

hour of labour, arising from the shortness of the seasons in putting in and taking out crop—all combine to prevent a numerous and regular attendance. My income has certainly increased, but not as I was led to expect on my first coming into the country. We have all been deceived in this. No one can form a proper idea of this matter, and the difficulties in the way, unless he has personal experience of it, and I shall not attempt to give any reason. The great difficulty in Canada is to get "active, prudent, managers." The general complaint of all our ministers in Canada, is the want of disinterested and energetic men to carry on the temporal affairs of our congregations. Every one shifts the matter from himself upon another, for fear of annoyance and trouble. We trust this want, as well as all others, will in due time be supplied. Considering the state of this province for past years, we have reason to be grateful to the Great Head of the Church that our temporal and spiritual concerns are as they are. When our labours are more abundantly blessed, and we become more worthy of a blessing, all our affairs will abundantly prosper.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. RALPH DRUMMOND, dated Adelaide, 29th April, 1842.

I received your letter of 23d August last, informing me that the Committee on Foreign Missions have granted me a salary for three years, at the rate of one hundred pounds annually for the first and second years, and sixty pounds for the third. I request you to express to them my thanks for their liberal grant, and my hope that, by the time they have fixed for its discontinuance, the necessity for my receiving it shall have ceased. Neither my congregation, nor I, wish to have recourse to foreign aid to maintain the ordinances of the gospel among us; and you may rest assured that as soon as we see our way through our present difficulties, we shall rejoice to tell you that we ease you of this burden. I had given up my school before your letter reached me, resolved to give myself wholly to the ministry and risk all privations, and your timely aid has confirmed and encouraged me in the course I had marked out for myself. Our prospects are cheering. A minister of the Church of Scotland has lately come out to rally around him the high establishment party, but he has not as yet weakened us much, and I don't think he shall. We have built a very handsome church which will contain about 500 people. It is at present seated in a temporary manner till we get more funds, but it is very comfortable, and is as well attended, I believe, as most churches in town. We collect monthly to wear off our debt, which amounts to about £200. Had we been able to collect all the money that was subscribed for its erection, it would have been clear of any encumbrance, but the times suddenly changed with us from prosperity to depression, and we found ourselves thus far short of our expectations. We trust, however, to get gradually forward.