

ance on Sabbath, was from 100 to 150. The people generally seemed disposed to receive instruction. They always attended rather as a community than as a sect. Comparing this village with others that had superior advantages to it, your missionary must speak highly of its outward morality. From all parties we met with kindness and respect, and no opposition.

GLENELG STATION.

The Presbyterians are very numerous here, and, with few exceptions, they are Highlanders. They number about a hundred and five families. Religion is very low among them. Their prevailing sin appears to be that of intemperance. Very few have been in the habit of keeping family worship. As a station, they never did much for the support of the gospel. The poor circumstances in which they came to the country, partly prevented them hitherto, but they are now getting over these difficulties and could do more. The greater part of them say that they would support your Church as soon as any other, if a minister were in the place; but twenty-five families are all that can be reckoned upon as decidedly attached to your cause. These are respectable families who promise to assist as far as means will allow them. Your missionary preached here every other Sabbath. The general attendance was about 170. Mr. Gillis, the care-christ, officiated on the other Sabbath. His audience was not so large. No other of any creed preached here or held meetings, except private members of the baptists—of them there are three or four families in the section; also two common schools and two Sabbath schools.

Artemesia is joining Glenelg. Your missionary made a tour through a part of it and the township of Proton. About Pricoville, a proposed village, in that part of Artemesia which joins Glenelg, there are forty Gaelic speaking families. A large school-house, capable of holding 200 people, situated in a convenient place on the village ground, would afford facility in opening a new station there. Some of the people are warmly attached to the Free Church. Nothing very definite could be ascertained respecting Proton; for though the township is actually settled, yet it has not come into market. Its population is more mixed than that of the surrounding Townships. Some of the people expressed a hope of applying for a missionary ere long.

Bentinck Station.—This is one of the three stations which your missionary regularly supplied, and the most prosperous of them. The number of Presbyterian families residing here is near a hundred. Seventy-four of these profess attachment to your Church. Considerable thirst for learning the word of God has been manifested by old and young—Evidently God has some of his chosen ones among them. This station did always more for the support of the Gospel among them, than any other in the vicinity. The attendance had constantly been regular and large, averaging from two hundred to two hundred and fifty. Divine service was conducted here as in the Glenelg station, only that your Missionary had to preach in both languages. In this section there are two day-schools, one Sabbath-school, and a weekly prayer meeting. Mr. Gillis' labours will be entirely confined to this station—he only officiates in Gaelic.

These three stations consider themselves as forming one congregation. A Managing Committee has been appointed to take steps preparatory to the building of a church at Durham, and transact also other business connected with the cause. The want of Elders is severely felt. It is the desire of the people to have such church officers appointed among them as early as your Reverend Presbytery will find it convenient.—The Committee have sent out subscription lists to raise funds for building a Church, and the earnest desire of all is to get a Minister settled

among them as soon as possible. Were it not for the unhappy division that took place in the case of a number joining the U. P. Reverend Presbyterians in the village and its vicinity would be able to support a minister themselves. A reunion is expected. The only reason for not joining immediately is said to be a fear that after your missionary is withdrawn, no other will be sent to supply his place till next spring, if even then, and that the United Presbyterians have supplied them very regularly since they applied to them. The necessity of sending a missionary to these stations during the winter must appear obvious without using any further arguments in favour of it. The missionary would require to speak both languages. But it might be better that he were without Gaelic than have it and bad English.

It will be observed that your missionary had no stated prayer meeting during the summer.—On account of the great indifference that existed respecting attendance on the means of grace, he found it necessary to hold meetings on week days, as time would allow, throughout the entire field of his labours, till all had an opportunity to hear the word, almost, at their own door—a means which, by the blessing of God, proved successful in securing an excellent attendance on Sabbath. Throughout all the stations spoken of, your church is the church of the people, and the one they are ardently looking to for supply. Much of this leaning toward you is to be attributed to the visits of Messrs. Snodden and McKinnon, and the late visits of Dr. Burns.

In conclusion, your missionary has thankfully to acknowledge that he has been kindly received by the people, readily assisted in his labours, and carefully provided for in board, but on account of the extent of the field, and the amount of labour necessarily devoting upon him, it has almost been a lost summer to him with respect to systematic college studies, &c.

Your obedient Missionary,

JOS. McMILLAN.

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We are glad to state that a suitable and commodious building has been secured for our College. The building referred to is 'Elmsley House,' formerly occupied by Lord Elgin. It is in every respect suitable, and has been secured on what are generally regarded as highly favourable terms. The establishment is already transferred to the newly purchased building, scarcely any alteration having been necessary for preparing it for the purposes of a College. It presents excellent accommodation not merely for the classes, library, &c.; but also for the lodging of the Students. The first instalment, at least, has to be paid immediately, and we trust our friends will be prompt in forwarding the necessary means. Of course a general movement will soon be made, but in the meantime an effort must be made at once to raise the first instalment of the price, and if possible more.

We hope too our friends will not be forgetful to the contributions to the ordinary College Fund. The Synod has directed all Congregations to take up these in the course of the months of January and February. We have already received from Knox's Church, Toronto, the sum of one hundred pounds.

In the course of several tours in which we have lately been engaged, we have been gratified by seeing the general feeling of warm interest taken by our people in our College. We confidently trust that they will continue to sustain it with still growing liberality.

THE PRESENT DUTY OF THANKSGIVING.

Seldom has a season passed over us bringing in its train more numerous or striking causes of thanksgiving, than that which is now drawing to its close. Instead of the disease and mortality which prevailed to so lamentable an extent last season, making many habitations, houses of mourning, and clothing thousands in sorrow's shroud, we have had a season of unusual healthiness. God's bounty has crowned the year, and throughout the