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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET HER CUNNING."—PSALM 137, 17.

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THE CHURCH AT HOME.

Statement of the Colonial Committee.

Walter Malcom, Esq., has been appointed Secretary to the Colonial Committee, in room of the late William Young, Esq., F.S.

In making their monthly statement, the committee sincerely regret that they should have little more to present to the Church, than a record of the removal of ministers by death, and of continued destitution of the means of grace among our countrymen settled in foreign lands.

Dr. Mathieson, the excellent and efficient pastor of St. Andrew's church, Montreal, under the expression of his deep sorrow at the unexpected death of our late worthy secretary, Mr. Young, announces, in a letter of the 21st May, the demise of the Rev. Duncan Moody, of Dundee, who, "by his arduous exertions had built up a large and rich congregation;" also of the Rev. John MacLaurin, of Martintown, who is said to have been "an able and eloquent preacher, surpassed in the Gaelic language, capable of a great amount of labour, physical and mental; a man of simple manners, and of a warm high-spirited heart." He assisted a brother clergyman on the Friday and Saturday, preparatory to the communion; was in his own pulpit on the Sabbath, and exerted himself wonderfully. On Monday he performed his usual duty in a distant part of his charge, about sixteen miles off: the day was cold and blustering when he returned, yet he visited till a late hour, some sick members of the congregation; an illness came on, which terminated in *croup*, and carried him off on the third night. Also, of the Rev. J. Mackenzie of Williamstown, who died of mortification, caused by an accidental wound received while in the discharge of his duties. Mackenzie was "a noble, generous-hearted man. His benevolence knew no bounds, the extent of his means. He lived in

poverty himself, when he was, out of his scanty means, giving pounds to assist young men in their education, or to relieve an indigent countryman. He was the father of the Church in Canada." "In these three men," says Dr. M., "we have lost perhaps the most warmly attached of our whole synod to the Church of Scotland."

The following extract from a letter addressed to Dr. Mathieson, by a minister of the Presbytery of Glengarry, surely cannot be perused without emotion. May it not meet the eyes of our preachers in vain!

"And now, my dear friend, in the contemplation of all that the Lord hath wrought amongst us, what is the next to be done? You will say, *First*, 'Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers.' Right! and what then? Are there no means that you can think of to attain to what we pray for? All our sad branches are now spread out before you. Is there no individual or source in our native land, to which you might turn to interpose in providing relief? Oh! if there be, lose not a day in appealing to them! There are now *three* stations here, and *two* with yourselves, where *five first-rate* men could choose for themselves *most pleasant habitations*, and *fields* of incalculable usefulness. There are few country parishes in Scotland, that can at all vie with Williamstown and Martintown, in *all the elements* that can contribute to a minister's comfort and happiness; and Leithel, except as to its inland locality, is not much, if at all, behind either of them. But if they should be allowed to be waste for any length of time, the consequences would be most injurious. Could not *five* men, then, at least, be prevailed upon to come at once to *choose and be chosen*, and cast their lot among us?"

Report to the General Assembly by the Colonial Committee.—May, 1855.

Your Committee beg leave very respectfully to submit to the General Assembly, a

succinct account of their proceedings during the past year.

CANADA.

The statements received, from time to time, from our friends in this wide field, of Colonial labour are at once interesting and encouraging.

The history of Queen's College, Kingston, continues to be satisfactory. During the past year two ministers, educated there, were appointed to charges in Canada,—viz., the Rev. James Gordon, who was ordained by the Presbytery of Toronto as minister at Markham, and the Rev. James M. Ewen, by the Presbytery of Hamilton, at Westminister.

The committee have, as usual, received an annual statement from the trustees of Queen's College, from which it appears that there are in regular attendance in that institution fifty-four students, of whom nearly two-thirds are being educated for the Church. There are fifty-three students in the preparatory school. "Never at any time," say the trustees, "have the professors had under them a set of more hopeful young men. Many of them give evidence of deep and earnest piety, and all of them manifest a diligence in study which, with the divine blessing, warrants the hope of great future usefulness."

On the subject of the clergy reserves, the trustees stated that the question is now about to be brought to a final settlement, and that a very considerable amount of revenue will be secured to the ministers of the Synod, while the sum of £500 per annum will in all probability be secured to Queen's College.

The committee have repeated their grant of \$200 in support of this institution. They have likewise continued the benefit of bursaries to two students from Nova Scotia, and have awarded a third bursary of £15 to another, prosecuting his studies for the ministry, in connection with the Church of Scotland in Canada.

Only one minister, the Rev. Duncan