

and flourishing congregation, under the able and successful management of Mr. McKay who has lately removed from Pictou to the Island. From this I posted to Charlottetown, where I preached in St. James' Church to a numerous and respectable congregation. I need say nothing more of this congregation as it is well known for having been brought to a high state of cultivation under the able and successful ministrations of Mr. Snodgrass, who was lately transferred to Montreal. Without being further particular about my whereabouts, I may simply say that my movements have been various—here and there as the wind blew, and as the spiritual necessities of the people demanded.

Having said this much about myself let me say something about the state of the Church in the Island. Mr. Lochhead does not consider that our Church is as prosperous as it ought to be in that locality. But whether it is losing or gaining ground it is difficult for a resident—far less a stranger—to determine. We can recollect when the Church of Scotland had no existence in P. E. Island, as an ecclesiastical body; now there is a Presbytery with three ordained ministers, and some of their congregations Mr. L. assures us are large and flourishing. That more ought to be done and that more will be done for the prosperity of our Church in that Colony, we may safely anticipate, from the character and talents of the ministers who have been lately sent thither. Mr. L. is full of zeal and energy, and recommends that active steps should be taken to recover the lost ground, if there should be any falling off, and to occupy a wider field than has hitherto been cultivated. It is very evident from his letter that there is great excitement and not the best feelings among the Presbyterians in Charlottetown and other places at the present moment. What may be the result time alone can determine. Meanwhile, Mr. Duncan is discharging his duty with much ability and success, and his congregation is united and prosperous under his faithful pastoral care.

### Missionary Appointments.

We are happy to learn from the latest intelligence that the Presbytery of Dalkeith had ordained in October last Mr. David Scott, preacher of the Gospel, to the office of the sacred ministry, he having received an appointment from the Colonial Committee to act as missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. John, New Brunswick.

We have had the pleasure of announcing every month for some time past the appointment and arrival of additional missionaries, to labor in this destitute portion of the Colonial vineyard. And we are happy to learn that the Colonial Committee are still mindful of our spiritual necessities.

"It gives me sincere pleasure," says the Rev. Dr. Fowler, the convener of the Committee, in his letter of the 5th November, to the editor of this Journal, "to inform you that another missionary, of much promise, has been appointed, and will very soon reach Halifax. His name is the Rev. Thomas Jardine, and he has had a good deal of experience in missionary duty in a very large parish in Scotland. I trust he will be of much use to our people. I know the great necessity that

exists for clergymen able to conduct Divine service in the Gaelic language. I hope ere long that some such will be sent to you. Be so good as encourage our Gaelic friends, who, they may rest assured, are not forgotten by their brethren at home."

SINCE the month of June last the Colonial Committee have not only been enabled to send seven Missionaries to this Synod and one to New Brunswick, they have also appointed the Rev. Duncan Ross, Dingwall, Rev. Thomas Johnstone, Cromarty, and Rev. William Ross, Aberdeen, to vacant charges in Australia, the Rev. William Masson, Birnie, Missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada West, and have recommended to the Secretary of State for the Colonies the Rev. George M'Intyre, Abeyne, to supply the vacant charge of St. Andrew's Church, Port Louis, Mauritius, and the Rev. John Young, Haggis, to supply the vacant Parish of St. Clement's, Barbice. These appointments, after strict examination, mature deliberation, and prayer for the Divine direction and guidance, indicate much zeal and energy on the part of the Colonial Committee, and they cannot fail by the Divine blessing to prove eminently beneficial in promoting the interests of morality and religion in the Colonies, where so many of the natives of Scotland have fixed their permanent abode.

### Presbytery of Halifax.

SINCE we issued our last number, this Presbytery has held several meetings for the despatch of business. A meeting was held on the 13th of last month in St. Andrew's Church, for moderating in a call in favour of Mr. George Boyd, preacher of the Gospel, to become minister of that Church and congregation. The call, which was numerously signed by the members and adherents of that Church, was sustained by the Presbytery and presented to Mr. Boyd, who signified his acceptance of the same and his willingness to undertake the duties of the vacant charge. The usual trial discourses and subjects for examination were then prescribed to Mr. Boyd, preparatory to his ordination and the time fixed for hearing these discourses, and conducting those examinations. These trials having all been completed at intermediate meetings, the Presbytery again met, and after taking a conjunct view of the whole, expressed their entire satisfaction with Mr. Boyd's appearances and proficiency in sacred literature and Theology, and their readiness to ordain him according to the established regulations of the Church. It was then agreed that (D. O.) the ordination should take place in St. Andrew's Church on Thursday evening, the 11th current, at seven o'clock. Rev. John Scott, moderator of the Presbytery, to preach and preside on the occasion. It was then moved by the Superintendent of Missions and agreed to, that the Rev. James Wilson, Minister of the Gospel, should be appointed to act as missionary within the bounds, and take charge of several preaching stations under their inspection; he was further directed to report, from time to time, on the condition and prospects of these stations.

### Presbytery of Pictou.

At the last meeting of this Presbytery held at New Glasgow on the 18th Nov., the Rev. James Duff, lately connected with the Pres-

bytery, received appointments to preach McLennan's Mountain on the 23d, and at Pictou on the 30th Nov., at Wallace on the 7th, at Earlton on the 14th, at West Branch River John, on the 21st, and at Cape John on the 28th December, and at Roger's Hill on the 4th January. The Rev. James Maier, lately admitted within the bounds of the Presbytery, was appointed at the same meeting to preach at Cape John on the 23rd, and at West Branch, River John, on the 30th Nov., Earlton on the 7th, at Pugwash on the 14th, at Wallace on the 21st, at Lower Settlement, Barney's River, on the 28th Dec., and at the Upper Settlement, Barney's River, on the 4th of January, 1857.

### A Successful Agent.

WE have received very great assistance from many of our friends throughout the Provinces, in promoting the circulation of the Periodical, and where so many have placed themselves under obligations in this respect it would be invidious to mention names. We cannot, however, refrain from expressing our warmest thanks to the Rev. Donald McDonald, of Prince Edward Island, for his indefatigable and persevering exertions. Last year he transmitted upwards of 180 subscribers' names with remittances amounting to nearly twenty pounds, to our office; and from the enclosed extract of a letter lately received, it will appear that he has resolved, and is prepared to continue, and if possible to increase his exertions for the circulation of our Monthly Periodical during the ensuing year.

"From the extensive and far separated districts which I visit in discharge of Clerical duties, and from which my report would have to be filled up, it has been impossible to forward you a full list of subscribers at present; but in place of any stated number, I hereby guarantee the amount of this year for the next. As to what addition there may be I could not say, until I visit about twelve congregations; but I think there will be a considerable number of new subscribers, which I shall forward before the present year terminates. I was very much disappointed at the discontinuance of the Halifax Church of Scotland Record; and it would be discreditable to the Church of Scotland in the Lower Provinces if we should be under the necessity of drawing our information from Canada, through the means of the Montreal Presbyterian and other sources; your Record has already awakened a desire on this Island for continued access of the transactions and extension of the Church of Scotland to which we formerly had no access. And, indeed, it would be cruelly to withdraw from us our present source of information. I think an appeal in the Record itself would be of benefit, and would authorize your Agents to lay the matter before the public in a more pressing form, if they consider themselves justifiable in doing without such an appeal—your circular should be read in all my congregations, and seconded by my own application. Although I have not in my power now to forward any additional list I shall not be short of last amount."

I am, dear sir, Your's truly

DONALD McDONALD

Orwell Head, 11th Oct., 1856.