

should feel obliged by their returning it addressed to the publisher of the Presbyterian, Montreal, as by this means only can it be decided to whom to address future numbers.

ROGER'S HILL, PICTOU,  
June 21st, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,

I received yours of the 4th current only yesterday. I think I forwarded the names of 22 subscribers, and I hope soon to send for other numbers.

I beg to acknowledge the thanks of the Publication Committee, and to say that the character of your paper, and that alone induced me to recommend it. I trust it shall long continue to recommend itself as it has hitherto done.

I shall be glad in the course of a little time to give you some remarks for the *Presbyterian* on the state of our Church here.

May I not suggest for your consideration and (may I say) for your commendation to your Synod the propriety of sending a deputation of two or three ministers from Canada to this Province, and likewise to the Province of Prince Edward's Island, to cultivate a friendly and sisterly intercourse, and likewise to stimulate and refresh us by your presence. I think much good might be done in this way. As you are now in a great measure, like ourselves, cast on your own exertions for subsistence, there is perhaps an additional call in us to work unitedly. And, as we are weak—very weak in labourers, compared with you, there is a powerful argument to induce you to come over and help us—to sympathize with and to encourage us. If an English and one or two Gaelic preachers could spend three or four weeks with us, much good might be done.

We have large and united Congregations without any settled pastor. I have four stations with large Congregations in each of the four places where I chiefly officiate, and besides these I have frequent calls to go to other places. In Prince Edward's Island there are thousands of our people without a shepherd, as there is only one minister of our Church in the whole Island, and he finds enough of room for his zealous labours in Charlottetown, where he is stationed. I shall rejoice should you see it prudent to recommend such a step to your brethren in Canada.

I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
ALEX. MCKAY.

The foregoing acceptable communication came too late for insertion in our last issue. Several members of Synod expressed themselves in very favourable terms in regard to the desirableness of a deputation as alluded to, and stated their conviction of the many advantages that might result from the cultivation of a friendly and sisterly intercourse betwixt the Ministers and Con-

gregations of our Church in the Provinces of British America. It seemed to be the general impression, however, that the important objects aimed at could not be satisfactorily overtaken before the opening of the Railroad between Quebec and Halifax. This event, which is now confidently and reasonably anticipated to take place before the lapse of many months, would effectually remove many obstacles that under existing circumstances present themselves.

## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

**SCOTCH CHURCH, LONDON.**—The Rev. Randall Macpherson, of Brodieck, Isle of Arran, has been elected to the vacant Scotch Church, Swallow Street, London.

The Rev. M. Ross has been appointed to the charge of the Church of Tomintoul in the Presbytery of Abernethy, vacant by the death of the Rev. George Bruce.

**EAST CHURCH, ABERDEEN.**—The Town Council have, in accordance with the recommendation of the male communicants, issued a presentation to the East Church and parish in favour of the Rev. W. Ogilvie, New Spynie, near Elgin.

—According to appointment of the presbytery the Rev. Mr. Ogilvie preached on the forenoon and afternoon of Sabbath last. The audiences were large, especially that in the earlier part of the day, a great many parties being unable to obtain seats. The Rev. gentleman also preached before the Presbytery and a very considerable congregation on Monday, when after sermon Dr. Macpherson, the Moderator, intimated, on behalf of the Rev. Court, that the call to Mr. Ogilvie would be moderated in on Tuesday, the 5th July. It would perhaps be premature as yet to give an opinion as to Mr. O's pulpit gifts; but, speaking from the three discourses which he delivered on this occasion, and from the very high character which he has received from persons eminently qualified to judge, we think there is good reason to believe that the East Church congregation have been very fortunate in their choice, and that this settlement will be a most harmonious one.—*Aberdeen Herald*, July 2.

**OLD CHURCH, MONTROSE.**—The appointment to this charge, made by Lord Palmerston, has not as yet appeared in the *Gazette*. The Rev. Samuel Trail, LL.D. and D.D., of Birsay and Harray, Orkney, is the person spoken of as selected for this important charge.—*Dundee Advertiser*.

It is rumored that, through the declination of Dr. Trail to accept this vacant charge, a presentation to which, it is understood, Lord Palmerston was anxious to issue in his favour, the fears of the congregation have been agreeably disappointed by the receipt of a second letter from the Secretary of his Lordship, intimating that they can proceed to nominate any man they may choose for their minister, and that, when their choice has been submitted to his Lordship, he will forthwith determine whether the candidate's qualifications warrant his being recommended to the Queen for presentation or not.—*Ibid*.

**THE COMMUNION.**—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on Sabbath last in the various Presbyterian Churches of Inverness. The attendance from the country was unusually large, and it was found necessary to conduct the services out of doors in connection with several of the churches.—*Inverness Courier*.

The communion was dispensed in the parish of Avon on Sabbath last, when the church was more crowded than on any similar occasion since the Secession of 1813. The Rev. Dr. Gibson was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Smeaton, of Tullyellan, Perthshire, whose eloquence and impressiveness more than realized the high expectations formed of him on his officiating last year.—*Ibid*.

**DEATH OF THE REV. GEORGE BRUCE, OF TOMINTOUL.**—We deeply regret to announce the death of this excellent minister, which took place at the manse on the 17th inst. During the past winter Mr. Bruce had shown symptoms of declining health, but nothing that indicated his being in a dangerous state, as he continued to discharge his ministerial duties with apparent ease. About a month ago, however, he became worse. For a time hopes were entertained that his valuable life might be spared, but these hopes were vain—he gradually sunk under his complaint, and after three weeks of severe suffering he expired on Tuesday at half-past 10 o'clock.—*Elgin Courier*.

**THE LATE REV. R. M. MILLER, OF KINCARDY, MINISTER OF ABOYNE.**—The remains of this esteemed gentleman were consigned to their resting-place in the church-yard of Rosemarkie on Thursday last. The funeral procession was headed by the Magistrates of Fortrose, preceded by the Burgh officers, who carried the usual emblems of mourning. Mr. M. was a native of the parish of Aboyne, and a distinguished alumnus of Marischal College, having carried by competition one of the highest bursaries at that University. He was appointed Chaplain of Fort-George in 1809, and was ordained in 1810. In 1826 he was presented by the Marquis of Huntly, then Earl of Aboyne, to his native parish, where he continued faithfully to discharge the duties of his sacred office to within a few years, when from bad health he was obliged to have an assistant and successor appointed. Mr. M., besides being a classical scholar of high attainments, was a profound mathematician, and possessed of extensive general information. His knowledge of Church laws and government was almost unequalled in the North. His benevolent and kindly acts, however, are best known in his native parish, where a numerous and affectionate flock will long cherish a grateful remembrance of his worth.—*Inverness Courier*.

**DEATH OF THE REV. DR. ROSE, OF DRAINIE.**—It is with much regret that we have to record the death of the Rev. Dr. Richard Rose, who expired at the manse of Drainie on Thursday morning in the 85th year of his age and 59th of his ministry. After having, while very young, held for several years the office of schoolmaster of Cromarty, Dr. Rose was ordained to the pastoral charge of the parish of Dallas in the Presbytery of Forres on the 1st May, 1761; whence he was removed on the 31st July, 1816, to Drainie in the Presbytery of Elgin as successor to Dr. Lewis Gordon, who had the preceding year been Moderator of the General Assembly.—*Inverness Courier*.

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FROM OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT.

THE NEW YORK CRYSTAL PALACE  
For the *Presbyterian*.

The opening of the Crystal Palace in New York is unquestionably an event of much importance in the history of this country; and, as the religious welfare of a nation is so intimately connected with those eras which mark its commercial progress, we may justly allow such an undertaking to have a place in the records of the *Presbyterian*. No event is without influence which attracts a multitude of people together. From the North and South, the East and West, they come; one common object has drawn them from