

berations. Further instructions having been granted, the Commission adjourned to meet again on 18th November to hear the Committee's report and mature the regulations. The regulations of the Commission will only be enforced until the next meeting of General Assembly, May, 1875; yet their decisions are important, in so far as they will be an earnest of the subsequent working of the Act, and will, to a great extent, temper the action of the General Assembly. In all cases where Patronage has been exercised since the passing of the Act, the patron has acted in harmony with the wishes of the congregation expressed through a Committee. We have heard of no case in which the patron has demanded compensation; we may therefore hope that the regulation which provides that the patron be paid from the income of the presentee, (a most unjust enactment), may never be enforced. Many are looking forward to the change with mingled feelings, confident, on the one hand, that it will relieve the Church of those abuses which were possible under the old order of things, and, on the other, with forebodings as to new evils,—that it may generate a democratic element which will be unhealthy in its tone, and tend to disturb the peace and harmony of the Church. Much, however, depends upon the way in which it will be applied.

CLERKSHIP OF GEN. ASSEMBLY.

Your readers will ere this have been informed of the much lamented death of the Rev. Dr. John Cook, of Haddington, who, for twelve years, has distinguished himself as clerk of the General Assembly. His ability as clerk, his zeal and devotion to the cause of Education, and his wisdom and judgment as a counsellor, won for him a standing and a place in the Church to which few can hope to attain. His relation to the General Assembly was not so much a leader as a guide; but his power in argument, keen perception and wise tactics, made him admirably fitted for either. Though few can rival, may many imitate those good parts in Dr. Cook which make his name dear to his country and his Church. It is very probable that Principal Tulloch, who is now Junior Clerk, will be appointed his

successor. It has also been rumoured that Prof Milligan of Aberdeen will be a candidate for the Junior Clerkship.

CHAIR OF ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY, GLASGOW.

The Chair of Ecclesiastical History in Glasgow University has not yet been filled, but it is generally understood that Dr. Lee will be the successful candidate. It is certain that Dr. Cunningham, as has been intimated, will not be raised to the dignity of a Professorial Chair on this occasion at least. Dr. Lee is a good historian, and has shown himself a man of good ability and sound principles. It is also a credential that his father was born before him.

PARISH OF GOVAN.

The vacancy of the Parish of Govan has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. John MacLeod of Dunse. The Patronage was exercised by the Senatus of the University of Glasgow, but, in anticipation of the new Patronage act, that august body extended to the Congregation the privilege of exercising a voice in the election. The election was most unanimous and harmonious in both cases. The "Temporalities," or, as a recent writer wishes to have it, the "Spiritualities" of the Parish, are said to be equal to £2000. It is by far the best living in Scotland, and we most heartily congratulate Mr. MacLeod on the presentation.

Your readers will know the presentee better as the son of the Rev. Dr. John MacLeod of Morven, who, in company with the late Drs. Norman MacLeod and Simpson, visited the Church in Nova Scotia in the year 1845. They did much to revive the Church, and restore the peace so much discouraged and disturbed by the troublous year, 1843. The Rev. Dr., the only survivor of the triad, is now in the 74th year of his age, and 51st of his ministry, and still enjoys remarkable powers of body and mind. He speaks of the Colonies and Colonists in the warmest terms, having met with that species of hospitality which a Scotchman knows so well how to reciprocate.

Preparations are being made to celebrate, with due honours, his jubilee, some time next month, when he will be