

## THE GUARDIAN.

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## ADDRESS TO MERCHANTS AND MARINERS ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

We have often wished that some efficient plan were adopted for promoting the moral and spiritual improvement of the Seamen who frequent this port. Every year hundreds and thousands of poor weather-beaten, hardy Sailors from all parts of the world visit our shores. Naturally generous, thoughtless, and improvident, they spend their hard earned wages too often in the haunts of dissipation and profligacy, and are seldom, if ever seen in the House of Prayer.

It is certainly a very solemn and affecting consideration, to a truly pious mind to think, that the persons on whom our commerce chiefly depends, the bold and adventurous seamen, who are employed in carrying our most valuable commodities from Halifax to the remotest Colonies of the Empire, as well as Foreign Ports, should be so much left to themselves, and so entirely cut off from the blessings of Religion which we happily enjoy. Efforts upon an extended scale should surely be made for their instruction and immortal welfare. They ought to be taught to remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy, to be invited to attend the Sanctuary of the Lord, and carefully instructed like the rest of the inhabitants, in the doctrines and duties of Christianity.

In all the principal ports of the United Kingdom, and throughout the United States, Societies have been formed for the purpose of superintending the Religious interests of the neglected Sailors, and in many places Floating Chapels have been opened for Divine Service on the Lord's day. The good effects resulting from such exertions, have been extensively felt and gratefully acknowledged; and we are convinced that if a similar place of Worship were opened in the Harbour of Halifax, it would be numerously attended, not only by Sailors from Foreign and Colonial ports, but also by persons from the coasting vessels on our own shores.

The subject is well worthy of attention, and the Address which we have this day published, on the Observance of the Lord's day, ought to be carefully read by every Merchant, Shipowner, Captain, Master and Seamen in this place, as it recommends a duty which is alas! too much neglected, and points out the best and safest course to draw down upon ourselves and each other the blessing of God in this world, and to prepare for perfect and endless felicity in the next.

## CAPE BRETON.

We announced to our readers two weeks ago, that the Ladies Association of Edinburgh, which has for a number of years befriended the benighted inhabitants of the island of Cape Breton, had resolved to hold a bazaar of ladies work at Largs, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Countess of Glasgow, to assist in sending out four additional teachers to that island. The bazaar was held agreeably to appointment, on the 15th and 16th of August, and produced the sum of £119 to the funds of the Association.—With this assistance these benevolent ladies were enabled to accomplish the object which they had so much at heart. On Thursday last, Mr. and Mrs. Munro Miss Gordon, and Mr. M'Donald, all arrived safely in the Acadian from Greenock, and are now preparing to proceed to the scene of their future labours.—Mr. and Mrs. Munro, are appointed to conduct the school at Boularderie Island, Miss Gordon opens school at the Middle River, and Mr. M'Donald proceeds either to Wycogomah or Malagawatch. They are all very intelligent and pious persons, intimately acquainted with the Normal System of teaching, and zealously attached to the cause of Education.

They have come to the province highly recommended, and we have no doubt they will meet with much attention and encouragement in the discharge of the

arduous and important duties which they have undertaken, and are so well qualified to perform. During their short residence in Halifax, they have enjoyed the well known hospitality of their friends, and the Hon. S. Cunard, with his accustomed public spirit and liberality, has granted them a free passage in one of his vessels, now about to sail for Sydney.

Extract of a Letter from one of the Clergymen of the City of Glasgow, to one of the Ministers of this Town.

11 WILLIAM STREET, GLASGOW,  
24th August, 1839.

MY DEAR SIR,

"The bearer of this from Scotland is Mr. Munro, who is to be employed as a teacher in Cape Breton. He has been trained at the Normal Seminary here, and bears a very high character for principle, talent, industry, and efficiency as a teacher. I take the liberty of introducing him to you at his own request, believing that you will find him an estimable acquaintance.

Of course you will be acquainted with the important matters in which our Church has lately, and is still involved. I am glad to say that in most influential quarters, her proceedings are better understood, and a very strong desire entertained by all parties, to have the dispute between her and the Civil Courts amicably adjusted. The Lord Advocate and the Procurator for the Church are appointed by the Government to prepare a Bill for Parliament, to give validity to the *Veto Act*, and in the meantime the Crown settlements are to be invariably made in accordance with it. At a meeting of the Assembly's Commission last week, the law of the Church was vigorously maintained, and on the motion of Dr. Gordon of the High Church, Edinburgh, the Presbytery of Auchterarder were enjoined not to settle Mr. Young in the parish of Auchterarder. I do not know what may be your views of the question, but in this I think we will agree, that if a Church Court is to be compelled to give Ordination to a presentee at the bidding of a Civil Court, after he has been pronounced unqualified, the independence of the Church is gone, and she dwindles down in the literal acceptance, to be a creature of the state.

You will be pleased to hear of the rapid advances which are made in Church Extension.—Plans are made by which the *Twentieth* additional Church will be erected in Glasgow within two years to come.—My own which is St. Luke's, is in a most prosperous condition, with a Parish School attended by about 200 children. We have 20 Sabbath Schools in it.—You will likewise be pleased with the movement now made in behalf of the Jews, and the general success attending the other Assembly's schemes. By the way, there is more difficulty experienced now, than formerly, in procuring Ministers to embark for the Colonies. The reason of this probably is, the increase of Churches at home requiring an increase of labourers, and a preference is commonly given by Preachers to Australia. Are you thinking of another Mission to Scotland, to awaken fresh interest in your cause? I don't know if you are acquainted with the Parish of Kilsyth, about 11 miles from Glasgow. Mr. Burns, brother to Dr. Burns of Paisley, is the Minister. There is just now in that parish a *striking revival*, as marked as any of the revivals about the middle of last century. It is universal in the parish, and the most abandoned of the people, are under deep concern. There is worship every day in the Church, and many a night do the people spend at Prayer Meetings among themselves. May the Spirit of God water the interest which he has thus excited, and render it permanent for the spiritual welfare of the enquirers. Last week a similar revival took place in St. Peter's Church, Dundee."

TO THE PUBLIC.

Ever since the commencement of our Weekly Periodical, we have been deeply indebted to our Agents and friends throughout the Country, for their valuable assistance both in procuring additional subscri-

bers in their immediate vicinities, and in undertaking to collect and to remit annual subscriptions on our behalf. Whilst we gratefully acknowledge their kind favours, we would embrace the present opportunity of reminding our friends and well-wishers, that we have still urgent need of their continued patronage and support, in promoting the circulation of our paper, and in rendering it generally acceptable to the public.

They will not fail, we trust, to bear in mind, that the publication of the Guardian is only an experiment, undertaken by one individual, for the instruction of the Community in the doctrines of Religion and Morality, that it is the only paper in these Colonies conducted upon Presbyterian principles, that whilst it has eschewed Religious controversy, it has frequently and strenuously advocated union and harmony among all the members of the Presbyterian Church, and peace and good will toward all men. And ought not such a Periodical to be liberally supported? Is there not a sufficiently wide field for its influence and circulation? Would not many a family throughout the Country feel greatly disappointed if the Guardian should cease to make its appearance in their dwellings? We ask these questions not from any fear of ultimate success, but to stimulate our friends to obtain for us immediate additional support.

The assistance we have already received, is both liberal and encouraging. But we cannot consider our paper as fully established, till it defray its own expenses, if it afford no remuneration to the humble individual who is compelled to spend many anxious and laborious hours in superintending its publication. No time therefore ought to be lost in remitting all the subscriptions due for the last year, to enable the publisher to meet the current expenditure, amounting to almost £2 daily, and also in increasing our list of subscribers. We are convinced that many individuals only require an invitation from some of their nearest neighbours, to induce them to enrol their names in the ranks of our Readers and supporters.

## INDIAN MISSION.

It gives us great pleasure to learn that the friends of the General Assembly's India Mission are getting up libraries for the use of the young men educating at the Missions at the different Presidencies. Considerable progress has been made in this good work. Bombay and Madras are in the course of being provided for by friends in Edinburgh and the east of Scotland. We understand that Calcutta is to be left to Glasgow and the zeal of the west; and as it is intended that Dr. Duff shall leave this country early in September, those who wish to aid in this interesting cause have no time to lose in sending in their contributions of books or of money. Either will be most acceptable. Already Messrs. Collins, Ogle, Brash, M'Phun, Blackie, booksellers, have promised, and most of them sent in important contributions of books. We trust their good example will be generally followed. The appetite of the opening minds of the young Hindoos for knowledge, especially British, Dr. Duff declares to be actually "ravenous." How important that it be supplied, and with wholesome food. We believe that, leaving out polemical divinity on points of inferior importance, and works of fiction, whether in poetry or prose, scarcely any books can come amiss. Theology, history, travels, science, art, general literature, will all be welcome and useful. Many men have in their libraries duplicates or inferior editions of good books, which are of little value to them. We know not a better destination for them than the Calcutta library. They will be much more read and valued there than here. Where there are no books to part with, a few shillings may be spared with the certainty of doing good. The Rev. Mr. Lorimer, who is treasurer to the Mission Fund in Glasgow, will take charge of any books, maps, &c. or money, for the objects above described.—*Scottish Guardian*.

Bo'ness, 20th Aug. 1839.—Presentation to the Rev. John M. Brooke.—The Rev. J. M. Brooke, late assistant to the Rev. Dr. Rennie, having been appointed by the Colonial Society to the Church of New Richmond, in the Bay of Chaleur, was, in consequence, ordained by the Presbytery of Linlithgow, on the 18th of July last. His friends in the town and vicinity, to whom he had very much endeared himself by his many amiable qualities, and by the faithful discharge of his duties while employed among them, resolved to present him with a piece of plate, as a token of their high respect for his character, and in testimony of