

Stephen, of Renfrew, late assistant to the Rev. Dr. Barr, for his zealous labors as a minister, and many amiable qualities as a friend, met in the parish schoolhouse, Ropework Lane, on Friday evening last, and presented him with a handsome service of silver plate, comprising tea and coffee service, kettle and salver, the latter bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. Robert Stephen, of Renfrew, by the ladies of St. Enoch's Parish Church, Glasgow, as a mark of personal esteem and appreciation of his ability and zeal while assistant to the Rev. Dr. Barr.—18th December, 1858."

PRESBYTERY OF DUNDEE.—At the meeting of this Presbytery on Wednesday, Mr. Honey gave notice that at next meeting he would move the Presbytery to overture the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly, to petition the Legislature for the abolition of lay patronage. Mr. Young gave notice that he would move the Presbytery, at their meeting in February, to overture the General Assembly to take into their consideration the existing regulations for the working of Lord Aberdeen's Act, with the view of altering or amending these in such a manner as to give the greatest possible effect to the provisions of the said act.

PRESBYTERY OF BRECHIN.—*Melville Church, Montrose—Induction Services.*—This Presbytery held a meeting on Thursday for the induction of the Rev. David S. Maxwell, late of Milngavie Chapel of Ease, parish of New Kilpatrick and Presbytery of Dumbarton, to the pastoral charge of Melville Church and parish, Montrose. The Rev. Charles Stuart McLean, of Dun, moderator of the Presbytery, officiated on the occasion, and delivered an excellent and very appropriate discourse from the text: "Preach the Word," contained in 2 Timothy, iv. 2. At the conclusion of the sermon, the usual form of procedure was observed, and Mr. Maxwell was formally appointed as pastor of the congregation, and received the right hand of fellowship from the several members of the Presbytery. Suitable and impressive addresses were afterwards delivered to the pastor and to the members of the congregation, of whom a considerable number were present. Mr. Maxwell received a very hearty welcome from the members of his new charge, and the selection of him as their pastor, it is pleasing to observe, has every prospect of affording the greatest satisfaction.

We have great pleasure in learning that Mr. Dyce Nicol of Billogie, has given a second liberal donation for the encouraging of learning in Marischal College—viz., a bursary of fifty pounds a year, for two years, to such stu-

dent as shall have completed the usual curriculum, and shall pass the best competitive examination at the end of the present session. The bursary is to be given under such regulations as shall secure continued diligence in the prosecution of study. The want of such endowments has been a great defect in the Scottish Universities. Many of our ablest and most ardent students are obliged, on completing their curriculum in arts, to spend most of their time in exertions for their own support; whereas bursaries, such as Mr. Nicol's, would enable the successful candidates for them to pursue their studies for some time longer with unabated steadiness and energy.—*Aberdeen Herald.*

NEW CHURCH AT ALLOWAY.—At a meeting on Thursday of the subscribers, seat-holders, and communicants of this church, it was unanimously agreed to elect the Rev. John Lochead, at present laboring at the Bridge of Allan, to be their pastor. Six candidates had been heard. Mr. Lochead will be ordained with all convenient speed. Mr. Baird of Cambusdoon occupied the chair at the election, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him for the great interest he had taken in all matters connected with the new church.

THE PARISH OF BOLESKINE.—On the 2d of December, the Presbytery met at Boleskine to moderate in the call to the Rev. Mr. McIntyre of Tobermory, which was subscribed by a considerable number, including all the elders of the parish. No objections, when called for having been offered, the call was unanimously sustained; and having been left for a few days in charge of the session-clerk previous to its transmission to the Presbytery of Mull, the number subscribing it was found to be 225 Commissioners to prosecute the translation of the presentee before the Presbytery of Mull were, as usual, appointed.

MANSE FOR LADHOPE.—We have much pleasure in stating, that since this church has become endowed, there is now also a prospect of a permanent manse being erected for the minister. With a liberality which does us once credit to his heart, head, and purse, Major Scott has signified to the office-bearers of the church, his willingness to grant a free site for the manse, and offering besides, £25 as a contribution towards defraying the expense of such a building. In his letter, Major Scott thus expresses himself:—"It appears to me a very essential thing, that a parish clergyman should be provided with a manse. Indeed, I can hardly understand a parish properly worked without it. Considering the wealth comprised within the Church of Scotland in this town, I should imagine that there will be lit-