

the district, more especially as I had at my own request, been originally destined for the Island; and moreover, as the larger and wealthier congregations on the other side of the water, all seemed more or less to require a knowledge of *Gaelic* as an indispensable requisite in a missionary stationed among them. This of course on the understanding that the Committee would sanction the same; it being evident that every missionary, in proposing to labour in a district, should have a regard to the future prospects of support from that district; and to all appearance, judging from the present capabilities of the congregation, it may be years after the term of my engagement with the Committee expires, before Georgetown can, by any reasonable calculation, be in a condition to support a minister without assistance from their funds.

Since penning the above statement with regard to the Church at Georgetown, I have been much gratified to learn that a subscription has been opened for the repair of the building. This is a decided token of the interest which our adherents take in the good work; and as the repairs will, it is understood, be proceeded with without delay, I leave it with the Presbytery to decide, whether, on the completion of my present engagements, (which will take place in the beginning of next month) and in the event of no one else making his appearance I should not be removed to Georgetown to labour there permanently as a missionary.

In concluding this report, I may take the liberty of mentioning that since my arrival in this country, I have felt it to be my duty to take occasion, from time to time, to bring the circumstances of our destitute congregations under the notice of the Colonial Committee with the view of several additions being, if possible, made to our ranks, at present so inadequate to the work before them in this colony; and I sincerely trust that my humble appeals may not be entirely without some good result in the attainment of so desirable an object, and that we shall soon have to congratulate ourselves and our attached adherents on the arrival of fresh labourers in this corner of the missionary field.

### Presbytery of P. E. Island.

A meeting of this Court in connection with the Church of Scotland, was held, by appointment, in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, on the 3rd ult. the Rev. A. McKay, Moderator. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of. Mr. Roderick Campbell laid on the table a duly attested extract of his election to represent the session of St. John's, Belfast, and his name was ordered to be added to the roll.

There appeared Messrs. Morpeth, Anderson and McNeill, in behalf of the trustees and congregation of St. James', in the city of Charlottetown,—and laid on the table an invitation to the Rev. William Snodgrass to be

minister of that church, now vacant, in consequence of the completion of an engagement for a limited period which Mr. Snodgrass had, in absence of church courts, entered into with the congregation. Mr. Snodgrass' letter of acceptance was also laid on the table. These documents were read and sustained. It was agreed that the Presbytery meet, on Friday, the 19th inst. at 2 p.m. to moderate in a call to Mr. Snodgrass; and that the Rev. A. Pollok, of New Glasgow, N. S. be invited to conduct Divine Service on that day, and, in case of his not being able to accept this invitation, Mr. McKay was appointed to preside. It was further agreed that Mr. McKay preach in St. James' Church, on Sabbath, the 7th inst. and give intimation of this appointment.

There was then laid on the table a memorial from a Committee appointed at a congregational meeting held in the church at Georgetown, setting forth, that at said meeting, which took place on the 24th of September, it was proposed to take immediate steps to finish the said church;—that forty pounds were there and then subscribed for this purpose, which by the 26th of the same month, the date of the Committee's memorial, had been increased to fifty pounds;—that this sum would go far to make the building comfortable, but that there would still be a deficiency, which the people in connection with the church are at present unable to make up;—and that therefore the Committee apply, as they were appointed, at said meeting so to do, to the Presbytery, to bring the matter under the notice of the Colonial Committee, and to ask their assistance. Both Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. McKay, who were present at the meeting referred to, approved of the memorial which was submitted, and having ascertained from qualified parties as well as from personal inspection, the probable cost of completing the church, it was agreed to represent the matter to the Colonial Committee, and apply for fifty pounds sterling. The Moderator and Clerk were instructed to sign the application in name of the Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned.

The Court met again, according to adjournment, on the 19th ult. The Rev. A. McKay, Moderator. The Rev. A. Pollok was received as an associate member. The Clerk reported that an application for aid to finish the church at Georgetown had been sent to the Colonial Committee, in terms of the instructions of Presbytery at last meeting.

The edict intimating, the appointment of Presbytery to meet this day to moderate in a call in favor of the Rev. W. Snodgrass to be minister of St. James' Church, was returned, duly executed. The Rev. A. Pollok then went to the pulpit and preached from these words of Matt. ch. 22, v. 42: "What think ye of Christ?" And, at the conclusion of the service, intimated that the Presbytery were now to proceed to discharge the duty for which they had specially met. A form of call was thereupon produced and read by the presiding minister, and then signed by the trustees, elders, members, and adherents of the congregation, who were present. Intimation was then given that the Presbytery were now ready to receive objections to Mr. Snodgrass, but none were offered. Whereupon the Presbytery agreed to sustain the call, as also a bond submitted by the trustees, stipulating the amount of stipend and the mode of payment. The call was then put into the hands of Mr. Snodgrass, and he was asked whether he accepted of the same. Mr. Snodgrass gave reasons why this question should not be urged

at present, and craved the Presbytery to allow the call to lie open for a few days that it might be more fully signed. The call was then lodged in the hands of Mr. J. W. Morrison, and ordered to be left at his store for additional signatures. The Presbytery further directed the call to lie open in this place on Monday the 22nd inst between the hours of 12 and 2 and Mr. Pollok was instructed to give intimation of these arrangements on Sabbath first. The Presbytery then adjourned.

The Presbytery met again according to adjournment, in St. James' Church, on Monday the 22d ult. Rev. A. McKay, Moderator. The call in favour of Mr. Snodgrass, with 156 names appended, was put into his hands, and accepted by him. The Presbytery thereupon resolved to proceed with his inducements and appointed the same to take place on Sabbath the 4th of November,—the Rev. Alex. McKay to preach and preside—and one of the ministers of the Presbytery of Pictou to be requested to address minister and people. The Presbytery also appointed the Rev. A. Pollok to preach in St. James' Church, on Sabbath first, and to serve an edict to the above effect, it being understood that Mr. Pollok is at liberty to procure a substitute.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place on Monday the 5th of Nov. to make the usual inquiries into the affairs of the congregation.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### War, and Missionary Enterprise.

What could our nation not effect, if it were as anxious for the success of *Christian Missions*, and as ready to contribute for the purpose as it is for the proper prosecution of the war, and to be taxed on its account? If the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom were even to begin to rival, in the eyes of our statesmen, the preservation of the balance of power in Europe, changes might be accomplished, ever which the Christian bar would rejoice. If the resources of the main were as freely at the disposal of the friends of Christianity, as they now are for the purposes of war, how soon might the high-sounding strains of Isaiah be fulfilled to the very letter!

Doubtless, we have missionaries as brave in their lives, as those patriotic men are who hold the trenches before Sebastopol, and who are as willing to die in Christ's behalf, as some foreign coast, and at some of Christianity's outposts, as any of our brave soldiers or sailors are to die in their country's cause. But is there any general enthusiasm among the love and far-off missionary, like that which the writers, the poets, the statesmen, and the people of the land pour forth for the encouragement of those who have gone to the war? Often, as he leans his weary head on his weary hand, in some distant spot, he thinks of home and early friends, of present difficulties, and personal weakness, would the voice of strong sympathy, coming from his native land, sustain his heart in solitude, and nerve his arm for the battle of the Lord.

Are there no spiritual resources available