

Home Missions.

Gaelic Preachers and Missionaries are much needed in our Church; but the number of Gaelic students is quite inadequate to the call for them. In view of this fact the Synod at its last meeting resolved that the sum of £30 of Home Mission Funds should be devoted to bursaries for Gaelic-speaking Students.

We mention this for two purposes; first, to encourage Gaelic-speaking Students to push their way up to the Divinity Hall where some help will await them; secondly, to induce greater liberality in contributing to the Home Mission Funds. We call the attention of Gaelic Congregations especially to the importance of sending promptly to the Treasurer their monthly or their annual collections. We are not wealthy as a denomination; but God has given us generally a competent portion of the good things of this life; in fact he has answered to us the wise prayer, "Give me neither poverty nor riches!" Hence, if we are to do much, every one of us must do a little—do what is in our power. We have no men that can give their thousands; but we have thousands who can give their dollars.—Ministers and office-bearers should see to it that every congregation and preaching station have an opportunity of giving their contribution, be it much or little. The Lord Loveth a cheerful giver. Ye know the grace of the Lord Jesus that though he was rich yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich.

A Good Return.

The Missionary Association of Chalmers Church, Halifax, was re-organized a few weeks ago. The Collectors are young ladies who go their rounds monthly, two and two. On their first monthly round they collected the handsome total of £20. Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, has had a similar organization for the last fifteen years, in good working order. The result is that this Congregation has recently raised for missionary, religious, and benevolent purposes more than any other in our Synod.

✍ Letters to the Missionaries should be addressed to the care of

Rev. William Cuthbertson,
Agent London Missionary Society,
Sydney, Australia.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD FOR 1864

Is offered to the Church on the same terms as last year, namely *sixty cents (3s.)* for copies addressed singly; and *fifty cents (2s. 6d.)* per copy when five are mailed to one address. For every ten copies ordered to one address, an additional copy is sent free. Thus if you pay Ten dollars for Twenty copies we send you Twenty-two copies. The orders for 1863 will not stand for 1864. *Renew your orders immediately*, paying all arrears, and remitting if possible payment in advance for numbers ordered. *The old list is cancelled*, (except in the case of those who have paid two or three years in advance) and we wish to have all old balances, however small, settled. We have also to urge the forwarding of orders for 1864 with as little delay as possible.

The circulation of the *Record* for 1863 was a little larger than on the previous year; but it has not yet found its way into *one family in three* of our adherents. This cannot be regarded as satisfactory; and we trust that a fresh effort to increase its circulation will be put forth at the commencement of the next volume.

No Postage will be charged during the year 1864. Much annoyance and delay were occasioned by a change attempted in the Postal arrangements last summer. Representations having been made to the Government, the obnoxious law was suspended; and we understand that there is no probability of its being again enforced.

Our first number for 1864 will contain an Engraving from wood of

DILLON'S BAY, EROMANGA,

showing Mr. Gordon's house and the scene of his murder. This spirited sketch is taken by permission from the Rev. Dr. Turner's *Nineteen Years in Polynesia*, and it must prove of permanent interest to the readers of the *Record*.