

It is about four hundred miles above the field of our Church at Cape Palmas, and is a point of great interest to the friends of missions here and everywhere. The following facts, epitomized from an authentic source, will serve to show the progress of that station, but, as they relate only to the operations of the 'Church of England Missionary Society,' they cannot be considered as giving a full account of the mission; as the 'Wesleyan Society,' also, shows results nearly, if not quite, equal to that of the Church.'

The colony of Sierra Leone was founded in 1787 by the 'African Company' for the purpose of forming a settlement for negroes, who during the American war had served in British ships; and who, after peace had been concluded, were found collected in London in a most miserable condition. In 1808 the settlement was consigned to the British crown, which declared it as an asylum for captured negroes, rescued from slave vessels by British cruisers; but, previous to this, in 1804 the 'Church Missionary Society' had commenced to occupy it, though with indifferent results; and up to 1833 had made but little progress; since that time, however, God has seen fit to bless the labours of the faithful missionaries, who, during so many years of patient waiting, did not weary in well-doing. In 1850 the colony contained over 40,000 inhabitants with a territory of 300 square miles; in which there were missionary stations 17, labourers 96, of whom 19 were Europeans. The average attendance at public worship was about 7000; communicants, 2183; Seminars, 2; Students, 66; Schools, 52; number of scholars, including boys, girls, youths and adults, 6536; we have no means at hand of ascertaining the whole number of Churches in the settlement, but there are in Freetown alone over 20 places where public worship is held, including a number of schoolhouses, besides 15 chapels of the Wesleyan Society. In addition to the two Seminaries named there are several high schools not enumerated in the above, and a *Native Training Institution*. The attendance upon Sunday School teaching is large, and in 1851; 2000 dollars were contributed by the natives toward the spread of the Gospel from the attendants upon the services, and in the schools under direction of the 'Church Missionary Society.'

The English language has been translated into many native tongues; and a knowledge of it conveyed to 50 different tribes in the interior through rescued captives returning to their people after having received the advantages of these schools. There is therefore radiating from this point upon the African coast an influence highly favourable to the evangelization of millions of heathen, and many nations have already received, in the manner related, some knowledge of the Bible, with the testimony of the returning converts to the wonderful results which flow from its teaching. At last accounts from Freetown, the principal station and metropolis of the west coast, eleven candidates were waiting the arrival of *Bishop Vidal* from England, to receive Episcopal ordination; while up to the same time, including a period of nearly 50 years, but three persons from the colony had been ordained to the ministry of the Church. These are brilliant results, and are owing (next to God's blessing,) in a great measure to the character of the *Church of England Missionary Organization*, which, unlike too many of her other institutions, is Evangelical in all its ramifications; and sends no missionary to any field without a thorough knowledge of his opinions and reliability, and always with reference to his fitness for the work.

May the present efforts of our own Church to establish missions at Monrovia and Basa Cove in Liberia have God's blessing as signally upon them, and may they soon be found pouring forth the light of the everlasting Gospel into the dark places of interior Africa.

Yours, &c.,

L. M. B.

—*Episcopal Recorder.*

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MAGAZINE.

We have not yet had an opportunity of reading any of the numbers of this publication; but, judging from its prospectus and the approbation of its course testified by so many Clergymen of the Church of Scotland, it must be well worthy of support; and we should be pleased if this notice should introduce any numbers of it to readers in Canada. We give the prospectus entire as we find it in an Edinburgh paper lately published.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MAGAZINE AND REVIEW,

Vol. 11., in handsome cloth, price 7s. Cases for binding the above, and also Vol. I., are now ready, price 8d. A few copies of the back numbers still on hand.

The Publishers and Conductors of the "CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MAGAZINE AND REVIEW," now that upwards of a year has elapsed since their Periodical commenced, beg to express their grateful sense of the favour and approbation with which their labours have been welcomed, and to solicit the continued co-operation and increased aid of the Ministers, Elders, and Members of the Church of Scotland,

While devoted to the interests of the Established Church, and earnestly desirous to act in her defence, and to promote her efficiency, they would not overlook the efforts made by other branches of the Church of Christ in the great work of labouring to advance the spiritual and temporal good of mankind. In one sense their attitude may be spoken of as *denominational*; for, whenever the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland are attacked, the Conductors of the Magazine will feel it to be a sacred duty to stand forth in defence of these rights; but they look also with a friendly eye upon all who love the Truth as it is in Jesus, and who are desiring the extension of the Saviour's kingdom.

In token of their interest and solicitude for the well-being and rights of our National Zion, they appeal to the articles that have appeared in the Magazine on the subjects of University Tests—of Education in Scotland—and of the peculiar position of the Established Church. They desire to observe the position of the Aggressions of Romanism in this country and upon the Continent, the Progress of Infidelity and Secularism, and the various Social Evils which demand the solicitude and call for the labours of Christians belonging to every denomination.

It has, moreover, been their aim, and will continue to be their endeavour, to consider all such questions in a fair and liberal spirit. The views of the Conductors are at once conservative and *progressive*; and they feel that at this juncture there is a call upon the Church to mark "the signs of the times," seeking to enlarge her boundaries, to rouse the affections and energies of her people, and to awaken them to a befitting sense of duty and responsibility.

The field of *Ecclesiastical and General Literature* is one which has already engaged much of their attention, and they have, in addition, given a careful summary of *Missionary* operations, as carried on not only by means of the agencies employed by the Church of Scotland but also of those put into operation by other Christian denominations; in the Sabbath Family Readings, they have had in view the promotion of personal and household piety; and in the Critical Notices of New Works, to which a considerable space has been devoted, they have been desirous of passing a fair and impartial verdict upon a variety of important works submitted for review.

It is their wish to maintain throughout the pages of the periodical a high literary and moral tone, and to make the "CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MAGAZINE AND REVIEW" a welcome visitor not only to the Manses of the Clergy, and to the abodes of the Eldership, but also to the homes of the members of the Church of Scotland belonging to every rank of society.

They have to thank a numerous body of Contributors for many valuable papers with which the Magazine has been furnished; their large and increasing number of Subscribers for the interest they have taken in the welfare of the Magazine; and the Public generally for the cordiality with which their efforts have been hailed. They have only, in conclusion, to solicit a continuance and extension of the countenance and support which they have already so largely experienced.

The co-operation of the Clergy and of the influential Lay-Members of the Church is respectfully requested with a view to the increased circulation of the Magazine throughout the various parishes with which they are connected—as a Periodical specially devoted to the defence of the privileges of the Church of Scotland, to the increase of her efficiency, and the general instruction and edification of her Members.

TESTIMONIALS.

From the Rev. Dr. CUMMING, of London.

"I have a very high opinion of the spirit and ability with which the Church of Scotland Magazine and Review is conducted, and earnestly commend it to my countrymen as a valuable and instructive Monthly Visitor.

"JOHN CUMMING, D. D."

"London, August, 1853."

"We, the undersigned, beg most cordially to express our approbation of the manner in which the Church of Scotland Magazine and Review has been conducted, and to recommend it as an able and efficient organ of the principles of the Church;—

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