

very scenes of their future labours, and under the direction of brethren who have had ample experience of the field and the work in it."

These sentences had not been in the hands of the church many weeks before offers of personal service from some and inquiries by others gave the most gratifying sign of a cordial response to their appeal, and the promise of success for their plan, very much beyond what the Committee had ventured to anticipate.

This is excellent. The Colonial Committee has already sent us one such man, and we would gladly welcome a dozen like him.

The Rev. D. J. McDonnell, of Toronto, Convener of the Manitoba Mission, has gone to that far-west Province, to see for himself the state of matters there. He could not have done better. Every Convener should know as much of his work practically, experimentally, actually, as it is possible for him.

The Rev. Thos. Cumming has been supplying the pulpit of the Rev. Dr. Cook, of Quebec, for the last two months, and has been very acceptable to the congregation, as he was last year to St. Matthew's, Halifax.

Kingston Church is still vacant. Two years ago, it was 'whom shall we take?' How long before the question shall be, 'who will take us?' Professor Mowat keeps the pulpit well supplied.

The Rev. D. M. Gordon, who spent a month lately at Pictou, has returned to Ottawa. The new church is to be ready for the Synod next June.

### III.—The Church of Scotland.

Nothing shows more clearly the rapid progress that the church is making, both in lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, than the report presented to the last General Assembly by the Endowment Scheme Committee. Two years ago, the great work of endowing 150 chapels into parish churches, which Dr. Robertson had conceived, was reported as completed; and the Convener, Dr. Smith, of North Leith, at once proposed that they should proceed to endow, in the course of the next ten years, another 100 that, in the meantime, had sprung into existence as

chapels. Last May, he was able to announce that 31 of these had been endowed, 16 the year before last, and 15 last year, making 181 in all. Last year, they not only endowed 15, but the Home Mission Committee had also made building grants to other 15 places, thus securing to the church fifteen additional places of worship. The Queen had given £1,000 and Prince Albert £500 to the endowment of the first 150 chapels, and Her Majesty last year gave another munificent contribution to the new scheme. Three of the fifteen endowed last year, were endowed by three friends of Dr. Norman McLeod, in memory of him, in the great Barony Parish, at a cost of about £5,000 apiece. With reference to these, the mover of the adoption of the report touchingly and truly said:—"A peculiar combination of joy and sorrow attaches to three of these churches. They rejoiced in the endowment, but they mourned over their immediate occasion, for they were flowers reverently laid on the tomb—they were true immortelles; they would never fade. It was a happy idea—it was, as it were, the poetry of the endowment scheme—three pathetic, three practical verses, that, he had no doubt, were to descend through many generations, defeating death, overcoming the loss they had endured, and embalming a beloved name. The triple cord of the three Macleod parish churches was a cord, he ventured to affirm, that would not be easily broken; and he expressed what he was sure was the gratitude of the House to the three contributors whose names had been mentioned. It was a gratification to them to have the Queen within their borders, but it was a greater gratification to have her name within the margin of their report. She had many qualities of head and heart to commend her to all classes of her subjects, and to-day he begged leave to commend the Queen, as a lady of remarkable sense, with a talent for business, and with a good idea of what formed a good investment for her means. She appreciated aright the value of the Endowment Scheme, and had anew confirmed her appreciation. It would say very little either for their Loyalty or their Churchmanship, if they did not heartily and very unanimously follow so good an example."