

ity; snares which are laid by the enemy, and in which, alas! not a few of young and old are taken "captive by him at his will." When will communicants, with one heart and voice, rise up and help their respective pastors in putting this curse, this growing evil, away from among them?

The talented minister of St. John's, Belfast, is doing a good work. The state of affairs in his congregation proves him to "be instant in season and out of season." To his unflagging perseverance, his untiring diligence and zeal, his voluntary "spending and being spent," is the above improved state of matters in his congregation greatly owing. To support him in the labours of his charge, he has an active, intelligent and harmonious kirk session. May they not weary of, though they may weary in, the work of the Great Master. As their debt is now but a mere trifle, we may soon expect to see them competing with the wealthiest of our congregations in supporting the different Schemes of our Church, thereby sustaining their already praiseworthy efforts, which it is our sincere pleasure to record.

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Rev. George Boyd.

THE numerous friends of the Rev. George Boyd, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Halifax, will be glad to hear that he was, at latest advices, in excellent health, and had been inducted to the important preferment of Assistant Minister to Dr. Smith, Talbroth Church, Edinburgh.

Death of Rev. W. Darrach of Montreal

It is with deep sorrow we have to record the death of the Rev. William Darrach, Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal. His labors as a minister have lasted but a few years, but they were years into which was compressed an amount of work that few men could have accomplished.

To his devotion to his Master's cause may, in some measure, be ascribed his early removal. Studying hard in Queen's College, he obtained leave to carry on simultaneously different parts of the curriculum, which should have been extended over several years. We do not believe his constitution ever fairly recovered from the strain then put upon it, and his strenuous efforts to overtake the responsibilities thrown upon him, and which were the more numerous since he was willing to take even more than his fair share, snapped the golden cord of life, and the spirit returned to God who gave it.

On Friday afternoon, the 16th of June, while engaged assisting Mrs. Darrach to remove some article of furniture, he suddenly fainted. This attack was followed by dysentery which so rapidly reduced his strength that life was despaired of. On Saturday he rallied, and was believed to be out of danger.

"How much more clearly," said he to his wife, "can I tell of the power of religion on a death-bed. I believed myself to be dying, but all was peace. With what different feelings can I tell my people what God has done, and this will be a lesson to me to work more faithfully, more earnestly than ever." He seemed to continue improving, and all fear of a fatal result was allayed; but about six o'clock on Sabbath evening he fainted away, and thus, unconscious, entered upon his eternal Sabbath of rest—that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

He leaves his wife and family of five children to mourn his loss.—*Presbyterian*.

WE have received a copy of the Report of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, given in at the last meeting of the General Assembly. As it presents a clear and concise view of the operations of our Church in the different Colonies of the British Empire, we will give it space in next issue.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

1865 YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

July 24.—Joseph Hart, Esq., Cape Breton,	£0 10 0
Donald McLennan, Esq., Cape Breton,	0 5 0
Neil McDonald, Esq., Lake Ainslie,	0 7 6
Middle Riv. Church Col.,	0 10 0
Lake Ainslie and Hogo-magh Collection,	0 10 0
July 30.—St. Andrew's Church Congregation, Pictou,	7 7 0
Total,	£9 9 6

1865 HOME MISSION.

July 24.—St. John's Church Congregation, Belfast, P.E.I.,	£3 3 0
Joseph Hart, Esq., C.B.,	0 5 0
Middle Riv. Church Col.,	2 0 0
Lake Ainslie and Hogo-magh,	1 0 0
Total,	£6 8 0

1865 SYNOD FUND.

July 4.—River John Congregation,	£0 8 10
July 7.—St. Andrew's Church, Hlfx.,	2 7 6
St. James' Church, Ch'town,	£2 18 10
Belfast Church congregation,	2 10 0

P. E. I. cy.,	£5 8 10 4 7 0
Joseph Hart, Esq., C. B.,	0 5 0
Middle Riv. Church Col.,	0 10 0

Total, £7 18 4

WM. GORDON, Treasurer.
Pictou, July 31st, 1865.