

port of the missionary fund, you will observe that the collections in the school, for the year, amount to \$28.88, which, with the balance on hand, 22nd September, 1862, of 5.08, makes a total of 33.96, out of which a draft for the sum of \$29.20 has been sent to J. Paton, Esq., Kingston, Canada West, for the support of the orphan, for this year, (1863), at the Orphanage, leaving a balance in hand, of \$4.76.

In view of the coming winter, when many of the children of our school will require to be clothed, we hope every one attending our school, will endeavor to contribute as liberally as possible, bearing in mind that early in the coming year, the yearly amount for the orphan has to be remitted, and it is hoped that the collections in the school will be sufficient for that purpose, and that the annual collection in November, in aid of our funds, will give us ample means to replenish our library, and provide for the other wants of the school.

The President of the Missionary Association, and the Treasurer and Secretary, in retiring from office, hope that their successors may have a still more favourable report for your next annual meeting, and that, in addition to the support of the orphan, you may be able to contribute something towards one or more of the numerous associations for the spread of the Gospel.

In conclusion, your office-bearers hope that in the missionary year upon which we are entering, we may be all more zealous in the cause, striving, both by our means and our conduct in life, to advance the cause of Our Saviour; let us all remember "not to be weary in well-doing, for in due time we shall reap, if we faint not." May God bless us, and every member of the Church with which we are connected; may His spirit quicken us to newness of life, and enable us all to prize and improve far more than we have heretofore done, the many great and precious privileges which we enjoy; so that we may at last hear the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed), ANNIE SABISTON,  
Pres. Miss. Association.  
WILLIAM WELSH,  
Superintendent & Treas.  
ALEX. ROBERTSON, JR.,  
Librarian.

St. JOHN, N. B., 16th Sept., 1863.

MANSE, BELEAST,  
26th August, 1863. }

MY DEAR COSTLEY,—

In the last *Record*, I see a report of the meeting of our Presbytery, held at Belfast on the 29th April. There are two statements in that report, that I would wish to correct, as

they are fitted to mislead regarding the state of this congregation.

It is stated "there are 140 pews, most of which are let." This asserts only that the majority of pews are occupied, and would lead to the conclusion that a large number, perhaps nearly the half, were to let.

The fact is not so. The pews are let with very few exceptions, not exceeding, if it amounts to half-a-dozen, caused by the removal of some families. There may be, besides, a few sittings unoccupied.

Again, "There are many adherents who have not sittings, and who do not contribute to the support of the Church." It will shew to what extent this is so, that 270 families hold pews or shares of pews. In the "outskirts," there are numbers who are nominally connected with us, but do nothing in the way of support.

I do not attach the least blame to our Clerk for the way in which the above statements are made. It probably arose from the loose way in which the questions were replied to by the Trustees.

By inserting this in your first, you will oblige

Yours;

A. MACLEAN.

(From the Church of Scotland H. & F. Record)  
**Individual Christian Activity Necessary to the Life of the Church.**

If we are to have a living Church, we must have life in every member of the Church. If there is to be life in every member of the Church, there must be an interest in and a sympathy with every relation in which a Christian stands to the Church. There must be ties of affectionate regard for its Christian enterprises, solicitous interests in their efficiency and success, and pre-eminently there must be cords strong and deep of sympathetic anxiety and gladness, for its spiritual life.

But how does it often stand in regard to such things? Is it not the case that many, otherwise most estimable, most reputable members of the congregation to which they are attached, if they are asked, What are the indications that they belong to their particular branch and section of the Church of Christ? would answer that on Sabbaths, they worship within its pale, at communions they sit down at the table it spreads, and when in the census schedules a return is asked of the denomination to which they belong, they register their names under the column appointed for the members of their Church. If there be anything else, it may be summed up in the fact that, in all denominational discussions and conflicts, they always sympathise and take their stand with their own Church. It is in regard to such a state of matters as this that we desire to present a few