

connexion with the Free Church ; and avowed their adherence to the Establishment : " Be it right or be it wrong," as an elder expressed it.

A large minority, remembering that they were praying for grace and success to the party now forming the Free Church—that they publicly and solemnly with uplifted hands, declared their adherence to the Free Church ; and satisfied that in doing so, they were adhering to the genuine Church of Scotland, held on consistently ; never supposing that either party would interfere with the other in the use of the St. John's Church, in proportion to their property in it.

But, though the majority had no regular services till they secured one half of a minister's services within less than a year past, they have been occasionally, for the last fifteen years ; but especially, since May 1859, and October 1860, interfering with our use of the Church. Last autumn they changed their services, so as to occupy the Church on the only days on which we could occupy it. We have, patiently and calmly, made every reasonable proposal for an amicable arrangement ; but do not get even a courteous reply. We have satisfied ourselves that our ground in law is good.—But having exhausted all reasonable and practicable measures, we have resolved to cease negotiating with the party now holding possession of St. John's Church ; to suffer the loss of our property in it, being over £200 cy. ; and though our numbers do not exceed forty families, to proceed with the erection of a Church for ourselves ; believing that the course we adopt, will have the approbation of Him in whose cause we suffer.

In these circumstances, christian brethren, we now appeal to your sympathy for the aid, which we rest assured you will cheerfully render.

And meanwhile, remain your fellow labourers,

In the service of our common Lord.

WILLIAM MCKENZIE, Elder.

RODCK. MCLEAN, Elder.

DUNCAN MCLEAN, Elder.

GEORGE MCKAY, Elder.

RODGERS HILL, PICTOU, March 28th, 1862.

" MISSION FUND FOR MADAGASCAR."

PICTOU, March 18th, 1862.

MR. EDITOR,—

I am directed by the Board of Foreign Missions, P. C. L. P., to forward for publication in the *Record*, the enclosed letter from an anonymous friend. Without pronouncing on the merits of a proposal thus made, the Board had much pleasure in commending the christian spirit and liberality of the donor, and in submitting to the terms on which his gift is committed to their care.

By order of the Board,

JAMES BAYNE, *Secretary*.

Dear Sir,—I have read, as I dare say many of your readers have also, of the progress of the truth in the Island of Madagascar : how for a time the glad tidings prospered, and many were brought to a knowledge of the Saviour ; and of the fierce and relentless persecution of the Christians by the late Queen, in whose unhappy reign so many of God's people sealed their testimony with their blood. But now her son, Radama, has ascended the throne, and in the Providence of God, who holds all men's hearts in his hands and turns them as the rivers of water, the door appears to be wide thrown open, for the introduction of missionaries and the dissemination of the life giving Gospel. The field seems white unto the harvest