

the Colonies. These are for the natives more than for the missionary, and he would do well not to hurry these until they desire the worship of the true God, and then he will find them ready and willing to assist in the construction of churches and school houses from higher motives than a mere desire for the loaves and fishes, (*i. e.*, the missionaries' property).

I know this information might be given in a more systematic and concise form, but I have just jotted these facts down as I recall them to memory.

But as I have always, of course, given the Editor the liberty of changing anything in my letters, or leaving out portions, so also I do in this one leave it to his own discretion.

I am, Rev. Sir, sincerely yours,

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## News of the Church.

### Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth.

This Court met at Mahone Bay, Oct. 19th, 1870, for visitation. Mr. Henry preached. The questions of the formula were generally answered in a very satisfactory manner. In some parts of their duty, as might be expected in a young congregation, the elders and managers were rather behind; but, commending what was well, the Presbytery endeavoured to stir them up to a full sense of their responsibilities, and a conscientious discharge of their duties. The next day the Presbytery met for the visitation of the Bridgewater congregation. There was a fair attendance. Mr. Christie preached. The elders frankly confessed that their work was not as well done as their office required. The managers showed a good state of the finances,—the stipend being punctually paid, by weekly collections, in the Bridgewater section, and by semi-annual subscriptions in the other sections. Various members of the Court addressed the congregation, pointing out how much more might be done by the elders and members for the cause of Christ, and the good order of the house of God.

Mr. Morrison reported that he had fulfilled the appointment of last Presbytery in visiting, accompanied by Mr. McMillan, the scattered Presbyterians in Queen's and Lunenburg Counties, and found, that while much support could not be looked for from them, there was great need, and abundant room, for the labors of a missionary. Mr. G. D. Millar, A.B., graduate of Dalhousie College, having made application for certi-

ficate to the Divinity Hall, was examined with reference to his views, and duly certified. The Presbytery agreed to hold its next meeting, for visitation of the congregations of Clyde and Barrington and Shelburne, on the 18th and 19th of Jan., 1871.

Accordingly, the Court met in the Church at Clyde River, at 2 P. M., on the appointed day; and, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. McMillan, was constituted by him as *pro tem.* moderator. There were present besides Rev. M. G. Henry, Revs. P. M. Morrison and S. Archibald, and Gabriel Robertson, elder. The answers to the questions of the formula were highly satisfactory. The congregation is punctually paying its minister \$475 with manse, and drawing \$125 from the supplementing fund. They contributed to the schemes of the Church last year \$113. The managers are doing their work faithfully and systematically. The elders seem to be wanting only in the visitation of the families. The state of religion, though far from satisfactory, is highly encouraging.—The Presbytery expressed its gratification at the pleasing state of matters, and urged all to press on to a still higher point of perfection. At this sederunt a letter was read from Rev. Mr. Christie, stating that, owing to sickness, he could not be present. The Presbytery unanimously agreed to record their sympathy with Mr. Christie in his affliction.

At the time appointed on the following day, the Court met in the Church at Shelburne, and, after sermon by Mr. Morrison, was constituted by prayer by the moderator. Sederunt: Revs. Wm. Duff, D. McMillan, M. G. Henry, P. M. Morrison, and S. Archibald. The visitation of the congregation was then conducted, when it appeared that the youthful pastor is labouring faithfully; that the elders—though deficient in many respects—are not wholly neglectful of their duties; that the managers are looking after the temporalities with commendable zeal, and promise at the close of the ecclesiastical year, March 1871, to have the salary, \$600, all paid up. Several members of Presbytery addressed the congregation, setting before them various methods of improvement and motives to exertion. A letter was read from Mr. McNab, stating that, owing to protracted sickness, he could not be present. The Presbytery recorded their sympathy with him, and appointed Mr. McMillan to preach for him on the fifth Sabbath of Jan., and the other brethren of Lunenburg Co. at their own convenience if necessary. A report from Mahone Bay congregation, stating that they had paid the promised salary to their minister up to the close of last year, was laid on the table, to be supplemented with figures and dates, till the next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery then appointed its next meet-