

Presbytery of Glasgow.

An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on Wednesday 7th of January, Mr Park, of Cumbernauld, Moderator.

LECTURES ON POPERY.

Mr. HENDERSON intimated that arrangements had been completed for the delivery of a course of lectures on Sabbath evenings in Glasgow and Edinburgh by ministers of the Church of Scotland belonging to both cities. The Edinburgh ministers are to lecture in Glasgow; and the Glasgow ministers in Edinburgh. The first of the course was delivered in Edinburgh last Sabbath, and the course will commence in Glasgow on the evening of Sabbath first by Mr Robertson, of Greyfriars. He trusted that the ministers would give information from their pulpits, and that the liberality of their Christian people would be extended, as it was proposed to establish a special mission for the Roman Catholics, from the surplus funds, in this city.

Dr Hill said they must all regard the delivery of these lectures with much satisfaction, and he trusted that much good would result from them. He had no hesitation in saying that the members of the Church should give them every support in their power

Death of the Rev. Dr. Clark.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we announced the death of the Rev. Dr Thomas Clark, one of the ministers of St Andrew's Church and parish, which took place at his house in Queen Street on Sunday morning. Dr. Clark had been in declining health for some time past, and was latterly confined to bed, but his demise was unexpectedly sudden, and came upon his relatives and the public as an afflicting surprise. The Rev. Doctor we believe had been suffering for some months from an affection of the heart. The melancholy event was made known to most of the city ministers, and solemn and affecting allusion was made to it by the clergy in the different services of the day.

At a somewhat later period of life than usual the late Dr. Clark entered upon the office of the ministry, having been ordained in the year 1824. For sixteen years he was minister of the church and parish of Methven in Perthshire. In 1841 he was elected by a large majority of the Town Council of Edinburgh as minister of the Old Church, which had been rendered vacant by the appointment of the Rev. Dr John Lee as Principal of our University. Shortly after the Free Secession he was transferred to the collegiate parish of St Andrew's, where he spent the last twelve or thirteen years of his life, in conjunction with his esteemed colleague, the Rev. Dr. Crawford. The congregation, under their joint ministrations, is one of the most numerous and respectable in the city. In the business of the Church Dr. Clark took an active part. He held for several years the office of Vice-Convenor of the Colonial Scheme (the

being nominally at its head) and, from his zeal and business habits, he was able to render eminent service to the Church and to the Colonies. In the Presbytery of Edinburgh he took part in the discussion of most of the ecclesiastical questions that came before it; and his candid and temperate expression of opinion was always heard with respect. He took a deep interest in the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in Scotland, and was of much use in the way of inspecting and examining its schools in the Highlands. It is impossible to speak too highly of his devotedness to the private visitation of his people, particularly of the sick and poor, and of the interest he took in Heriot's Hospital, the Craigerook Fund, the Indigent Gentlewoman's Fund, and in short, all our charities.

"The Rev Doctor," says the *Courant*, "was a man of clear and vigorous intellect. In his pulpit ministrations he was earnest and practical; his discourses being regarded as models of condensed thought and expression. Dr. Clark was of a tolerant and liberal spirit and he did not mix himself up with the platform controversies of the day. Some of the public institutions of the city, however, had the benefit of his wise counsels and practical sagacity. In his parish labours he was regular and devoted, and his easy and familiar manner made him accessible to every class. The attachment of his congregation, from the unaffected simplicity of his character and the warm interest he took in the welfare of every one, was deep and affectionate. Indeed, his sudden and lamented decease is felt by the members of St. Andrew's as a household calamity of no common kind."

Liberal Donation.

THE Colonial Committee have great pleasure in acknowledging the handsome donation of £100 from "A Colonist," to be applied to the furthering of Missionary objects in connection with the Churches in the Colony of New Brunswick.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The total sum granted by Government to the Church of Scotland during the last five years was £106,452 16s. 9d.; of this the sum of £101,577 0s 1d was paid on account of the Church in Scotland; £875 to the clergy in the North American provinces; and £4000 16s 8d to the theological professors, distributed as follows:—£11 16s 8d to the theological professors of St Mary's College, St Andrew's; £810 to those of King's College, and £680 to those of Marischal College, Aberdeen; £1000 to the Glasgow professors; and £650 to those of Edinburgh. The sum granted to other bodies during the same times were—Church of England, £203,296 3s 2d; Church of Rome, £131,910; Protestant Dissenters, £202,243 19s 1d; making a grand total of £643,902 19s.

Rev. James Christie.

We have now become so accustomed to the arrival of additional Ministers in this portion of the Colonial vineyard, that such joyous events excite less interest and gratitude than ought to be felt and manifested. The Rev. James Christie, the ninth missionary in succession since August last, arrived in the Cunard steamer in the beginning of last month, and after a brief stay in this city, where he delivered a very excellent discourse on the Lord's day, he proceeded on to Pictou. By Letters received from the Convenor of the Colonial Committee, Mr. Christie's attention is more especially directed to Prince Edward Island, where, it appears from the Rev. Mr. McKay's correspondence, there is still a wide field to be occupied. Mr. Patterson's appointment as a tenth missionary within the bounds of this Synod, has been already announced, and his arrival is now daily expected.

Monies and Letters received, March, 1857.

James Millar, Chatham, with list and £1 5s.—directions attended to. John MacKay, N. G. with list and £10 10s.—names added. William Fraser, New Glasgow, £1 7s. 6d. enclosed with list—new names added. Rev. William Snodgrass, St. Paul's Manse, Montreal—alterations made as requested. John Paton, Kingston, C. W. with 5s. and new subscriber. James Mair, Barney's River, with 20s.—names added to list. Jas. Marshall, per hands of Wm. Grant, 2s. 6d. Wm. Fraser, New Glasgow, per Wm. Grant, £1 7s. 6d.—names added to list. D. Fraser, per hands Angus McLean, 5 new subscribers for Belfast—also £2—names added to list. Mr. Johnston, Greenwich, 6s. per hands Rev. Thomas Jardine.

Presbytery of Pictou.

We have been informed that this Presbytery has appointed a meeting to be held at Wallace on the first inst., for the induction of the Rev. Mr. Duff to the pastoral charge of that congregation. On his induction, Mr. Christie will be the only visiting missionary within the bounds of that large Presbytery.

We received by last mail from New Brunswick, a copy of the annual address delivered before the members of the Fredericton Athenæum, by their President, the Rev. Dr. Brooke. We have not had sufficient leisure to peruse it attentively, but intend to notice it at greater length in our next number.

Synod Fund.

April 1. Balance in hand - - - - £2 3
JAMES P. AVERY, Treasurer.

Home Mission Fund.

Balance in hand 1st April - - - - £09 5
DAVID ALLISON, Treasurer