

terests of our fellow-men?—(cheers.) We shall not only, by doing so, prove our deep debt of gratitude to our beloved Queen for her munificent donation to the scheme for this district, but we shall confer upon the immediate districts, and the inhabitants of our distant Highland islands, the inestimable blessing of having a resident parish minister amongst them, who can independently, and without fear of injuring his temporal concerns, exhort, rebuke, and encourage those of his church.

Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale

THE Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale held their half-yearly meeting in the High Church yesterday. The Rev. J. L. Blake of Stobo, the retiring Moderator, preached from John vi. 28, 29, after which the Rev. Mr. Lochrie of Carrington was appointed Moderator for the next year.

The Synod having called for the report of their Committee on Parochial Collections,

The Rev. R. H. Muir, Dalmeny, said that, as usual, the committee's report divided itself into two parts—the first in regard to collections for the Schemes of the Church, and the second in regard to sums contributed for religious, educational, and benevolent purposes other than those enjoined by the General Assembly. In regard, first, to the collections for the Schemes of the Church, the returns showed— from the Presbytery of Edinburgh L.1992 5s. 1d., being, as compared with the amount collected during the previous year, an increase of L.15 1s. from the Presbytery of Linlithgow, L.361 17s., being an increase of L.32 17s. 10d.; from the Presbytery of Dalkeith, L.330 7s. 1d., being an increase of L.15 18s. 3d.; from the Presbytery of Haddington, L.241 15s. 6d., being an increase of L.27 18s. 11d.; from the Presbytery of Peebles, L.209 18s. 7d., being a decrease of L.14 18s. 5d.; from the Presbytery of Dunbar, L.118 10s., being an increase of L.22 16s. 8d.; and from the Presbytery of Biggar, L.97 7s. 10., being an increase of L.15 13s. 1d.—showing the gratifying result of an increase in the case of every Presbytery, except one, and from the whole Synod a total for the Schemes of the Church of L.3385 1s. 10d. Then, in regard next to the returns made of sums contributed for religious, educational, and benevolent purposes other than those enjoined by the General Assembly, the committee reported from the Presbytery of Edinburgh, L.7999 15s. 2d.; from the Presbytery of Linlithgow, L.231 12s. 11d.; from the Presbytery of Dunbar, L.174 7s. 1d.; from the Presbytery of Biggar, L.38 9s. 2d.; from the Presbytery of Dalkeith, L.315 13s. 1d.; from the Presbytery of Haddington, L.169 12s. 6d.; and from the Presbytery of Peebles, L.118 8s. 0d., giving a total sum from the whole Synod of L.9041 18s. 2d., and which, added to what has been collected for the Schemes of the Church, gave a grand total of L.12,427 0s. 0d.

University Commission.

The Government Commission of Inquiry with reference to the Universities and Colleges of Aberdeen, whose advent here is noticed in our report of the Town Council meeting of Wednesday night, commenced its sittings on Thursday, 29th October, in the Town Hall. The three Commissioners, viz., Colonel Mure,

of Caldwell, Wm. Stirling, Esq., of Keir, M.P., and Cosmo Innes, Esq., Advocate, Edinburgh, were present, Colonel Mure presiding. Mr. W. Dunn acted as Secretary to the Commission. The Very Rev. Principal Dewar, Marischal College; Sub-Principal Thompson, King's College; the Lord Provost, several members of Senatus of both Colleges, with other gentlemen, were present.

PETERHEAD.—A deputation from the Town Council of Stirling, the patrons of the East Parish Church there, and now vacant by the translation of the Rev. Mr. Stuart to St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, after hearing the Rev. James Mitchell of the Parish Church here, preach at both diets on Sunday last, offered him the presentation to the vacant charge. The duties at Stirling are much less onerous than those of his present position, and the emoluments considerably greater, not to speak of the superior advantages of the locality. Notwithstanding Mr. Mitchell, with a self-denial which reflects the highest honor on him, has intimated his determination to decline the offer. We trust now that speedy and energetic means will be adopted by the congregation, to provide assistance to Mr. Mitchell, in the discharge of his present arduous duties; and we are glad to learn that the members of the Kirk Session, having previously subscribed in a liberal manner themselves, are about to appeal to the congregation and the friends of the Church, for their aid in erecting an additional place of worship.

NEW MILITARY CHAPLAINCY.—The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for War has, at the suggestion of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, agreed to the appointment of a military chaplain at Aberdeen; and, on their recommendation, has appointed the Rev. Alex. Campbell to that office.—*Aberdeen Free Press*.

MODERATORSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—We are authorised to state that the Rev. Dr. Leishman, of Govan, will be proposed as Moderator of the next General Assembly.—*Edinburgh Evening Post*.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Church at Osnabruck.

We have learned with much pleasure that the Colonial Committee have with a judicious liberality appropriated the handsome sum of £150 sterling in aid of the Church now being erected on the banks of the St. Lawrence at Osnabruck by the congregation there. The condition attached to the grant is, that the Church be freed of debt. This the grant will enable the people to accomplish, as, anticipating a grant of a much less sum in answer to a supplementary subscription, which had reached £190. The Church, which will cost £1,200, is a handsome brick structure with a stone tower and slate roof, and, as a specimen of architecture, reflects much credit on all concerned in its erection. The Congregation are well deserving of the assistance so generously accorded them by the Committee. Within the last four years, and since the settlement of their present pastor, the Rev. R. Dobie, they have erected a brick manse on the glebe at a cost of £350, of which the people raised £200. Of the cost of the Church over £500 were raised in the Township, in addition to the

supplementary subscription of £200, while £280 were subscribed in Montreal and about £50 in Cornwall by friends of the Church in those places. We are pleased to refer to such encouraging efforts on the part of a rural charge, and, while we feel assured that the active aid and liberal generosity of the Colonial Committee, and the interest they are evincing in our Synod, will encourage many a heart among our adherents, we rejoice that in this instance their bounty has been so deservedly bestowed. They who help themselves are most deserving of help. But these frequent instances of the benefits resulting from such an organization as that of the Colonial Scheme should stimulate and encourage us to the formation of a similar scheme designed to aid weak charges in the support of the Ministry and the erection of Churches and Manses.—*Presbyterian*.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, the seventh day of October.

Which day the Commission of Synod met by appointment of Synod and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Jas. C. Muir, Seclerunt. Revs. Dr. Machar, Dr. Williamson, James C. Muir, Thomas Macpherson, Donald McDonald, and William Snodgrass. Dr. Williamson was chosen Moderator of this Meeting. Papers connected with Col. McDougall's complaint having been laid upon the table, parties were called, and none appearing, no action was taken.

Read a petition from parties connected with the New Church of St. John's, Hamilton, to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, praying for a grant of £100 sterling per annum for three years, to any minister who may be settled over them; and praying further that the Colonial Committee would, in consideration of the numerous destitute congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, send additional labourers from whom the petitioners might select a minister. Read also an extract from the records of the Presbytery of Hamilton, sanctioning the application. It was unanimously resolved that the Commission appreciate the great importance of the formation of a New Congregation in the vicinity of Hamilton, and, taking the peculiar circumstances of the Petitioners into account, agree to the necessity of a grant in aid for the maintenance of a minister, but, not being in a position to name any particular sum, instruct the Presbytery of Hamilton to transmit the application of the Petitioners to the Colonial Committee together with an extract of the minute sanctioning the same, a copy of the Title Deed of St. John's Church, an extract of this minute, and a full and particular statement of the position of the Petitioners, their prospects as a congregation, and the support they are willing to give at present for the maintenance of ordinances amongst them, and to solicit the Colonial Committee to give the whole matter their most favourable consideration.

The Commission, having been apprised that since the last annual meeting of Synod the Colonial Committee have most promptly and liberally responded to the appeals of Presbyteries for additional labourers, no less than five missionaries having been recently appointed to the Colonial Committee, their sense of the new and very weighty obligation which this intelligence imposes upon the Church to engage with all diligence in the work of supplementing the Temporalities Fund, and their