

those who would offer the tempting bait of worldly gain to induce young men to enter into the ministerial service of the church. It is mournful to behold the leprosy of avarice on those who stand at the altar of God. But we wish to see them raised above unholy distractions; disentangled from all secular affairs, that they may be free to devote their whole time and mental power in promoting the spiritual interests of their flock; and always able to purchase, without any undue abstraction from the proper demands of their household, those helps which books and other means may afford, to enable them to keep pace with the improvement and literature of the age.

Voluntaryism, as it exists in the United States, without any system of accumulating endowment, does not we are persuaded, provide these means. Its irregular operation is felt and deplored by many of the distinguished Christians in that country. The ministry is uneducated; its ranks are not adequately supplied; great numbers are drawn away from the duties of the pastoral office to secular employments; some are compelled to abandon their duties entirely and very many, who persevere in them, are obliged to utter such humiliating complaints as are contained in the above appeal to the sympathies of the Christian public.

While we have confidence that God will provide for the maintenance and extension of the Saviour's Kingdom, let us not forget the lessons that history and experience teach us; that this has ordinarily been accomplished in the course of His providence, by securing for the church not merely the voluntary donations of the living Christian, but the accumulated endowments of Christians departed, who have thus left their memorial behind them.

EDINBURGH GAELIC SCHOOL SOCIETY.

*To the Editor of the Christian Examiner*

Montreal, 8th July, 1837.

SIR—I have forwarded to your address, a parcel of reports received from the Gaelic School Society of Edinburgh, and I request that you will have the goodness to insert their appeal. It is strange that this most excellent Society should have received assistance from the most distant of the British possessions—and yet the British North American Colonies, where so many natives of the Highlands of Scotland have settled, should have contributed nothing to its funds. I am sure it has not been from a want of will, but from a want of opportunity.

Donations in aid of its funds will be thankfully received by the Honble. Peter McGill; John McPherson, Esq.; Robert Gillespie, Esq.; J. G. McKenzie, Esq., and D. P. Ross, Esq. of this city. I sincerely trust that the Canadas will show liberality towards this object. We have long received assistance from Bible, Missionary, and other Societies, in our native country, and when such an appeal is made to us, is it to be unheard? I am certain not. May the Lord bless the efforts of this valuable Society, and may He open the hearts of all my countrymen to assist in diffusing the blessings of a religious education throughout the Highlands of Scotland.

I am, &c.

J. O.

THE APPEAL OF THE EDINBURGH GAELIC SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The Committee of the GAELIC SCHOOL SOCIETY perceiving that the present state of its funds, and the defalcation for some years past, of its ordinary income, do most seriously threaten the very existence of the Society, feel it to be their duty to make to the public, and especially to those friends who have manifested a deep interest in its operations, an appeal in behalf of an institution upon which, it is universally acknowledged, the blessing of God has signally rested.

The salaries to teachers, and other obligations due in the course of this month of November, amount to nearly £1000; to