

## The Church Abroad.

**SCOTLAND.** REV. DR. WILLIAM MILLER, of Madras, has been elected by the Senate of the University of Madras as a delegate to the Legislative Council.

THE REV. DAVID CONNIE has been ordained at Fettesburg U. P. church.

THE REV. JAMES HENDERSON, M.A., son of ex-Provost Henderson, has been elected to Melville Free church, Aberdeen.

THE REV. DAVID A. HARROWER has accepted the call from Clune Park U. P. church, Port Glasgow.

REV. MATTHEW GARDNER, of Mid Calder, has intimated his desire to accept the call from Peebles parish church.

FORRES Free Presbytery adopted a memorial minute expressive of their deep sense of the bereavement sustained by the death of Rev. Mr. Robertson of Forres.

A ROLL was taken by ballot at Old Kilpatrick parish church, the candidates being the Rev. Robert Barclay, M.A., assistant at Barony church, Glasgow; Rev. William Swan, M.A., B.D., of Toward church; and Rev. William Moffat, M.A., B.D., assistant at Park church, Glasgow. As none of the candidates secured an absolute majority of votes, a second ballot became necessary.

MR. J. M. BAIRNE will make his first public appearance in "Thru's" at a semi-ecclesiastical function. He has consented to open a bazaar in Kirriemuir in aid of a chapel which has been erected for the Original Secession congregation, better known to the outside world as the "Auld Lights." Mr. Barrie is at present living at a Clyde watering place.

THE ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new Salvation Army "Citadel" in Aberdeen took place recently, and was made the occasion of a considerable demonstration on the part of the "Army" authorities. General Booth presided over the gathering, and the ceremony proper was performed by the Countess of Aberdeen, assisted by the Earl. After the laying of the foundation-stone a conversation took place in the Town and County Hall, at which Lord Aberdeen delivered an address commendatory of the work of the "Army." A large public meeting was held in the Music Hall in the evening. Liberal contributions were intimated to the building fund.

A MEETING of the committee of the Free Church Constitutional party in the Highlands was held at Inverness for the purpose of further considering the secession movement. The proceedings were private. There were present Rev. Dr. Winter, Dyke; Mr. Macaskill, Dingwall; Rev. Mr. MacKenzie, Inverness, and others. The committee fully discussed the position of matters, and it was ultimately resolved to print and circulate the bond of union drawn up by the party explanatory of their position towards the Declaratory Act. The secession movement was strongly condemned.

THE Rev. David Thornburn, D.D., minister of South Leith Free Church, died at Moffat on the 22nd ult., in the 84th year of his age. The son of a Leith merchant, he was educated at Edinburgh University, and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Edinburgh in 1831. In that year he became assistant to Dr. Robertson, of South Leith, and on the death of the latter two years later was ordained minister of the second charge. Thus at the time of his death Dr. Thornburn had been a minister in Leith for sixty years. He joined the Free Church at the Disruption of 1843, and was one of those who marched from St. Andrew's Church to Canonmills hall. Dr. Thornburn was for many years a prominent figure at the meetings of the General Council of Edinburgh University. He gave the first impulse to the movement which resulted in the formation of the society for the better endowment of that University, and in recognition of his services the University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity a few years ago. He was the author of a volume on "Tithes:

Their Perpetual Obligation, and of numerous pamphlets on ecclesiastical subjects. The appointment of a colleague some years ago relieved him of active duty, but he frequently took part in the services, and on Sabbath, 13th ult., he was present in the pulpit, and pronounced the benediction.

**ENGLAND.** THE congregation at Torquay, vacant through the resignation of the Rev. Alex. H. Reid, M.A., has resolved to call the Rev. J. Nisbet Wallace, of Swindon, Wilts. Mr. Wallace, who is the first minister of his present charge, was previously pastor of Presbyterian congregations at Woolwich, Birmingham (New John street), and Shrewsbury. The Torquay congregation has been greatly weakened of late years by the decline in the popularity of that once fashionable watering-place.

REV. DR. PENTECOST has been delivering evangelistic addresses in Sunderland.

REV. DAVID SMITH, of Edinburgh, is just now carrying on evangelistic work among the Kent hop-pickers, a class consisting to a large extent of the most godless and degraded denizens of the metropolis.

A new hall capable of seating 200 is being erected in connection with the church at Harbottle, Northumberland (Rev. John Scott's). It is expected that the cost will be defrayed soon after, if not before, the opening of the hall.

ENGLISH friends of the Rev. Duncan Silburs, late of Haverstock-hill, London, will be pleased to learn that the congregation to which he is now ministering in Edinburgh (that of Merchiston United Presbyterian church), will soon be housed in a handsome new church, the gift of Mrs. Nairn, sister of the late lamented Rev. Dr. Ker, of whom the edifice is to be a memorial. It is expected that the "John Ker Memorial Church" will be opened early in November. The Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson, of London, will be one of the preachers in the new church on the first Sabbath of November.

AS USUAL, a goodly number of ministers from beyond the Tweed have been occupying London Presbyterian pulpits during August, in the absence of the ordinary pastors. Owing to the excessive heat, and the consequent exodus from the metropolis of all who could escape to the country or seaside, the attendances have in many cases been small. Among the Scottish preachers who have filled London pulpits during part of August were the following:—Rev. J. Niblock-Stuart, B.A., of Stirling; Rev. James Jack, M.A., of Chapelhall, Airdrie; Rev. Alex. Taylor, M.A., of Kirkintilloch; Rev. Donald David, sr., of Cambsy, Caithness; Rev. J. W. D. Carruthers, of Stewarton; Rev. J. Halliday, M.A., of Peterhead; Rev. James M. Strachan, B.D., of Kilspindie, Perthshire; Rev. J. C. Buchanan, M.A., of Lanthigow; Rev. James Lang, B.A., of Dysart; Rev. A. Simmons, M.A., of King's Kettle, Fifeshire; Rev. W. S. Swanson, M.A., of Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire; and the Rev. John Jeffray, ordained Free Church evangelist. A number of the Metropolitan pulpits were supplied by English Presbyterian ministers from the Provinces.

THE meetings of the North Wales WALEs. Calvinistic Methodist Association were highly successful this year. Statistics showed that the churches had a total membership of 15,000, while the ministers, preachers and deacons numbered 500. The chapel debts were estimated to reach £40,000, a sum of £5,000 having been paid off during the year. The total sum of collections during this year was £20,000, of which £7,000 had gone in support of the ministry.

REV. GRIFFITH ELLIS BOOTLE has, in deference to the wishes of the North Wales Calvinistic Methodist Association, undertaken to bring out a biography of the late Rev. Edward Morgan, Dyffryn, father of the Rev. R. H. Morgan, Bangor.

THE following are the statistics for last year of the English churches in Wales:—Churches, 204; chapels and preaching stations, 219; communicants, 13,448; hearers, 41,722; total collections, £37,524 6s. 4d. One English service is held every Sabbath in

twenty-eight Welsh chapels, not included in those statistics.

THE completed programme of the third United Conference of the English section of the Presbyterian Church of Wales, is as follows:—Dr. Ebenezer Davies, of Swansea, is president, and the Rev. W. Powell, of Pembroke, is vico-president. As already announced in our columns, Dr. Stalker, of Glasgow, is to preach the Conference sermon, and to speak at several of the meetings. Principal Edwards, of Bala, presides at the temperance meeting; the Rev. Ellis Edwards will preach the opening sermon; the Rev. J. Calvin Thomas introduces the subject of "Home Missions," Dr. Cynddylan Jones reads a paper on "Preaching;" and Mr. Albert Spicer will preside at the public missionary meeting. The Rev. John Thomas, M.A., of Liverpool, will preside at the sacramental service.

**IRELAND.** THE annual report of Queen's College, Belfast, has just been issued by the president, Dr. Hamilton, from which it is evident that that institution continues its beneficent work with distinguished success. Among the events of the year were the resignation of Professor Redfern, of the chair of anatomy and physiology which he had held for thirty-three years, and the death of Professor R. F. Dill, who had occupied the chair of midwifery for twenty-five years. Both positions are at present vacant, and there is much speculation as to who may be appointed to fill them. During the year a new chair has been established, bearing the name of "The Dunville Professorship of Physiology," and provided with an endowment of £240 per annum. This is the first chair established in the college through private beneficence. The number of students attending in the various faculties was as follows:—In arts 166, medicine 243, law 24, engineering 13; and of this total 390 came from various parts of Ulster. Efforts are on foot to add in various ways to the equipment of the college, and its future is in all respects full of hope and promise.

REV. DR. MOORE contributes a very suggestive letter to the Belfast Witness on the Social Life of Spain. Dr. Moore, who has spent over twenty years in the country as the Assembly's missionary, can speak with authority, and the picture he presents in connection with home life and the moral condition of the clergy is in certain respects a very painful one. Under such circumstances it is not to be wondered at if missionary progress is slow in Spain.

**UNITED STATES.** REV. HENRY MILLER, Kentucky, has just welcomed a score of converts to his church near Middleborough. He writes to the Christian Observer: Rev. W. A. Slaymaker kindly assisted me fifteen days. I determined to imitate the example of others who continue meetings until they reap. I modestly suggest that this may be the secret of an occasional seeming failure in Presbyterian meetings. If our twelve hundred ministers would, every one, conduct a meeting in a desolate part of his own field or an adjoining one, during the fall, making the ruling principle the perseverance that should ever characterize the saints, the seed sown would certainly produce a harvest of souls numbered by tens of thousands, and the light would begin to break in upon the solution of the difficult question of Home Missions. The solution of that question is in the hands of our pastors. There is nothing more delightful than to bring souls to Christ, and that felicity is most when we bring those of our own community.

THE Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, at its recent meeting, elected Rev. John A. Wilson, D.D., Professor of Ecclesiastical and Church History in Westminster College, at Wilmington, Pa.

EVANGELIST EVANS has recently been holding special meetings in Bessemer, Ala., preaching during the day and in the evening. As the result thus far, sixty-seven individuals have united with the Southern Presbyterian church, while perhaps a score will go to other churches of the place.

REV. ROBERT MCINTYRE, of Denver, has requested that his salary be reduced from