

"Note of the 7members" of communicants belonging to the three leading Churches in Scotland:—

I. CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

"Number of communicants per return ordered by the House of Commons, on the motion of Mr. Edward Ellice, dated June 9, 1874, as also per further returns dated July 5, 1874—460,566. These returns have been so far verified by a return to the House of Lords, on the motion of the Earl of Minto, dated April 7, 1876, which showed that at 76 elections which had taken place since the Patronage Act came into force, and the regulations for which require the communion roll to be carefully purged and made up, 40 parishes had 1972 communicants less than in Mr. Ellice's return, and 36 parishes showed an increase of 2775, making a net increase of 803, and a total of 461,369.

II. FREE CHURCH.

"1 Lowland or Non-Gaelic Charges.—Number of communicants per statement by Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund given in to the Assembly of 1877, which numbers are taken from the Presbyterian returns for year to May 31, 1876—208,748. Add congregations blank in above statement, but whose membership appears in previous years—say 3252—total, 212,000. 2. Highland or Gaelic Charges.—In the statement above referred to, instead of giving the membership in this class—which in almost every case is very low compared with the congregation—a proportion of adherents is only given, and the only way in which an estimate of the members in these charges can be made is by using the report of the Committee on Religion and Morals which from year to year lays before the Free Assembly the statistics of certain Presbyteries visited by deputies during the year. Skye, Lochcarron, Abertaff, Lorn, and all have in this way been reported on, and they fairly represent different parts of the Highlands. If it be assumed, as it is thought it may fairly be, that the proportion of the membership to the adherents in the Presbyteries so visited and reported on is very much the same as the proportion between the two classes in other parts of the Highlands, we find that the number of members in the High-

lands is therefore somewhere about 10,511—making the total for Free Church 222,411.

III. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

"Number of communicants as reported to the Synod of 1877—172,170.

"The total number of communicants in the Free and United Presbyterian Churches is thus 391,581; showing the Church of Scotland to have 76,896 more communicants than both these Churches put together.

THE REPORT OF MR. MCKENZIE, CATECHIST.

MR. EDITOR:—

DEAR SIR,—Having been appointed to labour as a Catechist within the bounds of your Presbytery for the summer season, and having complied with your appointments, allow me now to give in my report:

I should do this, perhaps, immediately on the close of my summer labours but as my time was so much occupied I could scarcely avoid delaying the matter. I arrived from Princeton about the last of April and entered upon my labours without delay. Being appointed by Presbytery to labour between Earltown and the Falls I immediately proceeded to these places. As Earltown is a place which is well known to the inhabitants of the surrounding districts it is unnecessary for us to enter upon a detailed description of it. It is sufficient to state that its hills and valleys, brooks and brooklets and intersected roads are the prominent features which distinguish it from its neighbouring districts. Here live men who may be distinguished for their natural talents, piety and sound judgment of the truth. Although they did not study the science of theology, systematically nor familiarize themselves with such distinctions as meet the student of the said science in the course of his study nevertheless their clear understanding and sound judgment of the Word of God, enable them to draw these distinctions themselves and thus walk in the paths of orthodoxy. Moreover, these ever have been distinguished by their strict adherence to the Church of their