

suitable temporal and spiritual blessings may rest upon him and his.

JOHN BARCLAY, D.D.,  
*Minister of St Andrew's Church.*  
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VI.—*From GILBERT LAURIE FINLAY, Esq., Manager of the Edinburgh Life Assurance Company, Edinburgh.*

17 NORTHUMBERLAND STREET, EDINBURGH,  
 30th January 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I am sorry to find that your health has obliged you to return to this country, and to give up the prospects of occupation in Canada, just after you had formed the basis of a good connection there.

As I understand you are now applying for the situation of Collector of the Ministers' Widows' Fund, I have only to say that I wish you may get it,—being satisfied that your business experience, your habits of industry, and your financial accuracy, would enable you to discharge the duties required of you, with equal credit to yourself and benefit to the funds entrusted to your management.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

GILBERT L. FINLAY.

JAMES ALEXANDER, Esq.

VII.—*From KENNETH MACKENZIE, Esq., Accountant.*

29 NORTHUMBERLAND STREET, EDINBURGH,  
 30th January 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in complying with your request, by stating that I consider that you are well qualified to fill the office of Collector to the Widows' Fund of the Church of Scotland. With the exception of the period during which you were in Canada, I think I may safely say that I have known you since we were boys at school together. I have always entertained a high opinion of your character and abilities, and although I fear you are somewhat late in announcing yourself as a Candidate for this office, I am sure

\* The Hon. Arch. McLean, Judge of the Queen's Bench, Upper Canada.