

the question was often put to me: "Are you bond or free?" I had no relish for such questions, and did not usually return satisfactory answers. In Glasgow I called to see an old acquaintance. The lady brought in a glass of wine, but, before giving me the wine, she wished to know whether I was "bond or free." I attempted to avoid the question by telling her that in the time of a revival in America, they asked an Irishman to what side he belonged. Paddy replied that he had never seen any religion, but he could turn his hand to it. I was then in danger of being thrown overboard as an Unitarian, and would have lost the wine had not a brother officer of mine, who was with me, told her that I was justly entitled to the wine, for I was a correspondent of the Rev. Dr. Chalmers.

At that time the Kirk was almost deserted, and the Church of Scotland reminded me of a noble ship which had been in a storm and had lost her spars. She has regained the harbor; and we hope that under the fostering care of heaven, she may continue to spread truth and holiness over the hills and valleys of Scotland.

George has done a good work in India. He intends to leave Ceylon, with his wife and family, in May. I hope that you and Mr. Herdman and others will forward his views when he comes to Nova Scotia.

I see that some of your missionaries have gone home. They might have waited a little longer.

I have been confined to the house for five years with rheumatism and erysipelas. If I get better I must pay you a visit. I fear that Mr. Martin will not recover. Write me soon, and give my kind regards to Mr. Pollok and Mr. Herdman.

Yours, truly,
JOHN SPROTT.

Ministers seeking Re-admission into the Church of Scotland.

At the last ordinary meeting of the Established Presbytery of Edinburgh, a petition was submitted from the Rev. Alexander W. Brown, who was minister of St. Bernard's, Edinburgh, in 1841, and seceded from the Church of Scotland in 1843, and was for 20 years minister of Free St. Bernard's, praying to be re-admitted into the Church of Scotland. Mr. Brown resigned his charge of Free St. Bernard's in 1863, on account of some differences with his people as to stipend. Mr. Brown's petition contained the following statements:—"That, while your petitioner felt it to be his duty in 1843 to leave the Established Church, he has also felt it to be his duty, in consequence of certain recent events, seriously to reconsider his position. That, with the views which your petitioner entertains—first, with regard to the principle of a national recognition and a national support

of the Christian religion; and, next, with regard to the freedom of Christian ministry—these events have led him to look back upon his succession with a feeling of regret. That your petitioner has no hesitation in expressing to your Reverend Court his regret at having taken such a step; that he has cordially rejoined the communion of the Established Church; and that he now respectfully asks to be re-admitted as an ordained minister within its pale." The petition was remitted to a Committee, without remarks, to consider and report to next meeting of Presbytery. Reports were given in from two Committees as to clergymen wishing admission into the Church of Scotland. The one report recommended that the petition of Dr. Wrightson, who was at one time a minister in Philadelphia, and had recently been minister of a congregation in the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in communion with the Presbyterian body of England, should be transmitted to the Assembly, with a recommendation that Dr. Wrightson should be admitted as a licentiate of the Church of Scotland. A similar report was given in in the case of the application from the Rev. Mr. Begg, lately a Free Church minister in Australia.

KINGSTON CHURCH, GLASGOW.—A congregational soiree in connection with this church was held on the evening of the 20th April, in the Trades' Hall,—the Rev. Robert Pollok, in the chair. Tea having been served, a short but appropriate address was delivered by the chairman; after which the congregational and Sabbath school reports were submitted by Messrs. Smith and Clement. The statements made by the latter gentleman showed that the number of children attending the Sabbath school amounted to 122, and that there were 13 teachers, being an increase on the previous year. The adoption of the reports was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried. Mr. Smith then, as representing the congregation, presented Mr. Pollok with a handsome timepiece, together with a purse, containing £100, as an expression of their esteem for him in his private and ministerial capacity. Mr. Pollok acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. Addresses were afterwards delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Dodds, Cochran, and Charteris. A number of anthems were sung during the evening by an efficient choir, with accompaniments on the organ.

THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Presbyterial Examination.

McLENNAN'S MOUNTAIN.

THE Presbytery of Pictou met at McLennan's Mountain on the 24th day of March, for examination. After sermon by the Rev. A. Herdman, the members of Presbytery who appeared, were Messrs. Herdman, Mc-