

of Peers, that while he loved his own Church best, he looked upon the Church of Scotland as one of those pure virgins who kept her company. When the Bishop of London visits Scotland, he follows the Queen's good example of attending the parish church, instead of setting up a sort of rival conventicle, as some of his brethren have done. But such Christian liberality we would expect from a bishop who preaches among the purlieus of Spitalfields among the weavers, and to the cabmen from a cab in their yards. He is the right man in the right place; and a source of more strength to the Church of England than all their learned Puseyites put together.

The General Synod of the United Presbyterian Church met two or three weeks ago. The subject of teetotalism was brought before them, but no definite resolution was come to, seeing that only 200 out of their 500 ministers are teetotalers. Their Foreign Mission in Old Calabar, which they have prosecuted with rare energy, is in a flourishing state, and the native converts have this year sent home to the parent Church a collection of £71. They are also desirous of establishing a mission in Central India, as hitherto their Foreign Missions have been confined to Africa, and for that purpose £5000 have been subscribed. During the past year they have raised £7000 for extinction of debt on their churches, and that entitles them to receive an additional £3000 from the Ferguson Bequest Fund. The meeting of their Synod heralds the great gathering of the Established and Free Assemblies, which follows close upon it. Now is it that Edinburgh swarms with black coats, and then is the most brilliant part of the season, owing to the number of parties, the presence of so many nobles and judges, and the levees of the Lord High Commissioner. The Free Church always take the day appointed by the Establishment for the meeting of Assembly.

The Church has lately sustained a severe loss in the death of Professor Lee. The old Fathers who bore the brunt of the ten years' conflict, on both sides, are passing away, and it will need worthy men to fill their places. The father of the Free Church, Dr. Burns of Kilsyth, died quite recently, and our grief for the loss of Principal Macfarlane is still strong and keen. Well for us that we have such men as Caird and Professor Tulloch to succeed, while our Robertsons and Macleods are in all their matured vigor. Scholars and antiquarians, as well as churchmen, mourn the death of Principal Lee. Seldom have so many widely divergent rays of learning been found in one man. He possessed the largest private library in Edinburgh, yet if not at home he was sure to be found at some book stall in the city. His style, both in speaking and in written composition, was perfect. The Pastorals, which as Clerk to the Assembly he issued to the Church, were extolled by Dr. Chalmers as containing all the dignity and saintly sweetness of the olden compositions. It is expected that the present Assembly will

elect Dr. Cook of Haddington to the office of Clerkship of the Assembly, vacant by death.

The movement which was commenced to take away the Parish Schools from the superintendence of the Church of Scotland by the abolition of the schoolmasters' tests is flagging, if not almost dead and buried. It is that the Free Church Synod of Merse has refused to join it, and they will be borne in this by many of their brethren in spite of the dictation of Dr. Candlish. It will be a black day for Scotland if a blow is struck at the Parish School System, unless there is the certainty of a better plan being immediately adopted. Destruction is indeed easy: but our heroic Fathers did not find construction easy. Are we so much wiser and better than they?

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