

after his departure, fall on some of his brethren. He then offered up a short prayer, and the company separated in the most orderly manner.

Altogether no Soiree could have gone off in more unexceptionable style. The music, both vocal and instrumental—indeed everything, was most excellent of its kind; and it gave us much pleasure to mark so correct an appreciation of proved and sterling merit, and so unanimous a feeling of respect for a man who has been so long before the public eye as Henry Esion.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTREAL PRESBYTERY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.

The Presbytery at their last meeting, held within St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, on the 9th November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Having taken into their consideration, a document which was laid upon their table by the Rev. H. Esion, relative to his removal to Toronto by appointment of the Synod, after due deliberation, expressed their entire concurrence in the propriety of Mr. Esion's temporary removal to Toronto. And in the meantime, resolve to associate with their body the Minister or Ministers that may be sent out by the Free Church of Scotland or the Synod, to supply his place, and authorise him to hold meetings of Session, and do all the other duties of a minister of Christ during Mr. Esion's absence.

The Presbytery having resumed the consideration of the Mission to Metis, and not finding themselves in circumstances to make any permanent arrangement, appoint the Rev. James Cairns, to labour as a Missionary there and in the adjoining Districts for the next 12 months, at a salary of £60 at least, to be increased if possible to £100, the obligation of £30 under which the people have come, being considered as part of the same, requiring Mr. Cairns to keep a journal of his operations, to be transmitted to this Presbytery, at least twice a year.

The Presbytery having further considered the necessity of having a Missionary Fund (to meet the expenses of Missionaries travelling in destitute localities) appoint the following gentlemen as a Committee to collect and distribute the said Funds.

Mr. John Redpath, of Montreal, *President*.
Mr. Hutchison, *Secretary*.
Dr. McNider, *Treasurer*.
Mr. Jas. Orr,
Mr. — Gibb, of Quebec,
Mr. — Munn, do.
Mr. C. B. Duncan, St. Therese de Blainville.
Mr. John Morris, do,

with power to add to their numbers.

With reference to Mr. Wardrop, Student in Divinity at Bytown, whose circumstances render him unable to attend the College of Toronto, it was resolved to write Mr. W. stating that he has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Montreal Presbytery, and appointing him to appear at their next meeting.

In connection with the foregoing, it was suggested that every encouragement should be given to young men that wish to study for the Church.

The Presbytery resolved to have regular meetings once a quarter, and solemnly enjoin upon the brethren to make conscience of attending thereof, and appoint the next meeting to be held within St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, on Wednesday the first of January 1845, at half past seven o'clock P. M., and appoint the Rev. David Black, to open that Presbytery with a sermon on prayer for the revival of religion, and this Sederunt was closed with prayer.

The Presbyterian Church Hamilton—has recently chosen seven Deacons—with a view to the working of the Sustentation Scheme, which has been cordially entered into by them, as to its general principles, while they desire an alteration of some of its details. The details of this scheme will of course come to be consideration of this Synod, with the advantage of the intermediate experience.

SCOTLAND.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH IN THE NORTH.

The adherents of the Establishment in the county of Ross, containing a population of nearly 80,000, are reported to us not to exceed 1200, young and old. The number of regularly ordained elders in the same connection is about eight. We are in receipt of the most ludicrous accounts of the disappointments experienced by preaching adventurers sent to officiate in the empty churches and who are not unfrequently left alone for an hour or two in the church yard. One letter now before us describes in a very graphic style how a grave looking person arrived at a village inn, where he passed as some great unknown, till he was heard at rehearsal in "No. 2," with such thumps and peripatetic movements as left caves-droppers at no loss as to the nature of his errand. On his way to the parish church, he inquired of a man going in another direction why the bell was not ringing. "Ask the Presbytery clerk," was the reply, "he was at the last ringing of it eighteen months ago." We forbear giving our correspondent's humorous description of the solitary walk of the preacher in the church-yard, where, we may hope, he felt himself rebuked in a way which will prevent him from ever venturing back again to be "bogged" in the rural village of Redcastle.—*Scottish Guardian*.

JANET FRAZER.—Who has not heard of Janet Frazer, the truly noble and devoted Scotch woman, who gave her homestead for the site of a Free Church, when no other situation in the whole neighbourhood could be procured, in consequence of the land being held by a proud peer, who would for no pecuniary consideration furnish a site. Honourable mention was made by the Scotch delegation, when in America, of her disinterestedness, and various little tokens of remembrance were sent to her by friends in America. We have the privilege of copying from a private letter from her to a friend in this country, what may be regarded as her answer to all those who thought her conduct was worthy of remembrance.

My heart was struck wi' great surprise,
I scarcely could believe my eyes,
And ferried' much that gifts sae bra,
Were sent me fra America.

I bought mysel a baw new goon,
It's black merino, also shoon,
Part o' my gifts; thanks to them a',
My kind friends in America.

In gladness now I sit at hame,
Oft view my presents since they came,
Unnumbered by me ava,
From my friends in America.

JANET DOUGLAS FRAZER.

NEW COLLEGE, EDINBURGH.—We understand that the sum of £20,000 stg., destined for the erection of the Free Church College at Edinburgh, has been made up by 20 individuals,—each contributing £1000. It is an interesting fact, that Lord Jeffery is one of these twenty. He is not, we believe, either a member or adherent of the Church, personally; but this act of liberality may be regarded as an adherence to the opinions he expressed from the Bench of the Court of Session in favour of the claims of the Free Church party.

FREE CHURCH, VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.—We perceive from the *Launceston Examiner* of May 4 and 11, that a public meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 2nd of that month, at the Scotch Church, Launceston, when an address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hastie, explanatory of the principles of the Free Church. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Hastie announced that sermons would be preached in the Scotch Church on Sabbath, May 5th, in the forenoon and afternoon, by himself, and in the evening by the Rev. Robert Russel, in favour of the Free Church; collections

after each service. A sermon would also be preached on the Monday evening following, by the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, in aid of the same object. On Tuesday, 7th May, another public meeting was held at the Wesleyan Chapel, in Patterson Street, for the purpose of expressing sympathy with the Free Church of Scotland. The meeting was addressed by ministers of different denominations, who voted resolutions in accordance with the object of the meeting; and the audience, comprising members of various religious bodies, exhibited the same unity of purpose. Upon the motion of the Rev. Mr. Hastie, Philip Oakden, Esq., was called to the chair. A committee was appointed to take charge of the subscriptions which it was agreed should be entered into for the purpose of aiding the Free Church in its schemes of usefulness. The collection amounted to about £16.

PROGRESS OF CHRISTIANITY IN BURMAH.—The Baptist Record publishes an extract from a letter from Mrs. Abbott, the wife of a devoted Baptist missionary in Burma, which contains gratifying intelligence as to the progress of Christianity among the Karens, both in Arracan and Burma. Mr. Abbott had made during the season, two tours to the Southern Churches, in company with the native pastor, and had baptized about eighty converts. The native pastor, Ko Shyat Kyoo, had paid a pastoral visit to the churches in Burma, and had baptized fifteen hundred and fifty converts. It is probable, however, that the majority of these had been Christians for some time, but had no opportunity of being baptized. The prospects of the mission are nevertheless most encouraging and hopeful. We learn from the same source that this same Ko Shyat Kyoo is the same person, a false report of whose death by cholera reached this country about twelve or fifteen months ago.

MISSIONARIES TO PALESTINE.—Rev. James Barnett of Springfield, Ohio, and Dr. Paulding, lady and two children, of Warren county, Ohio, lately left Wheeling, Va., on their way to New York, whence they expect to sail for Damascus. They will remain at Damascus for one or two years, then locate themselves at Jerusalem. These missionaries, like those who have gone before them, have left their country, their homes, and their friends, to preach, the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the land of the Saviour, the prophets and apostles. Mr. Barnett is a member of the Associate Reformed Synod of the West.

It is requested that parties having on hand, and not requiring in their localities, any quantity of Nos. 2 and 4, will return them to the Publisher.

We have thought it advisable to delay the "Home Mission Scheme" till next No., with the view of submitting it for the final approval of the Commission on the 15th inst. Presbyteries ought however, in the meantime, to see that the Collection for this important object be taken up in all their Congregations.

THE Moderator's Synod Sermon will be published about the middle of this month.

HOME MISSION FUND.—Presbytery of Hamilton—Rev. Alex. Gale has received collection at Ayr, per Rev. Robert Lindsay, £1 5s.

EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.—Rev. Wm. Rintoul has received £5 for this object from Donald Frazer, Esq. Williams.

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