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## The Presbyterian.

We have received a letter from Mr. W. McNaughton, farmer near Chatham, C.W., and we shall be glad if he will write to us occasionally. Any information regarding the Kirk in his neighbourhood will always be acceptable.

There is an excellent field for missionary labour in the neighbourhood of Ottawa, and we hope that ere long the Church will be able to occupy the different stations in the adjoining country with able and active ministers or missionaries. We understand that some of these stations have been frequently supplied by the Rev. Mr. Spence, and during the past year by the Revd. H. J. Borthwick, Headmaster of the Ottawa Grammar School, with great acceptance and much to the edification of the people. The Church is much indebted to these gentlemen for the zeal with which they engage in the work, attended as it is with considerable fatigue and inconvenience.

### A MISSION TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We learn with pleasure that a new field of usefulness is opening up to our Church, and that the Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee of the Synod have been authorized by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland to recommend to them

a missionary to be sent to British Columbia. It is believed that a missionary, who has had experience in the Colonial Field, would have many advantages in planting the standard of our Church in the capital of the rising colony on the Pacific. We trust that the Committee will be enabled to obtain the services of some Minister of experience, who will prove a credit to the Church of Scotland. Our Church should do as the Canadian Wesleyan Conference did on the application of the British Conference—call one of their best men to occupy the new field. We hope to hear that the Committee have succeeded in their arduous and responsible duty.

### OUR INDEBTEDNESS TO THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Until a perusal of the recent Report of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland we were quite unaware of the extent to which our Church in Canada, which in the Report is designated as "the off-shoot and representative" of the Church of Scotland "in this great colony," was indebted to that Committee for its fostering care and pecuniary assistance. We therefore think that it is a simple act of justice that our people should know that the Colonial Committee is expending annually on missionary efforts in connection with our Church in Canada, and in the support of Queen's College, a sum equal

to the whole amount which our Synod raises from the free-will offerings of our people to the various Synodical efforts, and as to which we are disposed somewhat, though unworthily so, to vaunt ourselves.

From an examination of a clear and ample statistical table, published with the Report of the Committee, we find that, in addition to the annual grant of £300 stg. to Queen's College and the further grant of £50 stg. to the Bursary Fund of that Institution, the liabilities of the Committee for the year beginning May, 1860, with respect to Canada, to be expended in the employment of missionaries and the supplementing of the stipends of ministers, amounted to the large sum of £1373 sterling. So that the sum of £1723 stg., or \$8385 2/3, viz., will this year be expended from the pence and pounds of the poor and rich in Scotland in the maintenance of Queen's College, and in the support of our Church in Canada, and the propagation of the Gospel here by our instrumentality. Besides too these pecuniary gifts, and besides grants to aid in building churches, the Committee are at pains to look out for and to send forth missionaries not only to Canada but to all those colonies where Scotchmen have found and are finding a footing.

Surely such a statement as this, surely the receipt of such liberal benefactions as these ought to stimulate our Church to prove her gratitude for such kindness