

Church by the aged pastor of the congregation, and urged upon his hearers the duty of giving upon their young minister the same affection and esteem which they had so long cherished towards Dr. McLeod. The discourse, which was in Gaelic, was characterised throughout by that fervor, and eloquence for which the Dr. is distinguished. In the afternoon, the services were conducted by the Rev. McGregor, High Church, Paisley, who opened from the very appropriate text, Ezek. III. 7. 11. The discourse was marked by that impressiveness which have rendered McGregor so eminently useful among his congregation. In the evening, Mr. Strachan, new minister, preached to a very crowded attentive audience from 1st. Cor. II. 2. a very able and thrilling discourse more than realised the high expectations entertained of him, not only by the congregation, but by the brethren who knew him, as one of the most promising hopes of the church. His congregation lately held a soiree, for the purpose of presenting a token of welcome and encouragement to the Rev. Neil Strachan, recently elected assistant and successor to the venerable pastor, Rev. Dr. McLeod.

**PRESBYTERY OF KINCARDINE O'NEIL.**—The Presbytery met at Midmar to moderate a call, in favor of Rev. Edward Lumsden. There was a universal willingness to sign the call, and no objections being offered, the Presbytery sustained it, and took the necessary steps for expediting the settlement.

**PRESENTATION TO THE REV. MR. ARCHIBALD, NEW MONKLAND, (LATE OF RICHIBUCTON, N. B.)**—On Thursday last, a deputation of the heritors of the parish, and members of the Monkland congregation, waited on the Rev. Mr. Archibald at the manse, and presented him with a portrait of himself, and also a portrait of Mrs. Archibald, and their son, (life size) by Mr. Levack, of Ardrick. The deputation consisted of the following gentlemen:—William Black, Esq., Whitehiggs, N. Symington, Esq., J. P.; David Mitchell, Banker; Thomas Chapman, Esq., Comberhead, and John Colquhoun, Esq. The portraits were presented by Mr. Black, Whitehiggs, who stated that the agreeable task had devolved upon him, as being the oldest member there present of Mr. Archibald's congregation. He said—I have been all my life connected with New Monkland Parish Church. I was baptized in it fifty years ago by the Rev. Dr. Begg—a man of great abilities and popular as a preacher; indeed, Dr. Begg's talents were so great, that it was generally feared that no successor would be found worthy to fill his place: yet I am happy to be able to say that Mr. Archibald is now, after being thirteen years minister of the parish, as much loved and respected as was his immediate predecessor, and the congregation as numerous and respectable as I ever remember to have been. Mr. Archibald's charities are very numerous, and they are so unostentati-

ously performed that they are not so generally known as they deserve to be. Few, very few indeed, receiving his gifts know anything of them: but I have many opportunities of hearing expressions of gratefulness from those who have been aided in many ways by Mr. and Mrs. Archibald. Mr. Archibald is nobly aided in the good work by Mrs. Archibald. It is not generally known that Mrs. Archibald keeps a school in the manse, where herself and daughters educate the children of the poor,—and not only children, but grown up people, whose education has been neglected in their youth, are taught by her to read and write,—and not only taught, but frequently fed and clothed. This is not widely known, but it should be known, to stimulate others to do likewise. Mr. Black concluded his address by a few words to Mr. Archibald's family, and then presented the portraits. Mr. Archibald made a very feeling and appropriate reply, in his own characteristic and talented way. After the presentation, a party of about twenty sat down to dinner in the manse, and spent the evening in a manner so agreeable that it will not soon be forgotten by those present.

**LAY PREACHERS IN THE PULPIT.**—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Aberdeen, on Thursday, Dr. Paul called attention to a public announcement, to the effect that Mr. Ray M'Donnell Grant of Arndilly, and Mr. Reynald Redcliffe, would preach in certain churches; amongst others, in the South and Greyfriars churches. With regard to Redcliffe, he believed that he was not even a member of the church. He intended to bring a motion upon this subject before the Presbytery, because he believed this practice to be unconstitutional, and contrary to the laws and practice of the Church of Scotland. Dr. Paul, as showing his grounds for such a motion, proceeded to read from the Standards and Acts of the Church, bearing upon the subject. Mr. Dewar, (South Church,) said he was obliged to Dr. Paul for the information now given, and he trusted, he (Mr. Dewar,) would improve by it. Mr. Wilson, (North Church,) also acknowledged that he had been previously ignorant upon the subject; but in future, he would regulate his conduct effectually by what was constitutional. Mr. Smith, (Greyfriars,) wished to speak upon the subject; but it was intimated that he would be heard when the motion was regularly before the Presbytery. Dr. Paul put a question as to when the Presbytery should discuss the question. If they received any assurance that these irregularities would not be continued, there was no necessity for pressing the motion hurriedly. He was quite willing that there should be time given to compose their minds. Mr. Dewar said, "So far as I am concerned, I promise that these irregularities shall cease." Mr. Smith said, "I will make no such promise." Dr. Paul said, "It will be necessary to have an early meeting, then, I fear." Dr. Forsyth said, "I am really sorry to hear Mr. Smith speak thus." Mr. Smith said, "I am quite ready to defend myself, and I believe it