

her Wellington, the army went forth, and the nation proudly gazed. She trusted in her ancient prowess. But did she then trust in Jehovah, who covereth the head in the day of battle? Her armies event forth, but it was to meet with disaster and death. On the perilous steps of Alma, the foe was driven before them. In the deep ravines of Balaklava, and on the heights of Inkermann, their valour was nobly shown. But in spite of courage, constancy and daring, they have been wasted with disease and privations, till thousands made their last beds on the cold earth, with the drifting snows for a winding-sheet. What patience under these trials?—What submission does the camp present?—A spectacle of true heroism. But what a sad demonstration of the weakness of man? Truly God has humbled us, His hand hath smitten us,—let us acknowledge our errors with humility, and crave His forgiveness. If God has chastised, it has been in mercy. Had all gone well, what would have been the result? In the proud self-dependent spirit, in which the nation entered into the contest, would she not have claimed the victory as her own? Britain has an important mission to perform, and glorious will be her reward, if she do it earnestly and faithfully. It is the noble work of giving liberty to the nations, and by the moral purity and elevated religious principles of her children, showing forth the transforming power of the Gospel of Peace, and to reflect in the kingdoms of the East the light which first from thence illuminated the darkness of the Western world. As an instrument in God's hand she must know her position, and that her strength is in the Lord. Time would not permit his then more fully showing that an act of national humiliation is an act of national worship of the Living God. That it implies at once a public and irreverential acknowledgement of the Divine supremacy and overruling power, and the practical discharge of every duty which such a recognition imposes. That in fact it furnishes the strongest—the only efficient motive to the discharge of these duties—that there be preserved on the mind a constant sense of dependence on God.

In conclusion, he appealed in warm and earnest terms to the sympathies of the congregation, calling upon them to contribute liberally to the supplementary collection in behalf of the Patriotic Fund about to be taken up. We learn that the collection, being the second in this Church, amounted to £30 1 3 currency.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

On Monday last, the 7th inst., the Senatus of the College of Glasgow unanimously conferred the degree of Doctor in Divinity upon the Rev. Peter Chalmers, Abbey Church, Dunfermline.

STIRLING CASTLE.—The Rev. Dr Rogers has been appointed by the Right Hon. the Secretary-at-War chaplain to the garrison of Stirling Castle, vacant by the death of the Rev. Robert Watson.

THE WAR.—The first of a few sermons on the War was preached in Portobello Chapel on the evening of Sabbath last by the Rev. Dr Macfarlane of Duddingstone. The church was crowded in every part. The Rev. Mr. Blackwood concluded with a short address and prayer.

The Rev. Dr Cumming, of London, has responded to an invitation by the University Missionary Society to visit Glasgow, preach their annual sermon, and deliver two addresses on subjects intimately connected with the one absorbing theme of public interest—the War.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—A collection was made on Sunday in the parish church of Larbert on behalf of the Patriotic Fund, and we understand that it amounted to the handsome sum of £110, 10s. We hope many of our country parishes will follow the example set by Larbert, which is distinguished for the liberal

manner in which it supports the Missionary Schemes of our Church, and other benevolent objects. A short time ago it sent out nearly £10 to the Waldensian Church at Genoa.

A lady has sent to the Rev. Dr. Craik, of St. George's, Glasgow, the sum of one hundred pounds, "for the following Schemes, &c., of the Established Church of Scotland":—

The Education Scheme.....	£20
The Home Mission.....	20
The Colonial Scheme.....	20
The Jewish Mission.....	20
The China Mission.....	20

£100

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CLERICAL PRESENTATIONS.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. William Montgomerie Walker to the Church and parish of Dailly in the Presbytery of Ayr, vacant by the death of the Rev. David Strong.—The Queen has also been pleased to present the Rev. George Stewart Burns to the parish of Urr in the Presbytery of Dumfries.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Seafield has issued a presentation in favour of the Rev. John Clarke, of Grantown, to the church and parish of Knockando, vacant by the death of the Rev. F. W. Grant.—The noble Earl has at the same time intimated his intention of appointing the Rev. Alex. Milne, Drainie, to the Church of Grantown.

His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch has been pleased to present the Rev. Alexander Young, B.A., Assistant to the Rev. R. H. Stevenson, of St George's, Edinburgh, to the Church and Parish of Westerkirk in the Presbytery of Langholm, vacant by the translation of the Rev. W. B. Dunbar to the Parish of Glencairn.

CLERICAL PRESENTATIONS.—The Rev. Thomas Leishman, M. A., minister of Collace, and son of Dr. Leishman, of Govan, has been presented to the parish of Linton in the county of Roxburgh by R. K. Elliot, Esq. of Clifton.—Lord Fife has complied with the wishes of the parishioners of Crimond and appointed the Rev. Mr. Irvine, at present minister of Peterhead, to that church, vacant by the death of the late Mr Boyd.

DUNBLANE.—The presentation of the Rev. James Boe, the respected minister of this parish, to the Parish of Durrisdeer, which was gazetted some weeks ago, having created a deep feeling of regret among all classes of his parishioners, a petition against Mr. Boe's translation is likely to be presented to the next meeting of Presbytery. The petition has already been numerously signed by heritors, elders, and parishioners.

DUNBLANE.—MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.—At the meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday last commissioners from the Presbytery of Penpont appeared to prosecute the translation of the Rev. James Boe, minister of Dunblane, to the Parish of Durrisdeer. A petition strongly objecting to the translation, and numerously signed by heritors, elders, and parishioners, was at the same time laid before the Presbytery, and Mr. Boe having stated that under these circumstances he felt himself constrained to leave the matter entirely in the hands of his brethren, the Presbytery, after grave deliberation, unanimously refused to sanction the translation.

THE WAR FAST.—Wednesday, according to Royal Proclamation, was observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, all denominations, so far as we could learn, conforming. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, Deacon Convener of the Incorporated Trades, Town Councillors and other officials, attended Divine service in the High Church. The Rev. Mr M'Letchie preached before them

an eloquent and highly appropriate discourse from the third Psalm, the whole of which he adopted as his text. The Churches generally were well attended.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CLERGYMAN.—On Sunday the Rev. Mr Brydson, the respected minister of Kilmalcolm parish, officiated at both diets in his own church, and at about six o'clock on the afternoon of the same day he died suddenly of apoplexy at his manse. Mr Brydson, who was much esteemed by his parishioners, was the author of a volume of very sweet poetry, among which are several Scotch songs that have since become deservedly popular.

DEATH OF THE REV. P. MYLES, MONIFIETH—It is with sincere regret that we have this week to record the death of this truly excellent minister of the Gospel. After a painful and protracted illness, which he bore with Christian patience and resignation, Mr. Myles was released from his sufferings on the evening of Saturday last. It is little more than twelve months since he was admitted minister of the Parish of Monifieth, to which he was called by the unanimous voice of the people. During his short ministry there, however, he had endeared himself to his flock by the earnestness of his pulpit appeals, and the assiduity of his week-day visitations from house to house. Mr. Myles was characterised by great modesty of deportment, and humble devotedness to the work of the ministry. His discourses were plain, practical, and earnest, suited alike to the highest and the humblest capacity. During the two years of his incumbency as minister of St. David's Church in Dundee he had established a well merited popularity, and had gathered around him a numerous and attached congregation. Among the last times he ever preached was on the occasion of the autumn Sacrament here, when he officiated in the East Church, but at that time he was evidently labouring under the disease which soon after laid him aside from public duty. We believe Mr. Myles was in his 27th year.—*Dundee Courier.*

DEATH OF REV. DAVID STRONG.

It is with much regret that we announce the death the Rev. David Strong, of Dailly. Mr Strong preached on Sabbath, the 21st ult., but during the succeeding week was attacked with severe diarrhoea, which subsequently assumed a choleraic type and carried him off on the 29th. He was ordained to the ministry in 1844. In that year he was selected from a list of candidates, of whom Dr. Roxburgh, of Glasgow, was one, to succeed Dr Smith, of Tolbooth, in the second charge of the Low Church, Kilmarnock, to which he was introduced by Dr Chalmers. He continued to labour most assiduously, and with great acceptance, in the capacity of second minister, till the death of his colleague, Dr. M'Kinlay, in 1841, when in accordance with the unanimous desire of the congregation the Duke of Portland presented him to the first charge, which he filled till shortly after the Secession, when he was translated to Dailly by the Crown. As a preacher, Mr Strong was of a high order. His sermons were original in conception, vigorous in diction, and eminently practical. We have few preachers who equaled him in bringing before a congregation what was equally capable of captivating their attention and affording them instruction, and fewer still who joined to these, exhibited as much unction and earnestness. Those who enjoyed the benefit of his ministrations, while they entertain a high opinion of the merit of his discourses, will always continue to have a most vivid recollection of his power in prayer. His allusions were so beautiful and appropriate, his power of dealing with the special circumstances which came under his notice so suitable, that it was no small privilege to join him in the exercise. His discharge of the pastoral duties was in harmony with the other features of his character, and his affectionate and benevolent disposition rendered still closer the tie which existed between him and his flock for his work's sake. We believe we may venture to affirm with truth that