

the presentation by the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosalyn in favour of the Rev. James Simpson, presently minister of the Port-Brae Chapel-of-Ease, to the parish of Kirkcaldy, to be minister of the second charge in the parish of Dysart, void by the removal of the Rev. John Wilson, A. M., to the church and parish of Methven, in the Presbytery of Perth; and appointed that the presentee would preach on Sunday following and Monday the 2d January; and further, that the Presbytery would meet there on the 12th proximo for the moderation of a call. The Rev. Thomas Morrison, of the Methil Chapel, near Leven, in the parish of Wemyss, was appointed clerk to the Presbytery, in room of the Rev. Mr. Wilson.

**HAGG'S CHURCH, DENNY.**—At a congregational meeting held in the above church on Wednesday, the Rev. Thomas Logan, M. A., late of Rutherglen, was unanimously elected minister.

**PRESBYTERY OF BRECHIN.**—This Presbytery met on Tuesday the 10th inst., and admitted the Rev. David Miller, A. M., of St. Andrews, as a licentiate within the bounds, on becoming assistant in the Old Kirk of Montrose to the Rev. Joseph Paterson D. D., of the second charge.

**PRESENTATION.**—On Thursday evening last a munificent donation of 75 sovereigns was, through the hands of Provost Dickson, presented by the Old Church congregation, together with a pulpit gown and coosock, to the Rev. W. F. Irvine, as a mark of the esteem and respect they entertain for the rev. gentleman as their pastor.

## CHURCH IN LOWER PROVINCES.

### JEWISH SCHEME.

We insert a letter addressed to the Superintendent and Sabbath School of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, by the Rev. E. M. Epstein, in the prospect of leaving for the sphere of his future labors, which we feel confident will prove interesting to many of our readers, particularly to those who had the pleasure of listening to his own advocacy of the mission.

It may not be generally known to the members of our church, that in addition to supporting an orphan in India, St. Matthew's Church Sabbath School has undertaken to contribute an annual sum to Mr. Epstein's mission. We think the idea a happy one; and were the children of our church throughout the Province to take up this scheme, we are persuaded, it would not only be a means of evoking their liberality, but also of interesting them more in the cause of missions—one of the good agencies employed by God in the conversion of the world.

A correspondent mentions having received

a letter from the Treasurer of the scheme, Mr. Alex. Morris of Montreal, who writes: "Dr. Epstein and family have sailed for Liverpool en route for Salonica. I hope the Lower Provinces will send us some collection, as we will be short of funds." We can only join in the hope expressed by Mr. Morris, and rejoice in the privilege for the first time accorded to our Church in British North America, of uniting to support their own missionary in a foreign field, which may be accepted as a strong evidence of vitality at home.

KINGSTON, C. W.

*To the Superintendent and the Sabbath Scholars of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax.*

MY VERY DEAR FRIENDS,—Yours of the 19th ult. came duly to hand. But I delayed answering it till after my ordination, and till now, having other matters pressing on my attention. Some communications are neglected and not answered, because one does not care for them. But yours was not, and might not for some time have been answered, for the very opposite reason, viz: that I care for it much, as I am loath to dismiss it with a reply. Not that I can ever forget your kind words, but that it will not be so often in my mind after having answered it, as it was when I remembered that I owed an answer to my kind friends of St. Matthew's Sabbath School, Halifax. But lest you may think me neglectful of your kindness, I must now reply. Yet I trust from the tenor of your letter that you will continue to keep me a debtor to you and thus in lively remembrance of you. And, now, my dear friends, my own heart and the hearts of my family thank you sincerely for your words of encouragement. In the present state of the church, in its enlargement, the missionary who is set apart "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery" of one section of its great whole, can only feel that he is set apart by the other sections of the church also, when they express themselves in such words of good will and sympathy as you did. I now *know* of you as my friends and *my senders* to the work committed to me, the least of all God's saints. Before this I *hoped* it only. It is *duly* encouraging to go out from such friends! O, that I had more like you! Think not that I complain; if I do I am sorry for it, but believe me that such letters and such promises are not received by one by the dozen weekly. But let none of us trust in the arm of flesh, and thus incur the divine curse, but rather let us trust in Jehovah, and plead the promise of divine blessing annexed to it. Jer. 17:5—8. With reference to the establishment of a Sunday school in the future field of my labors, I am induced to tell you, that I will by the grace of God, keep it before me, though we may not be able to attain it, till other things be attained, viz., the confidence of the people among whom we shall