

a Scotchman, known as Mr. McNeill, and as realt-  
 a was not largely in requisition in those days,  
 he added to his legal business the calling of  
 a butcher and sold legs of mutton in Collins  
 Street, Melbourne. It is not perhaps so worthy  
 of notice that the first Tobaccoist in Victoria  
 was a Scotchman likewise, though the date of  
 opening his tobacco-shop, as that of the first one  
 opened in the colony, may certainly be deserving  
 of record. Twenty years have not passed away,  
 for it was the 28th of September, 1839. It was  
 in the same year that the Government sale took  
 place of the land on which South Geelong (one  
 of the prettiest suburbs of the town) now stands.  
 I took the trouble the other day to look over the  
*Government Gazette* of the time to see what this  
 land was sold for. Divided into 38 allotments  
 it was vended for £1,395, and the purchasers,  
 were all countrymen of mine; their names being:  
 Alexander Thomson, C. Nicholson, William Kerr,  
 Alex. McGilivray, D. Wallace, S. A. Donaldson,  
 and Robert Milne. This land must within twenty  
 years have increased in value at least a hundred  
 fold. Smart villages and snug suburban resi-  
 dences are now scattered over it in every direc-  
 tion, and an iron bridge in course of construction  
 over the Barwen will soon cause that which is  
 now the suburb to become an integral portion of  
 Geelong itself.

Nor are the Scotsmen out here at all ashamed  
 of their nationality. On the contrary, they glory  
 in it; and cherish, in every possible way, the  
 reminiscences of the romantic land whence they  
 came. Here, in Geelong, is a Society known as  
 the *Comunn na Feinne*, or Fingalian Society,  
 numbering many members, and instituted, as  
 their prospectus states, for "The Cultivation of  
 the Gaelic Language and Scottish Nationality,  
 Morality, Philanthropy, Archaeology, and what-  
 ever may interest or instruct." The society  
 numbers, I believe, about two hundred members.  
 Its chief is his Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, the  
 Governor of Victoria, and its officers are the  
 principal men of the town. The members have  
 their Highland Dresses, and on festive occasions  
 don the tartan and phillibeg in true Caledonian  
 style. In the course of the summer, they hold  
 gatherings at which the national games of Scot-  
 land are prominent features, and the songs of  
 Scotland listened to with patriotic affection.

**THE LATE CAPTAIN VICAR'S REGIMENT, 97TH.**  
 A lady, deeply interested in the spiritual welfare  
 of the army, has generously contributed £100 to  
 the Soldier's Friend Society, 15 Exeter Hall,  
 London, for the purpose of sending a Scripture  
 reader to India, to labor exclusively in this regi-  
 ment. Besides the Earl of Radnor, the Misses  
 Fanshawe, D. F. McCord, Esq., Bengal service;  
 Sir Henry Martin, Lieutenant-Colonel Dalry,  
 Major-General Sir Hope Grant, K. C. B., Major  
 Maxwell, Her Majesty's 34th Regiment, and a  
 few others, have contributed £220 towards the  
 support of the establishment in England, Scot-  
 land, Dublin, Belfast, and Fermoy in Ireland.—  
 In Belfast alone, within the last two months, the  
 military missionary has gratuitously distributed  
 to soldiers in barracks, pensioners, constabulary,  
 Sabbath schools, soldiers' wives, sailors, &c.,  
 2865 Bibles, books, tracts, scientific, and military  
 works, &c.

THE Turkish Government has despatched a  
 small number of young men to Edinburgh, with  
 a view of their studying medicine and graduat-  
 ing there, in order that they may afterwards  
 enter in their professional capacities, the army  
 of the Porte.

THE Galway Transatlantic Company have  
 issued a circular in which they say that arrange-  
 ments are now in progress by means of which  
 they shall be able to insure to the public com-  
 munication between London and New York in  
 six days.

**THE NEW ARMY CHAPLAINS.**—Gen-  
 eral Peel, Secretary of State for War, has  
 appointed the Rev. John Dick, late As-  
 sistant Minister in the High Church,  
 Glasgow, to be Presbyterian Chaplain to  
 Her Majesty's Forces in Dublin.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**—The  
 300th anniversary of Queen Mary's death  
 and the dawning of the Reformation has  
 been duly observed in London by Reli-  
 gious services, in which Dr. Cumming and  
 the Bishop of London were the most con-  
 spicuous orators.

**PRESENTATION AT RENFREW.**—On Thursday  
 evening, a large and influential assemblage of  
 the parishioners met in the Parish Church,  
 for the purpose of presenting the Rev. Robert Ste-  
 phen, their newly-appointed pastor, with a gift  
 of welcome. James Smith, Esq. of Jordanhill,  
 ably discharged the duties of the chair, and in  
 neat and eloquent terms presented Mr. Stephen,  
 in the name of the ladies of the congregation,  
 with an elegant pulpit-gown and cravat, a  
 time-piece, and study Bible. Mr. Stephen, in  
 feeling terms, acknowledged the elegant gifts pre-  
 sented to him at this early period of his connec-  
 tion with the parish, and expressed the deep  
 gratification he had experienced in the course of  
 his visiting, by the kindly reception accorded to  
 him by all classes, whether Churchmen or Dis-  
 senters. The Rev. Dr. Macleod, of the Barony  
 Church, urged upon the meeting the importance  
 of the cordial co-operation of the members of  
 the church with their minister. After a few obser-  
 vations from various members of the congrega-  
 tion, the meeting separated.

THE Rev. Dr. Fowler, Convener of the Colonial  
 Committee of the Church of Scotland, had an in-  
 terview with General Peel, at the War Office, on  
 Monday, the 15th November.

**To the Agents and Readers of the  
 Monthly Record :**

**GENTLEMEN,**  
 By mutual arrangement with the gentlemen  
 who have hitherto conducted the "Monthly  
 Record," the number for January will be is-  
 sued in a new and more convenient form from  
 the Pictou Press,—and, as the issue shall be  
 limited to the number of subscribers, it is re-  
 quired that the new lists, *prepaid*, shall be in  
 the hands of Robert Doull, Esq., merchant,  
 Pictou, before the 20th December.

The Record, as heretofore, shall be purely  
 a religious paper—devoted to the diffusion of  
 religious and missionary intelligence, with  
 special reference to the operations of the  
 Church of Scotland at home and abroad.

The managers having secured the services  
 of a well qualified gentleman to take charge  
 of the editorial department, they trust to be  
 able, by careful and judicious selections of  
 the matter admitted into its pages, to make  
 the Record a useful and welcome visitant to  
 its readers; and, as the new issue, owing to  
 the change in the form, will necessarily incur  
 more expense in the "getting up" than the  
 old, while the price remains at two shillings  
 and sixpence as formerly, it is earnestly re-  
 quested of agents and others friendly to the  
 undertaking, that they use all diligence in ex-  
 tending the circulation of the paper.

The greatest care and attention shall be  
 paid to the transmission of the Record to the  
 proper addresses. THE MANAGERS.  
 Pictou, 27th Oct., 1858.

**Moderator of the General Assembly.**

We are authorized to state that the Rev. Dr.  
 John Cook, of St. Leonard's, St. Andrew's, will  
 be proposed as Moderator of the next General  
 Assembly.—*Edin. Courant.*

**Collection for the Widows and Orphans'  
 Fund.**

The annual collection for the Widows' and  
 Orphans' Fund is appointed to be made in all  
 our churches and preaching stations on the se-  
 cond Sabbath, the 9th day of January, 1859.  
 The Rev. Mr. McKay, of Belfast, is directed to  
 make the regular announcement, and advocate  
 the claims of this Fund in the pages of the  
 Monthly Record.

**St. Matthew's Church.**

The erection of this new and spacious edifice  
 for the accommodation of St. Matthew's congre-  
 gation is advancing with much rapidity. The  
 walls are finished, and the building roofed in;  
 and it is expected that the church will be opened  
 for public worship early in the ensuing autumn.

**Letters and Monies received—Nov.**

Rev. Donald McDonald, P. E. I., £5,—to  
 whom we tender many sincere thanks for his  
 unwearied and successful exertions in our  
 favor. Wm Gordon, Esq., Pictou—Funds  
 entered in the Record. D. Fraser, Belfast,  
 P. E. I., 2s. 6d. Angus McRae, Belfast, 5s.  
 "A friend of the Auld Kirk" overlooked, but  
 will be attended to.

Remittances of arrears will be thankfully  
 received and duly acknowledged as formerly.

**Colonial Churches.**

The Colonial Committee have great  
 pleasure in announcing the following contri-  
 bution to their funds.—*H. & P.'s Mis-  
 sionary Record.*

Pictou, Nova Scotia, Oct. 4, 1858.  
 Enclosed you will please receive first of ex-  
 change for £127 7s. 5d. sterling, from our Homo  
 Mission Scheme to the Colonial Committee.—I  
 remain, &c.,  
 W. GORDON, Treasurer.

**Home Mission Fund.**

Dec. 1. Balance on hand .....	L 20 10 0
Donation of a friend to Home Mission Fund, per Mr. John McKay .....	1 0 0
St. Peter's Road, P. E. I., 3s. 7d. Is- land currency .....	0 3 0
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	£21 19 0

**Bursary or Young Men's Fund.**

Dec. 1. Balance on hand .....	L 250 1 9
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**Widows' Fund.**

Dec. 1. Amount on hand .....	L 22 16 0
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**Synod Fund.**

Dec. 1. Balance on hand .....	L 1 11 0 1/2
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**Jewish Mission.**

Dec. 1. St. James' Church, Ch'town, P. E. I., Island currency .....	L 0 7 0
Donation of a friend to Indian Fund, Island currency .....	1 0 0
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P. E. I. cy. ....	L 1 7 0
One-sixth off, .....	0 4 6
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N. S. cy. ....	L 1 2 0
	WM. GORDON, Treasurer.