

le the windbound shipping in roadsteads, it resists lying in harbours and docks. The noble chairman had no doubt but that as seamen, above any other class of men, presented the speciality of being open to religious impressions, the society would be able to carry out its objects and principles, if earnest and persevering in its operations. The Earl of Hardwicke approved of the society, which forwarded the welfare of seamen, whom, from his profession, he naturally regarded with interest. The plan which was entirely new, resembled a proposal which had been made to him last year, of vessels being built as floating churches, to sail from port to port, for the purpose of administering religious consolation to seamen. The plan was wise, valuable, and feasible, and he hoped to see good results spring from it. It was taken up in a proper spirit by the public, and above all, by the captains of ships. Mr. W. H. Kingston, the hon. secretary, then read a statement of the reasons which had led to the foundation of the society, and the plan laid down for its future operations. The Marquis of Blandford M. P., moved the first resolution—"That the meeting, fully sensible how little had been done by the Church of England for the seafaring population, recognized its obligation to care for the souls of British sailors, and pledged itself to the most strenuous exertion" to provide them with that spiritual instruction of which they were so much in want. The noble lord was rejoiced that a society had been established to supply that most important want, providing religious instruction to seamen, and as a member of the Church of England, while hailing the organization, wished it hearty success. The Rev. Edward Bickersteth, rector of Hampstead, seconded the resolution, which was supported by Captain Wenham. A captain in the East India trade testified to the blessings and advantages of captains attending to the spiritual welfare of the men on board their ships, and the gratitude that was shown to them for it by their crews. The resolution was then carried; after which the Rev. C. Money and Corporal Tunning, of the Marine supported the second resolution, which was also carried: "That the meeting hails with pleasure the increased interest taken in seamen and the provision made in many places for them; and while regarding their spiritual welfare as of the first importance, would use every means in its power to induce them to endeavour to improve their temporal condition." A third resolution, of the formation of the society and the appointment of a committee, moved by Captain Maude, R. N., seconded by the Rev. C. B. Gribble, and supported by Sergeant Revell, of the Royal Artillery, was then passed, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Death of the Rev Alex Ross

At Bradford on the 14th March last, the Rev. Alex. Ross, Minister of the Presbyterian

Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, of inflammation of the lungs, aged 63 years. Mr. Ross was a native of Logie, in Scotland. He was educated at Tam Academy, and King's College, Aberdeen, where he obtained a high character for his attainments in mathematics, natural philosophy and other studies. He obtained the first prize in the natural philosophy class in the session 1820-1, besides several other prizes. While acting as schoolmaster of the parochial school of Kincardine, Mr. Ross was ordained a minister by the Presbytery of Tain on 3rd June, 1829, and through the auspices of the Glasgow North American Colonial Society, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, of which Dr. Burns, then of Paisley, and Mr. David Welsh, of Glasgow, were the then secretaries, he received a call from the Gaelic and English congregation at Aldbro', in the London district, Upper Canada, where he laboured for about twelve years. He removed from Aldbro to Woolwich, and from Woolwich to Bradford, where he has resided for the last eleven years. Mr. Ross had been in a declining state of health for two or three years back. He leaves a widow and several children.

Letters and Monies received, April, 1857

Wm. Gordon, Pictou, with list and £1 10s.—new names added. D. Fraser, Belfast, P. E. I. per hands of A. McLean 10s. on account. H. MacKenzie, Albion Mines, 5s.—request complied with Rev. Peter Keay, Nashwaack, N. B. £2—new name added. Rev. Wm. Henderson, Newcastle, with 1 new subscriber—name added to list. File papers sent to Rev. Wm. Macrobie, Tabusintac, as requested. Rev. Donald McDonald, Desable, P. E. I.—7 additional names added, and other alterations made as requested. Wm. Johnston, Greenock, Scotland—request complied with Wm. Gordon, for Robt. Ross, Agent W. B. River John, 15s.—subscriptions paid to himself, 7s 6d. From John Doull, for Advertisements, £8. Rev. Francis Nicoll, Nfld—directions respecting transmission of papers attended to. Several letters received from Rev. Wm. Murray, Moncton, N. B.—and he will observe that his requests have been complied with. We have not yet heard from a number of our Agents. The subscriptions due for this year should be forwarded immediately

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

Bursary Endowment Fund

We have much gratification in announcing the exceedingly liberal donation of the sum of £200 from the Ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, to found a Bursary in Queens College. This is judicious liberality, and the Ladies Association deserves much credit for their contribution to a Bursary Endowment Fund.

Exemplary Liberality

We understand that on Sabbath, the 8th of last month, a collection was made in St. Paul's Church Montreal, in aid of the funds of the Montreal Ladies Protestant Benevolent Institution, amounting to £22 1s. This collection was made shortly after the liberal offer, of this congregation to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds, amounting to £41 8s. 3d and the collection adverted to in another place

Another pleasing instance of the liberality and kind consideration of this spirited congregation has been lately afforded which we gladly record. On the 26th of January last, the Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, minister of the congregation, was waited upon and presented with a beautiful purse containing the handsome donation of £100 in twenty dollar gold pieces.

The congregation have also erected a tablet in their Church to the memory of their late pastor, the Rev. Dr. McGill, at a cost of £50.

Henry's Commentary

Important to Ministers, Missionaries and Students of the Church of Scotland in N. S.

An Advertisement may have been observed in the "Home & Foreign Missionary Record of the Church of Scotland" for February, to the following effect:—

"An Edition of the Holy Scriptures, with MATTHEW HENRY'S COMMENTARY, in Nine volumes, Imperial Octavo, is in course of publication by Nisbet & Co., London, at the price of 45s sterling per copy to Subscribers.

"A few friends, Members of the Evangelical Alliance, having had their attention called to the importance of bringing such works within easy means of purchase to those whose office calls them to expound the Word of God, have undertaken to contribute and collect a portion of the Subscription Price of the above-mentioned Commentary, so as to offer One Thousand Copies at the price of 20s sterling per copy to Ministers, Missionaries, Probationers and Divinity Students, of Scotland, who will take the work bona fide for their own use," &c., &c.,

Through the kindness of James Alexander Campbell, Esq. of Glasgow, and of some friends in Halifax, a proportion of the 1000 Copies has been reserved for applicants (being Ministers, Students, &c.) belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Applicants are hereby requested to remit the subscription price, say 25s. currency postage free, to the undersigned, on or before the first day of June next, giving their designation and address in full, and stating by what conveyance their copies are to be forwarded.

The work is expected to be ready for delivery in Scotland in June.

JOHN DUFFUS, JR.
Treasurer.

Halifax 27th April 1857.

"Clericus," "Explorator," and other communications have been received, and will appear in our next number.

Donations to the Jewish Mission, 1857

"A Lady, a member of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia," (Mrs. D— F— of D—) per Rev. John Scott - - - £12 0 0
"Rev. John Scott, Nova Scotia" - - - 1 0 0

Synod Fund

May 1 Balance in hand - - - £2 3 7
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Home Mission Fund

May 1. Amount on hand - - - £60 5 1
2. Collection from St. Andrew's Church, Pictou—per W. Gordon - - - 8 0 0
4. Collection St. Matthew's church, Hx. - - - 27 5 9
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Halifax, April 6, 1857.