

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

In an address last month in the City Hall, Glasgow, the Earl of Roseberry spoke as follows: "As regards the Church of Scotland, I do not suppose there is anybody here who can look on her great work, past as well as present, without reverence and affection. (Cheers.) The Church of Scotland has largely, in times past, helped to form our liberty; she has constantly lent lustre to our history. She has not, indeed the pomp or the antiquity of some churches. She has frequently been obliged to worship in the open sunlight, unsheltered through painted windows, or in the silent watches of the night, with her very hymns hushed lest they should be a signal for a massacre, with the rocks for an altar, and the wilderness for a Church; but we have none of us loved her the less for her simplicity or her suffering. (Cheers.) Without her saints our roll of heroes would be incomplete. Her martyrdoms form part of our most sacred traditions. She has by her democratic form of Church Government largely contributed to mould the national character for good. When she bled we bled. When she rejoiced we rejoiced. When Charles the First attempted to suppress her he ceased to be King of Scotland. (Cheers.) I say this, that it would be difficult to over estimate the historical debt of gratitude we owe to the Established Church of Scotland."

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—Extension work.**—At the last General Assembly it was reported that two hundred and fifteen new parishes had been erected since the commencement of the endowment scheme, about twenty years ago. To this goodly number there falls to be added other ten which have passed the Court of Teinds and are now fully equipped parish churches; while no fewer than twelve others are at this moment in the Court with a view to erection, and may before this paper meets the eye of our readers have received decree and become additional endowed parishes. There is in fact every probability of twenty-five new parishes being added to the strength of our old National Church in the space of a single year.

**VACANCIES IN THE PICTON PRESBYTERY.** Gairloch Congregation is still among the vacancies. Earlstown, Tatamagouche and West Branch River John are *not yet resigning* in the result of their efforts to secure Mr. Brodie as their pastor. It is difficult to force the result of their negotiations. St. Paul's East River is among the vacancies, but is making praiseworthy efforts to secure a pastor.

**BISHOP BOURGET**, has let another "Bull" loose on 'Liberal Catholicism,' but the animal's horns are soft and not likely to do any harm. The creature has been casting angry looks at the "Montreal Witness," giving an occasional toss of its head, but Dougall & Son are not afraid of harmless cattle!

**RULE TO GUARD AGAINST ANGER.**—It is recorded of Julius Caesar that, upon any provocation, he would repent the Roman Alphabet before he suffered himself to speak that he might disarm his passion and speak with calmness and reason. "Go thou and do likewise!"

**FORGIVENESS.**—There are very few of the Christian graces more difficult to be practised than forgiveness—Revenge is so sweet! "I never forgive" said one. "Then I hope you never offend." He that cannot forgive others breaks down the bridge over which he must pass himself, for every one needs to be forgiven.

**THE VACANCY IN THE WICK PARISH CHURCH**—The vacancy in the Parish Church of Wick is not to be filled up amicably. A meeting of the Congregational Committee was held, at which an animated discussion took place, in which a strong desire was expressed to hear rather than the two candidates who have preached. This however, was stated to be out of the question, if the congregation wished to avoid losing their rights by the expiry of six months from the date of the parish becoming vacant, and accordingly the meeting proceeded to discuss the merits of the two candidates. Mr. McEwen, Procurator-Fiscal, proposed that the Rev. Alex. Clark, late of Madras be recommended to the congregation, which was seconded by Mr. John Waters. Mr. D. Gunn moved, and Mr. Adam of Lynegar seconded, that the Rev. Mr. Philip, of Skene Aberdeenshire, be recommended. On a vote being taken, 16 voted for Mr. Clark and 12 for Mr. Philip, six declining to vote. The decision was ordered to be reported to the Moderator of Session, with a view to calling a meeting of the congregation, when both names will be submitted to a vote of the whole body. There is a great deal of keen feeling on the subject.