

ly in the spiritual condition of all the Colonies — The secular concerns of our foreign Churches have necessarily engaged much of their attention, and the remainder of their time has been occupied in providing Ministers for the Scottish Churches in Australia and the West Indies. It is the opinion of your Committee, that it would be exceedingly unwise were the Glasgow Society to dissolve itself, or even to relax its exertions on behalf of our countrymen abroad, until it shall be seen whether the General Assembly's Committee be able to occupy the whole of the widely extended field which lies before us, and until it be ascertained that it can operate as efficiently on our North American Colonies as the Glasgow Society has done. Hitherto there has been no collision between the Society and the Committee, but on the contrary, the most cordial co-operation; and there is no reason to apprehend that circumstances will occur to create a different state of feeling and action. Add to these the considerations suggested in last year's Report of this Society, and the large addition which has been made under the present arrangement, to the funds for Colonial purposes, and your Committee are of opinion, that it will not be easy to resist the conclusion, that the exertions of the Assembly's Committee ought not to supersede, but rather to quicken those of the Colonial Society."

From the Halifax Guardian.

CAPE-BRETON. We are happy to learn that the Rev. JOHN GUNN, one of the Missionaries lately appointed by the Ladies Association in Edinburgh, for Cape-Breton, has arrived safely at Pictou in the *Isabella*, on his way to the field of his labours. Mr. Gunn is the fifth Missionary sent out within the last few years by this active and patriotic association, to preach the Gospel among the spiritually destitute inhabitants of that large and populous Island, his predecessors in the Mission Mr. *Farquharson*, Mr. *Stewart*, Mr. *Fraser*, and Mr. *McLean*, having all already obtained and accepted of fixed charges, after completing agreeably to the terms of their appointment, the period of twelve months as travelling Missionaries in the new settlements. He has still a very wide and promising field of usefulness before him in this extensive Island, beyond the districts which are now occupied by the congregations lately formed in Cape-Breton, and we have no doubt that he will meet with a most cordial welcome from his Brethren in the Ministry, who are so desirous to obtain the assistance of fellow labourers in this part of the vineyard, and that his public and private ministrations will be eminently instrumental, by the Divine blessing, in promoting the conversion, edification and comfort of multitudes of precious and immortal souls. This is the chief design of the Christian Ministry, this is the great end which the enlightened and pious Ladies in Edinburgh have in view, in supporting this Mission, and we are happy to add from personal knowledge, that this is the high and important object which the devoted Missionaries hitherto sent to that island have uniformly and laboriously, and patiently, sought to accomplish, among their scattered and neglected countrymen in that moral wilderness.

FREDERICTON.—The Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to above 70 communicants in St. Paul's (Church of Scotland) Fredericton, on Sunday the 2d inst. The Rev. Mr. Birkmire, the highly esteemed minister of the congregation, preached an ex-

cellent and appropriate sermon in the forenoon, from 1st Epistle general of Peter, 1st chap. 12th ver. "Which things the angels desire to look into" in his usual eloquent and impressive manner, and the Rev. Mr. McLean, (of St. Andrews,) delivered an excellent and affecting discourse in the evening, from 1st Samuel, 20th chap. 3d ver. "There is but a step between me and death."

We have never, on any similar occasion, either in this or any other country, witnessed the dispensation of this Holy Ordinance with more delight and satisfaction, or before an audience so particularly attentive and seemingly interested. To the great credit of the Congregation, there was not (so far as we could observe,) an individual who left the church until the whole sacramental service had been gone through with, until nearly half past 2 o'clock. And we felt particularly delighted in observing that a part of the 65th Regt. who regularly attend this church, remained in their seats until the conclusion of this solemn ordinance.

We fervently hope that the important truths then proclaimed will not soon be forgotten, and that the serious impressions then produced on the minds of the numerous congregation assembled on that solemn occasion will have a deep, a lasting, and a salutary influence.—*Id.*

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS OF VAN DIEMAN'S LAND FOR 1837.\*

Church of England,	-	-	-	15,228
Church of Scotland,	-	-	-	2,352
Church of Rome,	-	-	-	1,833
Wesleyans,	-	-	-	1,399
Baptists,	-	-	-	91
Independents,	-	-	-	553
Quakers,	-	-	-	69
Jews,	-	-	-	124

Total of Free Inhabitants 21,649

The above is an official return most carefully compiled, and is extracted from the *Hobart Town Courier*.

\* Of doubtful authority.

The Rev. Colin Stewart, schoolmaster of Coull, was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Kincardine O'Neil, on Tuesday, August 14th. Mr. Stewart proceeds to Australia in course of this month, in charge of a body of Highland emigrants sent out by Government.—*Scottish Guardian*.

On Thursday week, the Presbytery of Kirkaldy met at Thornton for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. John L. Adamson to the pastoral charge of the *quoad sacra* parish, lately annexed to the church of that place. The Rev. Mr. Alexander, Kirkaldy, presided on the occasion, and conducted the services of the day in a very able and satisfactory manner. Mr. Robert Coltart, schoolmaster of Abbotshall, was at the same time ordained to be minister of the Scottish church of St. Mark's Demerara. On the following Sabbath Mr. Adamson was introduced by the Rev. Mr. M'Laglan of Wemyss.—*Id.*