

reserves, the trustees say it is now completely and for ever set at rest, and though the Church has been deprived of her just rights, yet such a provision has been made by the commutation money, that for some time at least, all ministers settled will obtain the same aid from the funds of the Church as before. The trustees entertain the hope that, by the blessing of God, the college may prosper, and the number of juvenile students greatly increase, though they do not expect to supply the wants of a population increasing so rapidly, and they earnestly solicit the attention of your Committee to the great scarcity of ministers for the vacant congregations in the province.

The Committee have continued the benefit of bursaries to two students of £10 each, and to another of £15, to enable them to prosecute their studies for the ministry.

The Committee had sent out the Rev. J. Ogilvie to Montreal. Mr. Ogilvie having caught fever on the passage, died before the vessel reached Quebec.

The Committee also sent out to Montreal the Rev. Peter McVicar, who has received a call from the members of the church at Martintown, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, and his ordination was fixed to take place on the 23d April.

The Committee also sent out the Rev. Alexander Buchanan, and have since learned that his services have been of great value to the Presbytery.

The Committee adverted to the loss sustained by the removal of several ministers by death in the Presbytery of Glengarry and other districts. As yet, the Committee have been unable to send out any to supply the vacancies, several of whom are in Gaelic congregations.

*New Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Cape Breton.*—The demands for missionaries and ministers have been great.

The missionary was sent out in autumn to the congregation worshipping at Moncton, in the Presbytery of Miramichi, viz., the Rev. William Murray, who was well received, and the Committee have received very satisfactory accounts from the Presbytery of the manner in which he has discharged his duties.

From Prince Edward Island very urgent applications have been repeatedly received during the year for an additional supply of missionaries and ministers. The population in Prince Edward Island alone, adhering to the Church of Scotland, according to the last census, numbers upwards of 10,000.

The Rev. Mr. Spiott of Halifax, visited the University seats, and addressed the divinity students, with the view of enabling some of them at least to consider whether they would devote themselves, after receiving license, to the missionary work in the colonies. Mr. Spiott accordingly did so, and the Committee are reason to think that, ere long, the best results may be expected, by a number of divinity students coming forward to undertake the work. The Committee have appointed the Rev. Thos. Duane as a missionary to Prince Edward Island, giving him the usual guarantee of £150 for three years, with a grant for out-of-pocket passage-money.

The Committee have much pleasure in stating that the Presbytery of Pictou have sent a remittance of £25 towards the expense of the young men sent to this country to be educated for the ministry. The Presbytery of St. John, New Brunswick, also transmitted £60 towards the expense of educating the young men at the University of Edinburgh sent from that quarter.

The Committee had granted £60 to the

McLennan's Mountain, and £100 to St. Andrew's Church, Halifax.

The Committee had also brought under their notice an overture and appeal from the Synod of Nova Scotia for a deputation of Gaelic ministers, in consequence of the great want of spiritual labourers, there being no fewer than ten large congregations vacant in the county of Pictou, besides great multitudes in Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, firmly attached to the Church of Scotland, but wholly destitute of religious ordinances. The Committee left the subject to the determination of the General Assembly.

*British Guiana.*—The Committee regret to announce the death of the Rev. Francis Forbes, of St. Luke's, Demerara, which happened a short time ago. They are taking steps for the appointment of another.

The Committee reported last year that the Rev. Dr. Struthers was in this country on leave of absence, and that his duties were performed by the Rev. A. D. Murray. Dr. Struthers is still here in bad health.

The Committee continue to receive from Mr. McKinnison, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Bell, and others, satisfactory accounts of their labors.

*New Zealand.*—The Committee have nothing of any interest to report in regard to Mr. Kirtton's services, but continue to receive of him favorable accounts.

*Jamaica.*—The committee had obtained the services of Mr. Milne, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Aberdeen, to undertake the academic department at Jamaica, and to act as Mr. Radcliffe's assis. Mr. Milne was ordained by the Presbytery of Aberdeen before he left; and since his arrival in the colony, has relieved Mr. Radcliffe of some of the duties which devolved upon him.

*Grenada.*—The Committee have received from Mr. Beaton very satisfactory accounts of his proceedings.

*Ceylon.*—The Committee continue to receive the most favorable accounts of the ministrations of the Rev. J. McBean, and of his active service in the cause of the Church. Mr. McBean had communicated to the Committee the circumstances connected with the Scotch Church at Kandy, which led them at one time to fear that an attempt would be made to appoint a minister not belonging to the Church of Scotland to that station. This difficulty had, however, been obviated, and the Rev. H. Smith, of Melville Church, Montrose, having been appointed, on the recommendation of the Committee, by the Secretary of State. The salary given is £150 a year, with a house, and an allowance as outfit and passage money, of £150.

*Mauritius.*—The Rev. P. Beaton still continues to labour here. The Building Committee of the Church at the Mauritius having made an urgent application for a further grant towards the expense of finishing the same, Captain Ireland, a zealous friend of the Church, has subscribed £150 towards the building, and given, in addition, a bell, the expense of which was about £90. The Committee made a grant of £400. It appears that the Indian population in the Mauritius number 130,000, and no provision has ever been made, either by the Government or otherwise, to convey to the children the elements of education, although the subject has been repeatedly brought under the notice of the local government. The children under fourteen years of age, according to the census of 1851, number 10,500, and there numbers now exceed 13,000, without any prospect whatever of their obtaining education. Your Committee were asked to give an annual

grant of £400 for religious and educational purposes to the Indians in the Mauritius, but did not consider themselves warranted in making any grant.

*Australia.*—Reference was made, in the Report of last year, to a contemplated union among the different Presbyterian bodies for the establishment of an Independent Presbyterian Church in Australia, having no denominational connection with any Church in the United Kingdom. The Committee throughout the whole of the past year, have experienced much painful anxiety on this subject. Reports appeared in the newspapers transmitted to this country of a nature calculated to increase that anxiety, and not having any authentic information either way, the Committee resolved that they would not be justified in sending out additional ministers, until they should receive satisfactory intelligence of the real state of matters. From a communication made to your Committee a few days ago, by the Rev. W. K. Smythe who had laboured long and successfully as a minister of the Church in Australia, and who is at present in this country on leave of absence, your Committee have been relieved of their anxiety. They have great pleasure in reporting that the Synod of New South Wales are firmly attached to the Church of Scotland, and that at a late meeting of that body, they adopted a resolution to the effect, that while they would always be happy to maintain friendly relations with other Christian bodies, they did not feel called upon to move farther on the subject of a union.

There are excellent openings at Stroud, Dungog, Maxwellbrook, and Paterson, for ministers. The foundation stone of a church has been recently laid at Stroud, and a similar erection is about to be commenced at Dungog.

The accounts of the Fund showed the following results—Collections and contributions from 860 parishes and chapels, £2624, 10s. 6d.; associations, £146, 10s. 3d.; from individuals, £60, 1s. 11d.; legacies, £81, 7s. 8d.; lay associations, £220, 19s.; interest, £199, 9s. 5d. Total, £3332, 18s. 9d. There were, besides, £8236, 7s. 14d. at the credit of the Committee.

## Ordination and Induction at Martintown.

The readers of this periodical, in common with the members of our Church throughout the Province, sympathized deeply with the people of Glengarry, when they were called upon to endure so many visitations of Providence as one after another of their ministers were called to their rest. We rejoice when we hear that any of these vacancies are being filled, and we therefore regret that no one connected with the Presbytery of Glengarry had informed us that a watchman had been set over the flock at Martintown. We avail ourselves of the opportunity, now afforded, of calling upon Clerks of Presbyteries and others to furnish us from time to time with notices of inductions, &c. Such matters interest the whole Church, and we should not be left to glean our information as best we can. If this paper is deemed of service to the Church, we should be aided in our labours, for it has ere now been found a hard task "to make bricks without straw." Trusting that these remarks will serve the end we design to effect by them, we have pleasure in stating that we have learned on inquiry that on the 23rd day of April last the Presbytery of Glengarry met at Martintown for the purpose of proceeding to the ordination and induction