

dark Jordan. We know also that the young in such congregations are not receiving that instruction necessary for their temporal prosperity and eternal happiness. We see them growing up—necessarily to some extent ignorant of a preached gospel—we know that Sabbath Schools and the various other means of instruction engaged under a settled ministry and in properly organized congregations cannot be enjoyed by them, and we tremble for the lambs of the flock. And truly cold must be the heart of that man or minister who can witness unmoved such scenes as that which might be witnessed at the last meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou,—especially in the case of the Barney River and Lochaber congregations. Who could but admire their earnestness in endeavoring to secure to themselves the services of a minister? We know that they exerted themselves to the very utmost, and acted nobly and well. It is true they did not secure their object—yet we would beg of them not to be discouraged. They may rest assured that the Presbytery shall do everything in its power to grant them supplies until they shall have permanently settled among them one who shall break to them the bread of life. That day we trust is not far distant. But the case of this congregation is by no means solitary. Here and there throughout the country, congregations are eagerly looking to us for aid and crying “come over and help us.” And this cry frequently comes from congregations of the most interesting description—from men deeply and ardently attached to our church, and willing to do all they can in support of a Gospel ministry. And perhaps never were we in a more promising or interesting position in the country than at present. Our great want is an abundant supply of ministers—alas that we are at present unable to supply this want. And are we not in a great measure culpable for this want of power? Were the Young Men's Scheme supported as it ought to have been, were our people year after year to have given it that countenance which it merits, and that support without which it cannot exist, our prospects would have been brighter than they are at present, and our future far more noble and commanding. Then would we see year after year young men returning to their native land as ministers of the Gospel—in a very short time we would see not only our older congregations, long vacant and long praying for ministers, amply supplied, but also those new ones springing into existence, provided with spiritual teachers and competent guides. Then indeed would the walls of our Zion be rebuilt. Then might we soon behold her beautiful and glorious as in the days of old. True it is (and proud indeed are we to notice it) the last few years have by no means been times of total inactivity. Far from it. We have built many splendid churches; we have organized several congregations; our people

have in a measure bestirred themselves—their number has multiplied and their liberality increased. Yet how ought this consideration to affect us? Is it not to make us thank God and take courage, and to redouble our exertions in the future. Can it yet be said of us “we have done all that we could?” Have we not left undone things which we ought to have done, and been very remiss in our duty? When we look around us in the Christian Church we may see many things to stimulate us onwards. We see our brethren in the Canadian Church rising with a mighty enthusiasm in a great cause, and resolving to carry out a magnificent Endowment Scheme. They have our most fervent God-speed! This is truly a movement in the true direction, and with our whole heart we hope and pray they may prosper. I trust the day is not far distant when we too shall be found following in their footsteps, and thus endeavoring to realize something of the idea of an Established Church. We see also the Sister Church in this Province supporting a Foreign Mission, and so aiding in the dissemination of Christian truth and the propagation of the Faith in foreign lands. And are we alone to remain in comparative idleness in the vineyard of our great master? Shall we not make a united effort throughout our Church to support this scheme—an effort not confined to a few places in our Province, but throughout the whole of Nova Scotia, wherever we number adherents? Would it not be a grand object of Christian enterprise for every wealthy congregation in our Church to take upon itself the education of a young man anxious to become an ambassador for Christ? I trust congregations will duly consider this proposal. They would not find this burdensome, as after the first few years, the party thus sent home would require little or no aid, but could support himself by his own personal exertions. In the meantime we wish to turn attention to this scheme. Presently we shall enter upon its details and proper organization.

(To be continued.)

LETTER FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW TO THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

It is with no ordinary pleasure and gratification that we lay the following important letter before our readers. When we consider that this is not only the largest Presbytery in the Church, but that it numbers among its members such men as Dr. Caird, Dr. Macduff, Dr. Hill, Dr. Macleod, and others scarcely less eminent, the compliment which has thus been paid the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, and the sound and affectionate counsel tendered, will not soon be forgotten or disregarded.