

stifling winds of Rome were not prohibitive of out-door exercise, were spent in visiting places of sacred and historic interest in the neighbourhood, and we believe he occupied some of his time in recording his experiences, which would probably have been published, if he had been spared to return home, in the form of his "Impressions of Rome."

Dr. Buchanan was seventy-three years of age at his death. In 1827 he was ordained, and shortly afterwards entered upon the duties of his first charge as minister of Saltoun, in East Lothian. Here he remained until 1833, when he was translated to the Tron Church in Glasgow, his successor at Saltoun being the late Principal Fairbairn. In 1843 on leaving the old Tron Church at the Disruption, the congregation who left the establishment along with him worshipped for a time in the City Hall, until the erection of the Free Tron Church. A dozen years later, Dr. Buchanan was invited to remove to the West End, and the reasons for such a change were of so convincing a nature, that he consented to become pastor of the College Church. It is hardly necessary to say that the congregation flourished under his pastorate, and has long been recognised as one of the most influential and also the most liberal in giving within the bounds of the Free Church. Less distinguished as a preacher than as a leader in what may be called the imperial affairs of the Church, Dr. Buchanan's pulpit appearance were nevertheless worthy of one who held such a high position in the denomination.

Dr. Buchanan's public life is so much matter of history that we need not discuss it. As the historian of the "Ten Years' Conflict," as the convener of the Sustentation Fund, his labours in Church extension, notably that of the Wynd Churches, which he originated, are matters of history in the Free Church. His attendance at the meetings of the Church Courts was most conscientious. Apart from the more deliberate addresses which he delivered as a leader, no one who attended the meetings of the Assembly could fail to admire the tact which he frequently displayed in ex-

riating the Court from the perplexing side issues of a stirring debate. In 1860, the Church conferred upon him the highest honour at its disposal by electing him Moderator of the General Assembly. If he had been spared, his name would have been before the Court at its meeting in May next in connection with the vacant Principalship of the Glasgow College.

Besides the "Ten Years' Conflict," which has a distinct historical value, Dr. Buchanan published a work on "Ecclesiastes," and notes of a Mediterranean cruise under the title of "A Clerical Forlough."

A WORD FOR THE SUPPLEMENTING FUND

BY REV. R. SEDGEWICK.

Delivered at a Missionary Meeting in Falmouth, in January, 1874.

I think myself happy to be among you this evening, engaged as you are in cultivating the benevolent affections, which the grace of God produces, and performing the beneficent actions which Christian law enjoins, and which Christian love prompts. For, Sir, I presume you are presiding over a Christian Assembly.

The several objects which share your beneficence, have claims more or less cogent and more or less pressing, and I have no intention, as certainly I have no wish, to urge the claims of any one of these objects to the detriment in any sense, or in any degree, of any other. But, Sir, there are many objects and objects, and there are claims and claims, and among these several objects and claims, as it seems to me, there is one that comes, or ought to come home to us more closely and more tenderly, than any other scheme of supplementing our small and weak congregations.

These congregations, as you know, are mainly in the country, in the purely rural places in these provinces, only a few in the villages or towns and cities of the land. Now, this being admitted, what are these congregations, pray? Why, of all, they are lights shining in a dark place, they are lights of the world, and, for aught to the contrary, they are lights of truth, to