

LETTERS FROM MESSRS. M'LARDY AND
ROSE TO COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The Colonial Committee thinking it desirable to give additional specimens of the reports of their missionaries, that those who support the Scheme may be aware of the nature of the work which they uphold, beg to add the following from the Synod of New Brunswick:

To the Rev. the Presbytery of St. John, N. B.

According to the injunction of this Presbytery, requiring an annual report of the ministerial labours of those who are employed in the Mission services of the Church, permit me to state with gratitude to God, for His good hand upon me, that I have been enabled, during the last year, without almost any interruption, to perform my duties in the parishes of St. Andrew's and St. Patrick, which have now been devolved upon me for the last ten years. These duties are arduous and constant, scarcely ever allowing me the advantage of an exchange with any of my brethren. I have preached twice every Lord's day but one, on which sickness prevented, and administered the Lord's Supper twice each year to both churches, accompanied by the preparatory and subsequent exercises customary in the Church of Scotland. I have travelled in the past year more than 1500 miles in my mission work, and attending Church Courts, and this involves a large expense out of a small salary. The church of St. Andrew's now consists of only 105 communicants, many of them aged, infirm, and indigent; and the ordinary congregation may be estimated at about 200. This decrease arises from the emigration of the youth of both sexes from this place to the United States. The congregation live in much good feeling with each other, and appear to have a greater esteem than common for the ministrations of the Gospel, which may in part arise from their inability to support them, and the fear of being deprived of them. The children and youth of our Sabbath school for the past year are over 100 on the list, and shew an average attendance of from seventy-five to eighty. This institution has as much of my time and care as possible, that they may not wander through life ignorant of Christ and themselves; and the amount of scriptural knowledge acquired is very creditable to the capacity of the children and the ability and assiduity of the teachers. There are but few of the people unwilling to contribute to the support of the Gospel in this church, but their means are small, while many are not able to give anything at all. I believe there is no church in the province so much in need of assistance in the meantime as St. Andrew's. They have, during the past, paid £85 of the £100 promised. The works of the railroad from St. Andrews to Woodstock have now been resumed, and on

their completion any prosperity of trade in this place depends.

To the church of St. Patrick I have given, as in former years, one fourth of the Sabbath and week-day services. The congregation is regular and attentive. When the weather is favourable, the people assemble from five to eight miles round, and the house is completely filled. There is no apparent want of interest in the hearing of the Gospel, but I am sorry to say there is a want of willingness to support it. This small church, however, has proved a blessing under divine influence to the locality. Many of the youth trained in connexion with it have turned out good members of society. The Sabbath school and social worship are conducted by the elders in my absence, which have a good effect. The communicants are now sixty. Fifteen have been removed—the aged by death, and the youth by emigration. The strength of our population has been on the decrease in this place also for years, but they are still too numerous and important to be neglected. They appear to be deeply sensible of the continued favour conferred upon them by the Colonial Committee of the parent church, without which both these churches must have been left destitute. This church engages to pay £25 for the fourth of my services, and perhaps, from various causes, they could not do much more. All which is respectfully submitted.

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Woodstock, N. B., October, 19, 1860.

REV. SIR,—In reviewing my missionary labours in this field for the past year, I find no very striking circumstances to which to direct attention. The work of the Christian missionary here more nearly resembles that of the parish minister of Scotland than that of the bearer of the "glad tidings" to the heathen; it differs from it chiefly in respect of the greater extent of ground to be gone over, and the absence of those aids to ministerial work derived from parochial organisation, and the long establishment of Gospel ordinances. The missionary here has therefore much to do which is performed in older countries by the elders and other zealous church members; he bears the weight of the work alone. The fatigue and the exposure to be undergone are great, yet it is doubtful if they are felt so much by him as the coldness and indifference of some for whose salvation he yearns. But, blessed be God, he has also much to cheer and comfort him. If some are cold, many are warmly attached to the Church of their fathers, and are hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life. He is also encouraged by the promise of God, through the Psalmist, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy," &c.

My efforts this year have been confined to Woodstock, Northampton, and Richmond—the three stations immediately under my charge—with the exception of an occasional