

Scotland.

A Monument has been erected by public subscription in Crieff Cemetery to the late Dr. Tait.

The Rev. Mr. Rao, Gamrio, has been appointed to take charge of the Lebanon Schools in Syria.

Mr. Alexander Dowar, town-clerk, Dingwall, has been admitted a notary public by the Court of Session.

A canoe named the "Hawk" has been launched on the Tweed at Melrose for the benefit of picnic parties.

The Gazette records the resignation by Capt. Alex. Finlay of his commission in the Nairn Artillery Volunteers.

A new weekly paper, named *The Shetland Times*, was announced to be issued on June 1st, at Lerwick.

One tenth of the population of Lerwick are stated to be Good Templars. The movement only began about a year ago.

Mr. Pringle, road surveyor, Jedburgh, received a presentation of an album from his friends on his leaving that town.

The Hon. Colonel Grant, M. P., presented last week, in name of subscribers, a brougham and purse of sovereigns to Dr. Murray, Forres.

Isaac Hewitt, aged 62, died in Tamworth Workhouse on Monday, of hydrophobia, caused by the bite of a dog on 25th December.

Mr. Walter Ross, gardener, Thurso, was recently found dead on the beach near Farsgoe. He is supposed to have fallen over the cliffs.

A Special Express Train by the East Coast route makes the overland between Edinburgh and London in nine hours and a half.

Mr. P. G. Wilson, jeweller, Iverness, has had the honour of an order from the Crown Princess of Germany for Highland jewellery.

The Gryfo water was introduced into Greenock on the 1st inst. The works cost £165,000, and were commenced several years ago.

The brig "Gortrude" has arrived at Greenock with 278 casks of oil from Newfoundland—the first consignment to Greenock this season.

Mr. Adam Gray, M. A., preacher, Mossie, Tarbolton, has received a harmonious call to the U. P. Church at Kirkeowan.

Mr. Charles Young, of Banff, who has acted as colporteur for about three years, has resigned his appointment with the view of emigrating to Australia.

Mr. Patrick R. Mackay, son of the Rev. Mr. Mackay, Lybster, is medalist and first prizeman in the class of logic and metaphysics at St. Andrews.

The friends of the Rev. Arch. Allison, West U. P. church, Leslie, have resolved to present him with a portrait of himself, and a silver kettle for Mrs. Allison.

Mr. Daniel Sutherland, Banff, the Chief Officer of the Coast Guard, was lately superannuated. Mr. Alex. MacKrell has now arrived in Banff as his successor.

Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. James Ross, and Mr. Evan George Mackenzie, all of Iverness, passed as Notaries before the Court of Session on Thursday last, and were duly admitted.

Mr. Holt, Edinburgh, is supplying an organ for the Parish Church, Abbotsville, Kirkcaldy, which is the first Presbyterian Church in the district to use an instrument.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise takes daily drives in the neighbourhood of Inveraray, using the handsome carriage and ponies presented by the inhabitants of the burgh.

Upwards of 120 emigrants from Shetland to New Brunswick left Lerwick last week by the St. Magnus. Eighty-eight of the islanders were adult, and 17 whole families are going out.

The ceremony of lifting the first turf of the Wick section of the Caithness Railway took place at Langley Park on the 24th ult. The turf was lifted by Mr. Mackenzie, the contractor.

The *Ayr Advertiser* understands that proposals are under consideration for the formation of a joint-stock company to work some of the mineral fields on the line of the new railway from Ayr to Cumnock.

Lieutenant Campbell Macpherson Campbell of Ballinore has been gazetted as Captain, in the Inverness &c., Highland Light Infantry Militia, in room of Captain Reginald Wymer, who has resigned.

At the Wappinshaw of the Glasgow Highlanders, held at Patterson Range, Private A. Macdonald, E. Company—late of the 8th Argyll (Oban) Artillery Volunteer Corps—gained the first extra prize at 200 yards.

The farm of Lochslin, on the estate of Cadboll, has been let to Mr. J. Young, Cadboll. The farm of Corrychattan, or Corry, in Skye, vacant by the death of the late A. K. Mackinnon, has been let to Charles Mackinnon, son of the late Rev. Mr. Mackinnon, and brother of the present minister of Kilbride, in Skye.

Mr. James Mackie, for fourteen years head gardener to her Grace the Duchess Dowager of Athole, was lately presented by his friends in Dunkeld and neighbourhood with a handsome silver salver and a purse of sovereigns.

Dr. Walker, who has practised in Tain since the death of Dr. Elliot, about two years ago, was entertained to supper in the Royal Hotel, on the 28. ult., previous to his leaving for a more lucrative situation in the district of Tebt, Aberdeenshire.

The rate of illegitimacy for Scotland is 9.2 per cent. The highest rate of illegitimacy is in Dumfriesshire, where 17.9 per cent of the births are of that character; the next highest being in Banffshire, where the rate is 16.2 per cent.

The Earl of Seafield, sole heritor and patron of the parish of Deskford, is erecting a new manse in keeping with the handsome church, recently provided by him for the parish. Contracts for the erection of the manse were entered into on Saturday.

At a meeting of Sydney Place United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, held on Wednesday night—Rev. Dr. Edwards presiding—a call was unanimously issued in favor of Rev. James M'Ewen, of Hawick, to be colleague to Rev. Dr. Ker. The stipend offered is £500, and £25 for synodical and other expenses.

Mr. Moody Stuart proposes to complete and publish certain memorials and reminiscences of Dr. John Duncan, relating especially to his later years. He will be glad, with a view to this, to receive any communications from Dr. Duncan's friends and acquaintances.

A movement is on foot amongst the ladies of the Loreburn street U. P. Church, Dumfries, to present Mr. Rae, colleague and successor to the Rev. D. L. Scott, with a pulpit gown and cassock. Hitherto, the United Presbyterian ministers of Dumfries have not worn pulpit gowns.

The committee of the Free General Assembly on sales and transferences of property have recommended the Assembly to grant the petition of the Free Church congregation at Avoch, to remove the present church, and to build a new one on a suitable site. The Assembly at the same time have acknowledged the liberality of Mr. James Fletcher of Roselagh, who had unsolicited granted a site for the church and contributed a sum of £500 towards its erection.

The Registrar General's Returns of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the first quarter of the current year, ending 31st of March, have just been published. They show that the births during that period in Scotland number 29,506, being slightly below the mean proportion of births for the same quarter in the last ten years. The number of deaths was 21,245, the death rate being very slightly above the average. There were 5820 marriages, the proportion being also slightly above the average.

Mr. George King, F. S. S. of A., for so long time a bookseller in Aberdeen, died recently at the age of 85. Born in 1797, at Peterhead, he began business as a bookseller in Aberdeen in 1826, in which he was very successful, and in 1840 assumed as a partner his brother Robert, who had been a printer at Peterhead. That business was transferred to Aberdeen, and was carried on for a number of years. Mr. George King was the last of the original proprietors of the "Aberdeen Free Press."

The late James Gordon Bennet received the elements of his education from Mr. Donald Cameron, an excellent teacher in the village of Newmill. He was afterwards removed to the school at Keith, conducted by the late Rev. John Murdoch, an Episcopalian clergyman. At that school he got a substantial education, acquiring considerable proficiency in Latin and Greek. Among his schoolfellows were, we may mention, Provost Smith of Newmill, and Mr. Mackenzie of Ord, Ross-shire. At school, Young Bennet took a leading position, and is remembered as having been especially clever in Greek.

The *Edinburgh Courier* says a very amusing and somewhat suggestive incident occurred on Friday forenoon in connection with the debate in the Free Assembly on the patronage movement in the Established Church. Amid the utmost silence the sonorous voice of the clerk announced to the assembled "grave and reverend signors" the solemn judgment of the Free Presbytery of Ayr on a subject so important to Free Churchmen. It was an impressive scene. With minds resolved on the spoliation of the Church of Scotland, there broke upon their ears the sweet sounds of music, and immediately thereafter the band of the 98 Highlanders marched up the Lawnmarket to the tune of "Will ye no come back again?" This gentle and touching appeal could not be resisted, and the whole assemblage, from the Moderator down to the most unpretentious member of the Court, was convulsed with laughter. Even the gravity of the reverend clerk was upset, and it was with difficulty he completed his task of reading the overture.

England.

The two meetings held at Bristol in sympathy with the Titchborne "claimant," will probably result in a profit of £100 to the "Defence Fund."

A laborer named B. Fish, who was beaten by an Oxfordshire farmer for attending a union meeting, is seriously ill, and mortification is apprehended.

The mortality last week in the twenty-one cities and towns of the kingdom was at the annual rate of 23 per 1000. In London the rate was 19; Bristol, 21, Wolverhampton, 26; Birmingham, 21; Nottingham, 21; Liverpool, 28, Manchester, 29; Bradford, 25; Leeds, 25; Sheffield, 24; Newcastle, 24.

By command of Her Majesty, the large new detached work at Dover, which has hitherto been called Castle-Hill Fort, is to be named Fort Burgoyne, in memory of the late Field Marshal. Her Majesty has taken a personal interest in the matter, and selected the fort herself out of several which were suggested.

The Rev. William R. Kenney, Roman Catholic priest at Dewsbury, was, on the 30th ult., brought before the borough magistrates, and fined 20s. and costs, on a charge of having been drunk and riotous in the public streets between four and five o'clock last Friday morning. The defendant is a member of the Dewsbury School Board.

The friends of the English agricultural laborers have, during the past week, been holding a Congress at Leamington. The Congress is said to be for the promotion of the welfare of the laborers, but the proceedings have not been of a character calculated either to gain an increase of pay or impart to them the most useful knowledge. A number of members of Parliament and clergymen have taken part in the proceedings, and papers have been read, some of them embodying visionary schemes.

United States.

It is rumored that the United States sloop of War *Nataska* is bound for the Canadian fishing grounds.

The Jews of Cincinnati propose to found in that city a great university for their fellow religionists, and a wealthy Jew in Indiana has offered \$10,000 for the object.

William Cullen Bryant, the poet, and editor of the *New York Evening Post*, proposes to give \$12,500 to Cumington, Mass., his native town, for establishing a public library.

A Mr. Justice, of Ironton, Ohio, bought whiskey at the Buckeye House which was the cause of his death. A jury has since rendered a verdict for damages against the proprietor in favor of Mrs. Justice for \$6,500.

The Conference at Fifth Avenue Hotel, after a session of three hours, on Friday last, nominated Wm. S. Groesbeck, of Ohio, for President, and Frederick Law Olmstead, of New York, for Vice President of the United States.

The Chicago press seem amazed at the honesty of their City Treasurer for returning to the city over \$100,000, the interest that accrued on the deposits of the city funds in two years, instead of pocketing it as his predecessors had done.

Henry Bergh, the indefatigable president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has sent an appeal to the Governors of 92 states and territories, requesting each of them to secure the organization of similar societies within their states. This desirable movement is spreading, and kindred associations have been formed in 18 states and territories. The May number of "Our Dumb Animals," has the list of the officers of similar societies in 97 cities in Europe.

Rev. Thos. K. Beecher, ridiculing the absurd custom of "treating," advises the boys if they wish to show their generosity to select some other shop besides the liquor-shop. He says, "Suppose as you go by the tailor's store you say, 'Come, boys, come in and take a box of collars.' Walk up to the counter, free and generous and say, 'What style will you have? Why not treat to collars as well as treat to drinks; or go by a confectioner's and propose to treat to chocolate drops all round, or say, 'I'll stand a jackknife all round.' Sure enough, why not?"

There is no indication, says the *N. Y. Tribune*, of any satisfactory end of the "strike" now in progress in this city. On the contrary, delay has only embittered the workmen and strengthened the hands of the employers. The action of the iron and metal workers lends now force to the trades which had previously quit work; and their attitude is fortified by assistance from abroad. The prosperity of important branches of trade is now at stake, and it is possible that, before the dull summer shall close, we may finally lose valuable mechanical interests.

Foreign.

There is a world of suggestive meaning in the announcement that Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, intends soon to visit the Emperor William at his capital in Berlin.

Pere Hyacinthe, the dining Catholic priest, is engaged to be married to the only daughter of Count von Edal, a Bavarian nobleman of considerable wealth. He made the acquaintance of the lady in Rome.

The buildings of the Presbyterian mission at Yedo in Japan were entirely destroyed by fire April 22. The calamity is the more distressing as their premises had afforded a refuge to many who had been made homeless by the great fire of April 3.

The Indian Council have passed what is called the Brahmo Marriage Bill, permitting those who are conscientiously opposed to the Hindoo, Mahomedan and other native rites of marriage, to be married by ceremonies which shall be regarded lawful.

Mr. Barker, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Constantinople has been favored with an interview with the Sultan, who received from him a copy of the Bible with much courtesy and apparent pleasure, and ordered the chief chamberlain to show him everything in his beautiful palace.

Rev. George Lawes, a missionary of the London Missionary Society, has lived in entire seclusion from Europeans, at Savage Island, for more than ten years. Now he has become not only the translator of the Bible, but he is the poet-laureate of the island, and the general adviser of the chiefs and people in all questions that concern their welfare.

It would seem to be a proper exercise of retributive justice towards the Roumanians who have been so bitterly and shamefully persecuting their poor and defenceless Jewish fellow citizens, if the wealthy Jews in the leading capitals of Europe refuse to receive and negotiate the Roumanian bonds, as they are seriously proposing to do. Even bigots may be taught that it pays to observe the principles of humanity and religious toleration.

A striking connection between the prevailing religion of a country and its general morality is shown in the fact that in England there is one murder for every 178,000 inhabitants, in Holland one for 163,000, and in Prussia one for every 100,000, while in Austria there is one for 57,000, in Spain one for 4,118, in Naples one for 2,750, and in Rome one for every 750. In London there are four illegitimate births for every 100 legitimate, in Leipzig 20, in Paris 48, in Munich 91, in Vienna 118, and in Rome 248!

REV. DR. CUYLER, OF BROOKLYN, ON THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLIES OF SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW, June 3rd, 1872.

A "grand Union debate" is now as much a fixed fact in the Free Church General Assembly as is the presence of a moderator, or of the singing of a psalm. By the way, each meeting of the Assembly, morning and evening, is opened with a reading of God's Word, a psalm of praise (led by a gowned precentor), and a prayer by the moderator. Dr. Brown is a most fervently godly man, and his prayers are quite remarkable. In one of them he said: "O Lord, we thank Thee that Thou didst teach Luther to say unto Melancthon, 'When will Melancthon cease to govern the world?' So, O God, we rejoice that it is not ours to govern, but to submit in simple trust to Thy most holy will." In America Dr. Brown is known as the editor of Dr. J. Addison Alexander's discourses; and he is peculiarly warm in his affection for our churches.

But to the Union debate. It lasted for ten hours and the vote was not taken until after midnight! During all that time the great hall was crowded almost to suffocation; for a Scotchman relishes a stiff debate as well as he does his oat-meal porridge. I am afraid that this is one of the difficulties in the way of union. "To contend earnestly for the faith" is a prime article in every Scotchman's creed. This year the Union party in the Assembly—determined not to overbear the powerful and resolute minority—agreed to present only a partial half-way measure of "cooperation." This signifies simply an inter-change of ministers between the Free Church and the "United Presbyterian" and "Reformed Presbyterian" bodies on a mere signing of the "formula" of faith on each side. This very simple step is justly regarded by both sides as the inevitable preliminary of permanent reunion, and so it was opposed by Dr. Begg, who is the Robert J. Breckinridge of Scotland,—a large, portly man, with a keen stomach for a fight, and yet of a most genial and cordial disposition. The other "war-horse" of the anti-Unionists, Rev. Mr. Nixon of Montrose, made a speech which was a perfect eruption of red-hot lava, yet he is said to be one of the

most loveable and benvolent men in Montrose.

The debate opened with a workman-like speech in favor of "co-operation" by Dr. Adam of Glasgow. After him came Mr. Balfour, Dr. Miller of Glasgow, Mr. Mearns, the veteran Sir Henry Moncrief, and several others of less note. The brilliant Prof. Rainey did not speak until ten o'clock, and then very briefly. He is a youthful, handsome, fair-haired man,—speaks with great fluency, and is as polished as a scimitar. Dr. Arnot spoke too with characteristic *unction*. The rear of the discussion was brought up by Dr. Begg, who was not in one of his happiest moods, and his speech carried less metal than usual. Soon after the clock struck twelve the house divided. For the motion of "co-operation" three hundred and sixty-nine voted; and against it one hundred and seventy-two. Among the latter stands Dr. Horatio Bonar. Compared with last year, the Unionists have lost slightly in numbers; and I must sorrowfully admit that the prospects of a speedy union of the non-established churches of Scotland are by no means flattering. The opposition is so powerful that an attempt of the majority to force an incorporation with the "U. P.'s" and the "Reformed" bodies would lead to a new disruption in the Free Church ranks. The Union *will come inevitably*; but time and tact and patience and the leadings of Providence may be trusted to bring about by and by this most desirable result. The Union party is not only the strongest in numbers, but also contains nearly all the most celebrated and powerful men of the Free Church body.

On Thursday morning I attended a most delightful Sabbath-school breakfast. There is a growing interest in Sunday-schools among our brethren here, and a great desire to learn all about our American methods, and to adopt them. Rev. Mr. Campfield of Newark, N. J., made a capital speech. In the evening the Free Church Assembly received our deputation;—and most handsomely they did it. The Hall was filled, and the galleries crowded. Dr. Guthrie's tall form and genial face were visible on the front bench; and beside him sat the old hero of foreign missions, Dr. Alexander Duff. Dr. Buchanan of Glasgow—one of the foremost leaders of the house,—introduced us in a few courteous words; and the reception by the audience was as enthusiastic as feet and hands could make it. Brother J. B. Dunn—who is doing yeoman's service in pulpit and platform—introduced our General Assembly's deliverances on *temperance* into his excellent address. Our lay-delegate, Elder Edwin S. Wells of Chicago, concluded with a brief but beautiful and effective speech. He has spoken at many of the public breakfasts very happily.

Good Dr. William Arnot, whose name is so fragrant on our side of the Atlantic, moved the vote of thanks, and the Moderator addressed us with great fervor. He then proposed, though he said it was out of the usual routine, that the whole Assembly should join with him in a *prayer for America*.

I wish that all of my countrymen could have heard that prayer! They would have loved all the more the man who uttered it, and the noble body whose heart-utterance came, I verily believe, from his fervid lips.

On Friday we were received by the Established Church Assembly. Although the atmosphere of this Assembly is quite a different one from that of the Free Church, yet we are welcomed very courteously. Dr. Pirie moved the vote of thanks, and the moderator, Dr. Jamieson, made a happy speech of salutation. In all the addresses made in each of the religious bodies, no name has called forth such universal applause as the honoured and beloved name of Dr. Charles Hodge. His new volumes of systematic theology are circulated widely, and a deep desire is expressed on all sides that he should soon visit Scotland. He is universally pronounced here the first of the living theologians. In the Assembly I met my old friend Dr. A. K. H. Boyd (the "Country Parson"), who is now settled at St. Andrews.

I find Glasgow wonderfully grown in size, and the new portion of it exceedingly beautiful. The University-buildings, on West End Park, are magnificent. On Saturday Mr. John Anderson, whose store is the *A. T. Stewart's* of Glasgow, gave us a charming excursion in his fine steam-yacht down the Clyde. Yesterday brother Dunn preached for Rev. Mr. Borland. In the morning I heard Rev. Andrew A. Bonar (the biographer of McChesney) preach on the Crucifixion of our Lord. His manner was somewhat *Scottish*; but his matter was heavenly. In the afternoon I occupied the pulpit of Rev. H. Sinclair Patterson, who is one of the most popular and effective pastors in Glasgow. In the evening I preached a discourse to young men before an audience of 8,000 people in the City Hall, by invitation of the Scottish Temperance League. To-night we go to the Irish General Assembly. Farewell to glorious old Scotland! If I were not an American, I should pray to be a Scotchman.