

now leaves it in a high state of efficiency with a communion roll of 780 members. Mr. Duncan received a very handsome recognition of his services from the congregation in the shape of an address accompanied by a purse of money. It is said that he intends returning to Canada. The Moderators of the Scottish Assemblies for this year will both be from the Highlands, Rev. Peter McKenzie, D. D. of Ferintosh, of the Church of Scotland, and Rev. Walter R. Taylor, D. D. of Thurso, of the Free Church, having been respectively nominated. Rev. John Snodgrass, son of Dr. Snodgrass, of Canonbie, formerly Principal of Queen's College at Kingston, Ont., has been elected minister of Lossiemouth Church in the Presbytery of Elgin. Mr. Henry Fawcett, Postmaster General, has been elected Lord Rector of Glasgow University and Sir Stafford Northcote, and Mr. J. Russell Lowell as Lord Rectors of the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrew's respectively.

St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, recently restored to its original beauty by the late William Chambers, was lately the scene of a very interesting ceremony in connection with the depositing within its walls the old colours of fifteen Scottish regiments. The ceremony which combined religious services with military observances was attended by a very large number of people. A case of heresy has cropped up in the Australian Presbyterian Church in the person of Rev. C. Strong of the Scots' Church, Melbourne. The chief charge against Mr. Strong is the failure on his part to give due prominence in his teaching, to the incarnation, the atoning life and death, and the resurrection and ascension of Christ. In short, he is charged with promulgating Unitarian or pantheistic ideas. Mr. Strong tendered his resignation, but the question arises, can the Presbytery in such circumstances accept a minister's resignation? What kind of Presbyterian certificate should they give, if any? The matter was referred, simpliciter, to the Assembly. In the meantime the congregation has seceded from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the hope, it is alleged in some quarters, that it will be recognized by the Church of Scotland, though most are inclined to think that the good old Mother Church is not so fond of schismatics as to endorse Mr. Strong's vagaries.

Had Martin Luther risen from the dead and been seen walking the streets of Eisleben he could not have created a greater sensation than has the four hundredth anniversary of his birthday. The 10th of November was fittingly commemorated by all the Protestant churches in Europe and America, more enthusiastically, of course, by some branches of the church than others, yet by all the old story of Luther's life and struggle was rehearsed and the les-

sons to be derived therefrom were anew brought to remembrance. The Presbyterians were not behind in honouring the day. Neither were the Canadians, we are happy to say, of all denominations. It was not to be expected that the demonstrations should have been quite so pronounced in France, where Calvin is rather looked up to as the founder of the Reformed Church. In Germany, however, the occasion was marked by special enthusiasm. A series of celebrations extending over a length of time were observed in the principal towns, but that at Eisleben surpassed them all. On the birthday of the great Reformer 30,000 visitors streamed into the little town to take part in the festivities. The clergy and civic authorities marched in procession to the Church of St. Andrew's in which Luther's pulpit was decorated with laurel. As the clock struck twelve the ceremony of unveiling the Luther memorial commenced with the singing of "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott." Stirring addresses were delivered. Then came a historical procession representing Luther's reception by the Count of Mansfield on his last journey to Eisleben. The cavalcade was of the most imposing description, the central figure being a representation of Luther seated in a richly decorated carriage, having at his side his friend Justus Jonas and his three sons, Johannes, Marten, and Paul. The town authorities marched in holiday attire. Youthful choristers, wearing long black coats, sang melodious hymns composed by the Reformer, while a large body of retainers, armed with javelins and cross-bows, closed the procession. The meaning of all this is that the nineteenth century recognizes its indebtedness to Luther and a few other men, likeminded, for the priceless boon of our open Bible and freedom of thought and speech.

CANADA.—Rev. Dr. Duff, minister of the Congregational Church at Sherbrooke, P. Q. died suddenly in London, England, on the 19th of November, aged 74. Dr. Duff was minister of Fraserburg, and of Hawick, Scotland, before he came to Canada. In consequence of the provisional union of the four Methodist Churches in Canada, soon to be legalized by Dominion and Provincial Legislature, it has been found necessary to consolidate the educational work of the uniting churches. A Commission charged with full powers in this matter, recently met in Toronto and decided upon the consolidation of Albert College at Belleville, belonging to the M. E. Church, with Victoria University at Cobourg. The former thus surrenders its University charter. It continues work however, as a grammar school or seminary affiliated to Victoria University. The three ladies' colleges in Ontario, at Whitby, Hamilton and St. Thomas, continue as heretofore, as also the