

We beg leave through you to express our thanks to the Church at Home for the liberal offers which they are making to those who may be willing to come out to labour as Missionaries or as settled Pastors in the Colonial Vineyard. We are glad to learn that some have been already appointed, and are on their way to fill up some of those vacant charges which you have been visiting in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island. We are also gratified to learn that there is a prospect of an additional supply of labourers being sent to New Brunswick at no distant period.

We trust that what you have learnt of the state of New Brunswick during your visit to our Province, short though it necessarily has been, will enable you, when you return to your native land, confidently to urge our claims on the attention of the Probationers of our Church at Home, and that your advocacy on our behalf will be successful in encouraging some of them to come forth to the work of the Lord among their fellow-countrymen located in this distant land.

We sincerely sympathise with your respected colleague, the Rev. Dr. Ritchie, and hope that his health may soon be re-established.

We trust that the God of all grace will sustain you both under the great labours which you have had to endure, and which you may be yet called to undergo, in fulfilling the charge devolved on you by the Church of Scotland. We pray that He may watch over you, and guard you in all your journeyings, and take you both in safety back to your respective homes, and His blessing may follow your labours here, and rest upon all your efforts to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

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Chairman of Trustees.

WILLIAM LOCH,  
Secretary of Trustees.

Newcastle, September 20, 1850.

To this the Rev. Mr. Sutherland made the following Reply:—  
Gentlemen,

I beg to offer my warmest thanks to you for the very kind and encouraging Address with which you have honoured me.

The Church of Scotland does take the deepest interest in her children who have settled in this distant land. It is her earnest desire that they should still enjoy the ordinances of the Gospel, and I beg to assure you that she is using every means in her power to secure for them this invaluable privilege. I have reason to hope that the efforts of our Church in this matter will soon be crowned with success. There is a large number of young men in course of training for the Ministry, and I fondly trust there will be many of them found willing to consecrate their talents to the noble work of building up the Church of God among their expatriated countrymen in America. You may fully rely that I shall most cordially lend my humble aid towards inducing some of our young Ministers to occupy the waste places of our Zion in this part of the Vineyard. I can most truly assure them, from delightful experience, that they will meet willing hearers of the Word of Life, multitudes who are thirsting for the waters of the Sanctuary.

I shall not fail to convey to my excellent colleague the expression of your kind sympathy and regard.

I beg to bid you all an affectionate farewell, thanking you for the great kindness and attention which I have received from you. May the God of our Fathers bless and prosper you.

WM. SUTHERLAND.

## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

ORDINATIONS.—The Rev. David Johnston, late assistant to the Rev. Dr. Glover, Greenside Church, Edinburgh, was ordained minister of

Chalmers' *quoad sacra* Church, Glasgow, on Thursday last. The ordination of the Rev. Robert Lockhart, A. M., assistant minister of Alloa, and his induction to the parish of Kilmaurs, took place on Thursday.

CLERICAL PRESENTATIONS.—Professor Hercules Scott, of King's College, Aberdeen, has presented the Rev. Archibald Francis Stewart, minister of Aberfoyle, to the second charge of the parish of Inverness. Thomas Dempster Gordon, Esq., of Balmaghie, has presented the Rev. William Lyon Riach, A. M., to the vacant parish of Balmaghie in the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright.

DUNDEE.—At a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday last it was agreed to present the Rev. Peter Myles, presently assistant to Dr. Paterson, Montrose, to the vacant charge of St. David's, as the two opposing parties could not come to an amicable agreement regarding their respective candidates.

WHITEHALL, OCT. 1.—The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. George Sinyttan Davidson to the church and parish of Kinfauns, in the Presbytery and county of Perth, vacant by the transportation of the Rev. Lachlan M'Lean, late minister thereof, to the united parishes of Liff, Benvie, and Invergowrie.

EDUCATION SCHEME OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—A numerous and influential meeting of ministers, elders, and friends of the Church of Scotland was held at Drymen on the 27th ult., under direction of the Presbytery of Dumbarton, for the purpose of receiving a Deputation of the General Assembly's Education Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Cook, the Convener, and Professor Campbell Swinton, appointed to advocate the interests of this Scheme. The Duke of Montrose presided on the occasion. The church was filled with a highly respectable audience from the surrounding district. Resolutions favourable to the Scheme, and pledging it the support of the meeting, were moved and seconded by Principal Macfarlan; Mr. Buchanan of Craigend Castle; Mr. Smollett, M. P.; the Rev. Dr. Graham; Mr. Blackburn of Killlearn; Mr. Forbes, M. P., &c. One of the most interesting circumstances attending this meeting was the presence of the venerable Principal Macfarlan. The 27th happened quite accidentally, as regards previous arrangement, to be the 81st anniversary of his birth; and to find him on that day in the place of his nativity, in the field of his early ministerial labours, in that church in which his presence and his voice were so familiar, still hale in body and with mind unimpaired, taking part in the proceedings of the day, and ably advocating a cause so important to future generations, was not less gratifying than remarkable.

### EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH, READ TO THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Your Committee believe that they would be denying the General Assembly a high gratification if they failed to acquaint it that, according to accounts transmitted from time to time by the Secretary of the Central Protestant Society, the cause of Evangelical Religion in France has advanced during the last twelve months with a rapidity which has scarcely been witnessed since the era of the glorious Reformation. About seven years ago a number of ministers and elders of the National Reformed Church, feeling the desirableness of a more intimate religious union than the usual ecclesiastical arrangements afforded, and impressed with their obligations to disseminate a knowledge of the Gospel among the ignorant and blinded millions of their countrymen, formed themselves into a Central Home Mission Society, and that on the basis of principles which placed the Scriptural character of their convictions beyond mistake. They resolved that none should be admitted among their members who did not

hold and subscribe these fundamental truths,—the sinfulness and misery of man's state by nature, and inability to deliver himself from that state; his redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ, Son of God, and True God; his regeneration and sanctification by the Holy Spirit; the offer of salvation by Divine grace to every member of the human family, and its sure possession to those who by faith embrace it; and, lastly, the necessity of good works, as the fruits of faith, though not as meritorious before God; and with these principles as their standard, and in their hearts, they resolved to devote themselves earnestly to the task of causing them to be known and embraced by others. Their enterprise was favoured from on High; and in addition to those narrations of its success which have thrice awoken the sympathy of the General Assembly, and twice prompted it to invite the liberality of the various congregations in its aid, the accounts lately received have showed that the cause of the Gospel for the last year has been an almost continued triumph; and that, amid all the ominous changes and overturnings of political institutions which have been witnessed, religious awakenings, so numerous and so diffused, have occurred as to draw forth from our brethren expressions at once of wonder and gratitude. Never, indeed, has the opposition of the priests and their blinded instruments been more oppressive; and frequently the civil authorities, taking advantage of the supposed sympathy of the head of the State with their opinions, have impeded the proclamation of the Gospel by restrictions the most unwarrantable and injurious; but still, when the superior authorities, when appealed to, showed that they had both the power and the courage to protect our brethren, and, when scarcely a month passed in which the most earnest requests from the Roman Catholic districts of the country were not addressed to them that the knowledge of the Truth might be published there also, their feelings in such circumstances have their most appropriate expression in the language with which unexpected interpositions of the Divine hand were hailed of old, "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, then were we like them that dream; then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing;" and, while they said among the heathen, "The Lord hath done great things for them," it was theirs gratefully to reply, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." It would seem, indeed, that want of men and want of money are almost the only obstacles which prevent France at this moment from yielding all abundant a spiritual harvest as any region of missionary enterprise which the fields of the World present.

The stations founded, and supported wholly or in part by the Central Society, amount at present to 28. Of these, 9 numbering from 250 to 500 members each, are composed wholly of converted Roman Catholics; 4, of Protestants and Catholic converts combined; and the rest of nominal Protestants, who previously were alike careless and uncared-for. And, even so lately as the 13th of last month, 800 inhabitants of a small Town in Anjou applied to the General Assembly, while holding its sittings in Paris, that a Christian pastor might be sent to them. Nor have these been transient awakenings. In all cases they have ripened into fruits of stated worship and holy deeds; while in some cases the touching spectacle has been presented of poor labourers and vine-dressers contributing their labour and their substance with a willingness which nothing but the deepest convictions could inspire, in erecting a seemly edifice for their worship; and then, as having given a proof of their sincerity which the Society, as they considered, could neither gainsay nor resist, they have implored that the much desired Protestant minister might be provided for them. That 28 stations of this character have been already founded, and that, but for straitened circumstances, more might immediately be added, inspires feelings in the thoughtful at once of joy and grief—of joy, that the harvest has proved so plenteous,