

support of Home and other Missionary operations, and they would be led to feel more and more the responsibility which devolves upon them, as professing members of the Church of Christ, to do somewhat towards (if the Divine blessing accompany their efforts) advancing the coming of His kingdom. Such associations, if formed, should meet monthly, and the business of the meeting should be opened and closed with prayer, as is the invariable practice of the Montreal Association. Besides concerting measures for the advancement of the Church in the Province, and affording supplies to the waste places in the land, much interest might be given to the meeting by the communication of Missionary intelligence.

We are aware that in one Presbytery a Presbyterial Association has been formed; but with the exception of that and our own Association; we have not heard of any successful efforts to form Associations in this Province. We were once in hopes that the example set by the Montreal Association, would have been extensively followed, and we still trust that even yet our anticipations may be realized, when the advantages derivable from them come to be better understood. Will not some of our readers endeavour to form a branch of the Lay Association in their vicinity?

We directed the attention of our readers several weeks ago to the very momentous question of Home Missions as a subject which had attracted much less notice among the members and friends of the Presbyterian Church than it ought to meet with. As the subject is entirely of a practical character, as in promoting Home as well as Foreign Missions, something requires not only to be known, but also to be done, we felt convinced that the office-bearers of the Church in this city were pursuing a wise and proper course by recommending and sanctioning collections in the different places of worship for that object, as well as by collecting subscriptions and donations from private individuals. The example set with so much promptitude and liberality by the churches in Halifax has produced, as might have been expected, a most salutary effect in the country throughout the congregations which are to be more immediately assisted and sustained by such Missions. An impulse has been communicated to the congregations at Wallace, Pictou, and at other places, which, we have no doubt, will be attended with the most beneficial results. The Committee of the Lay Association of Wallace has recommended that collections should be made in all their places of worship during the Rev. Mr. Macnair's visit to these settlements in aid of Missions; and the cause has been advocated with unwonted and laudable earnestness and success in Pictou. A public meeting of the members and friends of the Church of Scotland in that extensive and populous country was held in St. Andrew's Church, on Thursday the 13th inst., and was attended by leading and influential persons from the different districts, to devise some plan for the encouragement and support of Missionaries, more especially in the Gaelic congregations. Present, the Hon. David Crichton, the Rev. Messrs Martin, McGillivray, Herdman, and Macnair, and a number of persons from the different vacant congregations throughout the country. Peter Crerar, Esq., one of the oldest magistrates of the country, was unanimously called to the chair, and Mr. R. Doull was chosen to act as Secretary on the occasion. The meeting being opened with praise and pray-

er by the Rev. A. W. Herdman, the following Resolutions were moved and seconded with appropriate and impressive speeches, and unanimously adopted.

Moved by the Rev. J. Martin, St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, seconded by J. Holmes, Esq., East River.

That this meeting highly approves of the plan of appointing visiting missionaries for the supply of the destitute Presbyterian congregations throughout the country, as the best means that in present circumstances could be devised, for the spiritual welfare of the people; and pledges itself to do every thing in its power to procure funds for the support, and to assist and encourage the labours of such Missionaries.

Moved by the Rev. Alexander McGillivray of McLennan's Mountain, seconded by Henry Blackadar, Esq., of Pictou.

That the services of at least two travelling missionaries are imperatively required for the immediate wants of the population of this and the adjacent districts, one of them at least, speaking the Gaelic language, and that this meeting is prepared to co-operate with the Lay Association of Nova Scotia in making a united application to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, for the appointment of two properly qualified Missionaries for this Province.

That this meeting is delighted to learn that the Presbyterian population throughout the country are still alive to their spiritual interests, and warmly attached to their Church, and that efforts are now making not only in the city of Halifax, but also in Wallace, and other places, to raise funds by congregational collections, subscriptions and donations, for the support of Home Missions and they earnestly recommend that similar exertions should be made in the congregations throughout this country.

That, as no religious effort can be expected to prosper without the Divine assistance and blessing, this meeting, humbled on account of their unworthiness, yet confiding in the Divine mercy, desire to commit their cause to God—earnestly entreating His blessing upon the means of grace now enjoyed; and that He would speedily send additional labourers into this portion of the Vineyard.

That the cordial thanks of this meeting are justly due and are now tendered to the Rev. Alex. McGillivray, of McLennan's Mountain, the only Gaelic Minister of the Church of Scotland, who has remained steadfast at his post in this province, for his diligent and unwearied ministerial services throughout the widely extended districts of this country for the last seven years, and they trust that his valuable life will be long spared to dispense the ordinances of Religion amongst his countrymen in their own native language.

The thanks of the meeting were then given to the Rev. John Martin, Halifax, and the Rev. Robert Macnair, Charlottetown, for their attendance and the part they had taken in the proceedings of the meeting.

A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to the chairman for his kindness in presiding on the occasion, the meeting was closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. R. Macnair.

Before the meeting was brought to a close, by a unanimous Resolution a committee of gentlemen resident in Pictou, New Glasgow, Salt Springs, New Lairg and East River, were appointed to take the necessary steps for the formation of Lay Associations in connection with the Church of Scotland, and in co-operation with the Lay Association of Nova Scotia, in the congregations to which they severally belong, to aid in the support of visiting Missionaries.

Arrangements were also made for the formation of Associations at Merrigomish, Roger's Hill, and other places throughout the country.—*Halifax Guardian.*

CALEDONIA ACADEMY.

The Lay Association of Nova Scotia, as patrons of the Caledonia Academy, have offered the fol-

lowing prizes from the funds of the Institution to be given at the annual examination in the end of July. First, a prize No 5 value £1, to the best Latin scholar. Second, a prize, value £1, to the best French scholar. Third, a prize, value £1, to the best student in Geography. Fourth, a prize, value £1, to the best Arithmetician. Fifth, a prize, value £1, to the best English scholar. No pupil to be entitled to receive more than one of the above mentioned Prizes. Several additional prizes will also be awarded on that occasion to the most deserving scholars in the other branches of education taught in the Seminary.—*Id.*

CALEDONIA ACADEMY.—The annual examination of this most excellent institution, which, as our readers are aware, is under the auspices and direction of the Lay Association in connection with the Church of Scotland, took place here on Wednesday last in presence of a large number of the parents and friends of the pupils. The Rev. Mr. Scott, of St. Matthew's, opened the proceedings with an appropriate and impressive prayer, after which Mr. Costley, the respected rector of the Academy, proceeded to examine the various classes in their order.—*Id.*

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR HALIFAX.

Extract from the Minutes of the Acting Committee of the General Assembly's Committee on Colonial Churches, held at EDINBURGH, the 19th day of June, 1850.

The Committee next proceeded to deliberate as to the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Nicoll to Halifax.

On considering the whole matter and the testimonies which had been borne to Mr. Nicoll's character and qualifications, it was moved, and unanimously agreed to, that the Committee should appoint the Rev. Francis Nicoll as third minister for the Churches of St. Mathew's and St. Andrew's, in the City of Halifax, in terms of the united applications made by both congregations; and the Rev. Francis Nicoll was unanimously appointed accordingly. The Secretary was directed to give immediate intimation of this appointment to Mr. Nicoll, and also to the Lay Association at Halifax, and to request Mr. Nicoll to make arrangements for going out as soon as possible.

The Committee further agreed, in addition to the provision of £200 currency to be provided to him by the congregations of St. Mathew's and St. Andrew's, to pay him for three years from their funds as contributed from year to year, but from those funds alone, such a sum as with the allowance of £200 currency to be made to him by the united Congregations would make up a yearly salary of £200 sterling.

The Committee further agree to allow Mr. Nicoll a sum not exceeding £65 sterling to defray the expenses of his passage to Halifax.

(Signed) W. Young, Secretary.

DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN CASSILIS.—We are this day called to perform the melancholy duty of announcing to our readers the death of the Rev. John Cassilis, of St. Patrick's, New Brunswick, one of the oldest and most respected ministers of the Presbyterian Church in these Lower Colonies. Mr. Cassilis has resided for a long period in this country, having been appointed and ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Windsor more than thirty years ago. After officiating in that place with much acceptance for a considerable time, Mr. C. removed to St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, to take charge as Principal of the Grammar School in that town; and ten years ago he was inducted by the Presbytery of St. John to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of St. Patrick's in the neighbourhood of St. Andrew's. His death is deeply lamented by his family and flock, and his loss will be severely felt by his brethren in the ministry and the Church with which he was connected, in its present weak and feeble condition. The Synod of New Brunswick wisely resolved at its last meeting to make a strong representation to the Assembly's Colonial