

have come forth; and from Scotland we have received several pastors to supply some of our many vacancies. We trust that a blessing from on High may attend the deliberations of the highest judicatory of our Church, and that the Church in this Colony, to which we belong, may be made more and more an instrument for the spread of true and undefiled religion in the land.

THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

TO OUR FRIENDS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

At the suggestion of a friend of this publication, lately a resident in New Brunswick, we address a few of the present number of the Presbyterian to some of our friends in St. John's, Fredericton, Woodstock, Richibucto, Miramichi, Bathurst, and the Restigonche, in the expectation that they may become subscribers.

The endeavour of the Committee of the Lay Association of the Church of Scotland at Montreal, under whose direction the publication issues, is to present to the attention of our readers matter of a religious tendency, both diversified and instructive. The Presbyterian is of course chiefly devoted to the interests of the Church of Scotland, but attention is also paid to placing before our readers notices of the working of other sections of the great Protestant family. The price is but 2s. 6d. per annum. If there should be any, to whom a paper is directed, not at present desirous of subscribing, we should feel obliged by their returning it addressed to the publisher of the Presbyterian, Montreal, as by this means only can it be decided to whom to address future numbers.

WALLACE CONGREGATION, N. S.

From a communication of a correspondent in Pugwash, N. S., under date of June 13th, we with pleasure give the following extract:

"I am happy to inform you that the new Church in Wallace was opened yesterday for Divine Service for the first time. The Rev. John Scott, of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, officiated in the forenoon, and the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, of McLennan's Mountain, Pictou, in the afternoon in Gaelic. The Church was crowded to overflowing, and a great number of people could not obtain seats. It was announced that the Rev. Mr. Pollock would preach this forenoon, after which a sale of the pews would take place.

Mr. Scott preached in the Baptist Chapel in Pugwash, yesterday afternoon, to a numerous and very attentive audience. Our Church here is nearly finished, and will be opened about the last of July, or

the first of August. If we had an able and active Minister, our Church, by the blessing of God, would flourish in this place."

SUCCESS OF THE COLONIAL MISSIONS.

[From the Halifax British Colonist, May 10.]

Every enlightened and sincere friend and well-wisher of the Church of Scotland cannot fail to rejoice at the success which has lately attended the efforts of her Colonial Committee in providing vacant churches in these Provinces with acceptable Ministers. Aware of the extensive destitution which prevailed, and disappointed on various occasions in carrying on their Missionary operations in British America, "the Committee resolved in the beginning of last year to offer £150 per annum to each of three or four well qualified Missionaries willing to go out to Nova Scotia either permanently or for a period of years." This offer, so generously made by the Committee, was readily and cheerfully accepted by not fewer than six young and zealous Missionaries, three of them natives of the Colony, and during the last autumn and winter months the Revs. Alexr. McKay, Wm. Snodgrass, James Murray, Alexr. McLean, A. Pollok, and George W. Spratt, all arrived safely in Nova Scotia, and entered immediately on the duties of their respective missions. Short as their stay has been in this country, and under all the disadvantages of a winter residence, it is pleasing to trace the progress of these youthful Missionaries of the Cross, and to witness the happy efforts of their public ministrations.

Mr McKay proceeded, soon after his arrival, to Pictou, where he has laboured with unwearied diligence and much success at Rogers Hill, the place of his nativity, at River John, Cape John, Earlton, and other vacancies in that extensive and populous county, and where he has the prospect of a speedy and comfortable settlement. Mr. Snodgrass repaired, in conformity with his instructions, to Charlottetown, as successor to the Rev. Mr. McNair, and has now the pastoral charge of the large and prosperous congregation collected and reunited in that town by his amiable and esteemed predecessor.

Mr. Murray was appointed to New Brunswick as a Missionary at Bathurst and other vacancies within the bounds of the Presbytery of Miramichi. Since his arrival in that Province he has officiated at Bathurst, Tabusintac, Burnt Church, Black River, Nelson, Blackville, Boistown, Salisbury, and the Bend; and has received two calls, one from the congregation of St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, and a second from the congregations of St. Andrew's and St. David's Churches, Alnwick, one of which he has probably ere this accepted as the sphere of his future ministrations.

Mr. McLean received his appointment from the Colonial Committee as a Gaelic Minister among his countrymen in Pictou. Since he reached his native land, he has preached in almost all the congregations in that large county to crowded audiences, and has received two calls, one from the congregation of the East River, and another from the congregation of the West and Middle Rivers of Pictou, the latter of which he has accepted, and will soon be stationed as fixed Pastor of the West River congregation.

Mr. Pollok was appointed by the Colonial Committee to Wallace and Pugwash in the County of Cumberland. After labouring for some months in those districts, he received and accepted a call from the New Glasgow congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland, and has lately been inducted into the pastoral charge of that congregation.

Mr. Spratt was appointed by the Colonial Committee as a Missionary for Halifax, where he has regularly officiated since he came to the Colony in the Churches of this city with great ability and acceptance, occasionally visiting the settlements of Musquodoboit, the place of his nativity; and he is now on a mission to St. John's,

Newfoundland, to cooperate with his friend and brother in the ministry, Mr. Nicol, in that Island.

Persons who have only a very limited and imperfect acquaintance with the wants of the Presbyterian Church may be inclined to think that such a large supply of Ministers must be more than sufficient to meet the existing exigencies and spiritual necessities of the people. This, we learn, is far from being the case. Since his settlement in Charlottetown Mr. Snodgrass has already made a most urgent appeal for another Minister, a Gaelic Clergyman, for Belfast, P. E. Island; and the very first communication, which Mr. McLean sent from Pictou to Scotland, contained a most earnest application for another Gaelic Missionary for that County, Messrs. McGillivray, Pollok, and McLean guaranteeing to pay all the expenses attending his mission. This is certainly a move in the right direction.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

LAY ASSOCIATION.—On Friday night the annual meeting of subscribers to the Lay Association, in support of the Five Schemes of the Church of Scotland, was held in the Assembly Hall, Edinburgh. Wardlaw Ramsay, Esq., having been called to the Chair, devotional exercises were engaged in, after which Professor Menzies submitted the Report. From this document it appeared that the total sum raised for the Schemes during last year was £25,688, allocated as follows:—Education Scheme, £1151—Ladies' Gaelic School, £384—Elders' Daughters' Association, £126—India Mission, £3,470—Ladies' Association for the Promotion of Female Education in India, £1,420—Home Mission, £3,689—Colonial Do., £2,757—Conversion of Jews, £2,320—and the Endowment Scheme, £734. Addresses were afterwards delivered by Dr. Macvicar, Ceylon, on the Indian Mission, by the Rev. James Sellar, of Aberlour, on the conversion of the Jews, and by the Rev. Mr. Robertson, Mains, on Home and Colonial Missions.

ORDINATION.—On Wednesday the Rev. John Stuart, of Moffat, was ordained as Minister of the first parochial charge in the parish of Stirling. The proceedings were of a most interesting character, and excited considerable attention.

ORDINATION.—After a weary conflict of about ten years, a minister has at length been appointed to the church of the populous town of Buckie. The Rev. Mr. Crichton, lately of Shetland, was ordained on the 26th ult. by the Presbytery of Forfyce. Mr. Crichton has received a cordial welcome from the congregation.

The Queen has presented the Rev. W. Shaw to the living of Ayr and Alloway, vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. Auld.

The Rev. Dr. M'Vicar, of Ceylon (Author of "An Inquiry into Human Nature," and several other works), has, we understand, been presented by Mr. Hope Johnstone of Annandale, the patron, to the church and parish of Moffat.

PRESENTATION.—The Earl of Fife has presented the Rev. James Adam, M.A., to the Church and Parish of Monquhitter in the Presbytery of Turriff, and county of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of the Rev. James Smith.

PARISH OF CAMPBELLTOWN.—The Rev. Alex. Stewart, of Bowmore, Islay, has received the presentation to the vacant 1st or Highland charge of Campbelltown. The presentation has been made at the unanimous request of the kirk-session and congregation, and with the hearty concurrence of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Charles Stuart Maclean commenced his ministry in St. Luke's Church, Calton, which has been closed for so many years, and has been re-opened in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland. His father, the Rev. Lachlan Maclean, late of Kinfans, is now Parish Minister of Liff and Beavie.