

THE CHURCH.

Whitehall, July 13.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. David Strong to the church and parish of Dally, in the Presbytery of Ayr, and county of Ayr, vacant in consequence of the Rev. William Chalmers, late minister thereof, having ceased to be a minister of the Church of Scotland.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Rev. John Wilson to the church and parish of Forgandenny, in the Presbytery and county of Perth, vacant in consequence of the Rev. James Drummond, late minister thereof, having ceased to be a minister of the Church of Scotland.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Rev. David Thompson to the church and parish of Forgan, or St. Phillans, in the Presbytery of St. Andrew's, and county of Fife, vacant in consequence of the Rev. Charles Nairn, late minister thereof, having ceased to be a minister of the Church of Scotland.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Rev. Alexander Gardner to the charge and office of Second Minister of the Church and parish of Brechin, in the Presbytery of Brechin, and shire of Angus, vacant in consequence of the Rev. Alexander Leith Ross Foote, late minister thereof, having ceased to be a minister of the Church of Scotland.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Rev. Francis MacGill to the United churches and parishes of Larbert and Dunipace, in the Presbytery and county of Stirling, vacant in consequence of the Rev. John Bonar, late minister thereof, having ceased to be a minister of the Church of Scotland.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Rev. Robert J. Johnstone to the church and parish of Dunblane, in the Presbytery of Dunblane, and county of Perth, vacant in consequence of the Rev. Wm. M'Kenzie, late minister thereof, having ceased to be a minister of the Church of Scotland.

EXPECTED PRESENTATIONS—Negotiations are at present going on, by which the following changes in the arrangements in the Presbytery of Perth are, we understand, likely to be effected, viz., Mr Ritchie of St. Martin's, to Longforgan, vacant by the demission of the Rev. Mr Walker; Mr Struthers of Rhynd, to Errol, vacant by the demission of the Rev. Mr Grierson; Mr M'Lean, Chaplain to the Penitentiary, to Kinfrauns, vacant by the demission of the Rev. Mr M'Laggan.

The following presentations are alleged to have just been issued:—Mr Wood of Gartsherrie has got Renfrew; Mr Gillon of Wishaw, Abbotshall; Mr Davie of Milngavie, Houston; Mr Birkmyre, late of Canada, West Kilbride; Mr Kinross of Leith, Largs; Mr Johnstone of Kilbarchan, Cambus'ang; Mr Macrae of Glasgow, Kirkpatrick-Fleming; Mr M'Gill of ditto, Larbert and Dunipace; Mr Aitkin of Kilmarnock, the High Church there; Mr Reid of Gretna, Bog or Brog, near Kirkcudbright; Mr Brydson of Lovern, Kilmacollm; Mr Underwood of Greenhead, Kirkcudbright.

TWEEDSMUIR.—The Principal and Masters of St. Mary's College, St. Andrew's, have presented Mr Archibald Tod to the church and parish of Tweedsmuir. Mr Tod has for some years performed the duties of Missionary in the parish of St. Andrew's with faithfulness and much acceptability.

On Sunday last, the Rev. Andrew Brown, B.A., preached to the remaining congregation of the parish of Newton-on-Ayr, and was, on Monday following, by the unanimous voice of patrons and people, presented to the church.

Lord Blantyre has presented to the vacant parish of Blantyre the Rev. Samuel Paterson, who has for some time been labouring most usefully and acceptably as a parochial missionary in the wynds and lanes of the Tron parish of Glasgow.

CHURCH AFFAIRS.—Several of the vacant parishes in this district are getting filled up. In Renfrew, the choice, we believe, has fallen on the Rev. Mr Wood, and the council are in communication with Government on the subject of the presentation. Mr Brydson of the Lovern church has received, and we believe accepted, a presentation to Kilmacollm. The hearers of this minister will part with him with sincere regret. He has been greatly esteemed in the district; so much so, that though a few of the members of his congregation are inclined to Free Church principles, not one of them left him at the disruption. Mr Fleming of Barrochan has issued a presentation in favour of Mr Dale, minister of a *quoad sacra* church at Milngavie, and that rev. gentleman has accepted. At Lochwinnoch, it was expected that the services of Mr Strong, Kilmarnock, would have been secured, as the patrons were generally in his favour, but he has declined, and report assigns to him the parish of Dally, of which Dr Hill was formerly incumbent.—In Paisley, nothing has been done; the Council, as patrons, being engaged in the inquiry whether one or more of the churches can be suppressed. We understand that Mr Glas, of Bracadale, has given the preference to Musselburgh, and that no other individual has yet been fixed on by the Free United Congregation of Paisley. They are, however, in communication with two other ministers, with a view to one of them being called. Mr Findlay will, it is supposed, be invited to become Mr Stewart's helper there.—*Paisley Advertiser.*

AYR.—The patrons of the Newton Church, with the entire concurrence of the freemen, and the unanimous approbation of the members of the congregation, have presented the Rev. Andrew Brown, assistant minister at Kilmaurs, to the church and parish of Newton-upon-Ayr.

CUPAR.—On Monday evening the General Committee, lately appointed by the congregation, held an adjourned meeting—Captain Wemyss of Wemyss Hall in the chair. The meeting unanimously resolved to apply to her Majesty's Government to appoint Mr Cochrane to the first charge of Cupar. At the same time, on the motion of Mr Pagan, the meeting farther resolved to ask a reasonable time to select and recommend a second minister for the approbation of Government.—*Fifehire Journal.*

ROSSKERN.—It is rumoured that Mr Mackenzie, Cromarty, will be presented to the benefice of this parish as soon as the church is declared vacant.

LOCHBROOM.—The Presbytery of Lochcarron have declared the church of Lochbroom vacant, and we understand it is likely Dr Ross will be succeeded by Mr M'Leod of Morven, brother of the Rev. Dr M'Leod.

The Rev. David Mitchell, late of Pulteneytown, has been unanimously elected to be their pastor by the Free Congregation of St. Luke's, Glasgow.