

which we have received imperfect and unsatisfactory lists. As it is desirable that our periodical should become as attractive as possible, the Editors have also to request their clerical friends, and others in the interior and in the adjoining provinces, to forward them as much interesting information as possible respecting the movements of the church in their localities. The periodical must of necessity be deficient in colonial information, unless the friends of the church in the country will transmit regular accounts of local events for our columns.

Persons in this city, who have not received copies of our Journal, and are desirous to become subscribers, are requested to leave their names and subscriptions, with Mr. William Grant, Bookseller, George Street.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

West End Churches.

A meeting of the friends of the Church of Scotland, subscribers to these churches, was held last week in the Portico Room of the Royal Exchange—Robt. Stewart, Esq., of Omoa, in the chair. Among others present were Sir James Campbell, James Scott, Esq., of Kelly, Adam Paterson, Esq., James Aitken, Esq., Neil Robson, Esq., William Connal, Esq., James Jamieson, Esq., John King, Esq., Wm. Somerville, Esq., Henry Kerr, Esq., James Ritchie, Esq., &c., &c.,

Mr. PATERSON, on behalf of the Committee of Management, referred to the advanced state of the South-West or Dumbarton Road Church, which the architect, Mr. Emmett, of London, was confident of handing over for occupation by the month of April next, and explained that the object of calling the present meeting was to take instructions from the subscribers as to proceeding with the North West Woodlands Church, the site for which in the New Park had been acquired some time ago. Most of the subscribers were aware that a design for the second church had been furnished by the architect, exhibiting a magnificent Gothic edifice and spire, and altogether creditable to the ability and taste of that gentleman, but it was to be regretted that the funds at the disposal of the subscribers were altogether incommensurate with their attempting to carry out that design. It was for the subscribers to give directions as to the design which should be obtained, looking to the amount subscribed for both churches. After some deliberation it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that a design be obtained for a suitable church in Woodlands, to cost such a sum as shall be fixed at the next meeting of the subscribers to be held on Monday the 5th of Feb. next.

The sum presently in the subscription lists is £10,740, applicable in equal portions to the two churches of the subscription schedules; there is thus a sum of £5370 applicable to each church. This sum comes within £1200 of the total cost of Dumbarton Road Church, which was estimated at £6200, and will not exceed £6500. The same sum applied to the church in Woodlands would provide an equally handsome church, but as a feeling prevails among not a few of the friends of the cause, that the beauty of the Woodlands site, and the wishes of the adherents of the church in the locality of the New Park, may legitimately suggest a larger or more ornate edifice in that quarter, and as all are at one upon the desirability of leaving both edifices free of any

incumbrance but the feu-duty, it was considered right, before fixing the maximum cost, to allow some interval for parties who have not yet subscribed to come forward and give their support to the undertaking. And to meet the views of all, it was suggested and agreed to, that all additional subscribers shall have the choice, if so disposed, of appropriating their subscriptions either to both of the churches, or to the one or the other as they may be inclined. An earnest hope was expressed on the part of the meeting that this suggestion would be responded to cordially, both in regard to the number and amount of subscriptions.—*Herald*.

The Church of Scotland's Young Men's Association.

As will be observed from our advertising columns an association has been formed by students and others in connection with the Church of Scotland for the diffusion of a knowledge of the doctrines and principles of our Church. Thus, we conceive, is indeed a most laudable undertaking; and with proper and efficient organisation, which, we doubt not, will be secured, the work will proceed with vigour. We have, therefore, every confidence in its ultimate success. The manner in which an acquaintance with the constitution and doctrines of the Church is to be inculcated, is by a series of lectures, which shall be delivered in some suitable place by a considerable number of the most eminent of our clergy and laity. The charge for enrolment is certainly very moderate, and already fourteen of the ministers of the city have expressed their cordial approval of the plan and given assurance of their hearty desire to promote its advancement. The president is the Rev. Dr. Nisbet, and an eminent lay member of the Church has been applied to with the view of obtaining his assent to officiate as honorary president. With such patrons we do not doubt that the prospects of the association will soon become most encouraging. We decidedly approve of its objects, and trust that other Universities may follow the example and emulate the zeal of the students of Edinburgh. We live in the days of a false and spurious liberalism; when from all quarters doctrines are being diffused whose ultimate end is the subversion of our national establishments; and much do we rejoice to see that the rising generation of our clergymen and our laity have not been carried away by these gusts of popular opinion, but are resolved to do what in them lies to promote the interests and advance the prosperity of the National Church of Scotland.—*Edinburgh Post*.

Glasgow Young Men's Christian Association Annual Soiree.

This soiree took place on Monday evening in the City Hall—Adam Patterson, Esq., in the chair. Besides the chairman there were on the platform the Rev. Dr. Anderson, the Rev. Dr. Macfarlane, the Rev. Dr. Jas. Patterson, the Rev. Dr. Paton, the Rev. Dr. Gillan, the Rev. W. Arnot, the Rev. Mr. Cumming, the Rev. Mr. Philip, the Rev. Mr. McGregor, Free Hope Street Gaelic, the Rev. Arch. McDougall, the Rev. David Russell, the Rev. A. G. Forbes, the Rev. James Williams, the Rev. Dr. Macrae, the Rev. Brewin Grant, Baillie Macgregor, Wm. West Watson, Esq., Nathaniel Stevenson, Esq., David Smith, Esq., David Murr, Esq., the Directors of the Association, &c.

After tea, provided by Mr. John Lennex, The CHAIRMAN said it was to him no small gratification to give his humble testimony to the usefulness and strength of that institution, and to mark the high place it had taken in the midst of a Christian community. The Association was composed of young men, and nothing could be uninteresting that related to this class, from whose character and pursuits it was easy to foretell the fate of the nation. If they were idle, unintellectual, and profligate, in all likelihood they would spread licentiousness over the land; if, on the other hand, they were industrious, intelligent, and virtuous he might predict they would exalt the character of the community. The object of the Association was to afford facilities for the intellectual, moral, and religious improvement of the young men of Glasgow, which he held to be a noble copartnership. Many an admirable undertaking had failed, from a defective machinery, in carrying out its arrangements, but nothing of that sort existed in regard to their association; he was quite sure its arrangements corresponded admirably with the nobleness of its designs. It was an institution worthy of their cordial support. No one who examined its operations could fail to acknowledge the reality of its christianising impulses—that it was beneficial in its tendencies, and that, with the blessing of God, it would be fraught with blessings to mankind.

Mr. STARR read the annual report. The Association during the past season numbered 2300 members, and is in a most flourishing condition.

The meeting was afterwards addressed by David Smith, Esq., Rev. Dr. Anderson, Rev. Mr. Brewin Grant, Rev. Mr. Arnot, and Baillie McGregor.

The profoundest sensation has pervaded all ranks of our townsmen on receipt of intelligence of the death of the Rev. Mr. Strong, of Dailly. The Rev. gentleman preached in his own church, we are informed, on the Sabbath before last. During the subsequent week he was attacked with bowel disease, which in the end assumed the type of cholera, and carried him off on Monday morning, to the great grief of every one of his attached parish. The Church of Scotland has lost in Mr. Strong one of her most laborious and best ministers, while the parish of Dailly will find it no easy matter to supply his place.—*Ayr Observer*.

The Burnett Prizes.

We are informed that among the competitors for the late Theological premiums were the following distinguished writers. Rev. Dr. Croly, Rev. Dr. Harris, Rev. Dr. R. W. Hamilton, Rev. Dr. McNeill, Rev. Dr. Dick, Dr. Crichton (since deceased), Rev. R. Montgomery, F. D. Maurice, R. C. Trench, J. A. James, Hugh Stowell, and T. Binney, Rev. Dr. Cumming and Mr. E. Miall, M.P.—*Morning Chronicle*.

Congregation of Toronto.

We learn, says the Presbyterian, from the *Toronto Colonist* that the Rev. Mr. Barclay, of St. Andrew's Church there, was, on his recovery from a severe indisposition, recently presented by the ladies of his congregation with a handsome pulpit-gown and Bible and Psalm Book, as a token of their esteem and regard. The gift was accompanied by an address which concluded in the following terms: