

CHURCH are to be appointed to the army in India.

THE COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY met in February. The discussions related to the parochial schools, the principalship of universities and the annuity tax bill.

THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE advertises the Chaplaincy at Colombo, Ceylon, vacant, the salary being £450 per annum. Also, that a missionary is wanted for British Columbia, salary £300 per annum.

A MANUAL OF PRAYERS for social and family worship, has been prepared and published by a committee of the General Assembly.

PRINCIPAL TULLOCH has been asked to publish his lectures on "The National Reformers."

THE REV. DR. CUMMING of London, has preached at the Oratoria, Paris.

KINGSTON CHURCH SOIREE.—A soiree in connection with Kingston Established Church, was held on Thursday night in the Merchants' Hall, which was filled by a respectable assemblage, numbering about 500. The Rev. Robert Pollok, pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair. After an excellent and abundant service of tea, the chairman made a few felicitous observations in the course of which he referred to the subject of music, vocal and instrumental, on which he said he had his own views, although he was no enemy to improvement, and stated that there had been a little struggle between himself and the young people on this point, in so far as that sacred music was to be done away with that night, and there would be sentimental singing with an accompaniment. Mr. McGarvie made a statement as to the juvenile department of the Sabbath school, in which, he said, considerable progress had been made since last year, both in the number of scholars and teachers, which had been doubled; still, it was short of what it ought to be, considering what a large congregation they had, and the extensive held in the neighborhood of the church. Mr. M'Ilroy gave an encouraging report as to the progress of the Kingston Congregation Religious and Benevolent Society, whose object was to attend to the spiritual destitution of those in the neighborhood of the church, and transmit such sums to other religious societies as might be judged proper. The society had commenced operations last year. The congregation had been divided into districts, and collectors appointed to uplift subscriptions; twelve tract distributors had also been appointed, by whom latterly as many as 800 tracts per month had been circulated—a number which was expected largely to increase. £5 had been given to the West of Scotland Bible Society, from which Bibles were received to distribute to those unable to pay for them. Appropriate addresses were afterwards delivered by the Rev. Professor Hill, Rev. Messrs. Cochrane, A. M'Lean, Leiper, and others, and the proceedings were en-

livened by a number of select and tastefully executed songs from Messrs. John M. James Scotland, senr.; James Scotland, A. Fleming, and R. M. Walker. Mr. Scotland presided at the pianoforte.

DEATH OF THE REV. PATRICK BREWSTER OF ABBEY PARISH, PAISLEY.—On Saturday afternoon, this well-known clergyman breathed his last at his residence, near Paisley. Some time he had been laboring under distress of the heart, and unable to discharge regularly his ministerial duties. During last week his state became more alarming; and his brother, Sir David Brewster, was, on Friday, summoned to his side. On Saturday, the power of the disease seemed somewhat lessened, Mr. Brewster rose and dressed; but at one o'clock in the afternoon, when about to take of food, he suddenly expired. He was above seventy years of age, and had been minister of the Abbey Parish since 1818—the date of his ordination. He was twice married.

The name of Patrick Brewster is only too well known to the public. The peculiarity of his political opinions, and the energy of his character, led him into discussions and movements from which he would have been expected to have stood aloof. He joined cause, in the days of the Chartist agitation, with those who held extreme views; and carried the expressions of political feeling so far as once to incur the severe penalties of the Church. His combative temperament led him into extremes which were to be deplored; the roughness of his character forced him when opposed to appear in a light far from enviable; while his pertinacious adherence to his peculiar dogmas, and a great power of sarcasm which he used not sparingly, alienated from him many friends. But over the failings of Mr. Brewster, we willingly draw the veil, and honor him as a man of high talent, indomitable energy, and only too steadfast consistency—as a clergyman whose ability would have been of great service to the Church, had it not been employed too often on unworthy aims.

THE REV. DR. LEISHMAN, Moderator of the General Assembly, and the Rev. Dr. Haller, Convenor of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, had an interview with the General Peel at the War Office, and with E. B. Lytton at the Colonial Office, Dowry Street, on Tuesday week.

ST. COLUMBAS CHURCH, GLASGOW.—On Thursday week, the Rev. Neil Strachan was inducted as assistant and successor to the Rev. Dr. McLeod. The services on the occasion were conducted by Dr. McLeod, Barony. He preached a powerful and appropriate discourse from Numbers, xiv. 21. "all the earth shall be moved." In the forenoon of Sabbath, Mr. Strachan was introduced to the congregation by the Rev. Dr. McFarlane, of Arrochar, who read for his text, 2 Thes. v. 12, 13. The reverend doctor took occasion to allude in very appropriate terms, to the eminent services rendered