

9. It is proposed, when a resident clergyman is obtained, to have services regularly in the forenoon and afternoon. It would be desirable that the clergyman should understand the Gaelic, as a portion of the congregation are Highlanders; and, in this case, it is proposed to have a Gaelic service at least once a fortnight.

10. It is fully expected, as stated above, that the stipend will amount to at least £150. No provision has been made for a manse or glebe. About five months ago, the Presbyterians upon the Mines petitioned their employers, the Board of Directors of the General Mining Association in London, on this subject. No answer to their petition has yet been received; but it is hoped that their prayer will be granted, and that the Board will order a glebe to be set apart, and also make some allowance towards the erection of a manse.

REMARKS.

“The church is a neat and comfortable edifice, with a steeple, belfry and bell, and the first finished in the Island. Divine service was performed in it, for the first time, on Sabbath, the 25th April, by the Rev. James Fraser. The congregation was assembled by the sound of the Sabbath bell, the first heard in the Island from a church in connection with ours.

“The remainder of the workmen upon the Mines are principally Romanists. There are about ten families Wesleyan Methodists. Their Society have lately built a chapel. There is also a Roman Chapel, where mass is occasionally performed. The Wesleyan minister of the town of Sydney visits the Mines pretty regularly. From the want of a leading man, the Presbyterians have not succeeded in establishing a Sabbath School of their own. The weekly school,