

their worthy and excellent friend Mr. Macduff, by whose zeal and ability, that church had been completely filled. Having got means to build the churches, their next anxiety was as to the clergymen who were to fill them. He did not deny for himself, and for many others, the anxiety they had that Mr. Caird should be one of these two ministers. This being the case, the subscribers made an offer to him of Park Church, and they were sincerely happy when they learned that he had considered it his duty to accept the charge. From Mr. Caird being so well known, and in his own presence, he (the chairman) would not say all in his behalf that he was well entitled to say. He did not need it. (Applause.) But this he would say, that the community feel themselves much indebted to the subscribers for bringing such a gentleman to this city—one who was gifted with such eloquence and energy as a preacher—one "whose fame was in all the churches"—one who was deservedly admired by men of all denominations—one whose merits were known and prized not only in our own district but over all the land. (Applause.) In how many countries was his beautiful sermon of *Religion in Common Life* known, and into how many languages had it been translated! They felt that he was one who would confer benefit on the Church with which he was connected, and who would advance the cause of evangelical religion. He would say no more than that he felt assured all would join him in giving Mr. Caird a hearty and affectionate welcome to his new sphere of duty. (Applause.) And they earnestly prayed that he might be strengthened to the work of his Divine Master, and be long spared to go out and come in amongst them. With these remarks he would beg that they should devote a cordial bumper to the health of Mr. Caird.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Mr. Caird, who was received with great applause, said, in the course of an eloquent reply, that if anything could allay the feeling of regret with which he had parted from a much loved parish and people, endeared to him by many pleasing associations, it would be the kind reception which they had now been pleased to accord to him. They would not attribute it to any insensibility to their kindness when he said it was not unmingled enjoyment; for if he had made many new friends, the change was attended by the separation from many old friends he had made in the seclusion of a country parish, in which he had spent some of the happiest days he had ever spent on earth. They would not wonder that, in the splendid edifice in which they had this day assembled, and when his eye wandered over vaulted roof and traceries

ornament, his mind should go back to that other edifice and people who recently met to listen to his parting words. And if he could not disassociate himself from the past, they would bear with him, when he said that their presence that day made him look to the work before him not altogether with unhesitating confidence. The ministry of a city parish would try any man, for it was difficult to combine much outer work, and the multifarious abstractions of life, with quiet thought and study. Yet there were many men amongst them in whom there was a rare combination of the contemplative and the active. There were men now present who, while discharging all their parish duties, organising schemes of social and public usefulness, taking an active interest in the affairs of the Church, and making their zeal to be beneficially felt throughout this great community,—there were men, he said, who could do all this, and could preach eloquent discourses each Sabbath, and, at the same time, send to the press works of great ability, and prepared as carefully as if their days were spent amidst the unbroken seclusion of their studies. (Hear, hear.) It would imply but little modesty on his part to say that such versatility of mind he did not possess; and looking, therefore, to the duties of his new position he found that the only way to meet them would be, unlike those gentlemen to whom he had referred, to confine himself within the limits of the unambitious walk of strict pastoral duty. (Hear, hear.) He felt, however, that it was a noble position to which he had been called—one to rouse every nerve, and stir up every feeling. The office of the minister in the obscurest parish was an honourable and an important one; but its responsibilities were vastly increased in one of the great centres of power and population, where vigour was exhibited on every side, and thought seemed to germinate with tenfold rapidity. It was a responsible thing to be called on to labor amongst men whose education and social position gave them such influence.—Noble and happy would that man be who could pour pure and holy thoughts into such a fountain—who would infuse Christian zeal into such a splendid mechanism. (Applause.) After some further remarks, alike graceful and eloquent, on the duties of the Christian ministry, which lack of space prevents us extending, Mr. C. concluded, amid much applause, by again thanking the company.

**PRINCIPALSHIP OF GLASGOW COLLEGE.**—This office, vacant by the death of the Venerable Dr. Macfarlan, has been conferred upon the Rev. Dr. Thomas Barclay of Currie. Dr. Barclay, who is a native of Shetland, was ordained after license in 1822 to the parish of Dunross-

ness, in Shetland; in 1827 he was translated to Lerwick; in 1843 to Peterculter, in Aberdeenshire; and in 1844 to Currie, in Midlothian.

**BOTHWELL.—PRESENTATION TO REV. JOHN MACKINLAY.**—On Tuesday last, the members of the parish church in Bothwell presented the Rev. John Mackinlay, assistant to Dr. Gardiner, their venerable and much esteemed pastor, with a purse containing upwards of eighty sovereigns, and also with a very handsome Bible. The Rev. Dr. Gardiner, minister of the parish, presided on the occasion, and spoke in feeling terms of the pleasure and happiness which he had from having such a suitable assistant, and passed a high and deserved compliment upon his abilities and unwearied zeal in the cause of Christ. J. W. Guild, Esq., was appointed by the congregation to present the testimonial, which he did in most appropriate terms. The Rev. Mr. Mackinlay replied in a few words, expressing his gratitude to the congregation at Bothwell, and their venerable pastor, for their kindness unto him, and also the great satisfaction and encouragement he had in labouring among them.

## CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

### Canada as a Mission Field—the Canadian Synod—its Position and Prospects.

(From the Edinburgh Christian Magazine.)

It has occurred more than once to myself, as well as to other friends of Presbyterianism in Canada, that it would have a beneficial tendency if more were known in Scotland of the actual position of the Canadian Church, and of its wants and necessities. You yourself know somewhat of Canada, but the Canada of to-day has made immense strides since your welcome visit. A country which raises by taxation, cheerfully and willingly paid, as does Upper Canada, year by year, a sum of £200,000, Halifax currency, for educational purposes, is, whatever may be the merits or demerits of its school system, certainly endeavouring to promote the spread of knowledge within its bounds; and a country which affords its population an average for home consumption of five bushels of wheat for each individual, besides its large export, is assuredly in a prosperous condition. Canada can boast of her great chain of lake and river navigation through her new Mediterranean—of her system of canals—of her arterian Grand Trunk Railway—of her growth in population, and all the elements of material prosperity—of her rising towns and cities; but this is neither the time nor the place to inflict upon you an essay upon the resources of Canada, and I therefore content myself with the statement that this great British colony, possessing, irrespective of the Hudson Bay territory, an expanse of country about six times the extent of England and Wales, now, owing to the Canadian lines of ocean steamers which sail from Liverpool to Montreal, lies within ten days' journey of your shores. Hereafter I may, if space and time be at my disposal, glance at the earlier history of