

[To the Editor of the Monthly Record.]

From our Correspondent at Woodstock, N. B.

Wishing to comply with your laudable desire for more widely extended and more frequent communications relating to the affairs of our church in New-Brunswick and Nova Scotia, I send you this, hoping, hereafter, to have matters of more importance to communicate.

I suppose your readers are aware that there are four different towns named Woodstock—two in England, one in the United States, one in Canada, and one where the present writer is stationed, in New-Brunswick—it being, as a glance at the map will show, the third place of any importance up the river St. John.

Woodstock, from a few houses, has risen now to the dignity of an incorporated town—its progress having been made in the space of about twenty years. The railway or rail-roads which it will soon have passing through it to Canada, thereby avoiding the circuitous and profitless route by the States, will have a tendency as favorable on it as on any other in New-Brunswick.

There is one Iron Work and one Copper Work in the neighborhood, and a considerable amount of well-farmed land. Thus there is a prospect of prosperity. There is no want of churches here, nor of Ministers.

There is a Catholic Church, perhaps the best attended of any. I wish the Presbyterian Church would wake up to her duty in exposing the errors of Catholicism in the way in which Christian charity and prudence would dictate. To "Pass by on the other side," might not be descriptive of us in regard to any form of error. May a spirit of zeal and wisdom be given to our Ministers in this matter.

Great things are doing in Ireland, the seat of Catholicism; why not here, where its growth cannot be so strong?

Then comes, next, the Methodist Church, embracing a considerable congregation.

We have also two species of Baptists: the Calvinistic, and Arminian or Free Will Baptists—these latter seeming to delight much in an uneducated Ministry, which, it must be confessed, they have succeeded in obtaining.

We have an excellent Episcopalian Church, where divine worship is celebrated every Sunday, by a Rector and Curate.

The energy of the Presbyterian Minister of Richmond, may be said to have called Presbyterianism to life in Woodstock, as in other places; that gentleman being gifted with peculiar talents for such a work. For a long period, weather, distance and duty elsewhere, opposing, he contrived to maintain occasional services here, so as to keep alive a small, but warm-hearted congregation. Much of this labor was, of course, gratuitous; and services performed, under such difficulties, for the Church, well deserve the notice of its friends here and at home. How much hard labor is thus put forward by many devoted Ministers in the Colonies—perhaps overlooked by man—yet, if performed for Christ, surely such shall not miss a reward.

About two years since, regular service was procured for this place and Northampton, seven miles distant, which was supplied for six months, when the Missionary considered it his duty to accept a call from a place further down the river. Again it was left to the untiring assidues of the Minister of Richmond.

In November, 1856, the present writer came to take permanent charge of the two Stations

indicated, and has continued to supply them regularly, since that period.

I see your Canadian correspondent complains of the indifference of many of the Canada West people, and even of their incivility to their Ministers; let me say, in a word, I have met with nothing of the kind here—since both at Woodstock and Northampton, it is merely telling the truth to say we have met with much civility, much kindness and liberality. Incivility to a Minister, or, in a pitiable state of mind—intolerance may vanish. Certainly the race for riches is, all over the world, greatly too keen at this present time.

At Northampton the Presbyterians, though few, are willing, and have built by the river Saint John an elegant Church, which they hope to have finished by this summer. At Woodstock we are amassing subscriptions for a new Church in a central point, and hope soon to be enabled to report progress on this matter. When we noticed lately one Church in Canada expending £2,000 on a spire for a Church, we wished they would only have spared us a couple of hundreds of this sum. Si vis prodesse, respice Woodstock.

As it is just possible you may have other matters of more immediate importance to insert in your present number. I shall reserve further remarks to another occasion, meantime

I am,

Very Truly Yours,

DAVID STOTT.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

Liberal Contribution.

"The Scottish Bible Society gratefully acknowledge the handsome donation of £36 18s. 9d. from James Fraser, Esq., of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. This sum was remitted by the benevolent donor to the Colonial Committee of the Church, to be paid to any Bible Society they might select, and has been bestowed by them on the above Society."

LAY ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE FIVE SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Annual Meeting of the subscribers to this association was held last night in the Assembly Hall, Castle Hill. The Hon. Lord Neaves occupied the chair. The Rev. Dr Crombie, of Scone, the late Moderator of the General Assembly, opened the meeting with prayer and praise. The chairman, in an able address, pointed out the great importance of the Schemes of the Church, and called upon the secretary, Colin C. Grant, Esq., to read the report, which gave a favourable and encouraging view of the financial condition of the missionary operations of the Church. In the course of his remarks, he referred particularly to the very liberal support received from Episcopallians. The Rev. Thomas Munro, of Campsie, first addressed the meeting in a very eloquent manner on the Foreign and Colonial Departments. The Rev. David Brown, of Scoonie, next spoke in favour of the Home Mission and Education Schemes; while the Rev. Gillan, of Glasgow, took up the subject of the evangelisation of the Jews, and the proceedings closed with devotional exercises. The Hall was crowded, and a number of persons were admitted to the gallery.

THE PROTESTANT ALLIANCE—The annual meeting was presided over by the Earl of Shaftesbury. From the Report it appears that important additions have been made both at home and abroad to the societies engaged

in the work of opposing the Papacy. "The North of England Protestant Organization" is now fairly established at Manchester, and already reports some branches formed in connection with it. An "Alliance" has been formed or rather revived, at Sheffield. At Darlington, Canada, an "Alliance" has also been formed, and commenced its efforts with promise of vigorous support. It is the second established in the colony. By a recent communication from Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Committee learn that in consequence of the intolerable power of the Romish party in the colony an association similar in aim and principles to the Alliance is being formed, and that there is reason to hope that kindred institutions will be established in the colony. The Committee maintain a regular correspondence with these foreign societies, and are anxiously aiming to strengthen and to extend their union with Protestants in all parts of the world.

The Last of the Glengarry Estates

The extensive estate of Knoydart, bordering upon the wild Loch Houra, in the West Highlands, is, we observe, announced for sale. The fact is interesting for it is synonymous with the extinction in the Highlands of the old Chiefs of Glengarry, who for many centuries, held sway in this county. The Glengarry family were confirmed in their large estates by King Robert II. in 1373; but their history goes back to the days of Somerled the King or Lord of the Isles, in the eleventh century. In all the clan feuds and Jacobite risings of the West Highlands the Glengarry banner was conspicuous, and their war cry, "Craggan an Phutich"—"The Rock of the Raven"—was heard in many a bloody fight. The Chief who died in 1828 attempted to revive the ancient importance of the clan, but the power was gone.

Letters and Monies Received, June 1857.

Rev. Donald McDonald, P. E. I., £6 8s. 9d., balance of £31 14s. 6d., collected for this year, by him—new names added. William Fraser, New-Glasgow, 10s., for four subscribers—new names added. Per hands of Rev. John Martin, for three subscribers, Musquodoboit, 10s. Per hands of John Ross, Truro, £1 7s. 6d. Rev. W. Snodgrass, Montreal, for two new subscribers, 5s. Rev. Alex. Forbes, Dalhousie, ten subscribers, 25s. Alex. McGregor, Merrigomish—papers sent as requested. Back numbers forwarded to Hugh H. Ross, W. R., Pictou, as requested.

Synodical Meetings.

The Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, met in this city on Thursday, 18th ult. The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, met at Truro on Thursday, the 26th ult. The annual meeting of our Synod is appointed to be held this year at New-Glasgow, on the second Wednesday, being the 8th day of the present month.

Home Mission Fund

June 1. Amount on hand - - - - - £119 1 8
 JOHN SCOTT,
 Halifax, June 30, 1857. For DAVID ALLISON, TREAS.

Synod Fund

June 1. Balance on hand - - - - - £2 3 7
 12. Collection St. Andrew's church, Pictou,
 by Wm. Gordon, - - - - - 6 10 0
 £8 19 7
 JAMES F. AVERT, Treasurer.