

McLaren, who, on Christmas eve, was presented with \$100.

Scotland.

SECOND LIBERAL MONEY PRESENTATION TO REV. C. M. GRANT WITHIN A YEAR.—Yesterday a deputation from the ladies of St. Mary's congregation, Partick, waited on their minister, the Rev. C. M. Grant, B. D., and presented him with a purse containing 141 sovereigns, in grateful recognition of his active ministrations, and as expressive of kindly regards and best wishes on the occasion of his marriage.—*Glasgow Daily News*, Feb. 2nd.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND THEATRE DESTRUCTION AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME.—The Aberdeen Theatre-Royal has been bought by the Church of Scotland Extension Scheme Committee for £1160.

ABOLITION OF PATRONAGE.—Of the 1200 parishes of the Church of Scotland, the presentation to about one-sixth was held by the Crown, and to nearly half for the whole number by private patrons. In the Act abolishing patronage, the Crown made over its rights to the congregations as a free gift, and the great noblemen, such as the Duke of Argyle, Duke of Buccleugh, Duke of Sutherland, Earl of Zetland, Duke of Richmond, followed the good example. Smaller patrons, holding in all about 200 parishes, have applied for compensation under the Act. The sum allowed them is to be one year's salary of the parish, and the minister has to pay it in 4 years.

REV. F. R. McDONALD, of Martyrs' Church, Paisley, was recently waited upon by some friends in Glasgow, and presented with a *souvenir* of his connection with the Barony Church, viz., a gold watch and time piece, which he was asked to accept "as a token of the good feeling (to use the words of Mrs. Buchanan, the lady who presented the gift), towards you, which I can most truly assure you is universal in that old Church, with which you were for a time connected." Mr. McDonald, of course, replied to the very flattering address in his usual felicitous manner. The inscription on the watch is as follows:—"Presented, along with a time-piece, to

the Rev. Finlay R. McDonald, as a small token of the affection and esteem which is felt for him by the members of the Barony Church. Glasgow, January, 1875."

REV. J. S. MUIR, minister of the parish of Cockpen, and brother of the Convener of the Colonial Committee, died at Montone, in the South of France, on 23rd December last.

REV. THOS. CAMPBELL, a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, has applied to the Presbytery of Glasgow, for admission to the Established Church. His application will be forwarded to the General Assembly.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.—In connection with the protest against the validity of Mr. Disraeli's election to the office of Lord Rector, on the ground that undue influence had been exercised by certain of the Professors who presided at the poll, the secretary of the Independent Club has received intimation from the secretary of the University Club, that, "on examining their powers under the statute, and relative ordinances, it was found that the Court had no power to entertain the question of the validity of a Lord Rector's election."

REV. DR. GORDON, minister of Newbattle, is to be proposed as second Clerk of the General Assembly.

A \$5000 BAZAAR.—The Bellahouston Parish Church bazaar was formally opened by Mr. Alex. Whitelaw, M. P., the Rev. John McLeod, of Govan, and other gentlemen. The bazaar realised the handsome sum of £1050.

A BARONETCY, it is said, is about to be conferred on Mr. Baird, who, not content with giving half a million pounds to the Church of Scotland, contemplates giving a similar sum to the Scottish Nonconformist Churches.

DEAN STANLEY, as Rector of St. Andrew's University, has appointed the Earl of Elgin as his assessor.

CONVERSION OF JEWS IN REV. DR. MONRO'S PARISH, CAMPSIE.—In the Parish Church at Campsie, on a recent occasion, a Jewish family, consisting of husband, wife, and five children, publicly renounced the faith of their fathers, and received Christian baptism.