

wrestle till the voice of the archangel is heard proclaiming: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever?"

Glasgow Mission from the Church of Scotland to the Sick and Wounded in the Hospital of Scutari.

In addition to the Scotch Chaplains sent out by Government to the seat of war. A Committee of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland in Glasgow, has been formed to supply the want so peculiarly felt by our Presbyterian soldiers and sailors in the Hospital of Scutari. The Committee have secured the services of the Rev. William Fergusson, an ordained missionary of the Church of Scotland, whom they believe from his character, habits, and experience, to be eminently qualified for the work thus assigned to him.

Government has recognized the importance of this mission, by guaranteeing £100 per annum to Mr. Fergusson, with allowances on the same footing as other chaplains, on condition that the Committee raise another £100. This sum at least will be necessary to meet the current expenses of one year.

The Committee appeal with confidence to their fellow-citizens and fellow-countrymen, not only for the small sum required to support one missionary, but also for what may enable them to send out another *speaking the Gaelic language*, for the comfort of our suffering Highlanders. It is, moreover, desirable to have funds sufficient to purchase books for the invalids, and also to meet incidental expenses.

Annual subscriptions are limited to *one pound*; but the smallest sum will be gladly accepted from those who may thus wish to express their sympathy for their wounded and sick countrymen. Sums exceeding one pound will be received as donations.

The Committee beg to intimate, that they will recognize it as one of the most delightful of their duties to be the medium of communication, through their missionary, between any person in Scotland and a sick relation in the hospital; while their missionary will be instructed to put his services, as far as possible, at the disposal of the sick and wounded, and to convey intelligence from them, either directly to their friends, or indirectly through the Convener or Members of the Committee.

The Committee to save all unnecessary delay, and rather than abridge the comforts of one of the sick or wounded by a single hour, have guaranteed to Mr. Fergusson his salary, and have authorized his immediate departure. He was expected to sail before Christmas.

The General Committee is composed of the parish and chapel ministers of Glasgow, with elders.

The following letter of instructions to Mr. Fergusson will shew in what spirit the

Committee desire to conduct the mission:—
MY DEAR SIR,—I am requested by the Acting Committee of the mission to Scutari to convey to you the following general instructions for your guidance in the discharge of your duties. The Committee, by their selection of you as their missionary, have afforded the strongest evidence of their confidence in your character; and they willingly acknowledge that, whatever instructions are given you, they must ultimately rely upon that character—on your own good sense and Christian principle—as the best guarantee for the successful accomplishment of the objects of the mission. At the same time, they think it due to themselves, to the Government, and to all interested in this undertaking, to express, though in very general terms, the manner in which they wish it to be conducted,—

(1.) In your conduct towards the constituted military and medical authorities in the hospital, you will not only exhibit the most scrupulous attention to their regulations, and thus afford to the soldiers and sailors an example of strict obedience to their superior officers, but on every possible occasion you will support and strengthen their authority.

(2.) You will carefully avoid all interference with the agents of other churches or missionary bodies in the hospital, while in the discharge of their respective duties; never entering into controversy with them, but commending the Gospel to all, by a meek and quiet spirit, and a holy example of love and patience. We bid you remember the apostolic commands: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." "Let every one please his neighbour, for his good to edification; for even Christ pleased not himself."

(3.) While, as chaplain under Government, as well as missionary from us, you are bound to accept of whatever ministerial work is assigned to you among the sick and wounded, and to "do good unto all" as you have an opportunity; yet it is our desire that your special attention should be directed to the Presbyterian soldiers and sailors, who, it may be presumed, are those most likely to demand your services and to be benefited by them.

(4.) You are expected to keep an accurate daily journal of the names of each soldier and sailor to whom you minister, with the number of his regiment or name of his ship; the address of his nearest relations at home; with any other facts which, without *entrenching upon the sacred confidences of a sick-bed*, might be interesting to the friends of the invalid or the deceased, and to the Committee; and which, when reported by the Secretary, with due regard to propriety, to the supporters of the mission.

Lastly, You will earnestly and prayerfully seek to be a blessing to the sufferers, and a source of good and comfort to all—by zeal, tempered by calmness and prudence—by faithfulness, guided by love—and by untiring perseverance and self-denial, up-

held by a sense of the good work in which you are engaged, and by faith in Him who has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, my disciples, ye have done it unto me."

Such are the instructions of the Committee, which I convey to you, with perfect confidence in your disposition to carry them out; and with the sincere prayer, in which many join, that you may be spared to labour in this spirit; to return home with health unimpaired; and to receive from us every expression of that deep gratitude which we cannot but experience should your mission be accomplished according to our hopes.—I remain yours sincerely,

NORMAN MACLEOD,

Convener and Secretary of the Committee.

We beg to direct the attention of our readers to the clause of printed italics. Any small subscriptions may be sent in postage stamps to the Secretary, and they will be acknowledged in this Magazine.

Subscriptions may be paid, not only to any member of the Acting Committee, but to any Minister or Elder of the Church of Scotland in Glasgow. Mr. Callender, teller, Royal Bank, will also be glad to receive and transmit subscriptions to the Treasurer. It is earnestly hoped that these, however small, may be contributed by many.

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The Church of Scotland in the Mission Field 1853-54.

What a vast change the past year has produced among us! The seal of the peace of Europe has been broken, and the flames of war have been kindled, with no hope of a speedy mitigation. The rational liberty of nations has been assailed by the might of tyranny, and the energies of the brave sons of freedom have been enlisted for its protection. Hour after hour the speed of the electric wire brings to us the tidings at once of sorrow and of victory. They are the theme of the merchant, in the exchange, the dealer at the crowded mart, the workman at his daily labour, and the earnest student in his retirement. And, oh! with what a touching power do they fall upon many a desolate heart and home! But we cannot possibly be suspected of undervaluing the cause in which our country is engaged, nor the interest it should find in every breast, when we assert the incalculably higher importance of the Christian despatches (we do not fear to use the term) which we are about to review. The Church, too, has many a battle field. Not unfrequently are Christians described as the soldiers of the Cross. They have many enemies to conquer, and many triumphs to celebrate. Her mission battle-field is the world itself. Her soldiers' arms are faith and prayer, and the heaven-tempered might of love. But how different are her triumphs from the glories of mere worldly conflict! No desolation follows in the path of her armies—no blood-stained