

being retained and educated in this country. By going to Scotland he would have all the advantages of travelling in an old country, and of observing men and manners in their most varied manifestations. He would be subjected to the salutary influence of long established Institutions and of the monuments of Scotland's mighty past which meet the eye at every turn and in every form. He would be urged forward by the impulse of a wholesome emulation, and mental contact with students from all parts of the world. He could have access to that College Library, so vast and so varied that we never think of it without awe—and his acquisition of knowledge would be facilitated by an extensive apparatus for illustration and experiment. As to his moral and spiritual oversight, that could be entrusted to one or other of the many ministers who, we are sure, would cheerfully undertake it.

We say, then, that "the Young men's scheme," hitherto confined to the Presbytery of Pictou, where it originated, is a scheme, on the vigorous prosecution of which, the hopes, the interests, and the stability of our Church depend, and the power it is widened into a church scheme is better. It will be seen by our last number, that the congregations in Pictou County have by their delegates, at a meeting held in New Glasgow, spoken out boldly and decidedly, in favor of a more liberal support and of more vigorous efforts in its behalf; and, when we find the people thus earnest and determined, can we think of failure? Once converted into a Church scheme measures might be resorted to for the awakening of an interest in its favour in Scotland, and we doubt not that influence could easily be commanded sufficient to great to secure the institution of a few societies in connection with it. While the people are using their best endeavours to create promising young men, who need primary assistance, and thus putting their hands to a work, the remembrance and the fruits of which will yet cheer them in their coming years, we would fain entertain the hope, that one or two of the wealthier members of the church, the parents of useful sons, may be seriously thinking of creating one of their children to the ministry, the highest form of service which can be rendered to the God who has given it. They certainly could not be directed to a better, a nobler a more profitable

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resentation to Rev. Alexander McKay.

St. John's Church, Belfast, I.

nd dear Sir,—

I have great pleasure in presenting you a Paup Gown—the proceeds of a subscription raised by a few friends for the express purpose, and given over to Edward L. Esq. who kindly got it "done up." I sincerely wish that you will wear it for

many returns of the season, in the pulpit of our church, with health, prosperity and happiness.

We are Rev. and dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

A. M'DOUGALL, Eldor.

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REPLY.

Gentlemen,—

I beg to tender you and other interested kind friends, my heartfelt thanks for the handsome and suitable gift which you are pleased to present to me. The excellency in value of such expressive testimonials so cordially given, it appears to me, consists not so much in its intrinsic worth—however valuable, as in the pleasing prospect which it affords that this friendly feeling, of which it is expressive, will help to open a ready access to the hearts of one, and all for the great truths which we are commissioned to bring, and commend by our walk and conversation among you. Nor is the prospect of this instrument for good being extensively useful on the present occasion, the less encouraging when it is known that it only required the effusion of the kind disposition of a "few friends" to provide this testimonial of good-will.

I would also desire to give expression to my grateful feelings, for your earnest and sincere wishes for a prolonged continuance of my official labours among you. Rest assured that nothing shall so strongly incline me to reciprocate this wish, as the continuation of your friendly sentiments towards me, together with tokens of the Divine approval of my labour not being in the Lord, by evidences of the good seed of the word producing its destined effects in answer to our united prayers. Be assured, however, that it shall be my anxious and earnest endeavour—in dependence on Divine aid—while it please the Lord to will my lot in this wide field of ministerial usefulness, to employ my best energies faithfully to break to you the bread of life, and watch over your most enduring interests, that you may enjoy spiritual health and prosperity, so that we may be able to render our respective accounts, with joy and satisfaction, in the great day of account. This long and no longer do I desire to stand before you or appear among you, in the tremendous responsible relation, as the commissioned ambassador of the great King of Zion.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours truly,

ALEX. M'KAY.

The Rev. James Murray, Bathurst, N. B.

We are sorry to learn that this young, active and promising minister has been obliged, from ill health, to leave his charge for a time, and to try the benefit of a sea-voyage. He had been complaining for some time, and was frequently unable to appear before his people on Sabbath. The hard and constant work in which he was wont to engage since his arrival, three years ago, seems to have told heavily upon his physical constitution, which on his first appearance amongst us, was far from being the strongest. In a communication which the writer received from him, just previous to his contemplated embarkation for Scotland, he states that he is at present acting under the recommendation of his medical adviser, who is of opinion that a sea-voyage, rest, and change will be to his advantage. We know it was with much reluctance and much against his will, that he felt himself compelled to follow this advice; and we deeply

sympathise with our brethren of the Presbytery of Miramichi, who have been so soon called upon to grant him leave of absence. We look anxiously for accounts of his health, which, we sincerely trust, may be so far improved, by the change and through the enjoyment for a season of his native air, as to enable him to fulfil his intention of returning this month to his attached and admiring flock. He is a brother whom we hold in high estimation for his amiable manners, straight-forward conduct, and his many, selfdenying labours.

We have been requested to intimate for the information of our vacant congregations, that the Rev. George Harper has been appointed by the Presbytery of Pictou to preach at Rogers' Hill on the 10th, at Cape John on the 17th, and at West Branch, River John, on the 24th of February, at Earlton on the 2nd and at Wallace and Pugwash on the 9th and 16th of March.

The collection for the Home Mission Fund, is appointed to be made in all our churches and preaching stations, as already announced, in the present month of February.

We have received a number of very valuable communications during the last month, some of which appear in the present number of our Journal. Notices of "Professor George's Address" to the Students at Kingston; "The End," by Dr. Cumming, "Widow's Fund;" Missionary and other reports unavoidably excluded from our pages this month, will appear in our next number. We have to thank our correspondents for the very favourable opinions which they entertain, and the efforts which they are making for the support of our Journal. We are desirous to render it more and more worthy of their patronage.

We have received the second Annual Report of the Committee of the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association, for the past year, and it affords us much satisfaction to learn that the Association is in a prosperous condition, meeting the expectations of its friends and affording by its library, its lectures and religious services much profitable instruction not only to young men, but to persons of both sexes and of all ages and religious denominations in this community.

We have only left ourselves leisure and space to acknowledge the receipt, of the first number of the "Christian Instructor and Missionary Register of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia," for the month of January. It is published in a very neat pamphlet form and contains a considerable amount of useful intelligence, besides the usual ecclesiastical and missionary notices intended for the more especial information of the members of that denomination.

THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.—At a meeting of the Senate of the University, held on Monday, the degree of D.D. was conferred on the Rev. William Menzies, minister of Keir; the Rev. John M'Donald, minister of Comrie; and the Rev. James George, Vice-Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada West.

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