

We repeat our conviction that New Richmond, and the congregations in the vicinity, should receive the prompt and resolute attention of the Montreal Presbytery. They have, amidst the distractions and divisions that threatened to rend asunder the venerable Church of our Fathers, evinced a catholic, a charitable, and we hope a Christian spirit. They have been patient and reasonable in no ordinary degree. We anticipate, then, that in so far as the Presbytery with which they are now connected can secure it, they shall not lose their reward.—*Halifax Guardian.*

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.—On Saturday, we had an opportunity of seeing a beautiful model of a church, to be erected in Quebec for the congregation of the Rev. Dr. Cook, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland. This model, which has been constructed from designs and under the superintendence of Mr. Charles Wilson, architect, of this city, is according to the style of the early English gothic. Much professional talent has been displayed in the design; and as the site where the church is to be erected is elevated and commanding (the corner of St Anne Street, Quebec), the structure will be at once elegant and appropriate. Our readers will have some idea of what its appearance will be, when we give the following statement of the principal measurements:—The tower and steeple, 205 feet, fronting a corner between two streets. The church is to be 114 feet in length; and in width over the transepts 83 feet. The building is calculated to hold 1400 sitters. We understand that the model will be on sight for a few days in Mr. Black's saloon, St. Mary's Buildings, Renfield Street, previous to its being shipped for Quebec.—*Glasgow Herald.*

QUEEN'S COLLEGE SCHOOL.—The annual examination of Queen's College School took place on Wednesday, the 11th July, in the commodious School House lately erected, in presence of a number of Clergymen and Teachers, as well as of the parents and friends of the pupils. After the divine blessing had been implored, the various classes in English Grammar, Arithmetic, Latin, Geometry and Algebra, Greek and Geography, were successively examined, and all of them, without exception, acquitted themselves in a manner which gave the highest satisfaction to those present. In the minutæ of English Grammar, in Arithmetic, to its advanced rules in Fractions, Extraction of Square and Cube Roots, and Interest, and in the knowledge of Geography, the scholars showed themselves perfectly at home. Not only were the translations correctly given in Latin and Greek, but the thoroughness of the instructions they had received, was shewn by the correctness of their parsing, and application of the rules of construction to the passages read. The scanning also of Virgil, with the prosodial rules, was given with perfect accuracy. Where all did well, it is scarcely possible to make distinctions; but we were particularly struck by the progress in Greek Grammar made by the Senior Greek Class, who, we learned on enquiry, had commenced the study only within a comparatively short period, and also by the proficiency of the pupils in the Arithmetic, Virgil, Algebra, Homer, and Geography Classes. After the conclusion of the examination, which lasted upwards of four hours, a number of prizes were delivered to those of the scholars who had distinguished themselves by their proficiency. To Master W. S. Ireland, as Dux of the whole School during the last year, a very handsome silver medal was presented, bearing a suitable inscription. The proceedings of the day were then closed with a few appropriate remarks by the Rev. Dr. Machar, by whom the prizes were delivered, stating the great pleasure with which he and those present had witnessed

the appearance of the scholars on this occasion, and expressing his hope, that all would continue to cultivate habits of diligent application, and that the successful pupils would only be incited to further progress by the rewards they had received, and the great satisfaction with which he had learned from their teacher, that their good conduct during the year had been almost unexceptionable, a character which he trusted they would ever maintain. The usual vacation was then intimated, and the benediction was pronounced. Altogether this Examination was one of the most gratifying and satisfactory it has ever been our good fortune to witness, and reflected the highest credit on the able and excellent Head Master, Mr. Campbell, and his Assistant, Mr. James M'Lennan, and we look forward with pleasure to the time when we shall have the happiness of being present at a similar Exhibition next year.—*Kingston Argus.*

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

MISSIONARY FOR NOVA SCOTIA.—We anxiously and confidently expected that we would receive good tidings from Scotland, soon after the meeting of the General Assembly, and we have not been disappointed. The spiritual necessities of the vacant Presbyterian congregations in this and the neighboring Provinces are now, we are happy to learn, beginning to attract the attention not only of the Colonial Committee, but also of zealous and pious preachers, who feel inclined, and guided we trust by the Spirit of God, to devote their time and talents to the important work of the ministry within our borders. We have already had the happiness during the course of the present year of announcing the arrival of two additional labourers to this portion of the Colonial vineyard. And we have this day to perform the pleasing duty of announcing the appointment and expected arrival of a third missionary to this very destitute field of ministerial exertion and usefulness. A letter was received by the last steamer from a member of the late Deputation to British America, addressed to the Secretary of the Lay Association, intimating that the Committee have made choice of a most excellent young preacher to officiate as a missionary in this province. The gentleman who has received the appointment is a son of the Rev. Dr. M'Nair, one of the ministers of the Abbey Parish, Paisley, and nephew of the Rev. Dr. Hill, Professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow. Since he was licenced to preach the Gospel, Mr. M'Nair has been employed for some time as a missionary in the parish of Dalkeith, as an assistant to the Rev. Norman MacLeod, one of the warmest and most energetic friends of the Colonies, and is much beloved both by him and by his congregation. The talents, we are assured, of this young preacher are of a superior order, his piety is sincere and exemplary, and his zeal in his Master's work, earnest, judicious, and persevering. He comes to this province, not from want of friends or encouragement at home, but from a strong sense of duty and an earnest desire to do good, and we have no doubt he will meet with a kind and favourable reception in commencing his mission, and be instrumental by the blessing of God in instructing, comforting and edifying many immortal souls. He is to be ordained immediately as a preparation for his missionary labours, and will leave Scotland for Nova Scotia by the steamer in the beginning of August. The Colonial Committee have allotted to Mr. M'Nair rather an extensive sphere of duty, much larger than any parish in Scotland. During the course of the year he is expected to preach on twenty Sabbaths at Halifax, twelve at Vallance, ten in and around Pictou, and ten in Prince Edward's Island. We cannot ascertain at this moment the views which may be entertained in the different districts here mentioned, respecting the wisdom and excellence of this appointment, but we have no hesitation in declaring that it meets with our ready and cordial approbation. We

have often and strenuously advocated the appointment of visiting missionaries, to take charge of an extensive field of labour such as that which is here marked out. The Colonial Committee, in making this appointment, have taken a broad and comprehensive view of the spiritual wants of the Presbyterian settlers adhering to the Church of Scotland in this province, and have manifested an anxious desire to afford the greatest assistance in their power at the smallest expense, and with the fewest instruments. We hope that this appointment will also be attended with the happiest effects in this province, that it will not only be the means of providing an enlarged supply of the ordinances of religion in the destitute congregations, but that it will bring the different congregations into nearer intercourse with each other, and incline them to take a deeper interest than they have hitherto done in each other's temporal prosperity and spiritual welfare, and we trust that it will also give a new and powerful impulse to the important cause of domestic missions, the great means under the divine direction and instrumentality, for supplying the wants, increasing the efficiency, and extending the boundaries of the Church of Christ.—*Halifax Guardian.*

PAISLEY PRESBYTERY.—At the last meeting of the Presbytery, *pro re nata*, there were laid on the table Extract Minutes of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, in reference to the appointment of Mr. Robert M'Nair as a minister to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and adjacent parishes, as also a letter from the Secretary, requesting in the name of the Committee, that the Presbytery would take Mr. M'Nair on trials for ordination, with all convenient speed, according to the rules of the Church. The Presbytery having considered these documents, it was moved by Mr. Brewster, and unanimously agreed to, that the Presbytery comply with the request of the Colonial Committee; whereupon the trials of Mr. M'Nair were appointed to be taken on Wednesday, 27th June, at noon. The usual subjects of trial were prescribed. It may be added, that both the documents laid on the table, and the members of Presbytery who spoke, bore the highest testimony to the character and abilities of the young gentleman who has thus given himself to the service of the Church in a Colonial field.—*Renfrewshire Advertiser.*

PRESBYTERY OF PAISLEY.—This reverend court met on Wednesday, the 27th June, for the purpose of hearing the trials of Mr. Robert Macnair, appointed as a missionary to the Church of Scotland to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. Macnair delivered the discourses prescribed to him at a former meeting, and underwent the usual catechetical examinations. The members of Presbytery expressed themselves highly satisfied with the same, and resolved that his ordination should take place in the Abbey Church, on Thursday, 5th July, at twelve o'clock.—Mr. Rennison to preach and preside. From the interest taken in Mr. Macnair, who is a very young man, and of great promise, we anticipate a large audience on the occasion.—*Id.*, June 30.

ORDINATION.—On Thursday last, the Presbytery of Paisley met in the Abbey Church, and ordained Mr. Robert Macnair, Missionary to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Rev. Alex. Rennison of St. George's Church preached an able and eloquent discourse on the occasion from Acts xiii. 46, and afterwards addressed Mr. Macnair as to the duties of his office, and the congregation present, on the additional claims which the Colonial scheme of the Church of Scotland now had on them.

DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES SMITH OF CRYSTON.—The *Ceylon Times*, of the 30th March, announces the death of the Rev. James Smith, Presbyterian minister at Kandy, in that island, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, on the 27th March.