

difficulty in raising the money. I accordingly offer a free site, with a subscription of £25, provided it be proceeded with, within six months from the date of this epistle."

PRESBYTERY OF DALKEITH.—At a meeting of this reverend Presbytery, held on the 21st current, Mr. Adamson was chosen Moderator for the current half-year, and before taking the chair, as convener of the Committee on Overtures, &c., he gave in the following report on the regulations for the induction of ministers, viz:—

"Your committee, having taken into its careful consideration the amended regulations for the induction of ministers under the Scotch Benefices Act, sent down by last General Assembly for the consideration of Presbyteries, are unanimously of opinion that neither these amended regulations, nor any others that can be drawn up for the purpose of carrying out the said Act, are likely to have the effect either of remedying those evils which that Act was intended to obviate, or of preventing for the future, those which have resulted under its operation; and your committee farther, in compliance with the request of the General Assembly to the Presbyteries, that they should transmit their views and suggestions to the convener of the committee on the working of the Benefices Act, have to state that, in their opinion, it has become advisable that the Church should apply for an Act of Parliament, modifying the law of patronage."

OBITUARY NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. DR. STEVENSON.

The *Bombay Guardian* has the following notice of the late Dr. Stevenson, who died some months ago at Ladykirk, and who was well known in connexion with the missionary work in India:—

"Dr. Stevenson arrived in Bombay in February 1824, as a missionary of the Scottish Missionary Society; labored in the Southern Canon till 1830, and in Poona till 1835, when he accepted one of the chaplainships of the Scotch church in Bombay, the connexion with which he maintained till he finally left India in 1854. He was much esteemed in Bombay as a member of society, as a Christian pastor, and as a preacher. His forte consisted in considerable readiness of extemporary address, evincing much liveliness and ingenuity, by which the attention of his hearers was easily obtained.

He contributed several valuable tracts to the Bombay Tract and Book Society, of which he was a cordial and painstaking supporter from the time of its origination till his departure from this country. The very first report that Society acknowledges the receipt of a Marathi tract prepared by him. A valuable

tract from his pen, bearing the title of 'Discussions in Poona,' has been often reprinted. Another by him entitled 'On knowing God.' He was the author of a Gospel Catechism and of a work on Speculative Philosophy. All these were in Marathi. For twenty years he continued on the committee for the examination of tracts, and it would be difficult to overestimate the value of his labors in connection with this Society, and also with the Bombay Auxiliary Bible Society. He is better known to the general public, perhaps, by his labors as an Orientalist. We may be excused for attaching a good deal of importance to his efforts in connection with the above-mentioned societies, bearing, as they more directly do, on the spiritual interests of the masses of Western India.

"Dr. Stevenson prepared a Marathi Grammar, and also an English Grammar in Marathi. He edited a portion of the Rig Veda, and contributed a great many articles on various Oriental topics to the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

"Dr. Stevenson was one of the originators of the *Bombay Guardian*, and during the first three years of its existence took a constant and prominent part in the editorship.

"The memory of Dr. Stevenson will ever be cherished by those who knew him, especially on account of the genial and catholic spirit that he unfailingly manifested.—*News of the Church.*

DEATH OF THE REV. MR. MACKICHAN.

In our obituary, lately appeared the name of the Rev. Dugald Mackichan, minister of Daviot. Mr. Mackichan was a native of Ardoch, Argyllshire, where he was born in March, 1795. In 1815, he entered the University of Glasgow, and during his curriculum distinguished himself as the most able and expert student attending the classes of practical mathematics and natural philosophy. In March, 1829, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Lorn, and soon thereafter sailed for America. After a few years residence in Nova Scotia, he removed to Cape Breton, and was the first ordained minister of the Scotch Church, who settled in that populous island. The duties here were of the most trying and laborious nature. Missionary tours were chiefly made during winter, when snow lay to the depth of several feet, and was crusted firmly enough to support the weight of the riding-sleigh. In this manner, Mr. Mackichan went through the country, travelling thirty or forty miles a day, preaching twelve or fourteen times in the week, besides catechising and baptizing every night. The necessity of this labor may be inferred from the fact, that it was no unusual thing to baptize at once twelve or fifteen children, ranging from infants to boys and girls of nearly twelve years of age. In November 1844, Mr. Mackichan left America for Scotland, and a few weeks after his arrival in Inverness, was presented by the