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On the 19th of March last, a collection was made in the different churches and chapels of Edinburgh for the Parochial Institutions of that city, which amounted to £.397 = 14s.

The new line of road over the Calton-hill was contracted for about the end of April, and considerable progress has been already made on it. The contractors for carrying it into effect are the same who have so very ably conducted the improvement on Leith Walk, which, in place of being a nuisance to the country, has now become an ornament to the place.

On Monday the 3d of April, a melancholy accident happened at Benston Lime Works, in the neighbourhood of Cumnock. When the men had begun to work in the morning, a lump of earth fell, which killed one man upon the spot, broke both the legs of another, and slightly hurt a third: what is remarkable in this case is, that John Miller, brother to Matthew Miller, the man who was unfortunately killed, was also killed at the same work, about ten weeks before, by an accident of the same kind. Both were stout able workmen, in the prime of life, and John has left a widow and two children to deplore his loss.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Synod of Glasgow and Ayr, they had before them the settlement of the parish of Cumbernauld. Mr Richardson of Kirkconnel having sent a letter to the Moderator, resigning his presentation to that parish, which he had formerly accepted; the patron immediately granted a new presentation to Mr John Watson, preacher, and the business having come before the Presbytery in January last, they agreed to accept of Mr Richardson's resignation, and to proceed in Mr Watson's settlement according to the rules of the church. Against this judgment an appeal, and also certain complaints against the Presbytery for proceeding too hastily, were entered to the Synod. After hearing parties at great length, the Synod, by a considerable majority, affirmed the sentence of the Presbytery, from which we understand no appeal was taken.

The University of Glasgow has conferred the degree of L.L.D. on the Rev. William Pearson, of East Sheen, Surrey, and on the Rev. Philip Jennings, of Worcester College, Oxford; also, the degree of D. D. on the Rev. John Allan, Chaplain to the East India Company on the Scots establishment at Madras.

On the 16th of April, the Faculty of the University of Glasgow made choice of Mr Josiah Walker to be Professor of Humanity, in room of the late Mr Richardson.

James Moray, Esq. of Abercainry, patron of the parish of Blackford, has presented Mr Clark, preacher of the Gospel, to that living, vacant by the death of the late Mr Stevenson.

The Associate Burgher congregation of Kilmarnock gave a harmonious call to Mr Peter Campbell, preacher of the gospel, to be their minister.

On the 3d of April came on the annual election of office-bearers of the Society of High Constables of the city of Edinburgh, when the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen:—

John Gall, Esq. Moderator.
Peter Forbes, Esq. Treasurer.
Andrew Grierson, Esq. Chaplain.
William Child, Esq. Secretary.

The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry has given Mr James Hogg, author of the "Queen's Wake," and other works of great poetical merit, a pastoral farm, at a rent merely nominal, in that track of romantic country from which the bard derives his title of the "Etrick Shepherd."

We have much pleasure in informing the shipowners of Clyde and the country in general, that the Commissioners for the northern lights have resolved to erect a light house on the point of Corsil, at the entrance of Lochryan, on the coast of Galloway; and that an application is to be immediately made to Parliament for an act to empower the Commissioners to erect a light-house on the Point of Ayre, in the Isle of Man.

APPOINTMENTS.

[From the London Gazette.]

Carlton-House, March 9.—The Prince Regent this day conferred the honour of Knighthood on John Campbell, Esq. Lieut. Colonel in the British service, and Colonel in the 4th regiment of Portuguese cavalry, and Knight of the Royal Portuguese Military Order of the Tower and Sword.

War Office, March 28. The following officers in the East India Company's service, appointed to rank by brevet as Lieutenant Generals in his Majesty's army, in the East Indies only, viz.: Major-General Charles Morgan, Thomas Bridges, William Jones; William Popham, Robert Stuart, Thomas Geils, Gabriel Johnston, George Deare, James Nicol, George Conyngham, John Peche, Thomas Trent, Robert Nicholson, Richard Tolson, Vere Werner Hussey, David Smith, Richard Jones, William Nevil Cameron, and Daniel Burr.

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