Dumfries died at sea on his passage to Sydney, New South Wales, to enter on a pastoral charge under the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The vessel was within a few days sail of land, when after nine days illness, he died of fever.

THE Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland, meet this year in Pictou on the last Tuesday of June, and form an Union. Arrangements will be made by the friends of the Kirk in Pictou for the hospitable entertainment of Ministers and Elders. It is requested that those intending to be present will communicate with the Rev. A. W. Herdman, of Pictou, without delay.

LAST month brought us intelligence of the death of an eminent divine of our own church, Rev. Dr. Lee. This month brings intelligence of the death of two distinguished and able ministers of the Free Church, Revs. Dr. Bannerman and Peter McLean. The latter of whom has been well known in this Province and will be widely mourned.

ERRATA IN OUR LAST NO.—We unintentionally omitted to specify that the Rev. Mr. Anderson's Sermon, published in our last No., was preached to a large and attentive

audience, on the occasion of Mr. McMillan's induction, to the pastoral charge of Salt-springs congregation. We regret to find that a few grammatical and orthographical inaccuracies unwittingly crept into it. We trust Mr. Anderson will generously overlook them, and we will promise to "exercise more care" in the future.—*F. d.*

LAST month brought us the painful intelligence of the loss of one of our at least Colonial Statesmen, Hon. T. D. McGee, by the hand of a brutal assassin. This month brings the intelligence of the death of one of Britain's most distinguished Statesmen, Lord Brougham. The latter has contributed more to the different departments of science and literature than, perhaps, any other author living or dead.

"One by one they drop away."

The question of patronage is being discussed in many of the Established Presbyteries throughout Scotland. Some wish it modified; others wish it entirely abolished with the view of paving the way for a union of all the Presbyterian Churches. What some may but knows that patronage, in some form, *does* and *must* exist in every church or ecclesiastical or religious organization? The question that calls for solution is, whether vested in the "heritors," in Presbyteries, in communicants, in church dignitaries or in majorities of congregations, patronage can be exercised for the greatest good of the most of "all concerned."

At a late meeting of the congregation of St. James' Church, Charlottetown, Hon. Col. Gray on behalf of the congregation, presented their pastor, the Rev. Thomas Duncan with a purse containing £100, accompanied with a complimentary address. Mr. Duncan intends visiting Scotland, and will, D. V. be present at the meeting of the General Assembly in May. The *Patriot* says the young men and women of his congregation intend to present him with a purse previous to his departure. This with \$100 additional stipend is creditable to both pastor and people. Gentle reader, is the above example not worthy your favorable consideration and immediate imitation! It will do your own heart good, and greatly cheer your pastor.

LEITCH MEMORIAL. A report was received from the Leitch Memorial Committee from which it appeared that the Committee had invested £500 stg. in Government securities, £200 to be the foundation of an open Scholarship in Arts, and £300 the foundation of a Scholarship in Theology, to be competed for triennially by graduates in Arts at the Matriculation Examination of the first session of the Theological course—the successful competitor being requested to matriculate at the beginning of each of two following se-