

"All which is humbly submitted in full confidence that their claims will meet with favourable consideration from the wisdom and humanity of your Lordships."

The memorial was highly approved of. After some other business, the Synod adjourned.

Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale.

The usual half-yearly meeting of the Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale was held yesterday, in the General Assembly Hall. The Court met at twelve o'clock noon, when a suitable and impressive discourse was delivered by the retiring Moderator—the Rev. Mr. Caesar, of Traucut—from Isaiah, liv. 17. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn."

There was an unusually large attendance of the public at the opening of the reverend Court, which was constituted at a quarter to two o'clock, by the appointment of the Rev. William Begg, of Falkirk, as Moderator for the ensuing half-year.

CHURCH SCHEMES, &c.—COLLECTIONS.

The Synod then called upon the Convener of the Committee on Collections by the different parishes and chapels within the bounds, in behalf of the Six Schemes of the Church, and for other benevolent collateral objects, for his report.

The Rev. ROBERT H. MUIR, of Dalmeny (Convener), submitted his statement, which was in substance as follows:—

Presbytery of Edinburgh	£2383	19	0
" Dalkeith	364	17	1
" Linlithgow	424	11	5½
" Haddington	214	0	6
" Biggar	67	17	0
" Dunbar	137	7	2

£3592 12 0½

This sum was the aggregate of the collections by the various congregations in the Presbyteries named in aid of the Six Schemes of the Church. From one Presbytery he regretted to say (although no doubt collections had been made by the brethren) he had received no return, so that the report of his committee was necessarily to this extent an imperfect one. In addition to the above amount of £3592 12s. 0½d. there had been collected for those collateral objects to which he had alluded, of an educational and kindred benevolent kind, the following sums in the same contributing Presbyteries, viz. :—

Presbytery of Edinburgh	£7027	17	3½
" Dalkeith	1267	0	11
" Linlithgow	649	5	6
" Biggar	256	2	0
" Haddington	245	8	1½
" Dunbar	154	10	11½

£9599 19 9½

The full totals being—that by the Presbytery of Edinburgh there had been contribut-

ed for religious objects, £9411, 16s. 3½d.; by Dalkeith, £1631 15s.; by Linlithgow, £1073 16s. 9½d.; by Biggar, £313 7s. 1½d.; by Haddington, £470 2s. and by Dunbar, £291 8s. 0½d.; being in all, the sum of £13,193 11s. 9d.—an amount of contributions which he had great gratification in being able to report to the Synod on the part of their committee.

The Rev. Dr. Grant expressed his satisfaction at the report and statement of the respected Convener of the Committee, and moved that it be adopted and the thanks of the Synod accorded to Mr. Muir, which was seconded by the Rev. M. Caesar, and unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. J. C. Fowler of Ratho (the previous Convener) was happy to see so great an improvement upon the returns from the various Presbyteries. In regard to Peebles, he felt certain that the sole reason of the non-receipt of returns from that Presbytery, was the indisposition of the respected clerk of that Presbytery. It was a subject of great congratulation that there was more room for praise than blame; and although there were two or three defaulters, he advised no stringent measures in the meantime. After a few words from the Rev. Dr. Paul, the Rev. Drs. Aiton and Smith, and Rev. Mr. Branks (of Torphichen), the subject was allowed to drop.

Auldfield Church, Pollokshaws.

On the evening of Tuesday the 28th October a lecture on Music was delivered in this church, by Matthew Craig, Esq., Overdale, Langside. The Rev. Mr. Law presided over the meeting, and commenced the proceedings of the evening with praise and prayer and then, in a few suitable remarks, introduced Mr. Craig, who delivered an excellent lecture on theoretical and practical music. The lecture was illustrated by diagrams, and with vocal and instrumental music, with which the audience seemed highly delighted. In the course of the lecture, Mr. Craig showed the analogy which exists between colour and sound, and concluded an hour's disquisition with an appropriate and impressive elucidation of the value and importance of sacred music. After the lecture, Mr. Pearson from Glasgow who ably performed on the harmonium, and Mr. Wilson, the talented precentor of Auldfield Church, with the congregational band, favoured the meeting with several pieces of music, which obviously charmed and pleased the numerous and respectable audience assembled on the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Pollock, of Kingston Church, Glasgow, whose knowledge of the theory and practice of music is very considerable, being present, was requested by the chairman to favour the meeting with a few observations on the proceedings of the evening, which he did in brief and appropriate terms, and concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Craig, for his excellent lecture, and to Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Wilson, and the band, for their kind and able services during the evening. To this proposition the audience most cordially responded by acclamation. At 10 o'clock the proceedings of a very agreeable evening were brought to a close

by the Rev. Mr. Law pronouncing the benediction.

Handsome Legacy.

The late Mr. Alexander Anderson, schoolmaster of the parish of Orwell, in the county of Kinross, in his will, dated 10th July, 1846, has bequeathed "to each of the Five Schemes of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, nineteen pounds nineteen shillings." Such a bequest is more likely to hallow the memory of the departed, than a tombstone covered with praises; and it forms part of those "good" deeds that cannot be "interred with the bones."

Scotland owes much to her intelligent and laborious schoolmasters; nor can any modern criticism prevent the avowal, that it is most marvellous how the single parish teacher has been able to accomplish, unaided, what has been accomplished in almost every parish in our native country. The liberal bequest of one of a body of men, so valuable and so ill-remunerated, reflects credit on the class to which he belonged, and on the parish in which he resided, as well as on his own name and memory.—H & F. M. Record.

General Assembly's Colonial Scheme.

We understand that the Rev. Dr. George Smith, has been unanimously appointed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee *Interim* Vice-Convener until the next meeting of the General Assembly.—*Scottish Record*.

Call.

The Rev. Patrick Thomas Forfar, Assistant to the Rev. Dr. Campbell of Kilwinning, has received a call from the congregation of the Scotch Church, Oldham Street, Liverpool, vacant by the translation of the Rev. Cornelius Giffen to the church and parish of Daily.—*Id.*

RECENT ECCLESIASTICAL MOVEMENTS.

Free Presbytery of Glasgow.

The Presbytery of Glasgow, met on Wednesday.—Mr. McCall, Moderator.

STATE OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND MOVEMENT.

Dr. BUCHANAN said—Now, Moderator, I am very desirous to call the attention of the Presbytery, and, as far as possible, of the Church generally, to the Report which has just been laid on the table. Our increase upon the income of this important fund, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, is less at the end of the first four months than it was at the end of the first three. For the first three months we made steady progress, amounting in all to an increase of rather more than £3500. At the end of four months, our increase, instead of advancing has positively declined. It now amounts as has been already stated, to only £3138. The Committee, 3-