

that no tendency is stronger than that of placing the secondary in the room of the primary and then giving that attention to the secondary which is due to the primary. The Churches that have seceded from the Church of Scotland have done so, not from regard to doctrine, the administration of the Sacraments, or the essential principles of spiritual discipline, but from regard to Church policy or government; and therefore, in order that the latter may appear a just ground, first, for separation, and then for continuance of the same, an undue importance must of necessity be attached to it, otherwise, the position becomes untenable, and the duty of holding it passes away.

5. And lastly, I consider that the advantages of a National Establishment are so many and so important that nothing can justify giving them up but the impossibility of holding them—without committing sin; and as such a condition is not required in this country, I feel it to be my duty, holding as I do the views now expressed, to seek admission into the Established Church of Scotland, in order that I may become, if the Lord will, a humble supporter of that Church.

(Signed) ANDREW BEGG.

The application was ordered to lie on the table till next meeting of Presbytery, when evidence would be required of the education and status of the applicant in accordance with the rules of the General Assembly.

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Established Presbytery of Glasgow.

THIS rev. body met on Wednesday—Mr. Hill, Eaglesham, moderator. On the motion of Dr. Craik, seconded by Dr. Paton, it was agreed to transmit congratulatory addresses to the Queen and Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of the birth of the infant Prince. The overture agent ministerial commission came up for discussion, but it was agreed to meet specially on Wednesday for the discussion of the subject. A deputation from the managers and congregation of St. Mary's Church, Patrick, appeared and presented an extract from the minutes of session appointing the Rev. Mr. Mackie, assistant in St. George's, Edinburgh, as their pastor, at a stipend of £300, with an increase as soon as the prosperity of the church would warrant it. A letter from Mr. Mackie, intimating acceptance of the presentation to St. Mary's, was also read. Mr. Mackie's certificate of license was, however, not produced, and the Presbytery agreed to receive the paper on Wednesday, and take the steps necessary. The Clerk read a letter from Dr. Leishman, Govan, in which the rev. gentleman stated that several parishioners of Govan resident in and near Pollokshields wished to submit to the Presbytery for their approbation the plans and estimates of a new

church, which is proposed to be erected in Pollock Street, Govan Parish. It is to be called Maxwell Church, is to contain 1000 sittings, and is expected to cost about £3000. The site, with a subscription of £100, is the munificent gift of Sir John Maxwell, of Pollock. The deputation, consisting of Messrs. Wilson and William and Alexander McConochie, appeared in support of the application, which was agreed to, a special vote of thanks being awarded to Sir John Maxwell for his liberality. Dr. Craik gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the Presbytery should petition Parliament for the purpose of asking some delay before the enactment of the revised Code should be applied to Scotland. Dr. Macleod obtained leave of absence till the beginning of May, in order to make a visit to Palestine. This was all the business.—*Glasgow paper.*

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THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Presbyterian Examinations.

SALTSPRINGS.

THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU met at Saltsprings, on the 15th of March, for Presbyterian examination there, when, after sermon by the Rev. Simon McGregor, the members present—namely, Messrs. McGregor, Pollok and McKay, Ministers; and Mr. John Fraser, Elder—proceeded to examine into the state of the congregation. The answers of the clergyman showed that his duties were very onerous, and performed with great zeal and perseverance. Mr. McKay preaches in one place of worship at Saltsprings, and occasionally in stations. He finds that he cannot, without much difficulty, keep a Bible Class. There are four prayer-meetings kept up in Saltsprings alone. Mr. McKay is in the habit of catechising his congregation, but, as he was absent in Scotland during the course of last year, he employed a Catechist, at his own expense, who held diets of catechising throughout his whole congregation. A Bible Society is in existence in this part of the congregation, and the Bible is read in all the schools, so far as known to Mr. McKay.

By the questions put to the Elders, it was elicited that their number, in this section, was eight, but, as two, from old age, were not acting, this number was not considered sufficient. The elders visited the sick, and took part in prayer-meetings in the congregation. There are two Sabbath Schools, numbering sixty scholars, who are taught by six teachers. There are 98 communicants, and, during the past year, there have been no accessions to the roll. The average attendance in the Church at Saltsprings is 550. During the past year, 26 baptisms have been administered, and all the Schemes of the Church have been supported by collections.

The Church at Saltsprings is incorporated,