

ere in the heartiness of its reception promise of support and success. Though the satisfaction, with which the religious public generally and the zealous and enlightened friends of the Church of Scotland in particular, contemplated the commencement of that well-known magazine, arose chiefly from the general respect and admiration felt for the character and talents of Dr. McLeod of the Barony, (then of Dalkeith) its subsequent usefulness, its amiable and large-hearted charitableness, its marked talent and far-seeing discernment of the true policy and duty of the kirk as a branch of the visible church, secured it respect and a useful career for many years. It may be presumed that Dr. McLeod's manifold duties in the largest, most populous, and, for a clergyman, most laborious parish in Scotland, compelled him to discontinue the periodical.

His example however, has been of eminent service in creating a want clamorous for supply, in pointing out the path of duty to younger men, and showing them an important method of doing good. The *Parochial and Missionary Miscellany*, a periodical similar in execution and purpose to the *Edinburgh Christian Magazine*, was begun in May of the present year. The Editors are the Rev. R. Monteith of Hutchesontown Church, Glasgow, and D. Marshall Lang, Esq., Editor of the long established newspaper, the *Glasgow Courier*, and son of the minister of Glassford, formerly of Shelburne in this Province. It is a publication of the same character as the *Annals of the Churches*, a well known and extensively read periodical. As it is only a fourth of the price, it is not nearly so large. It is in the opinion of the great mass of readers, will not form an objection, as, while nothing so important and of general interest is omitted, it is arranged in a more compact and convenient shape. The charitable and impartial manner in which it makes mention of the writings of all the evangelical denominations is worthy of admiration on the part of all, and imitation specially on the part of some. This periodical may without hesitation be recommended to the ministers and people of our church, and should, one would imagine, have at least a little circulation in these Lower Provinces. Exhibiting 16 pages every month of selected matter, of the same size of page and equal with the *Record* for which a shilling stg. is charged, it is, as far as we know, the cheap-

est magazine of the kind in Britain. It is not indeed so cheap as the *Monthly Record*, but then its projectors did not probably think it either wise or proper to carry on any undertaking of the kind upon any but self-supporting principles. They did not attempt to carry on a publication upon such a chimerical theory: being of opinion in all likelihood that a periodical should at least meet its own expenses of publication. While we heartily recommend therefore, the *Parochial and Missionary Miscellany*, on the ground of its general excellence and cheapness, we also remind our people that the *Monthly Record*, which is not circulated to an extent sufficient to make it self-sustaining, is published by a small Synod, a mere handful compared with the Church at Home, at a much cheaper rate than this, the cheapest of British periodicals.

NEWS OF FEMALE MISSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The publication of the above Magazine in the present year, is a pleasing feature in the present aspect of our church and her operations. Viewed in connection with other events, it is an indication that she is rousing herself for earnest missionary work. While much has been done in obedience to the Saviour's solemn parting command: "Go teach all nations;" and a great deal more attempted than has been accomplished, it must yet be confessed that her strength and immense energies as the great national Church of Scotland, have not been sufficiently called forth, and cultivated in this work. The parochial machinery of an established church, while eminently adapted for the moral well-being of the settled population within reach of its benefits and equal to the design for which it was framed, is not *per se* fitted for external colonization and missionary enterprise. The office-bearers of the church are not so constantly alive to this fact as they might be. They should be ready in foreign evangelical work to break through all barriers and enter upon the work of missions in our colonies and among foreign nations with all the freedom of voluntary churches, rejoicing that for their temporal advantages they have not bartered their prerogatives as a church of the living God. The comprehensive policy of Principal Baird on education, Dr. Inglis on Indian Missions, and