

A CLERGYMAN'S OPINION OF LIFE ASSURANCE.

The Rev. James Robertson, of Portsburgh, in moving a vote of thanks to the Directors of the Scottish Provident Institution, said:—"I regard this Institution as in unison with the arrangements, nay, as a following-out of the dictates of an all-wise, over-ruling Providence. Many, I doubt not, have already been taught to regard it as such, who, on the death of a parent, instead of being reduced to destitution, or obliged to appeal to the benevolence of the public, have found themselves in circumstances to obtain, as a right, what they must otherwise have received as a charity. Such persons, if rightly disposed, would thank God that such an Institution as this existed, and would esteem it a kind Providence that led their deceased parent to connect himself with it, and thus secure for them an interest in its provisions." * * * "I feel it pleasant to be associated with men who are naturally led to take an interest, so far, in one another's welfare. For my part I cannot pass a member of the Scottish Provident on the streets without also involuntarily wishing him 'a sound mind in a sound body,' and that he may live happily and usefully, and, if not as long as Methuselah, yet aye and until the amount of his contributions has greatly exceeded the sum in his policy."

INSTANCES OF IMMEDIATE BENEFIT.

An industrious man, engaged in flax spinning, and who sunk most of what he had in a concern of that nature insured £500 in the month of February, for which the usual comparatively small sum was paid by way of premium. In the ensuing April, not satisfied with the first sum, he insured £500 more. Next month, after the second policy had run only twenty-two days, he died in consequence of a severe injury from his own machinery. Then his family obtained the welcome sum of £1000 to assist them on in the world, a sum which they could not have had if their parent's death had taken place three months sooner.

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