

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

NOVA SCOTIA SABBATH ALLIANCE.—We have no doubt that the friends of Religion throughout the Province will rejoice to learn that a Sabbath Alliance has been regularly organized in this city on a Scriptural basis, embracing the different religious denominations, and intended to promote the better observance of the Lord's Day in Nova Scotia. As the Alliance acts openly and boldly, as they wish their principles to be generally known, and are anxious to influence and direct the public mind on the great question of Sabbath Observance, they have embraced the earliest opportunity afforded them for bringing their cause before the community. We have therefore much pleasure in announcing that a public meeting of the Alliance will be held in the New Temperance Hall on Monday evening, for diffusing a thorough knowledge of its principles and objects, and enlisting and uniting the friends of the Sabbath in its favour.—*Halifax Guardian.*

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WALLACE.—It is deeply and sincerely to be regretted that a congregation which has manifested such a strong and lasting attachment to the Church of Scotland, and one so able and willing to contribute for the support of a stated ministry, should have been left for so long a period without a fixed pastor. It is now nine years since the Rev. Hugh McKenzie, their first minister, left Wallace; and during this tedious and protracted vacancy the supply of religious ordinances which the congregation has received from the ministers of their own Church, has been scanty indeed. The Rev. Mr. McGillivray and other Gaelic clergymen from Pictou have, it is true, directed their attention to these interesting settlements and dispensed the ordinances of Religion among the population. Members of the different Deputations sent out to this country have also visited Wallace, and earnestly recommended the congregations to the favourable notice of the Parent Church; and it may be mentioned as an evidence of the interest which the Colonial Committee feels for the spiritual improvement of this congregation, that the Rev. Robert McNair, when appointed travelling Missionary for Nova Scotia, was instructed to spend twelve Sabbaths of the year in Wallace. Now that his mission in Nova Scotia has terminated, it has become indispensably necessary to make some new, and, if possible, more extended arrangements to supply the spiritual wants of this and the other vacant congregations in the Eastern parts of the Province. The appointment and employment of two travelling missionaries, one of them having the Gaelic language, has been considered, in present circumstances, the best and most efficient plan which could be devised for carrying the glad tidings of Salvation throughout the length and breadth of the land. The Rev. John Martin of this city visited Wallace in the early part of last month, to explain the views and intentions of the friends of the Church on the subject, and gain the co-operation of the Presbyterians throughout the district. During his visit he preached at Wallace Harbour, Pugwash, Gulf Shore, and Tatmacouche Road, to numerous and attentive audiences, and everywhere met with a most cordial welcome. The congregation, whilst they regret being deprived of the occasional and most acceptable ministrations of Mr. McNair, readily and cheerfully entered into the proposal made to them for the support of visiting missionaries, and promised their assistance. Mr. McNair has since visited Wallace, preached and made collections in all the settlements for Home Missions, and encouraged the people to finish their new church, for the erection of which £380 have now been subscribed. Here indeed the field for the ministrations of a faithful and diligent Gaelic Missionary is most promising, and white already for the harvest. No time certainly ought to be lost, both by the people themselves and by their friends in this and in the Mother country, in seeking to obtain, in the meantime, missionary visits, and then a fixed ministry, for the spiritual

instruction and edification of the steadfast and attached Presbyterians of Wallace.—*Halifax Guardian.*

PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION, SALT SPRINGS, PICTOU.—This is one of the oldest and largest Presbyterian congregations connected with the Church of Scotland in the county of Pictou, formed principally of Scottish Highlanders and their descendants who have been born in the Province, and loudly demanding, like other vacancies, additional missionary assistance. In the year 1822 the united congregations of Rogers' Hill, and West and Middle Rivers, were placed under the pastoral superintendence of the late Rev. Hugh McLeod; and after his removal from the Province the Rev. Donald McIntosh, now of Urray in Scotland, dispensed the ordinances of Religion for a number of years to the congregations of the West and Middle Rivers. Although now deprived of a pastor, neither of these congregations feel any desire or inclination to be separated from their beloved Church. Again and again in the most earnest and affecting language have they solicited assistance from the Colonial Committee; and, though hitherto unsuccessful, it is very evident they have not abandoned all hope of relief. Their present place of worship at the West River, erected, we believe, more than thirty years ago, has long since been found to be too small, and in fine weather it can scarcely afford accommodation for more than one half of the congregation. Several meetings have been held to consider the propriety of erecting a new church more suited to the growing state of the congregation, and we are happy to learn that at a public meeting, held on the 19th ult. after Divine service in Gaelic by the Rev. Mr. McGillivray, and in English by the Rev. Mr. McNair, the handsome sum of £320 was subscribed by the congregation on the spot for the erection of the building. This looks business-like. A convenient site has been obtained near the post-road in the most accessible and central situation for the purpose, and we trust that a church will soon be raised for that congregation, which will be an ornament to the place and a blessing to the people, where the praises of the Redeemer shall be sung, His Gospel preached, and His Ordinances dispensed amongst an attentive and devout assembly of sincere and spiritual worshippers.—*Halifax Guardian.*

MICMAC MISSION.—Accounts have lately been received of the progress of this important Mission among the Indians. The Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Rand, is at present in the county of Annapolis, prosecuting the objects of his mission among the aborigines in that quarter, and intends soon to visit St. John, N. B., in furtherance of the good cause. Few movements of late years have met with greater encouragement, and it is to be hoped that an enterprise, undertaken with so much unanimity and zeal, and prosecuted with so much arduous and liberality, will be crowned with success.—*Ibid.*

MISSIONARIES FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.—The friends of this Mission will be pleased to learn, that by the English mail which arrived on Thursday last, intelligence was received that the "John Williams" Mission ship had arrived in London from her cruise in the South Seas, bringing news of the welfare of Mr. Geddie and family, and their companions. Mr. Geddie also forwards his journal, a portion of which will be published in the July No. of the Missionary Register.—*East Chronicle.*

COUNTY OF RESTIGOUCHE.—The Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Campbellton, on their own behalf as well as that of the Congregation, waited on the 15th of June upon the Rev. James Steven, their beloved and esteemed Pastor, who is about visiting his native land for a short time, when an Address and Reply were presented, and received. The scene, though the separation be but temporary, was most affecting.—*Halifax Guardian.*

DALHOUSIE, JUNE 18.—The Rev. James Steven, who has laboured for the last eighteen years with

much acceptance and success amongst that part of the community, in the county of Restigouche, who are attached to the Church of Scotland, being called at this time to re-visit his family and native land, the Congregation of St. John's Church here, who have also enjoyed the advantages of his Pastoral superintendence, met before their minister's departure, to present him an Address expressive of their kindly feelings towards him, and of their appreciation of his labours amongst them. A meeting was convened at the house of William Hamilton, Esq., on Saturday the 15th, when Dougal Stewart, Esq., in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, read an Address to Mr. Steven, to which the Rev. gentleman made an appropriate Reply. We may add in order to show how high Mr. Steven stands in the estimation of the public generally, that a number of gentlemen of various religious persuasions were among those who came to have a parting grasp of his honest hand, and to wish him a safe voyage, and a speedy return.—*Halifax Guardian.*

PRESENTATION.—Our readers will be happy to learn that on the 23d instant, the Rev. John Scott, of St. Matthew's Church, was waited on by a committee from the Presbyterians of the 5th Company of Royal Sappers and Miners, who in name of that company presented him with an inkstand of silver of very chaste and beautiful workmanship, and bearing the following inscription: "A Token of Respect from the Presbyterians of the Royal Sappers and Miners to the Rev. John Scott, May, 1850." The presentation was accompanied by an address.—*Halifax Guardian.*

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The General Assembly opened on Thursday, the 23rd of May. Owing to the preparations making for the reception of Her Majesty, the Queen, at Holyrood House, during her periodical visits to Scotland, the High Commissioner held his Levee in the County Hall, his residence being in George Street. The day was observed as a holiday by the inhabitants generally, in consequence of its being the anniversary of Her Majesty's birth; but the procession was conducted with much less pomp than usual.

About twelve o'clock, the Levee being over, an excellent sermon was preached in the High Church by Dr. Simpson, the late Moderator, from Isaiah ch. 11, v. 9. After the conclusion of the service the Court of the Assembly was constituted by Prayer in the Assembly-Hall, and the Roll was called over.

Dr. Simpson then rose and said, that, before quitting the Chair, he had only one duty to perform, viz.: to suggest the name of one individual to fill the Chair he was about to leave; and after a few remarks he suggested Dr. John Graham, minister of Killearn.

Mr. Smith, of Carbeth-Guthrie, seconded the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to, and Dr. Graham took the Moderator's Chair.

Lord Belhaven's commission as Commissioner was then read, and he handed in the usual donation of £2000 for education in the Highlands and Islands.