

admire across the seas, let us remember *we are the Colonies*, and that we are called upon to work. The work can be best done, when it is done as the work of Christ. It is not in answer to the church at home, merely, that we are to do it.—Christ calls us to work, and every separate effort should be done for Christ.—An ecclesiastical organization will have a pernicious effect, if it destroy individual acting, and if it take away the feeling of individual responsibility. A church puts us on the field of action, but when there we act for Christ, and as solely in his eye. When Paul and Barnabas were separated for their work, they went forth at the command of the church, but they forgot the church when actually engaged in the work to which they had been appointed. It is an interesting reflection that in the vast field to which the Colonial Scheme looks, or to which any church, providing for the wants of her expatriated members, or sympathising with destitute portions of an empire extending over the whole globe, sends its ministers or missionary labourers, every such labourer when truly engaged in his master's work plies his vocation even as if he was single and alone in his efforts, and having Christ only to please and to serve. "Go and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you alway." We are not to forget our connections with the church, but we are especially to remember our connection with Christ, and our responsibility to him.—There is a peculiar appropriateness in giving the Colonial Report of the home church in our columns; but it were still better, perhaps, if we had reports of our own to furnish; at all events, when the grand Report, taking in the Colonies at large, has been laid before our readers, it will be well to have such intelligence as may be furnished by every minister of the progress of religion in his own locality, or such items of information as may be interesting, instructive, and encouraging, to fellow-workmen in the same labour, or fellow-christians in the same warfare.

I. COLONIAL.

1. AUSTRALASIA.

In obedience to the instructions of last General Assembly, the Committee have during the past year directed special attention to the spiritual wants of Australia.—Feeling it to be their duty to provide for their emigrant countrymen, not only after they had settled in that land, but also during their voyage, they opened a communi-

cation with Government, with the view of making an arrangement for supplying with religious teachers the emigrant ships which were employed in conveying their countrymen, especially those from the Highlands. It was the wish of the Committee to furnish such ships with both a minister and a teacher, but the Emigration Commissioners thought themselves warranted to send only one religious instructor in each ship, except in the case of the "Hercules," to which both a minister and a teacher were appointed.—The committee could not do as they wished in this respect, but they did not hesitate to do what they could. They endeavoured to procure, on the one hand, ministers or preachers who could teach, and on the other, teachers who were able and willing regularly to maintain public worship. They have not been without some success in this; and the following persons have gone out with emigrant ships, who, though they did not receive special appointments, yet took charge of the emigrants with whom they sailed:—
Mr Wm. Ross, teacher at Innerleithen.
Mr John M'Iver, teacher at Moldart.
Mr. John M'Gaskill, teacher at Stronde, Harris.

The following teachers received not only the commission of the Committee, but also the sanction of her Majesty's Land and Emigration Commissioners to take charge of the emigrants during the voyage:—

Mr Charles M'Kay, teacher at Cricheh.

Mr Simon Morison, from Beany.

Mr Alex. Nicolson from Portree.

The following ministers also engaged to devote part of their time to religious and educational labours among the emigrants on the voyage:—

Rev. Allan M'Vean, appointed to Victoria.

D. M'Donald (probationer), "

John Turner, "

John M'Tavish, "

Besides these, the following have left in ordinary passenger vessels without any special charge of emigrants by the way, altho', it is believed, that they have availed themselves of every opportunity of conducting religious exercises on board:—

Rev. Alex. M'Intyre, for Abalton, N. S. W.

Andrew Maxwell, for New England, N. S. W.

Wm. Grant, for N. S. Wales.

Arthur Paul, for N. S. Wales.

The following are appointed, and about to proceed to their several destinations:—

Rev. Wm. Henderson, for Victoria.

Archd. Simpson, for Victoria.

Alex. Adam, for Victoria.

James Cameron, for N. S. Wales.

Archd. Cameron, for N. S. Wales.

Hugh M'Kail, for N. S. Wales.

G. Divorty, for N. S. Wales.

John S. Moir, for South Australia.

To these younger brethren the Committee have been able to add two of the most experienced and able of the ministers of the