

MINUTE OF PRESBYTERY

ON OCCASION OF THE DEATH. (ON 3RD OCT.,
LAST) OF WM. GORDON, ESQ., PICTOU.

The members of this Presbytery desire to place on record their sense of the loss they, in common with the Church at large, have sustained in the death of Wm. Gordon, Esq., one of their number.

For a period of twenty years has Mr. Gordon acted as a member of our Church courts, in which capacity he manifested aptitude for business, consideration for the comfort of members and desire for peace. Though not a man of many words yet his sentiments always commanded respect, and from his acquaintance with the country, and the confidence the people at large had in his administration, his counsel was specially valuable.

Mr. Gordon was uniformly liberal with his means in sustaining the various schemes, and the church at large will have cause to miss his beneficence. A proof of his generosity they hail in a legacy bequeathed to the schemes by his will. Though dead he yet speaks to us in his bright example and by his unselfish spirit, and this Presbytery desires to record with thankfulness the lengthened period of his pilgrimage and service to the Church, and to hear the voice of his unexpected demise, addressed to each office-bearer: "Prepare to give an account of thy Stewardship, for thou mayest be no longer Steward."

SALTSPRINGS.—The people of this congregation seem to be in earnest about retaining their minister. They spoke in very decided and affectionate terms at the Presbytery, and a day or two afterwards large numbers turned out to haul a year's supply of firewood. They evidently remember the maxim, that actions speak louder than words.

THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE

The deep interest taken in our Colonial churches by the Convener of the Colonial Committee is known to most of our readers. Since his visit last summer, in company with the Rev. Mr. Playfair, we have learned to regard Mr. Muir as a warm personal friend, rather than in his official capacity as Convener. We know that our people will be glad to have an opportunity of perusing the following letter, sent last summer, to our ministers; and hope to be able to furnish cheering reports of the progress of Evangelistic work in our midst this year also.

G. A. COLONIAL MISSION,
22 Queen St, Edinburgh,
17th June, 1875.

MR DEAR SIR.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland lately closed another Session during which the religious interests of Scottish Presbyterians in our colonies and in foreign countries were not forgotten.

I had the pleasure of laying before the Assembly a report on the Colonial Mission of our church which presented many subjects of special thankfulness. Chief among these it was my privilege to set the fact, that, never before in the history of the Colonial missions of the church have reports of spiritual results been possible such as during the past year have brought from so many quarters the joyful tidings of manifest tokens of Divine power accompanying the Gospel, issuing in the hopeful promise of abundant and precious practical fruits. I might have added, that, where no such evidences of religious awakening had been manifest it was a matter of thankfulness to receive the assurance of so general a desire for