

in order to remove pain even for a tir from our eyes when we cannot see how to relieve it. I had resolved, however, to give her the money, and not to buy the next tempting 12s. book which met my eye! In the meantime a marriage party was announced, and the happy bride and bridegroom stood where the widow had stood a few minutes before; for thus do sorrows and joys constantly pass in light and shade across the daily life of the minister. The bridegroom was a Highlander, and returning that day to his Highland home. The marriage being over, the bridegroom, to my unspeakable surprise, begged me to accept of one pound, to be expended for any charitable purpose! I told him of his poor countrywoman. He requested that she should have it all. May God bless the pair! Long may it be ere the bonnie bride is a widow; and when that dark hour comes, may she find a widow's friend like her own good bridegroom!

The poor widow returned. "You trusted in God," I said; "and no one who does so was ever put to shame." I gave her the pound. I shall not tell you, reader, for I cannot, what she said or how she looked. But as she departed, with many tears and thanksgivings to the Father of the fatherless, I found myself weeping like herself, and my faith strengthened in the providence of God.

The wind blows fresh and clear! and while I write, the widow and her family are on their voyage, and taking, probably, a last look of the old country, and remembering with many thoughts the lonely spot where he lies buried, and "the dim shielding on the misty island!" that shall never more be their home.

THE MONTHLY RECORD.

JULY, 1855.

Georgetown, P. E. Island.

It must always be a subject of deep regret to the friends of the Church of Scotland, that so many of those localities throughout these colonies in which her Ministers were at one time established and where her cause seemed once so prosperous, should now be in a great measure lost to her communion. Many a district could we point to, more especially in the lower colonies, where under proper and judicious management, the Church of our forefathers might in these days have occupied a prominent position, and indeed held undisputed sway, where she now enjoys but a bare existence. Not by any means, that we should feel disposed to reckon Georgetown among the number: for we know that we have still many staunch friends in that quarter, whom no consideration would induce to forsake us. But we are led to these somewhat unpleasant reflections by the perusal of a communication which we have received from the Rev. George Harper, who, having as we mentioned in a former number of the Record accepted of a call from the people of Wallace and Pugwash, has only been able to spend a few weeks among our friends at the east end of Prince Edward Island. We sincerely regret that having been called to labour in another corner of the vineyard, Mr. Harper has been unable to make a longer stay among them. But let them not despair; better days we trust are in store for them as for others of our destitute congregations. Slowly but surely are the ranks of our colonial clergy increasing. Every year sees fresh accessions to our numbers; and it is indeed highly gratifying to think that we are entering upon times when the Church of Scotland seems to be girding herself for her great work in such a manner as she never did before. With her Divinity Halls crowded with able, zealous and enthusiastic students, every year sees a greatly increased number of licentiates sent forth to proclaim the glad tidings; and if it be said that of late comparatively few have reached these shores—the answer is easy—it is only because her borders are enlarging and her influence extending on every hand. Australia calling across the wide waste of waters from the far south implores the aid of our Committee to send more labourers among her scattered and benighted population. India stretching forth her hands imploringly and almost despairingly for help—while the other Colonies of North America, with anxiety equal to our own are expecting their assistance. These are certainly very encouraging prospects. Meantime, let us earnestly pray that in the "good time coming" all our waste places may yet be supplied, and our Scottish Judah possess at length a name and a place in every corner of the land.

We may mention that we were somewhat surprised to learn that until very lately, owing to some misunderstanding, none of our friends at Georgetown had become subscribers for our "Monthly Record." We are now however glad to find that a considerable number have taken copies of that periodical, and we trust that more names from that quarter will soon be added to our list. Considering that it is published at the lowest possible price, and has in view the best interests of the Church, besides involving no inconsiderable trouble to its conductors, who derive no pecuniary benefit from its circulation, we think that few of our friends (except those who are in actual poverty) ought to be without a copy of the Record. Indeed, where the expense might be too much for one, two people might join, and take a copy between them.

In conclusion, we have only to add that we trust Mr. Harper, having now had an opportunity of estimating the capabilities of the congregation of Georgetown, will lose no time in bringing their still destitute condition under the notice of the Colonial Committee; and it is our earnest wish that the result will be the speedy appointment of a Missionary for the district.

St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow.

On Sabbath the 13th May, a collection was taken in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The amount £8 3s. 6d. was handed over to the Treasurer.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was

dispensed to the same congregation on Sabbath 24th June. The Services were conducted, as usual, in English and Gaelic—and although this ordinance was also dispensed in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the same day, yet there were on this occasion more than the ordinary number of Communicants. The Sacrament being dispensed in two places on the same day, there were only two clergymen at New Glasgow: Rev. Mr. Pollok, Minister of the Parish, conducted the English services with much solemnity and ability—while Rev. Mr. McLean, Minister of Garlock and Salt Springs, conducted those of the Gaelic with equal efficiency and acceptance. It was truly pleasing to observe the orderly and christian-like conduct maintained by both congregations throughout the whole time.

St. Matthew's Church.

THE General Annual Meeting of this Congregation was held in the Church, Hollis Street, on Monday, 11th June, in accordance with the Act of Incorporation.

The Honble. James McNab, Moderator, presided.

Wm. Murdoch, Esq. Chairman of the Trustees, submitted the Annual Report to the Congregation, with the Secretary's and Treasurer's Accounts for the year, with Auditor's Report,—all of which were highly satisfactory, and the report was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The Session Poor Fund account was likewise submitted, and the Treasurer's account of the Library Fund in connection with the church, for the information of the congregation; from which we gleaned that there was nearly £40 expended in charity by the Session, collected in the church during the year, besides the quarterly collections for the Poor and Library; £11 9s. 6d. for Queen's College, Canada, £30 for Colonial Committee Fund in Edinburgh; and £13 2s. 6d. for the Ladies' District Visiting Society, in connection with St. Matthew's. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

HON. JAMES McNAB, Moderator,	
WM. MURDOCH, Esq., Chairman.	
WM. SCOTT,	} Trustees.
JOHN MUNRO,	
D. MURRAY,	
DAVID FALCONER,	
NICHOLAS VASS,	
GEORGE DRILLIO,	
JOHN WATT, Treasurer.	
A. W. SCOTT, Secretary.	

Montreal Lay Association.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following kind and fraternal communication from the Montreal Lay Association—to the Secretary of the Lay Association of Nova Scotia.

MONTREAL, 5th June, 1855.

SIR,—I am instructed to communicate the ensuing minute:

Moved by Mr. A. Morris, seconded by Mr. D. D. McKenzie:

That this Association has observed with satisfaction that a monthly paper has been issued in Halifax to advocate the interests of our church there on a similar plan to that