

barren and broken, and much of it wet and stony and makes but a poor return for the labor bestowed. Hence their means are limited. They now number about 20 families, exclusive of several living on the South Branch who generally worship with them; all of whom I visit annually, I have preached to them occasionally ever since I came to this place. About sixteen years ago they made a noble effort to get up a church amongst themselves. They selected for the site a beautiful and romantic situation, near a small eminence, by the side of the road, and close by a high bank of the River. They have secured and levelled the ground, raised the building, and finished the outside; which has a very respectable appearance. The floor has been laid and a temporary pulpit and benches have been provided; so that we have been enabled to use it for several years. It is not comfortable however, and in winter it is very cold. They do not feel able to finish it, and hence my application with the view of not only helping, but of stimulating them to further exertion to help themselves.

Besides these facts, in urging my claim before the Presbytery here, I stated—that during my incumbency, there had been two quarter sections nourished into half congregations, viz. Eastern Londonderry and Brookfield; and two half sections viz., Beaver Brook and Onslow into whole congregations; and besides the three churches which at first existed within the sphere of my labours, viz. Onslow, Mass-town and Beaver Brook, there had been six more built, viz. Brookfield, Debert, Upper Beaver Brook, Chiganois, East Mountain, and said North River churches; all of which are now occupied, and four of them by myself; two each day alternately.—That they were now all about finished, but this one, and, with perhaps one exception, free of debt, and that I had never before applied to the funds of our church for any of them; though I had applied to some of my friends in Scotland and obtained a little assistance for three of them. Nor would I have applied in this case, if I had not considered it an urgent case of necessity. Believing that in thus helping a weak section of a very scattered congregation, we are only bearing each others burdens and so fulfilling the love of Christ.”

I remain Rev. Dear Sir, Yours &c.,

JOHN I. BAXTER.

Rev A. McKnight, *Con. H. M. B.*

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have much satisfaction in laying before the Church this month five Letters from our Foreign Missionaries. The contents of these are, upon the whole, very cheering. The reader will be struck with the earnestness with which these brethren ask the aid of our prayers, and we trust that the people of God will respond with a deep sense of the solemn responsibility resting upon them. Mr Constantinides intimates his intention of visiting this Province next summer; but we believe the Board does not feel justified in recommending him to take this step; and the Chairman has written to him requesting him to postpone his visit till the Synod shall have had an opportunity of taking it into consideration.

### LETTERS FROM REV. MR. GEDDIE.

#### FIRST LETTER.

*Appointment of New Agent at Sydney by the London Missionary Society—Opening of the New Stone Church at Aneiteum—Ruling Elders—Lord's Supper—News from Tana—Teachers asked for and sent—The John Knox—Apptal for help—Death of a native teacher.*

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REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

You have probably been informed that the Rev. W. Cuthbertson of Sydney, has been appointed to succeed the Rev. Dr. Ross, as agent for the London