

within the bounds; which was also adopted. Sheriff Buchan moved a vote of thanks to Dr Robertson for his address, and for his zeal and exertions in this most important scheme; which was warmly accorded. The Rev Dr Buchanan, M. Th. moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was recorded with acclamation, and the proceedings closed.

**MISSIONARY SERMON.**—The Annual Sermon, in connection with the Aberdeen Universities Students' Missionary Association, was preached in the West Church, on Sabbath evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Walker, St. Andrew's, Lhan-Bride. The preacher chose for his text the last two verses of the sixth chapter of Hebrews, and, in a very able discourse, distinguished at once by much earnestness and eloquence, pointed out the only "sure hope of the Christian," and the duty incumbent upon us all to make that "hope" known in every land. Incidentally, Mr. Walker alluded to the good the Students' Association had already done with scanty funds. They have established a Missionary Library; given a handsome subscription to the Endowment Scheme; founded a scholarship at Madras; a bursary at Queen's College, Canada; and sent a missionary to Cochinchina. Mr. Walker evidently produced a very favourable impression upon the audience in regard to his power as a preacher.—*Aberdeen Journal*.

**THE VACANCY IN GREENKNOCK CHURCH, ANNAN.**—On the evening of Monday, the 11th inst., there was held a meeting of the managers, male communicants, and seat-holders of the church, presided over by Henry Macfarlane, Esq., surgeon, R.N., for the purpose of electing a successor to the Rev. David Brewster, who has been presented to the church and parish of Kilmany, Fife-shire. The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, expressing a hope that the election would be unanimous, but, if otherwise, that the minority would yield to the majority. After calling the roll of electors, and recording their votes, it was found that the Rev. Samuel Creighton, of Tundergarth, was all but unanimously chosen.—*Observer*.

**PRESENTATION AT TERREGLES.**—On Friday, the 8th ult., a deputation of the ladies of Terregles church waited upon their clergyman, the rev. James Innes Stephen, at the Manse, and, through the medium of Mr. Harkness, schoolmaster, presented him with a very elegant Pulpit Bible and Psalm Book as a mark of their esteem, and in appreciation of the very able and acceptable manner in which he has discharged his sacred duties. Mr. Harkness, in a few neat remarks, expressed the sentiments of the congregation, adding how deeply he shared the feelings which had prompted this mark of kindness and esteem, and how cordially he joined in the general wish that the reverend gentleman might long be spared to open and expound the Sacred Volume. He then went on to state that, in further token of the interests which the congregation took in the church, they had provided for the pulpit, being handsomely hung, the vestry neatly furnished, and other improvements. Mr. Stephen replied in grateful terms. He begged to acknowledge their kind and esteemed compliment; such a graceful expression of their regard was by him as wholly unexpected as it was highly pleasing and truly prized.—*Dumfriesshire Courier*.

**BEQUESTS FOR SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE READERS.**—A northern journal states that the late Admiral Duff, besides his valuable estates of Drummuir and Hopeman, has left about £80,000 in money. The public bequests are stated to be £1000 to each of the twelve largest towns in England and Scotland for supporting Scripture readers. The towns in Scotland are Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, and Inverness; and the bequests are vested in the Mayors and Aldermen in England, and the Provosts and Magistrates in Scotland. The Scripture readers must be members of the Established Churches of England or Scotland.

## CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

### The Wolfe Island Mission.

A meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Association belonging to St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, was held on Wednesday the 30th of December, at which was read an interesting report from Mr. David Camelon, the Missionary employed by them on Wolfe Island during the summer months. As the interesting Mission carried on by this Association has been but little known to the readers of the *Presbyterian*, a slight sketch of its operations hitherto may be desirable.

Wolfe Island, or Long Island, as it is sometimes called, is situated in the St. Lawrence, opposite Kingston, from which it is 4 miles distant. It is 21 miles long, and 7 broad; is fertile, healthy and flourishing, with a population of 3000, of whom 1200 are Roman Catholics. Of its Protestant inhabitants many are from the Highlands of Scotland, and the cherished language of their forefathers is still perpetuated among them. Not so, however, their time-honoured religion. Some of the early settlers, being avowed infidels, propagated their dangerous tenets with but too much success; and, when to this circumstance are added their isolated position, want of ordinances, and the difficulty of ministerial access, it is not to be wondered at that infidelity and irreligion were fearfully prevalent, and that intemperance, Sabbath-breaking, and their train of attendant evils, spread their baneful effects rapidly over the island. In such a state of things it was impossible that the visits, which the minister of Kingston could occasionally spare from his numerous avocations, could do much to counteract the evil. His successive assistants, however, who for some years laboured in Kingston and its vicinity, bestowed on Wolfe Island no small share of their exertions with very considerable success.

When at length Dr. Machar had no longer an assistant, and the islanders were unavoidably left almost destitute of spiritual privileges, the congregation of St. Andrew's Church began to feel it an incumbent duty to do something for the spiritual necessities of their less-favoured neighbours on Wolfe Island. Early in 1855 an Association of Ladies was formed, who had previously done much by their labour to liquidate the

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Church debt and further Missionary enterprise, by monthly sales of work, to supply the necessary funds for the support of a missionary on the Island during the summer. In May 1855, their first missionary, Mr. Donald Ross, one of the young men sent by the Presbytery of Pictou to Kingston, who was studying for the ministry at Queen's College, entered upon his labours. He found the Island much divided among various denominations, none of which, however, were of any practical efficiency although the Island presented ample field for the labours of three earnest ministers. This being the case, it was impossible that a solitary catechist, however faithful and devoted, could in a single summer at all overtake the amount of work to be done. Still his laborious exertions were crowned with no small amount of success. Four Sabbath schools were organised, including 218 children, many of whom now for the first time received the elements of Christian instruction. The difficulty of procuring suitable teachers was, however, a serious obstacle to the effective working of these schools, as the missionary could not possibly be always present at each. Besides the schools, the missionary held prayer-meetings in various parts of the Island, which were numerously attended, and it is hoped were to many a source of lasting spiritual benefit. He was also diligently visiting, not only Presbyterian families, to whom he was specially sent, but also those of other denominations who desired and appreciated his visits, and this was a work of no small fatigue in a region where the population is so widely scattered and travelling often so laborious.

The missionary work was necessarily suspended during the Session of College, but in the following spring Mr. Ross again undertook the duty of Catechist. His first care was to re-establish the Sabbath schools, which during the winter had been almost suspended, and he succeeded in organizing six, attended by 250 children, who weekly received Scriptural catechetical instruction. In addition to his former labours the missionary undertook no small amount of trouble in collecting the sums which to the extent of £130, had been in the previous summer subscribed for the erection of a church. This church is now nearly completed, though there is still a deficiency of the necessary funds. Hitherto, with the exception of £20 presented to them by the Ladies' Society, and a small sum collected in Kingston and its vicinity, the islanders have received no external aid in building it. In addition to their exertions for this object they last year contributed £25 towards the funds of the Association which supported their Mission.

At the close of the second summer Mr. Ross finally resigned his charge, much to the regret of the Society, who had found in him a most faithful, earnest and devoted labourer. Nor was his departure less regretted by the people of Wolfe Island, on which he has conferred a lasting benefit in breaking up the ground and preparing it for benefiting by the labours of others. Whether Canada or his native province, New Scotia, shall be the scene of his future ministrations, he will be followed through life by the