

NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. F. R. McDonald.—We have been informed that the Rev. Finlay R. McDonald, at present labouring as a Missionary from the Colonial Committee within the bounds of Pictou Presbytery, has received an invitation to be the assistant of the Rev. Dr. Brooke, Fredericton, a position lately left vacant through the Rev. Wm. Murray accepting the charge of Campbelltown in the Presbytery of Miramichi. Mr. McDonald's talents fit him admirably for such a position in the capital of New Brunswick, and we congratulate by anticipation Dr. Brooke, who was the first Moderator of the United Synods, on such an auspicious consequence of the Union.

Cape Breton.—In response to the application of the Rev. Mr. Fraser, Cape Breton, for a Catechist to labour during the summer at Lake Uist and the surrounding districts, we understand that Mr. Donald Campbell, a young man acquainted with the Gaelic language, who is studying for the Church, and who has completed his four years' course in Arts at Dalhousie College, has been sent. The Home Mission Board would be enabled to do more in this way for our destitute outlying districts if all our congregations would make the collection enjoined by the Synod. But up to this date, the Treasurer has received collections in aid of the Synod's Home Mission from only about one-third of our congregations.

Missionary Tidings.—The latest news we have to report concerning our Missions is a communication just received from Mr. H. Robertson, dated New Zealand, Jan. 5th, 1869, in which he says that he has newly arrived by the *Dayspring* from the New Hebrides, and proposes taking ship for Nova Scotia, whether by Panama route or by Liverpool he is not decided. He writes, "I am glad to notice that you have now a missionary of your own, Mr. Goodwill, but this need not affect my movements in any way. Mr. Morrison is to join the *Dayspring* and go to Fate. Mr. and Mrs. Inglis came over with us to this place for the purpose of creating a deeper interest in this colony in the New Hebrides Mission; also, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Watt (brother to Mr. Watt of New Glasgow) have just arrived from Scotland, and will accompany the *Dayspring* in March. She is now in Port Chalmers being painted in order that the Sunday Scholars of Dunedin may visit her." It may be remembered that our Mission Board in October last accepted of Mr. Robertson's services as their missionary, and, therefore, the prayers of the church should be offered for his recovery and prosperity. With Rev. Mr. Goodwill as Senior and Mr. Robertson (who knows the language) as Assistant, our church may consider herself well equipped, and thank God and take courage. We trust that the resolution of Synod for prayers for our congregations once a month is by no means forgotten.

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Obituary.—We have to record the death, on the 24th of March, in the 70th year of his age, of Mr. John Brander,—for 15 years an Elder of St. James's Church, Newcastle. Mr. Brander was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and emigrated to New Brunswick in 1829, being then 30 years of age. He settled in Newcastle, soon after his arrival in America, and resided there for some 40 years. He was one of those sturdy, honest men, who are respected for their manly worth. A true specimen of the Scottish artizan, he was warmly attached to the church of his fathers. The estimation in which he was held was amply proved by the large number who followed his remains to their last resting place in St. James's cemetery.

J. R. T.