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CHURCH IN CANADA.

APPOINTMENT OF A MISSIONARY BY THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

In a recent number, we had the pleasure of announcing the appointment to Hamilton of the Revd. D. McKee, who has since arrived and entered upon his labours in that city; and we have now the further gratification of chronicling another instance of the deep and increasing interest, which the Church of Scotland feels in the spiritual welfare of her adherents in this Colony. From the October number of the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record*, we are gratified to learn, that the Colonial Committee had just appointed the Revd. John White, Assistant at Maybole, to proceed as a Missionary to this country under the superintendence of our Synod. Mr. White was to proceed to his destination without delay. These recent manifestations of kindly interest will, we doubt not, cheer the hearts of many, who are strongly and from sincere conviction attached to the Church of their Fathers. The Colonial Committee appear to feel deeply the importance of receiving additional labourers; but their anxiety to send us help should stimulate us to do what we can to train up amongst ourselves those who may enter the Ministry and break the bread of life to some of our many vacant congregations.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

LAY ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA.

We have been much interested by the perusal of the proceedings at a meeting held in Jamaica for the purpose of or-

ganizing a Lay Association in support of the Church of Scotland. Our views as to the usefulness of, and the imperative necessity which exists for, the establishment of such Associations, have been frequently laid before our readers; but they will find the whole subject ably handled by several of the speakers at the meeting, of the proceedings of which a report will be found beneath. We were much struck with one feature in the account, as it exemplifies most strikingly the reflex influence of such Associations. When our own humble Association was formed, the utmost that was hoped for was the accomplishment of some small measure of good in our own land; but, small as that good may have been, and contracted as our efforts may have been, it is gratifying to perceive that our proceedings have been viewed with friendly eyes by others, and that the measure of success which has attended our efforts has encouraged our fellow colonists in Jamaica to attempt to enlist the Laity in endeavouring to advance the extension of the blessings of the Gospel in that Island. We cordially concur in the hope they express, that their Association may under the blessing of God be privileged to be instrumental in effecting much good.

It afforded to the Colonial Committee much satisfaction to be enabled, not long since, to send a minister to the important station of Kingston, Jamaica, where the Rev. Mr. Radcliffe is now ministering with much acceptance and success, gathering an attached congregation, and labouring diligently and ably in the vineyard of the Lord. We are glad to find that his congregation are doing what lies in their power to strengthen his hands; and, as our readers will perceive from the subjoined Report, have cordially adopted the advice of the Session with reference to the formation of a Lay Association, having directly in

view the extension of Gospel ordinances in connexion with our Church, in a locality where these are greatly required. The energy and spirit displayed in this matter lead us to cherish the best auguries of future comfort and success, both for their pastor and themselves; and we trust that they may experience in increased measure the blessing of Him who looks with a favourable and approving eye on all efforts that are dictated by a sense of Religious duty, carried on in faith, and animated by a love to that Redeemer who has said to each of His followers, " Occupy till I come."

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN KINGSTON.

On Friday, the 7th instant, immediately after the services of the day appointed as a Fast day, previous to the dispensing of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the Scotch Church, a meeting of the friends of the Established Church of Scotland was held at Kingston for the purpose of forming a Lay Association;—the tokens for admission to the Sacrament being distributed in the usual manner, and a considerable accession of new members being at the same time announced and introduced to the congregation. On the motion of Wm. Douglas, Esq.,—

The Rev. Mr. RADCLIFFE was called to the Chair. On taking the Chair the Rev. Gentleman briefly addressed the meeting as follows:

My Friends,—It is with no small pleasure I consent to take the chair; on any occasion I should be most happy to do so, but on the present occasion I feel truly glad. We are now met in a capacity somewhat different from what we were a short time ago. And yet it can scarcely be said to be different. As citizens, we have met to-day to keep up the memory of the terrible event which, in 1692, took place in this island; and also as Christians, to humble ourselves as a congregation in presence of Almighty God in prospect of an approaching communion. In this humiliation we have acknowledged our sins and deficiencies; and have also, I trust, very sincerely resolved, by God's grace, that in the time to come we would do more for the cause of God and Truth than we did before. Such a resolve is in fact only the natural feeling of the converted soul; for, just as soon as a man becomes a Christian, he is anxious that others should be so; or, in other words, when a man becomes Evangelical, he is and must