

obtain a suitable Missionary having failed, it was resolved that the operations of the Association should for a time be suspended, and £225 were invested in Commercial Bank Stock, the balance being deposited in the Savings Bank.

The Association was at length truly fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. John B. Mowat, a gentleman in every respect well qualified for the office. His salary, as fixed by the congregation, was £200. He commenced his labours, as a Missionary, in July, 1848, and in the following month the collectors of the association resumed their duties; since which period the collections have been regularly made once a month; and, although the collections have not kept pace with their rate at commencement, yet, by means of the interest on the Bank Stock, and the balance in the Savings Bank, the Association have thus far provided for the support of their Missionary without encroaching upon the £225 invested in 1847.

Kingston and the neighbouring townships afford a wide field for the labours of a Missionary.

Mr. Mowat preached regularly twice every month at the following stations:—

Glenburnie, 1st Sabbath and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Pittsburgh, Back Road, 2nd Sabbath and 4th Thursday of each month.

Wolfe Island, 3rd Sabbath and 1st Thursday of each month.

Pittsburgh, Front Road, 4th Sabbath and 2nd Thursday of each month.

And occasionally on the south part of Wolfe Island, on the Portland Road, at Ballynahinch, at Point Frederick, and every fortnight at Portsmouth, and in other parts of the Township of Kingston.

At each of the stations in Pittsburgh Mr. Mowat established a Bible class, which he conducted, and at most of the other places where he preached Sabbath schools have been commenced. At all the stations the attendance is steadily increasing, and in Pittsburgh steps are now being taken to erect a church, which will be attended by a congregation of at least 150 residents in the township.

In addition to the duties already enumerated Mr. Mowat preached once every Sabbath in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, where his labours were as acceptable as elsewhere. He also devoted a portion of his time to visiting, catechising and exhorting in the families in the city.

Although Kingston and the neighbourhood of Kingston afforded an ample field for the labours of a Missionary, it was scarcely to be expected that a preacher, so eminently qualified as Mr. Mowat, would be permitted to remain long in Kingston as assistant, while so many other congregations in connection with our Church were without a Minister. It was, nevertheless, with feelings of sorrow and regret that the Association received from Mr. Mowat, in November last, a communication announcing his intent to

to resign his office of Missionary, but that he would remain until the Spring.

This step, Mr. Mowat stated, he was induced to take from a conviction of duty that required him to labour where the spiritual necessities are more urgent, while the means of meeting them are more contracted. His own private feelings would, he stated, have undoubtedly induced him to remain in Kingston, the place of his birth, and the residence of his nearest and dearest relatives and connexions, and where he enjoyed the counsel and friendship of our talented and experienced pastor. Mr. Mowat assumed the duties of his new charge at Niagara in the beginning of May last.

The Association were requested by the congregation, early in April, to take immediate steps towards procuring the services of a Missionary, so that as little time as possible might intervene between the departure of Mr. Mowat and the commencement of the labours of his successor. The Association immediately made an arrangement with Mr. Duncan Morrison, a student of Queen's college, who, it is expected, will be licensed to preach the Gospel during the present year.

Mr. Morrison has been engaged at a salary of one hundred pounds for one year from the 1st of May last, since which time he has been employed in the country places in prosecuting the work so ably begun by his predecessor, and from his zeal and qualifications for the service, in which he is employed, there is reason to believe that he will prove a worthy and successful labourer in the vineyard of his Master.

The Association have had much pleasure in their work, and these brief notices are now sent to the *Presbyterian*, not for the purpose of drawing public attention to their humble labours, but of inducing other congregations similarly circumstanced with the congregation at Kingston, to do as they have done, or to surpass them. They desire to set up their Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us;" they believe their work to be a work pleasing in the sight of the Great Lord of the vineyard; and, since the assurance is given that they who water others shall be themselves watered, they feel that it will issue in good to themselves, and to every one in the congregation who has encouraged and aided them in spreading abroad the savour of Christ's name.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Reverend J. Malcolm Smith, A.M., who has been for some time Pastor of the Congregation at Galt, has been appointed to the Professorship of Classical Literature in Queen's College, which was vacant in consequence of the resignation of the Revd. Geo. Romanes, whom family reasons, and chiefly the succession to a large property in Edinburgh, have re-

called to his native country. While we cordially sympathize with the adherents of our Church in Galt, who are thus called upon to part with an esteemed Pastor, who had laboured for some years with earnestness and acceptance amongst them, we feel assured that the sacrifice will be cheerfully submitted to, as the appointment will, we firmly trust, conduce to the general good of the whole Church. We wish Mr. Smith a large measure of success in his new sphere of labour, for which his high attainments and his fervour and zeal eminently fit him; and at the same time we hope that the vacancy in the Pastorate of Galt will speedily be supplied.

APPOINTMENT TO HAMILTON.

We are gratified to have it in our power to record another proof of the affectionate interest with which the Church of Scotland regards her adherents in the Colonies. We learn from the *Home and Foreign Record of the Church of Scotland* for August, that the Rev. Daniel McNee has been appointed by the Colonial Committee as Minister to the church in Hamilton. Mr. McNee was to sail on an early day. The Committee state that they hope soon to be able to announce some other important appointments to the Colonial Field. We congratulate the Congregation of Hamilton on the success of their application to the Committee, and at the same time we earnestly hope that the labours of Mr. McNee may prove both acceptable and profitable to them.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

MISSIONARY MEETING IN PICTOU, NOVA SCOTIA.

In giving insertion to the following notice of a meeting of the friends of the Church of Scotland in Pictou, we would direct the attention of our readers to the gratifying fact, that the Lay Association of Halifax is exerting itself strenuously for the moral welfare of the adherents of our Church in Nova Scotia. So far as we have information, we believe that an even greater destitution of Spiritual Ordinances exists there than in this Province; but it is encouraging to see that the laymen of Halifax are boldly grappling with the difficulties that surround them, and are making strenuous exertions to overcome them. We observe with much pleasure that the Halifax Association is succeeding in carrying out a scheme we have laboured for some time, though ineffectually, to establish in this Province, viz. the formation of Branch Lay Associations. We are firmly convinced that such associations would be productive of much good, as by their means the members of the Church would be brought together, their energies would be enlisted towards, and concentrated upon, the development and