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### THE CHURCH AT HOME.

#### The Church of Scotland in the Mission Field 1853-54.

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#### THE COLONIAL SCHEME.

Why an exiled Scotsman feels, amid the decay of home sick emotions, the liveliest affection for the Sabbath ordinances of his native land, and the pure simplicity of her forms of worship. In search of world aggrandizement, our Christian brethren may bid their country a farewell for ever, but they never can forsake their country's religion. For that religion has its abode in the heart; and so long as it is cherished there, it will struggle to find an outward embodiment in the most distant climes. Hence it is that our Christian churches have been reared amid the homes of heathenism and the habitations of some overwhelming mania of worldliness. The object of this scheme is to strengthen the hearts of our countrymen in their efforts to erect places of worship, and maintain pastors in their foreign homes. The scene of its operations is necessarily extended. We note a few particulars as to each of the Districts.

**British North America.**—The Canada Reserves Bill, by which the Canadian Legislature has the power of altering the appropriation of the funds of the Clergy, and applying them to secular purposes, has not yet been acted upon.

**Canada.**—The progress of Queen's College, Kingston, is of a very satisfactory nature.

The number of students in regular attendance on the literary and theological course during last session, was thirty-six,—including two who have received degrees since the commencement of the session.

Of these, twenty are in various stages of their progress toward the ministry. Divinity students, who completed their last session, have already been inducted into ministerial charges in extensive

and important spheres of labour; and there is every prospect that the senior students of the present session will become available, in a few months, to fill up some of the many vacancies which still exist in various parts of Canada. Fifty-four scholars attend the college school.

Suitable buildings have been purchased for the enlargement of the college; to defray the expenses of which a strong effort is necessary.

The Committee have again made a grant of £300 in aid of the funds, and have also continued the usual sum of £15 for a bursary to the most deserving student attending the theological classes; besides the grant of £7 to another student, to be selected by the Principal, from the Aberdeen Universities Missionary Association.

During the year, the Rev. A. Walker has been appointed as a missionary, under the superintendance of the Presbytery of Kingston, and the Rev. John McDonald has been sent to Lochiel. These have received outfit and passage-money, and an allowance has been granted to Mr. Walker for three years. Three of the missionaries have recently been appointed to fixed stations,—viz., the Rev. R. Dobie to Osnabruck; the Rev. A. H. Milligan to Russel Town Flats; and the Rev. T. Morrison to Melbourne, Eastern Townships, Canada East. These being all newly settled churches, applications for temporary aid have been made and granted.

The following grants have also been made.—£50 to aid the churches at Waterdown and Binbrook, and £45 for the outfit and passage-money of the Rev. Grigor Stewart, appointed to Beechbridge Lower Canada.

**Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Cape Breton.**—The application for ministers and missionaries for these important and extensive districts, has been of the most urgent nature; but, from the want of means, they are necessarily unanswered.

Only one missionary was sent out during the past year,—viz., the Rev. A. Forbes,

who was appointed as a missionary under the superintendance of the Synod of New Brunswick. The Committee have made him a grant of £30 for three years, in addition to what he is to receive from the Synod. They also voted him £50 for outfit and passage-money.

An application for aid to two students at Queen's College, Canada, was made by the Rev. A. Mackay, and this has been granted. Allowances to the congregations at St. Andrews, and St. Patricks, and MacLennan's Mountains, have been renewed for another year.

The Presbytery of Pictou has remitted £138, 17s. 6d. during the year, in order to reimburse the Scheme for its expenses in supplying missionaries. While referring to this fact with great satisfaction, the Report also mentions with pleasure the receipt of a remittance from Halifax.

**Newfoundland.**—The congregation continues to prosper, and the Committee have renewed their grant of £50 for another year.

**British Guiana.**—Friendly correspondence and intercourse have been renewed with the Presbytery of Demerara and Essequibo. The Rev. William Gray has been appointed to the vacant parish of St. James's, in room of the Rev. J. M. H. Wraith, minister of the parish of All-Saints, who resigned his charge. The Rev. J. Wallis of Aberdeen has been appointed to St. Mark's Church and parish, and the Rev. Mr. Duff has been transferred to All-Saints, Berbice.

**Mauritius.**—Very satisfactory accounts have been received from the Rev. Mr. Beaton. The Church which is now building for him will soon be completed, and opened for public worship. But to defray the expenses of this erection an additional £1000 will still be required. Some progress, however, has been made in realizing this sum. This is the first Scotch church in that colony.

**Jamaica and Granada.**—Mr. Radeliffe still remains alone at Kingston, Jamaica; and the Report speaks of his exertions in