

strength of body. Brethren, the time is fleeting on, the shadows lengthen the days are short; work while you may, 'for the night cometh when no man may work.'—*Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.*

"A SUCCESSFUL AGENT."

We have received very great assistance from many of our friends throughout the Province, in promoting the circulation of our Periodical, and where so many have placed us under obligations in this respect it would be invidious to mention names. We cannot, however, refrain from expressing our warmest thanks to the Rev. Donald McDonald of Prince Edward Island, for his indefatigable and persevering exertions. Last year he transmitted upwards of 180 subscribers' names with remittances amounting to nearly twenty pounds to our office, and from the annexed extract of a letter lately received, it will appear that he has resolved, and is prepared to continue, and if possible to increase his exertions for the circulation of our monthly Periodical during the ensuing year.

"From the extensive and far advanced districts which I visit in discharge of clerical duties and from which my report would have to be filled up, it has been impossible to forward you a full list of subscribers at present; but in place of my stated number I hereby guarantee the amount of this year for the next. As to what addition there may be I could not say, until I visit about twelve congregations, but I think there will be a considerable number of new subscribers, which I shall forward before the present year terminates. I should be very much disappointed at the discontinuance of the *Halifax Church of Scotland Record*: and it would be discreditable to the Church of Scotland in the Lower Provinces if we should be under the necessity of drawing our information from Canada, through the means of the Montreal

Presbyterian and other sources; your *RECORD* has already awakened a desire on this island for continued accounts of the transactions and extension of the Church of Scotland to which we formerly had no access. And, indeed it would be next to cruelty to withdraw from us our present source of information. I think an appeal in the *RECORD* itself would be of benefit as it would authorize your agents to lay the case before the public in a more pressing form than they consider themselves justifiable in doing without such an appeal—your circular shall be read in all my congregations and seconded by my own application. Although I have it not in my power now to forward any additional list, I shall not be short of last amount."

I am, dear sir

Yours truly,

DONALD McDONALD."

Our readers will peruse the foregoing with much pleasure; for it shows the deep interest taken by Rev. Mr. McDonald in the *RECORD* and his strong desire that it should be widely circulated in P. E. Island. It also reveals his ardent attachment to the Church of Scotland and a lively interest in her proceedings. We are very grateful to Mr. Goodwill for the great interest he takes in our circulation. His opportunity for assisting us is very great; for his field of labour is both wide and interesting; and we have no doubt by increasing the circulation of our periodical there a deeper interest will be taken in the cause of mission both at home and abroad and in the general work of the Christian Church.

As a further instance of the interest taken by the Rev. Mr. McDonald in our circulation we append the following from a report signed by Robert Doull M. P. Secretary of the record Committee and printed in our issue for Sept. 1859.

"Like the committee of last year they have much pleasure in directing atten-