

we enlarged the room and fitted it up with new furniture without paying anything for carpenter's work. I am no carpenter, only an apprentice, but Mr. McDonald is "to the manor born" and I serve under him. For ecclesiastics, carpentry and fishing, I believe, are the most honourable positions.

Mr. McDonald takes oversight of all the Estate schools in this quarter, ten in number, and has been working with great diligence and spirit.

Since the change in the San Fernando School, I have had more to do with teaching in it than I quite care for, preaching to the people in their own language being, I believe, my first duty. A desire to economize in the teacher's salary has led to this; but so soon as I can engage a suitable teacher, I intend to do so, and trust to the cents and dimes of the children of Canada to meet the outlay.

I hoped to report several baptisms by this letter, but have postponed them as some of the candidates require further instruction. There are eight men, two women, and five children on one estate desiring baptism. Mrs. Morton has undertaken the special instruction of the women, which has to be carried on in Hindustani. Four of the children attend school and read well, two of them read Hindoo as well as English. By a little delay we hope to baptize the whole company together and to marry the heads of two families. On another estate, in Mr. Grant's field, there are a number of candidates whose case will be carefully considered shortly, and two couples of them are to be married in a few days.

Having an offer of hard pine lumber and boards at \$28 per 1000 feet, while the usual price is from \$35 to \$50 per 1000 feet, with the advice of brethren, I have begun the proposed house at The Mission Village, Savannah Grande, believing that I was thereby consulting the best interests of our church. The undertaking being one of considerable weight and responsibility, I trust the church will hold the rope with firmness and not let us down too suddenly.

The occupation of The Mission Village will mark an important step in the progress of our work.

JOHN MORTON.

## ECCLESIASTICAL NEWS.

### SCOTLAND.

THE REV. DR. LOCKHART of Milton Lockart, lately deceased, was well known for many years as the parish minister of Inchinnan, which position he resigned in

1857, when he succeeded to the old family estate near Carluke, Lanarkshire.

PRINCIPAL TULLOCH'S lectures in Edinburgh, on Sin, are spoken of by the press in the terms of high commendation, alike for their theology and learning. They will add another to the Doctor's already numerous contributions to the standard theological literature of the day.

SIR WILLIAM MAXWELL, at a public meeting lately held in Glasgow, delivered an able address on the strength and the work of the Established Church, which, he affirmed, never stood in a stronger position than it does at the present time.

HOME MISSION SCHEME.—The Committee's expenditure for 1875 was unprecedentedly great. Over \$30,000 had been voted to 168 mission churches and stations, and \$27,000 towards the erection or enlargement of churches to contain 7685 sittings.

PRESENTATION.—Rev. Dr. James Sellar, Aberlour, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, has been presented in the manse at Aberlour, with his portrait in oil by Mr. Morrison, Elgin, a handsome waggonette and an épergne—the latter of which was subscribed for by friends in London.

The Established Church Presbytery of Glasgow has consented to the translation of the Rev. Mr. Jamieson from St. Matthew's to the Tron Church, Edinburgh.

"MOTHER" Stewart has addressed public meetings in Dunbarton, Dundee, and other towns, against intemperance, and was warmly received.

At the annual meeting of the Edinburgh Young Men's Christian Association, on the 12th inst, it was reported that 243 new members and associates had been admitted during the year.

FREE CHURCH.—In eight years the Free Church has added to its roll sixty-one new congregations. The estimated expenditure for its Home Missions for the current year is about \$50,000. In 1867, the amount raised for the SUSTENTATION FUND was £116,000 sterling, in 1875 it reached £153,000. The equal dividend is now £157, and it is boldly contemplated to bring it up within the current year to £200—very nearly one thousand dollars Canada currency.

The Free Church has been a Missionary Church from the very commencement of its existence. At the Disruption, nearly all the missionaries hitherto maintained by the Established Church joined its ranks, and its people at once undertook their support, and £6402 were raised for Foreign Missions