

and \$100 to the support of their pastor, the monthly offerings contributions in eight months amounted to \$110; the children in the Sabbath school also sent \$30 for the support of Mr. Kehala at Patakiwa. They proposed this year to pay \$700 for the support of their pastor, \$100 of it in vegetables for his table. At many places in Illinois and Iowa, the people of their own accord had anticipated the Lord's proclamation for a day of fasting and prayer in view of the coming year. In some places several such days have been observed. "In works of charity," says Mr. Cass, "they are not going backward." At the last monthly concert at the station \$240 were given, and more than \$2000 have been contributed in four months. "This, however, is unusual. It was the spontaneous offering of the people, and may not be depended upon to an equal amount in all future contributions. Children, widows, the poor, throw in fifty cents or a dollar at a monthly concert occasion. How many poor labourers do this in the United States! And how many of the rich do not do it?"—*Jb.*

IONA.—This is a small island on the west of Scotland, and about thirty miles from the mainland. It is not more than three miles long, and one and a-half broad, and is said to be a rocky, barren, and worthless spot. It has, notwithstanding, a very interesting history, and particularly as having been the residence of the renowned Irish Missionary, Columba, who introduced the Gospel into Scotland, and the northern parts of England in the sixth century.

This eminently good and holy man was born in the county of Donegal, Ireland, A.D., 521, and after a long and laborious life, the greater part of which was spent in promulgating the Gospel in Scotland, he died on the island of Iona, A.D. 597, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He is said to have regarded the Sabbath with special sanctity, and accounted it a great privilege to end his life on that day. He retired, as was customary in those days to the church at midnight to pray, and was found the next morning on his knees dead. This circumstance, together with the uncommon piety of his life, imparted quite a sanctity to the place, and, in consequence, it was long after used as a burial ground for the kings of Scotland, Ireland, and Norway.

It is said that the present inhabitants of the island, of whom there are not more than thirty families, still regard the Sabbath with special reverence. A story is related, in illustration of this fact, in connexion with a visit of the Grand Duke Constantine, to the island some years since. The Duke wished to see the tombs of the kings on the Sabbath, but the old keeper of the Cathedral refused to give up the keys. When asked if he knew who the stranger was, the old Scotoman replied, "I discern exactly how. I supposed, from what the folk say, its only the Emperor of Russia; but I wadna gie up the key to my ain Quon on the Lord's day. There is a power aboon, superior to any earthly power; an I canna gie up the key." The life of this good and great man suggests some very important reflections. He had in his day no doubt, as many trials, difficulties and discouragements as any minister of the Gospel who lived since or before his time. If we were acquainted with his private experience, we would see that there were times, and perhaps of frequent occurrence, when he felt that his labours amounted to very little. It is now more than twelve centuries since he rested from his labors, and no doubt his influence, the influence of a holy life, is not only felt in the little island of Iona, but has given direction to the subsequent history of Scotland, and, in this indirect way has reached the most distant ends of the earth.

The Canadian Presbyterian Magazine.

TORONTO, DECEMBER, 1853.

An article upon the stark, staring, unblushing infidelity of Mackenzie, as published in his *Message*, is crowded out. *The Globe*, of the 12th, had a very satisfactory three columns and a-half on the man, to which, in the meantime, we refer our readers, and with which we coincide.

"A MANNA OF SYDNEY" must attach his name to his communication for three reasons—first, because it never could be understood in such a serious matter, that "any one" meant the name concealed; second, that he may show he is not ashamed to subscribe it; and third, that his name may be the best answer to it.

To SUBSCRIBERS.—We request that Subscribers in arrears send the sums due as soon as possible. Our rule is payment in advance, and though not strictly adhered to, it is hoped a due regard to the pecuniary interests of the magazine will be observed.

With the January number, an opportunity will be given for receiving new subscribers for one year; and we solicit friends to give such publicity and use such influence as they can, that the circulation may still be increased.

CIRCULAR.

To the Editor of the Canadian Presbyterian Magazine.

Toronto, 22nd Nov., 1853.

Dear Sir.—The Committee of the Upper Canada Bible Society will be thankful, if you will give publicity in your journal, to the accompanying list of Contributions to the "Jubilee Fund," which, it is expected, will be greatly increased. The Committee take this opportunity to express their warmest thanks to those friends and Branches who have already so liberally responded to their circular, and, at the same time, respectfully solicit others to do likewise.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Howann, Secretary, U. C. B. S.

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