

est attention of the congregation to the service. Many of them had, probably, a few weeks previously not been in a church for years, and there were several little incidents not here to be related of a touching character. On the occasion of our attendance, the service of the diet was conducted by the Rev. William Buchanan, late of Avr, and we were certainly struck with the mingled eloquence and simplicity of his discourse, in which with the remarkable versatility of his powers, he illustrated the purpose of his argument in a manner suited to the level of his auditory, without derogation to the dignity of the pulpit. The attention of his hearers was early arrested and maintained throughout. One especial word of commendation we must pay to the psalmody, which was much above the average of more pretentious congregations. We earnestly desire all success to these new churches, and judging by that raised by the Elders' Association, we hope to see their numbers rapidly increase.

PRESENTATIONS.—The Queen has presented the Rev. Peter Cameron to the church and parish of Knock, in the Presbytery and island of Lewis and county of Ross, vacant by the death of the Rev. Alexander S. Bethune; and the Rev. Donald Mackay to the church and parish of Cross, in the Presbytery and island of Lewis and county of Ross, vacant by the transportation of the Rev. James Bain to the church and parish of Kilfinan.—The Town Council of Queensferry have presented the Rev. Thomas Andrews, of St. Luke's *quoad sacra* Church, Edinburgh, to the church and parish of Queensferry, lately vacant by the translation of the Rev. William Lockhart, A. M., to the parish of Colinton.

THE ROBERTSON MEMORIAL FUND.

An actively benevolent lady in Edinburgh has originated a movement likely to be of great service to the Endowment Scheme, not only in the way of erecting five new parishes, but in awakening throughout the various Presbyteries and parishes of the Church a very powerful influence in favor of the cause to which the piety and genius of Dr. James Robertson were consecrated, and to which it may almost be said that he sacrificed his life.

The ladies of the Church of Scotland are invited to share in the work of erecting a monument to the memory of that great and good man. The plan by which it is proposed that this should be done is so simple and so practicable that we anticipate for it a great success. It is intended that the ladies of the Church shall endeavour to raise, in subscriptions each of the amount of one shilling only (so as not to interfere with the *latter contributions to the Parent Scheme*), a sum sufficient to endow a church within every one of the *free* districts into which, for the better working of the Endowment Scheme, Scotland was divided by the late lamented Convener. Cards are in the course of being cir-

culated by the Secretaries of the Robertson Memorial Fund to all who require them in the districts that are embraced under Group III.—namely, the Lothians, Peebles, Dumfries, Selkirk, Roxburgh, Berwick, and Fife. These cards may be had on application by letter to the Secretaries, at the Schemes' Office, 22 (Queen Street, Edinburgh. *The ladies of the other four divisions, comprehended by the Provincial Endowment Scheme, are earnestly invited to begin a shilling collection in their own districts, for the endowment of a church in the division with which they are connected.*

In the course of a fortnight between, 1300 and 1400 collecting cards for L. I each have been asked for by some of the principal congregations in and near Edinburgh. We understand that the ladies of the town of St. Andrews have been so active in the good work, that they have printed their own cards, and set about collecting at once.

We have reason to believe that, by the time this number of the *Record* is in the hands of our readers, upwards of 2000 cards will have been issued, and that the hope may in that case, be reasonably entertained of more than one church being endowed by the ladies in Group III.

The Church of Christ in its early history, and the first Christian missionaries, were indebted to the kind and practical assistance of Christian women. *Their* department in the vineyard of the Lord is amply recognized in the New Testament. And surely the blessings and the graces that distinguished the Marys, the Salomes, the Lydias of apostolic days; and the charities and piety of Dorcas, Lois, Eunice, and Priscilla, are worthy of being recalled when the mothers and daughters of Scotland desire to have scriptural warrant for entering on a pious and charitable work, like the one in which they are now invited to aid. How much does Scotland already owe to its pious mothers and daughters! How many kindnesses to the sick and dying, to the lonely and sorrowing, to the poor and outcast, have they been the means of rendering, either by their own direct and unaided efforts, or by their influence with fathers, husbands, or brothers! Here is another benevolent plan, in addition to those to which they have already given their attention. May they carry it out most successfully; and may their prayers and their aims in behalf of this and other hallowed objects, come up for a memorial before God!—*Record.*

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THE ST. JOHN "COLONIAL PRESBYTERIAN."

The editor of the above paper has thought fit to make a very ill-natured and coarse attack on what he is pleased to style the "*Pietou Record.*" We have no objection whatever that our opinions and principles should be canvassed by our contemporaries, but we