

tunes at sight, without the least hesitation or mistake. This I have witnessed fifty times.

I was delighted to learn that your churches have contributed liberally for the widow and family of the late Mr. Lowden, of New Glasgow, and also to hear that our excellent friend Mr. Ritchie, of Dunse, had done something efficient at home for the same object. Mr. L. was a worthy man, and she who, now widowed, mourns his loss, was a help meet for him. This I say, not from hearsay or from the testimony of others, but from my own knowledge of both, having been intimately acquainted with them before they left this country.

Our Aged Ministers' Scheme is making capital progress, and there is good reason to believe that at the meeting of Synod in May next, the Committee will be able to report that the sum of £10,000 has been obtained. Indeed, the Convener (Professor Macmichael) is confident that, by May, a considerably larger sum will have been subscribed. He is working the scheme admirably,—subjecting himself to an incredible amount of labour, and earning. I doubt not, in future years the fervent gratitude of many of his ministerial brethren, their families, and their congregations. Our Debt Liquidation Scheme is also making good progress. You are probably aware that at last meeting of Synod measures were adopted with a view of removing all the debt on the Church property of the denomination by May, 1860. I do not know if this will be accomplished, but it is obvious, from the spirit in which many congregations are setting themselves to work, that very considerable results will be achieved.

I am, &c.

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GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN, U. S.

*To the Editor of the Canadian United Presbyterian Magazine.*

My dear Sir,—As Convener of the Committee on the projected mission to the South Seas, I beg to mention, through your pages, for the information of the church at large, that the amount which may be calculated on annually for this object (so far as returns have been made) is £250. This sum is promised from about thirty-six congregations, which have sent communications. More than twenty congregations, from which something surely may be expected, have sent no communication. We do not think it too much to expect that £50 may be made up among these. I am, therefore, disposed to hope that £300 currency may be easily made up among our congregations for this important object.

This notice is given with a view to suggest that should any minister or preacher among ourselves, or divinity student, nearly finishing his course, be inclined to offer his services, he might in the meantime be turning his serious attention to the subject, and seeking the Divine direction. For, doubtless, the Synod on receiving so favorable a report of the funds to be put into their hands for this great and good object, will, at their meeting in June ensuing, immediately look out for a fit person to send out as their missionary to that interesting part of the world.

Let our congregations implore the blessing of the Lord on this movement.

I am, my dear Sir,

Most faithfully yours,

Caledonia, 15th January, 1857.

ANDW. FERRIER.

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FOREIGN MISSION OF THE U. P. CHURCH.

*To the U. P. Presbytery of London, which met on the 7th January, 1857.*

Reverend and Dear Brethren,—In respectfully presenting to you some account of my labors in Grant County, Wisconsin, I cannot well adopt the usual form of "Report."—Permit me, therefore, a little latitude.

I left my home and family on Monday morning, the 1st September last. No incident claiming special remark occurred on my journey. My mind was strongly impressed with the facilities now afforded to the traveller, comparing 1856 with 1836. He may now leave the city of London, or it may be the city of Montreal,