

part they played in history on the side of the Covenanters. The first Earl of Haddington was Sir Thomas Hamilton of Priestfield, who was born in 1563, studied law in France, was admitted advocate in 1587, and soon distinguishing himself at the bar, was appointed a Lord of Session in 1592, by the title of Lord Drummenairn. After filling several public offices in Scotland he was in 1613 elevated to the peerage as Lord Binning and Byres, and on being appointed Lord President of the Court of Session in 1616, was created Earl of Melrose, a title which, with the approbation of the Crown, he soon afterwards changed, on the death of Sir John Ramsay, Viscount Haddington, for that of the Earl of Haddington. The ninth Earl of Haddington, predecessor of the deceased nobleman, was at one time Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.

The late Earl, who was thus the tenth in succession to the Earldom, was a representative Peer of Scotland, to which he was elected in the year 1859. He was born 14th of April 1802, so that at the time of his death he was in his sixty-ninth year, and as he succeeded his cousin Thomas in December 1858, he had (as we have said) been Earl of Haddington for less than twelve years. In addition to the several titles and dignities already enumerated, his Lordship was Ensign-General of the Royal Company of Archers (the Queen's Body Guard of Scotland), and one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of the County of Haddington. He married in 1824 Georgina, daughter of the Venerable Robert Markham, Archdeacon of York, by whom he has issue living four sons and two daughters. The eldest of the sons, George, Lord Binning, is now eleventh Earl of Haddington.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

Expected Arrival of a Missionary.—The Home Mission Board has been informed that the Colonial Committee has accepted the services of the Rev. D. Macdougall, of Strathaville, Perthshire, to labour in the Maritime Provinces. He will probably reach Halifax about the end of September. Mr. McDougall has already had experience of Colonial work, having acted as missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of London, Ontario, from 1864 to 1868, where he did good work and was highly esteemed. Though not at present in robust health, he promises to be a valuable accession to us.

Rev. Mr. Goodwill —*Extract from letter of Dr. Geddie to the H. and F. Record P.C.L.P.*—The arrival of Mr. Goodwill has been very cheering to me. He appears to be a man well fitted for the work before him, and has produced a very favourable impression here. I trust that God will recompense the Church of Scotland, which has sent so good a man to the mission field. May he soon be followed by others equally devoted to their Master's work. I regret that he is not better known in our congregations, for though he comes from another branch of the Presbyterian Church, we are one in heart and one in action here. Mr. Goodwill accompanied me in my visits to Tasmania and some other places, and perhaps his letters may contain fuller accounts of these visits than I can give you at present.

New St. Andrew's Kirk, Halifax.—We are delighted to see the rapidity with which the erection of this Church is progressing. When completed it will be quite an ornament to the south end of the city, and from the harbour the effect will be especially pleasing. The basement story, which is of solid substantial masonry, will be, when completed, the finest in the city. It is to contain several small class-rooms and session room, it is to be free from damp, as it is not excavated but *built*, and it is to be well lighted from windows on both sides. The body of the church also promises to be spacious and airy, and on the whole will be such a building as will reflect credit on all concerned in its