

they are familiar with all that is vile from infancy. If a young man came to the colony with money, he may soon make a fortune.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
I am yours,
very sincerely,
GEO. W. SPROTT.

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For the Monthly Record.

I take the liberty to send you a letter just received from a venerable correspondent, which cannot but be interesting to the readers of the *Record*. The facts and figures brought from the ends of this earth and from another age are suggestive, and the figures of speech appear to indicate that the writer keeps himself above the low water mark, in the flowing tide of evangelistic effort.

Yours truly,
DANIEL MCCURDY.

Jan. 12, 1864.

MY DEAR SIR.—

I had a letter lately from the Rev. John Inglis, which gives me much information on the state of religion in the colonies of Australia and the islands of the Pacific. It is gratifying to hear that the Plant of Renown has taken deep root in those distant regions, and affords shade, shelter and fruit to many people. Baptists, Methodists, Churchmen and Presbyterians are all at work to promote the empire of the Gospel. Like different regiments, they have different facings on their garments, but they are kept together by the mysterious doctrines of the Cross, and allegiance to Prince Messiah. Presbyterians are the most influential body. They occupy the foreground on the battle field, and form the vanguard of the Redeemer's army. The Rev. Mr. Paton, missionary from Aneiteum, collected £5000 in Australia for missionary purposes. He is now in Scotland to get more men to be baptized for the dead, and to fill the place in the ranks of those who have fallen in battle. Mr. Paton wishes to get six more missionaries; and although he is the agent of the stern Covenanters, denominations are so nearly forgotten on missionary grounds, that he will cheerfully accept of ministers and students from the Secession, the Free Church or the Kirk. What a pleasing dream has come over the minds of the Old Cameronians! In olden times we were taught that the Kirk was Babylon—that her pulpits were stained with the blood of the martyrs, and that the prayers of her ministers went no higher than the starry heavens. But those hateful sentiments have been battled down, and shall never again pollute the waters of the sanctuary.

When Mr. Inglis returned to Aneiteum with 2000 copies of the New Testament, the natives shed tears of joy at seeing the Word

of God in their native tongue. They are delighted with the prospect of receiving three missionaries from Nova Scotia. They shall assist abler men in breaking up the rough ground, clearing out the stones and preparing the soil for the seeds of Paradise. John Geddie has earned an honest reputation by hard labours. Mr. Paton must be a man of great energy when he collected £5000 from the Colonies of Australia. John Inglis had a frame of iron and a soul of fire; and, for knowledge of languages, resembles the days of inspiration, more than the slow operations of ordinary men. He was born in Glencaine, the parish of James Renwick; and his parents are buried close to Renwick's monument. He is full of the traditions of the martyrs in Nithdale and Clydesdale. His lady is a cousin of a minister's wife in Nova Scotia.

We hear that the Rev. George Sprott is doing a good work in Ceylon: but most tire of India. I would rather, for a living, dig clams by moonlight, than to be perpetually exposed to the rays of a burning sun, with mosquitoes holding a town meeting on my chin, ready to rush down my throat, and snakes looking out of my boot-heads in the morning. I have known many ministers abroad late in life who all seemed anxious to return. There is no water so sweet to a Scotchman as that of his native stream. There is no shade so grateful as that of the tree of his native land. No perfumes are equal to those of the blooming heather. The trees whose gentle murmur pleased the ear shall cast their long shadows over our sleeping dust; and the flowers which regaled the senses shall adorn our graves.

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THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA

Presbyterial Examination.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW GLASGOW.

THE Presbytery of Pictou met according to appointment, in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on Monday the 11th Jan., for the purpose of investigating the condition of the Church and congregation.

Divine service having been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Herdman, the Presbytery thereafter duly constituted, and the Moderator proceeded, in presence of the assembled congregation, to put the usual series of questions to the Minister, Elders and Trustees of the congregation. From the examination it appeared that the minister of St. Andrew (the Rev. Mr. Pollok), preaches twice, and not unfrequently, three times on Sabbath; holds regular Diets of Catechising and visitation, conducts prayer meetings, preaches at stated times, at Sutherland's River, and also at the Albion Mines.

From the examination of the Elders, it appeared that they do regard it as part of their duty to watch over the moral conduct of