

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

of the Friday evening immediately preceding, and was as well carried out. The enjoyment of tea, social chat and a variety of amusements filled the intermission. Hearty votes of thanks were followed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne, and thus closed a very pleasant entertainment. The amount realized, \$9.85, goes to provide more seating accommodation for Sabbath services, etc.

Once more, on the evening of the 26th ult., there was a pleasant social gathering. This time the schoolhouse at Lower Stonehaven was the scene of enjoyment. The admission was free. There was a crowded house. The abundant seating accommodation was insufficient to seat all the audience. Mr. David Burns, as he has been wont to do in the past on similar occasions, occupied the chair, his buoyant spirits in happy accord with the object of the meeting. The lengthy programme, similar to those above-mentioned, was admirably presented. Again the intermission furnished abundant good cheer. In moving a vote of thanks to the venerable chairman, Mr. Arthur Robertson spoke in a very pleasing and kindly way, and expressed the hope that Mr. Burns might be long spared to preside at like entertainments in the future. After heartily joining in singing the National Anthem, the people dispersed well pleased.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PRESENTATIONS.—For some time it has been known that the Rev. Alex. Dunn, the respected pastor of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, Langley, intended to resign his charge and return to the East. The Rev. gentleman having put his resolve into execution, and his many friends learning that he was about to leave the province in a few days, gathered at the house on the evening of Monday, 15th ult., and presented Mr. and Mrs. Dunn with a number of handsome gifts. Amongst the number were a handsome gold-headed walking cane to the pastor and a beautiful album to Mrs. Dunn, accompanied by the following address:—

"The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn,—It is with feelings of sincere regret that we realize the loss we are about to sustain in losing you from amongst us, and that soon our relations as pastor and flock will be severed. But, however strong that regret may be, it must ever be mingled with the deepest gratitude for the untiring patience and Christian zeal with which you have borne up under the sorest difficulties, braving, without a murmur, the storms and hardships of pioneer mission work, during the past ten

years; and though our outward relations may be changed, yet we earnestly hope that you will continue to be in thought and feeling, in the future, as in the past, our pastor still; that we may still be in the future, as in the past, objects of your kind solicitude and prayerful supplications. As a faint expression of the regard in which we shall ever hold you, will you accept these small mementoes of our affection and esteem? and when you look on them, please think of the loyal and true hearts in Langley. Trusting that wherever the Master in His providence may call you, His smile will ever brighten your path and His arm uphold and strengthen you, and that, deep as our loss is, it may then be your gain, we bid you a sad and sorrowing good bye. Langley Prairie, March 10, 1886."

Another Presentation and Address were given him next day, from Maple Ridge, Mud Bay, Fort Langley, etc., to all of which he replied very gratefully and tenderly, regretting the necessity of his departure owing to the effect of pioneer work on his health; and directing them to the Divine Shepherd who will never forsake them:

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

THE BRITISH PRESS generally condemns Gladstone's Home Rule Bill, as revolutionary and dangerous. When the Irish tenants not only refuse to pay rent, but unite in seditious leagues and plots to resist the law and to boycott its officers and to shoot their landlords, it does seem very absurd to ask England to buy out those landlords and put itself in their place, to be cheated, boycotted, and shot at instead! If rents are too high (though they are lower in Ireland than in England and Scotland), let them be reduced all round; but do not give the most rebellious an advantage which is refused to the most loyal! Remember the Gospel parable of the wicked and murderous husbandmen, (Luke 20: 9-16).

The *Republique Francaise* says the result of the adoption of Gladstone's scheme would be that Ireland would aspire to an alliance with the United States of America:

The *New York Sun* says:—"It is interesting to Americans to find Gladstone appealing to the success of the American Union as an illustration of the possibility of combining home rule with imperial greatness, especially when we remember his declaration that *Jefferson Davis created a new nation*. But Chamberlain also turns to America for a type for home rule. The truth really is that Britain must work out the Irish problem on lines offering no analogy with the grand historical basis of the independently constituted local sovereignties upon which the American Union reposes."