

degree of D. D from Princeton, and at the second meeting of the United Synod he was unanimously chosen Moderator. Some changes in the Theological Hall being contemplated in 1868, the Dr. at once tendered his resignation, when the Synod conferred on him the position of Professor Emeritus, and expressed their high sense of his valuable services for the past eighteen years.

In all the relations of life Dr. Smith might be regarded as a model man; in the family kind and genial; among his people grave, yet loving; and in society gentle and courteous. He loved his co-Presbyters, and they esteemed him, and will feel the absence of a father who loved to meet with them. He loved his congregation, and they regarded him with mingled emotions of veneration and filial affection. We need scarcely add that the family circle was the very home of peace and happiness, and that he died as he lived, at peace with God and all mankind.

On the finest day of this busy Spring a thousand people gathered to carry his body to the grave. Dr. McCulloch preached a most impressive and suitable discourse from the words, "My father! my father! the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!" and on the following Sabbath Professor McKnight farther improved the event, and on both occasions a people bathed in tears showed that all felt they had lost a friend and a father. May an afflicted people remember that the Lord liveth, and that His grace is all-sufficient for their need. May a bereaved family, reminded by that empty chair and vacant library of their desolation and loneliness, find comfort in Christ, and grace to say with resignation and peace, "The will of the Lord be done!"

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

SCOTLAND.

Beginning with Scotland, we note that Union is still the theme of universal interest and discussion in ecclesiastical circles. The United Presbyterians, with but few exceptions, are in favour of a union on the basis of the Standards as now received.

The Reformed Presbyterians are almost equally unanimous. In the Free Church there is a very energetic and formidable opposition, numbering probably over 100 ministers. The Presbyteries decided by a majority of about five to one in favour of union. This was a much more favourable result than the warmest friends of the movement expected last autumn. The expression of the mind of the Presbyteries has not disarmed the opposition. We have not yet learned what action the Free Assembly and the U. P. Synod have taken; but we believe it will be favourable to union—a cautious advance in the right direction. The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church is in advance of any previous year. The other Funds are also well supported. Special attention will be paid by all the Churches to the necessities of the European continent.

Dr. Duff and others have succeeded in raising £32,000 of the £50,000 which they ask for furnishing suitable residences for missionaries in India and Africa.

The case of Rev. Fergus Ferguson, of Dalkeith, is exciting much interest within the United Presbyterian Church, and throughout Scotland. Mr. Ferguson is an eloquent preacher, but eccentric, and apparently given to self-assertion. He has been charged with unsoundness of doctrine with respect to a "middle state," and his case was to come before the Synod.—The case of a Mr. Robertson, a member of the Free Church, was to come before the Assembly. Mr. R. denies the inspiration of the Scriptures, and is a disciple of Colenso. He was very properly cut off from the communion of the Church, but he insists on carrying up his case to the higher courts.

A most earnest attempt is being made in Glasgow and other large Scottish towns to carry the Gospel to the lapsed masses. It is stated that in Glasgow alone there are more than 100,000 who are in absolute heathenism. All the churches combine in this effort to evangelize the "home heathen."

The Presbyteries of the Established Church have been trying hard to prevent the passing of the Education Bill now be-