

upon us His Spirit, that we may soon do much more! May He hasten the time.

Presbytery of Abertarff.

On Tuesday, last week, the Rev. Mr. Macintyre, Kilmonivaig, brought under the consideration of the Presbytery the desirableness of having a Professorship established in one or more of our Universities for the culture of and giving instruction in the Gaelic language. He supported his proposition at a considerable length, maintaining, that the study and investigation of this, one of the most ancient of living languages, was one of the most available means of elucidating the history of a once powerful and wide-spread people, the Celtic race, who have left unmistakable foot-prints of their movements from their eastern birthplace to the Atlantic, permanently inscribing their language in the graphicomenclature of the physical features of those regions of their sojourn, from Galatia to Ireland. He pointed out the connection of the Celtic tongue with the more renowned languages of antiquity—those of the Bible, of Greece and Rome, and generally with the more modern languages of Europe—which no doubt, lead a distinguished linguist and elocutionist to assert that the philologist could not attain to perfection in his arduous pursuit without considerable attainments in this ancient language. He suggested the way in which such a chair might be endowed, and referred to the recognition on the part of the State of the sentiments he had expressed by their instituting Celtic Chairs first in Trinity College, Dublin, and in the more recently established Queen's Colleges in the Irish provinces. These and other arguments, embodied in a memorial, he submitted to the Presbytery. The Presbytery unanimously and cordially concurred, and resolved accordingly.

Presbytery of Cupar—the Endowment Scheme.

This Court met on Tuesday. Mr Cochrane introduced the subject of the endowment of new churches in connection with which the respected. Convener of the scheme proposed holding a public meeting in Cupar on the 30th of December. He (Mr Cochrane) was anxious that they should all take an interest in that meeting, and give it as much as possible the influence of a county meeting. He moved the appointment of a Committee to correspond with the Convener, and to make all necessary and effective arrangements for the public meeting. No Scheme, since the time of Dr Chalmers, had been so vigorously prosecuted as the present one. Sixty or seventy churches had been endowed since Dr Robertson took the charge of it. The country had been divided by him into provinces; and it was gratifying to find that the province to which their Presbytery belonged, and in which it was proposed to endow twenty new churches, was in a hopeful condition. He trusted, therefore, that members would see it to be their duty to support Dr. Robertson in his great work. He believed it to be essential for the good of the people, and especially of the poorer classes, that the Scheme should be adequately supported. The proposal was unanimously adopted by the Presbytery, and a Committee appointed.

THE REV. MR. CAIRD AND THE WEST END PARK CHURCH, GLASGOW.—We learn that at a meeting of the subscribers to the splendid edifice which is being erected in the West End Park, a communication was read from the Rev. Mr. Caird, of Errol, intimating his acceptance of the presentation to that church, which had been some time since tendered to him in the name of the subscribers. It is expected the church will be opened, and the minister inducted, early in the autumn of the present year. The subscribers have resolved that the name of the new church should be "The Park Church." Mr. Caird's stipend in his new field will not be less than £600 per annum; but, no doubt, as the congregation overcome their preliminary expenditure, this allowance will be augmented. The rush for sittings in the Park Church is already overwhelming.—*Glasgow Herald.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, EDINBURGH.—A meeting of the congregation connected with this Church was held on Monday—Mr W. Cook, W. S., in the chair—for the purpose of taking some preliminary steps towards obtaining a successor in the collegiate charge of the parish, vacant by the death of the late Dr Clark. We understand that the session were nearly unanimous in their recommendation to the congregation of the Rev. Mr Robertson of Mains. The name of Principal Tulloch of St. Andrew's was also, we believe, mentioned, but it was ultimately arranged to remit the matter to a large Committee.—*Edinburgh Advertiser.*

LECTURES ON INDIA.—We understand that at the request of the Missionary Association of the University of Edinburgh, the Rev. Dr. Bryce has agreed to deliver lectures on "India, its Past, Present, and Future." The first, or introductory lecture, will be given within the Church History Class room.

THE HOME SCHOOL, or Hints on Home Education. By the Rev. Norman Macleod Edinburg: Paton and Ritchie.

The object of this little book is to guide and assist parents in the training and education of their children; and as home is the nursery from which society is supplied with those who are to be either its blessing or its curse, it would be difficult to conceive any subject more important than the early discipline of the human mind. The reverend author, who is minister of the Barony parish, Glasgow, has had the charge in his time of three large and populous parishes, and may therefore be presumed from his age, his calling, and his extended experience, to be peculiarly qualified to instruct parents in this first of family duties.—The happiness of the domestic circle and the welfare of society at large are alike dependant on the influence exercised on the minds of childhood and of youth. It is a sense of this vast responsibility that first induced the author to direct his attention to this subject; and the contents of the present volume, accordingly, consist chiefly of the substance of articles contributed to one of the religious periodicals, and addresses delivered at meetings of parents held in the school districts of his parish. These ultimately were collected, arranged, and published, and the great success of the publication has led to the present cheap edition of the work as being more accessible to the working classes, for whose benefit the author's labours were in the first instance chiefly intended.—

"Home education," however, is a subject which admits of no party prejudices or class distinctions, but is of universal application, and is quite as important to the children of the prince or the peer as to those of the peasant. We think, therefore, that Mr. Macleod has conferred a substantial benefit on society at large by the hints and exhortations here addressed to parents and guardians of young people. With great good taste he has avoided spasmodic efforts at originality of thought, elegance of diction, having regard rather to the instruction of the reader than the literary reputation of the author. His object has been to teach plain and simple truths in language intelligible to all, and thus to preserve, as far as possible,

In these most brisk and giddy-paced times
The old domestic morals of the land

Female Education in India.

The annual meeting of the Aberdeen Auxiliary to the Scottish Ladies' Association for Promoting Female Education in India was held in St. Mary's chapel on Thursday last, 22d inst. There was a respectable attendance of members and of the clergy. Rev. Mr Bower, president occupied the chair. Rev. Mr Wood opened the meeting with prayer. Dr Forsyth made the report for the year, which gave on the whole an encouraging view of the Association's operations at the several stations up to the last accounts received. The report concluded with adverting to the present state of the important question aient the acceptance by the Church of the "Grants in Aid" offered to the schools of the Church's Mission, under the recently adopted plan of education in India, and pointed at a conference betwixt a deputation of the Church and the India Board, in order to an arrangement of a satisfactory nature, such as might lead to unite all parties in the Church in favour of acceptance of the Grants. The meeting was addressed in eloquent and appropriate terms by Rev. Mr Lang and Rev. Mr Fraser, and closed with the benediction by Rev. Mr Wilson.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES

Report to the Superintendent of Missions.

By the Rev. George Harper, A. M. Preacher of the Gospel.

After leaving Wallace in the beginning of the year, I spent a short time in Halifax, being prevented by the state of the roads from proceeding to Musquodoboit, where it has been proposed to open a new, and it is to be hoped, a successful mission.

In a rising community such as ours, where every institution, whether civil or religious, is in a state of transition from infancy to maturity, it is pleasing to trace the progress and gradual development of the different settlements and congregations scattered over the country. From the slow and almost imperceptible changes which frequently take place, and the great deficiency of reliable statistical information, we are often unable to ascertain the growth and extension of our public institutions as well