

colony, however, is said to be very much improved of late years, in respect of health, and it is now generally admitted to be not more unhealthy than any other portion of the West Indies. In Martin's *British Colonies*, a work which is highly spoken of, the ordinary notions current with respect to the insalubrity of this Colony are refuted by a comparison of its tables of mortality with those of other countries. Without, however, going so far as to hold with this writer, that British Guiana is, upon the whole, equally healthy with almost any portion of Great Britain, I may state that I have seen many parties from the old country who have lived here in health and strength, for many years. Indeed, three of our own Clergymen have already been in this Colony for considerable periods, and the Minister whom I succeeded in St. Clement's Parish, had been here nearly twenty years.

Hoping that my old friends in Nova Scotia are all well, and wishing the cause which you so nobly advocate every success, I am, &c.,

Colonial Churches.

We have much satisfaction in announcing that since last General Assembly the Colonial Committee have made the following appointments:—

Name.	Station.
Rev. John Morgan,	{ St. Andrew's, George-
	town, Demerara.
Rev. James Herald,	{ Presbytery Montreal,
	Canada.
Rev. John Moffat,	Do. do.
Rev. John Rannie,	Do. do.
Rev. James Paterson,	Do. do.
Rev. A. P. Marshall,	{ Presbytery of King-
	ston, Canada
Rev George Mitchell,	{ St. George's Scotch,
	Church, Grenada.
Rev. G. W. Sprott,	Kandy, Ceylon,

As the field is large, and the wants of our countrymen still very great, the attention of well-qualified ministers and preachers is requested to the advertisement by the Committee in another part of this number.

The attention of intending candidates for Colonial appointments is directed to the following statement:—

MEMORANDA.

1. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland allow their missionaries in British America £150 sterling per annum.
2. The allowance for Outfit, in addition to Passage-money, is £25.
3. The missionaries appointed are directed to labour under and within the bounds of some Presbytery, and are requested to send to the Committee certificates from the Presbytery within whose bounds they are employed, previously to drawing their half-year's salary.

4. In the event of missionaries receiving a call to any fixed charge in the colonies, the arrangement made with the Committee terminates.

5. The appointments made to other parts of the world are in all cases to *fixed* charges. These appointments, when vacant, are advertised. The Outfit allowance* to the West Indies is £30; to Australia and Ceylon, £35.

6. Licentiates and Ministers desirous of devoting themselves to missionary work, must send in their applications, with Presbyterial certificate and other testimonials, to the Secretary, General Assembly's Colonial Committee, 12 Queen Street, Edinburgh.

GRANTS IN AID OF SALARY.

The Committee are prepared to consider applications from any Colonial Congregation *unable from its own resources to provide a sufficient stipend for its minister*, provided these applications be approved of and strongly recommended by the Presbytery of the bounds.

BUILDING GRANTS.

The Colonial Committee are prepared to consider applications for aid in erecting suitable places of worship in the Colonies. But these grants are in no instance made—

1. Until the Presbytery of the bounds certify the necessity of the case.
2. Till such a sum *be contributed* by the people themselves as, with the donation granted by the Committee, will leave the edifice entirely free of debt.
3. Until a certified copy of the title-deeds, inalienably attaching the building to the Church of Scotland, be transmitted to the Committee.

J. C. FOWLER, LL.D.,
Convener.

* The Outfit allowance is in all cases understood to cover expenses incurred in travelling to the port from which the vessels sail.

Rev George W Sprott

Our readers will learn with much satisfaction that the Queen has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, to appoint the Rev. George W. Sprott, son of the Rev. John Sprott of Musquodoboit and for several years Assistant Minister of our Congregations in this city, to the charge of the Scotch Church, Kandy, in the Island of Ceylon. During his residence in this Province Mr. Sprott's services as a minister of the Gospel were most acceptable, and he was also highly instrumental in reorganising our Church Courts, and in establishing and for a time conducting "The Record."

We have to inform our readers that the November No. of the Record will not be issued before the middle of that month, as the Editor expects to be absent from Town for several weeks on important missionary business.

We have been requested by "a member of the Church of Scotland" to publish the following Act passed during the last session of the Legislature, and intended to amend the Act on Marriage Licenses by extending the provisions of that Act to all ordained clergymen of every Religious denomination in the colony, whether with or without the charge of settled congregations. It is not necessary for us to state why such an enactment as this has received the sanction of the Legislature. The Act speaks for itself and is intended to remove all doubt and uncertainty in a matter of no small importance to a number of clergymen as well as to the community at large.

An Act to amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes "Of Marriage and the solemnization thereof."

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

1. Every duly ordained minister of any body of Christians, resident within this Province, engaged in Missionary labors, or officiating for any congregation of Christians, may solemnize marriage by license, although he should not be the settled minister of a congregation.
2. The Governor may direct Marriage Licenses to such ministers for the solemnization of Marriages in accordance with the provisions of section four of the chapter hereby amended.

Letters and Monies Received.

SEPTEMBER 1857.

FROM our correspondent in Berbice dated 27th July, 15th and 24th August, with enclosed communications; Wm. Gordon, Synod Treasurer, Pictou, intimating collections for the "Home Mission" and "Synod Funds;" Rev. Donald McRae, Clerk of the Presbytery of Pictou, with copy of the Minutes of last meeting; Wm. Guild, Middle Musquodoboit, 5s.; George Sutherland, Railway Contractor, Shubenacadie, 2s. 6d.; and Thomas Logan, Elmsdale, 2s. 6d., per hands of Rev. John Martin.

Synod Fund

Sept. 1. Balance against the Fund, - - -	£0 2 14
17. Barney's River Congregation pr. Rev. Mr. Mair, }	1 11
Oct. 1. Balance on hand - - -	£1 9 64

Home Mission Fund

Sept. 1. Amount on hand - - -	£120 6 8
17. Lochaber, by Antigonish, per Rev. Mr. Mair, }	7 7 11
29. Donation from a friend, by Rev. Mr. Herdman - - - }	1 0 0
Oct. 1. Amount on hand - - -	£128 14 7

Young Men's Scheme.

Oct. 1. Balance on hand - - -	£216 4 1
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WM. GORDON,
Treasurer.