

news to the year 1851. The Society of the  
Church of Scotland to Canada, who are signed  
the very Christian name. D. B.

of the 30 stations alluded to.

Dr Burns of Paisley, are duly estimated by his brethren in Canada. Several licentiates of acknowledged worth and piety have crossed the Atlantic under its patronage, and, after having devoted a portion of their time exclusively to missionary enterprize, have eventually settled on very slender means, among humble individuals, who prized their labours, and who entreated them to remain among them. In this way, and under the blessing of Providence, the number of churches so multiplied, that, in 1831, when the ministers in connection with the Church of Scotland, in both the Upper and Lower Province, assembled at Kingston, to constitute themselves a Synod, the ministers of the Lower Province were formed into a Presbytery, under the name of the Presbytery of Quebec. Since that period, other licentiates from Scotland have joined our ranks, and at this time there are fourteen or fifteen organized congregations, with ministers regularly ordained over most of them in the Lower Province. Besides these, there are thirty additional stations at which ministers are desired, but from the poverty of the inhabitants, no adequate salary can be provided.

What, then, is the provision made for these ministers? They have had much difficulty in getting their places of worship erected, and would never have succeeded in so doing, had it not been for the kind and charitable contributions of the merchants in Montreal and Quebec. Even with their assistance, some of the churches are still burdened with debt, and little or no prospect presents itself of their being relieved from this burden. No provision is made for the maintenance of the clergymen, except what is afforded from pew-rents, and from the voluntary contributions of the hearers. In the country parishes the people, however willing, are unable to give much, as they have themselves many difficulties to encounter for several years, after they have settled on their farms. To my certain knowledge, several ministers have not received more than L.60 per annum, and even this small pittance will be reduced, owing to the general failure of the crops during last season. The Rev. David Brown of Valcartier, in the neighbourhood of Quebec, has, within these few months, been obliged, most reluctantly, to relinquish his charge, from the utter inadequacy of the provision made for him, but is anxious to return to his duty, if the Government will ensure only a small permanent sum, in addition to the contributions of the people. If the present state of matters continues, others will be forced to do as Mr Brown has done, for they have nothing but poverty staring them in the face. There is not a single instance of an officiating clergyman in Lower Canada, receiving aid in any other way than I have now mentioned. The oldest Presbyterian clergyman, residing in

action is situated about 15 miles to the N.W. of the  
of Quebec, in 1834 it contained about 40 Presbyterian  
lives, one half of them in such poor circum-