

Anderson, had been sent out to Canada last year. After having laboured for some time as a missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal, he was ordained minister of Point Levi, Quebec. The committee granted the sum of £68 for outfit and passage-money for himself and his wife, and paid him besides £37 for ministerial services within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal previous to his ordination.

The Rev. Archibald Walker, who was sent out last year as a missionary, had been appointed minister of the church at Belleville; and at the recommendation of the presbytery of Kingston, the committee had, for one year, made him a grant of £50.

A grant had also been made to the Rev. John McDonald, formerly at Lochiel, and now at Beechridge, as he had been subjected to considerable expense, in consequence of the unfavourable circumstances in which he was placed at Lochiel.

On the advice of their respective presbyteries, a grant of £30 has been made to the Rev. Donald Monro, Finch, whereby his church has been freed from encumbrances; and of £50 to the Rev. Mr. Johnston, to assist in the erection of a place of worship at Binbrooke.

On the recommendation of the Presbytery of Montreal, the committee had made a grant of £50 to Mrs Milligan, widow of the Rev. Archibald Milligan, Norvaltown, whose very sudden and early death they have much cause to lament.

NOVA SCOTIA—NEW BRUNSWICK—PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, AND CAPE BRETON

In these extensive and very interesting districts the services of missionaries and ministers were highly valued, great attachment to the church is manifested, and from no quarter are more frequent and urgent applications for additional labourers made.

Two missionaries had recently been appointed to the Synod of New Brunswick, viz., the Rev. Robert Stevenson, and the Rev. Peter Keay. Both had received a very kind reception, and had entered on their duties with every prospect of success. But, as may be seen by reference to the *Missionary Record* of January last, there was room for many more.

From Prince Edward's Island similar communications have been received. The Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, of Charlotte Town, had made many appeals, pointing out the openings in that island for additional ministers, and urging the necessity of sending them. The committee have done all in their power by advertising and otherwise, to induce preachers to engage in the work of the Colonial Mission, but with very partial success. They very much regret that so few speaking the Gaelic language are found willing to go abroad.

Another missionary has been appointed to Prince Edward's Island, viz., the Rev. Geo. Harper, Mr. H. left this country at the close of last year, but in consequence of all communication with the island having been out-

off, he was unavoidably detained at Halifax. In these circumstances the committee had approved of his acting, in the meanwhile, as missionary in the destitute localities of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Pictou.

The committee have much satisfaction in acknowledging receipt of a donation of £24, 4s., in aid of their funds, from Mr. Donald Fraser, an old and respectable settler in Nova Scotia. It was accompanied by a very touching letter, which has been published in the *Missionary Record* of March last.

The committee have been informed that the Rev. Alex. Forbes, one of their missionaries in the Synod of New Brunswick, had accepted a call from the congregation of St. John's Church, Dalhousie, with a stipend of £120 currency, for three years, in addition to such sum as the committee might grant; and the Presbytery had made application to them to allow Mr. Forbes £50 a-year for that period. On considering the matter, the committee agreed to grant £50 for one year, intimating, at the same, that a renewed application would be duly considered.

The committee have very recently received a communication from the Synod of New Brunswick, containing a report by a committee of the Provincial Legislature on the state of King's College, Fredericton. They have not yet maturely considered that document, and beg to lay the whole papers on the table of the Assembly, that they may do what seems to them right in the matter.

It gives the committee much pleasure to report that the Synod of Nova Scotia, after having been in a state of abeyance for ten years, has been reconstituted.

The scheme for sending young men to this country to be educated for the ministry, has proved successful. The committee have this year distributed among the students the sum of £136, transmitted for that purpose. Very favourable accounts of the proficiency and good conduct of the students have been received from the professors under whom they studied.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

During the past year your committee have learned from the Rev. Francis Nicol, St. John's that the state of his congregation and school is very encouraging. In aid of these they have, therefore, renewed their grant of £50 for another year.

BRITISH GUIANA.

The committee regret to announce that the Rev. Mr. Wallis, who went out last year, has, in consequence of bad health, intimated his intention either to return to this country, or to accept an appointment to a sphere of labour in a climate better suited to his constitution. The Rev. Dr. Struthers is in this country on leave of absence, and his duties are performed by the Rev. A. D. Murray.

Since the commencement of the present year, two ministers have been appointed to charges in the colony,—viz., the Rev. Geo. McCulloch, St. Saviour's; and the Rev. John Kinnison, St. Mark's. Mr. McCulloch

has arrived, and Mr. Kinnison sailed a few days ago.

In consequence of a letter from the Rev. Francis Forbes, certifying the great success which has attended the labours of Miss Geddes as a teacher in his parish, and the inadequate provision which has been hitherto made for her salary, the committee have agreed to make her an additional grant of £20 for this year.

NEW ZEALAND.

Favourable accounts of the Rev. Mr. Kirton's proceedings continued to be received, but the committee have nothing to report of special interest to the Assembly.

JAMAICA.

Mr. Radcliffe continues to labour with that zeal and activity, both in teaching and preaching, for which he has been honourably distinguished ever since he entered upon his present charge, about seven years ago. Notwithstanding the liberal encouragement offered, the committee have hitherto failed in inducing a licentiate of the Church to undertake the academic department, and to act occasionally as an assistant to the minister; but there is now a good prospect of this want being supplied during the present summer. In the opinion of the committee, Mr. Radcliffe deserves the most favourable consideration of the Church.

GRENADA.

The Rev. Mr. Beaton has accepted a call from the trustees of St. Andrew's Scotch Church, in the town of St. George. The committee have approved of Mr. Beaton's conduct in the matter, and recorded in their minutes the high satisfaction with which they have heard of his exertions in his former charge, during times of no ordinary difficulty and trial.

CEYLON.

The committee have received very favourable accounts of the ministrations of the Rev. John M'Bean since his arrival in Ceylon. Mr. M'Bean has made a donation to the funds of the committee of the sum £100, being a half year's salary voted to him, in consequence of the circumstances in which he was unfortunately placed in his former charge at Inverbrackie, South Australia. Before leaving, his position became so much improved, as to enable him to surrender a sum which he felt to be no longer needed.

The committee consider it proper to report to the Assembly that, by a resolution of the Legislative Council of Ceylon, the stipend of the chaplain of the Scotch Church at Colombo has been reduced from £500 to £450, which will materially affect the interests of the successor of the present incumbent. A change has also been made by the same body on the title of the Scotch Churches in Ceylon, from Church of Scotland to Presbyterian Church, whereby the appointment to the chaplaincy will be open to ministers not belonging to the Church of Scotland.