

ed, made it hard for them to think of parting with him.

Now that he is removed to a more prominent sphere of labor, we expect, by God's blessing, that he will be more successful. The Congregation of Brockville has suffered from various causes, and its members are not very numerous; but from their unanimity and love to Mr. Morrison and from his past labors in the ministry we look forward to a very different state of matters in that Church.

COMM.

THE REV. ANDREW BELL.

It is our painful duty to announce the lamented death of the Rev. Andrew Bell, of L'Original, late the Synod Clerk. This event was anticipated by all who came in contact with him at the last meeting of Synod. His sand was even then apparently spent, and the determination evinced by him to discharge in his feeble state the duties of his office, while claiming sympathy and respect, yet awakened feelings of compassion and sorrowful regret that one of the too scanty numbers on the Synod Roll was so soon to be called away, and one that could be ill spared. We publish in this issue an acknowledgement from his bereaved family of their appreciation of the evidence of the esteem of his brethren furnished in the Testimonial presented by order of the Synod. We invite parties, who have not yet contributed to this laudable object yet to do so, and that with such a degree of liberality as they may find their hearts prompting them to evince.

DIED.

On the 27th Sept. last, at L'Original, Upper Canada, in the 54th year of his age, the Rev. Andrew Bell, minister of the Presbyterian Church there, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the eldest son of the Rev. William Bell, of Perth. He was born in London, the capital of England, on the 5th Sept. 1803, and spent his infancy and childhood there. In his seventh year his parents returned to Scotland, their native country, and he, of course, along with them. The elementary part of his education was acquired at the New Grammar School, Rothsay, then, and for some years afterwards, under his father's management. In 1817 the whole family removed to Canada, his father having been called to the pastorate of the Scotch settlers in Perth and neighborhood.

At an early age the subject of this notice was brought under the influence of Religion, and from that time forward felt a strong desire to preach the Gospel to others. His preparatory studies were for some years conducted by his father, there being at that time no public seminary in Upper Canada to which he could be sent. In 1823 he went to Glasgow, and remained three years attending the University in that city. On his return to Canada he was engaged as private tutor in the family of J. Lecord, Esq., at Albion Mills. Still however having a strong

desire to engage in the Christian ministry, he applied to the only organized Presbytery in the Province, was examined, and, upon his trial discourses being all sustained, was licensed as a Preacher of the Gospel. He soon after settled at Streetsville, and was ordained the pastor of a congregation he had collected there. Besides the one at Streetsville other congregations in the neighborhood were collected by his labours. To one of these, namely, that in Toronto township, he removed in 1830, and there devoted himself to the duties of his sacred office. In 1840 he received a call from the united Congregations of Dundas and Ancaster, where he laboured diligently till he was called to L'Original in 1852.

He had been Clerk to the Synod for some years previous to his going to Dundas, and the multiplicity of his labors in connection with that office, no doubt, contributed to bring on the disease of which he died, in which both his lungs and throat were affected.

At the very time of his death the Synod, to mark their sense of the labours of their Clerk, were preparing a valuable memorial to be presented to him as a token of esteem. A more extended notice may be given by and by; but in the meantime this may suffice for the information of his friends at a distance that he died in peace, and in the firm faith of that Gospel which he had preached to others. *Carlton Place Herald.*

THE TESTIMONIAL TO THE LATE SYNOD CLERK.

An acknowledgement.

The family of the late Rev. Andrew Bell beg to return their grateful thanks to the members of Synod and others, who have contributed to the Testimonial to the Synod-Clerk, for the valuable assistance thereby furnished them in their present circumstances.

IMPORTANT TO PRESBYTERIES.

The writer of this paragraph, having spent a few months in Scotland last summer, is enabled, from personal communication with licentiates and otherwise, to affirm that there is quite a number of young men disposed to come to Canada and engage in the work of the ministry in connection with our Church. It will be borne in mind that it is only within the last few years that the Universities of Scotland have furnished anything like a sufficiency of ministers for the supply of the wants of the Church at Home, and that consequently the Parent Church was not till then in a position to comply with the applications which were sent from this country, to anything like the extent that was desirable. Now, however, the vacancies occasioned by the Secession of 1843 are well nigh fully provided for, and young ministers are turning their attention to other spheres of usefulness, and especially to Canada. But, as the writer learned, the instructions of the General Assembly require that Missionaries shall be sent to Canada only in answer to applications

forwarded to the Committee through Presbyteries; and in more than one instance has an applicant for a Commission to proceed to Canada been rejected lately, on the ground that there are no applications from any Presbytery in Canada at present before the Committee. It may be said that many applications were sent from this country in former years to the Colonial Committee, and that most of these are still unanswered, in so far as the sending of Missionaries is concerned. But then it must be remembered that several important vacancies for which applications were made have since been otherwise filled up, and that, in the translation of ministers from one part of the country to another, the necessities of the case have been considerably modified, and the Committee may have been made aware of these changes, and so may have hesitated to act.

The fact that applications, made a number of years ago, were ineffectual should not, therefore, for a moment prevent a renewal of them now, since there is a likelihood of their being made successfully. We think we may confidently assert that the present Committee are disposed to do their very utmost to supply fully and efficiently the wants of the Church in Canada. As an evidence of this it may be mentioned that the Secretary to the Committee has sent a communication to one Presbytery in Canada, inquiring whether there are any vacancies within the bounds of that Presbytery, and whether any Missionaries are needed. It is very likely that a similar communication has been addressed to other Presbyteries. We would therefore recommend to all Presbyteries to send, without delay, to the Secretary, Mr. Simon S. Laurie, 22 Queen Street, Edinburgh, a detailed list of the vacancies within their respective bounds, as also a statement of the new charges that might be formed. We are very much mistaken if a properly authenticated account of this kind would be long without a favourable answer. As it is, if young men apply to the Colonial Committee and find that they cannot be sent, it is easy to see that this will have a most damaging effect upon our interests for some time to come; because, when it goes forth among the licentiates in Scotland that Missionaries cannot be sent to this country at present, as there are no applications for them, the natural result will be that young men so disposed, will be deterred from communicating with the Committee.

ADDRESS TO THE

VERY REV. PRINCIPAL McFARLAN, D. D.

We learn from the *Edinburgh Post* that a deputation, headed by the Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Toronto, waited recently on the Very Rev. Principal Macfarlan at his residence in the University, Glasgow, Scotland and presented him with the ad-