

PORTRAIT OF THE LATE REV. ALEXANDER GARDNER, BRECHIN CATHEDRAL CHURCH.—The portrait of the late Rev. Alex. Gardner, of the second charge of the parish of Brechin, as painted by Sir George Reid, P.R.S.A., is now completed, and has been received at Brechin. The portrait was painted at the request of his numerous friends for presentation on the occasion of the jubilee of his ministry on 12th August, 1892. It was not, however, completed by that time, and at Mr Gardner's death in the early part of this year, although well advanced towards completion, it still wanted finishing touches. The portrait was thus never formally presented to Mr Gardner, who, in anticipation of his demise, bequeathed it to the care and custody for all time coming of the Town Council of Brechin. This body accepted the trust, and have resolved that it shall be hung in that apartment of the Public Library set apart for the books composing Mr Gardner's private library, which he bequeathed in trust to the Public Library Committee. The portrait, which will be put in position in the course of a few days, represents a full-length picture of Mr Gardner, set in a massive frame, with a tablet bearing the following inscription:—
“The Rev. Alexander Gardner, M.A., minister, Brechin, painted at the request of his parishioners and fellow-citizens, and a wide circle of other friends, and presented to Mr Gardner as a memorial of his jubilee as a minister of the Church of Scotland on 12th August, 1892, and in testimony of their respect and estimation.”