

wish has lately been expressed by some in that island that a deputation from the Presbytery should visit them; but it is exceedingly difficult for the Presbytery at present to do so. Were another Gaelic missionary here it could be done with less inconvenience. Occasional visits could then be made, so as to open up the ground and organise congregations there. This wished-for accession to our numbers it may be too much to expect, until the young men from this province now studying in Scotland return.

I shall only add, that the most cordial reception is given me everywhere, and that the kindly feeling evinced by the people in regard to comfort exceeds my anticipations, and stimulates me, I trust, to greater exertions in trying to promote their spiritual good.

In my next letter I hope to be able to give a more minute account of the state of the Church in this County.—I am, &c,

JOHN SINCLAIR.

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## ECCLIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

### PARISH OF CROSS.

The appointment of the Rev. James Bain to the charge of the parish of Cross seems to have created a great sensation in the island of Lewis. This young minister, it will be remembered, was lately assistant at Duthil, in Strathspey, and was so successful in winning adherents to the Established Church, that the Free congregation there made a special visit to Dundee to secure, as a rival preacher, the old preceptor of Mr. Bain, in the hope "that he might still master" his *quondam* pupil. Mr. Bain's fame seems to have gone before him to Cross, in the Lewis, for we are informed by a correspondent that fully a month before his arrival the people were warned "to be on their guard" against the presentee; and he adds that, since his arrival, Mr. Bain has been the subject of remarks from the pulpit, which are little to the credit of a Christian minister. Our correspondent does not, however, aver that these observations were made in his own hearing, and we therefore decline to repeat them.—*Inverness Courier*.

**CLERICAL APPOINTMENT.**—The Rev. John Russell, Urquhart, has received the appointment of assistant to the Rev. Robert Stephenson, Dalry, in the Presbytery of Irvine.

**ORDINATION.**—The Presbytery of Ayre met at St. Quivox on Thursday, for the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Belhaven Chapel, Dunbar.

The Presbytery of Kincaidine-o'-Neil met on the 3rd instant in the kirk of Coull, and ordained the Rev. William Skinner, A. M.,

of Clatt, as minister of that parish in room of the late Rev. James Leslie, A. M.

The Presbytery of Tain met on the 11th inst., and moderated a call to the Rev. James Joass, Royal Bounty Minister of Lochaber, to be minister of the church and parish of Eddertoun, void by the demise of the Rev. Donald Mackintosh.

## THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

### DEPARTURE OF OUR JEWISH MISSIONARY.

The Rev. E. M. Epstein, M. D., accompanied by his wife and two children, sailed from Quebec in the steamer North American, on the 19th Dec., for Liverpool, whence he will proceed to Salonica. The North American sailed during the prevalence of a violent gale, and has, we hope, ere this safely reached her destination. Our Church is now thoroughly committed to this important missionary enterprise; our congregations are responsible for the maintenance of a missionary physician in a distant land. The Committee are not in possession of sufficient funds to cover the expenses of the year. They look to our people in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada for the needed means, and have faith that these will be forthcoming. But, while providing for the support of the mission, let them be instant in prayer for a blessing on the work. We trust that many are following the example of the writer of a letter recently received, who states that "his earnest prayer to God is that Dr. Epstein may be blessed by the mighty God of Jacob, and may prove a successful missionary to his brethren in the flesh."—*Montreal Presbyterian*.

### APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL TO QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CANADA.

The appointment of the Rev. W. Leitch, minister of the parish of Monimail, County of Fife, Scotland, to the important office of Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, has given great satisfaction to our brethren in Canada. The Deputation, sent home to secure the services of a suitable individual for this high and responsible charge, were received in the heartiest manner, and had extended to them all possible assistance not only by the Colonial Committee, but by almost every distinguished minister of our Church.

The selection of Mr. Leitch appears to be a most fortunate one. His qualifications are of the very kind calculated to give character and success to a young and rising Institution. Genial and gentleman-like in his manners, earnest in his piety, full of zeal in the cause of education, an accomplished scholar, and what is comparatively rare among our Scottish clergy of any denomination, distinguish-