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OF THE
GLASGOW SOCIETY

(IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,)

FOR
PROMOTING THE RELIGIOUS INTERESTS

OF THE
Scottish Settlers

IN
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

Read at the General Meeting, held on the

18TH APRIL, 1831.

☞ IT IS THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTORS, THAT THIS REPORT MAY BE
EXTENSIVELY CIRCULATED.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.

GLASGOW, 18th APRIL, 1831.

THE Annual General Meeting of the North American Colonial Society was held this Evening in the Trades' Hall, at 7 o'Clock.

KIRKMAN FINLAY, Esq. President of the Society, in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Smyth of St. George's.

The Report of the Committee for last year, was read by the Rev. DR. BURNS of Paisley, one of the Secretaries, together with an Abstract of the Treasurer's Account.

The following Resolutions were then moved, Seconded, and carried unanimously.

I. Moved by the Rev. DR. BARR of Port-Glasgow ; seconded by the Rev. D. MACFARLANE of Renfrew,

“That the Report now read be adopted by this Meeting, and printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee.”

II. Moved by the Rev. Mr. FORBES ; seconded by JAMES FINDLAY, Esq.

“That gratitude is due to the Great Head of the Church, for permitting this Institution to send forth labourers into the Colonial Vineyard ; and that the success which has already attended the Society's efforts shall be held as ample encouragement to future and more extended exertion.”

III. Moved by the Rev. Mr. M'DONALD of Urquhart ; seconded by Rev. Mr. KITCHEN, (Minister Elect of Belleville. Upper Canada.)

“ That the following be the Office-bearers and Managers for the ensuing year. (See page 4th.)

IV. Moved by JOHN ROBERTSON Esq. ; seconded by PATRICK FALCONER, Esq.

“ That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Chairman for his presence this Evening, and his conduct in the Chair.”

The Meeting was closed with Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WELSH.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

I. THE name of the Society shall be "The Society (in connection with the Established Church of Scotland) for promoting the Religious Interests of Scottish Settlers in British North America."

II. Its object shall be to promote the moral and Religious interests of the Scottish Colonies in North America, by sending or assisting to send out Ministers, Catechists, and Schoolmasters; by donations of Bibles; and by such other means as to the Directors shall seem most expedient.

III. The business of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of Twenty-four, half Clergymen, and half-Laymen: along with a President, Vice-presidents, Treasurer, and Secretaries. The Committee of Directors shall meet at Glasgow as often as circumstances may require; the meetings to be called by the Secretaries; and Five to constitute a quorum.

IV. No person shall be taken into the service of the Society, or patronised by it, without the consent of three-fourths of the Directors present; and all motions on this subject shall lie on the table from one meeting to another.

V. No minister shall be sent out under the patronage of the Society who has not been Licensed or Ordained by one of the Presbyteries of the Established Church; and no Teacher or Catechist who is not a Communicant with the Established Church.

VI. The design of the Society being to assist British Settlers in the Colonies, to provide themselves with the means of religious improvement, the Society shall not grant pecuniary aid, except there shall be first an application from the Settlers themselves, or on their behalf, accompanied with an engagement on their part to such an extent as, in the peculiar circumstances of each case, may appear necessary to a majority of the Directors.

VII. That a Depository shall be opened in Glasgow for the reception of Bibles and approved publications, which may be contributed by the friends of the Society for the purpose of transmission to the Colonies.

VIII. Every Subscriber of half-a-Guinea shall be held to be a member for the year. Subscribers of Five Guineas at one time, shall be Members for life. Subscribers of Ten Guineas at one time, shall be *Honorary Directors* for life. The *ordinary* Directors, on whom devolve the active management, shall be chosen at the Annual Meeting, out of the general body of Subscribers; it being understood that Ministers who make an annual Collection in aid of the Society shall be held as members of the Committee of Direction.

IX. A General Meeting shall be held once a-year, on a day to be fixed by the Directors, when the transactions of the year shall be reviewed, and Office-bearers appointed.

X. Branch Societies and Local Committees shall be formed in the different towns and districts, with the view of aiding the Society; and the Office-bearers of such Auxiliaries shall be held as ex-officio Members of the General Committee.

XI. Committees of Correspondence shall be established in the Colonies, and these Committees shall be requested to take the local management of the Society's affairs in their respective districts.

Subscriptions or Donations in aid of the Society, will be received by MATTHEW MONTGOMERIE, Esq. Treasurer, Miller-Street, Glasgow; at the Religious and Charitable Institution House, 11, South Frederick-Street, Glasgow; and by any of the Members of the Committee.

Donations of Bibles and Religious Books and Tracts, from Societies or individuals, will be thankfully received at the depository of the Society, 11, South Frederick-Street.

☞ The Committee meet on the last Thursday of every month in the Religious and Charitable Institution House, at Two o'clock, P. M. when *punctual attendance* is particularly requested.

ANNUAL REPORT.

GLASGOW, 18TH APRIL, 1831.

A CIRCULAR lately published by the Directors exhibits a condensed view of the operations of the Society from its commencement; together with the particulars of a visit made in Autumn last to the North of Scotland by one of your Secretaries in behalf of its funds. To these printed statements reference is now made as superseding the necessity of details which might otherwise have had a place in this report. The Directors feel gratified by the favourable interest which many districts of the country, and particularly in the Highlands, have taken in your object and procedure; and the activity and zeal of the friends in those districts demand your grateful notice. In the Appendix will be found an address lately published by the Aberdeen Auxiliary;* together with a list of the collections made, and donations received by your Secretary, on occasion of his tour to the North, in August and September last.†

In detailing the operations of your Committee during the year, we may commence as usual with the Province of

NOVA SCOTIA.

At *Shelburne*—Your excellent Missionary, the Rev. Gavin Lang, arrived in safety, after a very stormy voyage, and entered upon his labours with every prospect of encouragement. Small as is the population, and scattered as are its families over a widely extended locality, and manifold as have been the difficulties with which he has been called to contend, Mr. L. has proved himself to be an active, and affectionate labourer in the vineyard. He preaches at

* Appendix, No. I.

† App. No. II.

three different stations, besides engaging in other duties of an itinerating description, and his exertions are truly acceptable to his people. At Clyde River, (one of the stations) preparations are making for the erection of a place of worship; and the friends of the cause at Halifax, have aided the erection by a handsome subscription of nearly £70, currency. Mr. Lang has opened weekly classes for young persons of both sexes, and has found much pleasure and satisfaction in the work of religious instruction.* He lately undertook a tour through a considerable part of the south-western divisions of the province, preaching the Gospel, and dispensing ordinances as opportunities occurred. He has transmitted his journal to the Directors, which they have perused with great interest; and from its statements the Directors are more and more impressed with the importance of one or more travelling Missionaries for Nova-Scotia, to visit from time to time the scattered Settlements, to organize Congregations, to establish Sabbath Schools, and to break the Bread of Life among famishing hamlets. The Directors are in search of fit and proper persons to be set apart to this work; and time after time has only added to the catalogue of their painful disappointments. They are not without hopes of soon being provided with at least one efficient evangelist; and in the meanwhile, the Ministers already settled in the province are earnestly entreated to devote a few weeks annually to this great and interesting work.†—At Mr. Lang's request, he has been furnished with 50 copies of the Shorter Catechism, and 20 copies of the new edition of the Confession of Faith, Sum of Saving Knowledge, and Directory for Family Worship.

z At *Halifax*—Mr. Morrison conducts with ability and success the Acadian School; and although his connexion with the congregation at Dartmouth has been dissolved, he still preaches at the other two stations in the district. The Directors have, at his request, sent him for distribution among the families under his charge, and the pupils at his Week-day and Sabbath Schools, 100 copies of the Shorter Catechism; 25 copies of the Larger Catechism; 25

* See Appendix, No. III. Letter of Thanks from the Congregation at Shelburne.

† App. No. IV.

of Gall's edition of the Proofs ; and 25 copies of the Confession of Faith, and Directory for Family Worship, with a variety of small books for Sabbath Schools, and juvenile Libraries. The Glasgow Bible Society have been pleased to grant him a donation of 50 Bibles, and 50 New Testaments, for sale at reduced prices, and for gratis distribution.

Mr. Martin, of Halifax, has lately made a tour through some of the western districts of the province, and his journal, which has been transmitted to the Directors, affords ample evidence of the destitute state of many Settlements, and the necessity of Itinerating Missionaries in the meantime, to pave the way for a more permanent arrangement.

At *Horton*—Mr. Struthers has been diligently employed in the public and private duties of his office ; and amid many difficulties and trials he has gained the respect and affectionate esteem of those who attend his ministry. They have given him many proofs of their growing attachment, while his steady and unobtrusive demeanour has recommended the Gospel which he is called to preach. His Sabbath School, conducted on judicious principles, has, on the whole, been in a prosperous state. The Directors have sent him a present of small books, suited to Sabbath Schools and juvenile Libraries.

At *Merigomish*—Mr. M'Kichan is most usefully employed in his extensive and important station ; preaching in English and in Gaelic to different Settlements ; superintending Schools, and discharging the other duties connected with the Christian ministry.

Deeply have the Directors deplored the unhappy divisions which, in the *Pictou* district of the province, have injured the interests of religion ; and in particular, they lament to think that these should have of late been greatly heightened by political differences. On this subject, indeed, they have received no direct communications from any quarter ; but they have seen enough in the public vehicles of intelligence to lead them thus publicly and officially to declare that the sole object for which they send Ministers of religion to the Colonies is, that they may preach the glorious Gospel of the Son of

God to perishing men, and that if any of those whom they have sent to Nova Scotia, or with whom they have been in correspondence there, have descended from their high office to become the retainers and servants of *any* political party, it is without the knowledge of this Society, contrary to its mind, and at utter variance with its accredited instructions.—To

CAPE BRETON

No appointment has been made. The Directors fondly hoped that in the mission and in the labours of Mr. Neil Mackenzie in that large and populous island, they would have had much satisfaction. But events have proved that Mr. M. was destined by the great Head of the church to labour in another department. The small island of St. Kilda has now received him as its minister, and the accounts of his settlement and of his pastoral usefulness there are very gratifying. The Directors have been constantly on the out-look for at least one suitable missionary for Cape Breton, where 4000 settlers, scattered over a large and very diversified surface of country, would afford labour sufficient for many ministers. They hope soon to make an appointment to this island.—To

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

ⁱⁿTHE Rev. James M'Intosh, ordained by the Presbytery of Tain, was missioned in September last, and after a safe passage he arrived at Charlotte Town in the following month. His reception was very cordial; and the managers of the church in that place have sent to the Directors a letter of thanks for providing them with such an able and pious clergyman. It appears, however, that in the interval which has elapsed since their first application for a minister, some circumstances have occurred to divide the interest in support of the church, and to diminish its temporalities. The place of worship also was not in such a finished state as to admit of regular use for the preaching of the gospel; and Mr. M'Intosh, after residing for a few weeks on the island, was advised to return home with the view of obtaining aid for the completion of the building, and the

future support of the church. He has been in the north for four months past, and with the sanction of the Directors has been collecting in Inverness, Tain, and other northern districts. It is expected he will be able soon to resume his station with the prospect of permanent usefulness. The friends of the Society in Edinburgh sent with Mr. M'Intosh a large supply of Bibles and religious publications for the use of the island; and these he has left at Charlotte Town till his return, when it is hoped he will be able to circulate them to the best advantage.

The Rev. Mr. M'Lennan remains the tried friend of the Society, and he has from time to time furnished the Directors with important information regarding its religious state.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

To Dr. Burns at St. John, the Directors have, through the liberality of the Glasgow Bible Society, been enabled to send 50 Bibles and 50 Testaments, for sale at reduced prices, and for gratuitous distribution. They have also sent to him from their own depository 50 copies of the Shorter Catechism; 50 copies with proofs; and a few of the Larger Catechism.

The Managers of the newly-erected church at *Mirimachi* having empowered your Directors to select a pastor for them, the Rev. James Souter, A.M., from Aberdeen was, after due inquiry, made choice of for this important station. He was ordained and designated at Aberdeen in June last; on which last occasion the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Geddes of Paisley, and the charge was given by the Rev. Robert J. Brown, Professor of Greek in Marischal College. Thereafter was formed the "Aberdeen Auxilliary," in aid of your Institution. Mr. Souter set sail from Aberdeen early in August. The Directors have repeatedly heard from him since his safe arrival at the Settlement. He was most cordially received; and has entered on his charge with every prospect of encouragement and usefulness. His people have testified, in the strongest manner, their grateful attachment to him, and seem every way disposed to strengthen his hands. He has already opened classes for young persons, and has patronised the establish-

ment of Sabbath Schools. He has also taken a deep interest in the religious state of the neighbouring settlements; and with the consent of his own people, has resolved to devote annually a few weeks to itinerating excursions for the propagation of the gospel. He has recommended to the particular attention of the Society the Settlement at *Ristigouche*, in the bay of Chaleur, from whom a bond for a very respectable sum has been lately received. The Directors are at present engaged in seeking out a fit person for this station, and are in hopes to have a minister embarked for it by the month of June.*

LOWER CANADA.

THE Trustees of the second Presbyterian church in *Quebec* having applied to this Society for a Clergyman of the Church of Scotland, the Directors made choice of the Rev. John Clugston, assistant minister at Coldstream, who was ordained in June last by the Presbytery of Forfar, and designated at Glasgow soon after. On this last occasion, the solemn service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. M'Farlan of St. Enoch's and Mr. Geddes of Paisley. Mr. Clugston arrived safe at Quebec in the beginning of October; and a letter of thanks has lately been transmitted to the Directors on his account. Some opposition having been made in certain quarters to his right to keep a register of baptisms and marriages, the case has come to trial before the provincial courts, and the Judges in the King's Bench did, in February last, give an unanimous judgment in his favour. Thus his rights as a clergyman of the Church of Scotland have been amply secured to him, and the way paved to enlarged and daily increasing usefulness.

UPPER CANADA.

THE Church at *York*, the capital of the Province, has been supplied with a faithful and zealous pastor, in the Rev. Wm. Rintoul, A.M., late of Maryport, Cumberland; where he had laboured for eight years with acceptance and success. He was designated at

Paisley on the 9th of March last, on which occasion the Rev. John Henderson of Carmunnock preached, and Dr. Burns, one of the Secretaries, gave the charge. Mr. Rintonl is just on the eve of embarkation from Maryport; and he carries with him the best wishes of many for his safe conveyance to a foreign land, and his future prosperity in the work of the Lord.

From *Belleville*, a station not far from York, a most respectable application has been sent to the Society; and the Directors have been pleased to nominate to it Mr. James Kitchan, preacher of the gospel, who, it is expected, will receive ordination very soon from the Presbytery of Dumfries, and in all probability will be able to sail by the beginning of July.

The newly-erected Church at *Perth* has been supplied with a minister, the Rev. Thomas C. Wilson, ordained by the Presbytery of Lanark. In his nomination the Society had no concern; but he enjoys their best wishes, and he may rely on their readiness to do him every service in their power.

Mr. Ross at *Oldburgh*, and adjoining Settlements, has sent us on the whole a favourable account of his situation, and of the encouragement he receives in his labours. He enjoys a share of the government bounty, which it is hoped will be continued. He has lately established a Sabbath-school, and two week-schools, which are on the whole well attended. The Directors have ordered to be sent him a few copies of the *Gælic Messenger and Sermons*, and other publications in English, suited for libraries and for circulation.

From *Colborne*, in the district of Newcastle, U.C., a pressing petition for aid in the appointment and endowment of a minister has been received. The Directors are happy to state that the North American Committee of the General Assembly have had their attention especially called to this case, and have recommended it to a share of the government bounty. In the mean time, the Sub-Committee for bringing forward ministers as candidates for Colonial stations, are directing their attention to the case as one of great importance and urgency. The petition will be found inserted at No. VI. of the Appendix to this Report.

An application has been received from *Thorah* and *Eldin*, U.C.:

accompanied with a bond of provision to a considerable amount. The Committee are in expectation of making an early appointment to this station.

~~An~~ An application from *Beckwith* has been brought before the notice of the Committee, but as the Church does not seem to be yet built, and as the provision is small, and no promise of government aid, no arrangement has as yet been made in regard to it.

From *Niagara*, the Rev. Mr. Macgill has sent us various important communications; and in the Appendix will be found a valuable document, drawn up by the Rev. Messrs. Sheed, Gate, and Macgill, addressing the Society on a subject of the deepest importance, and containing a list of stations where ministers are already settled, and of others where congregations might be formed, and clergymen regularly appointed.* The information thus given will be of great service to this Society, and to the government at home, in any arrangements that may be made for the settlement of ministers in Canada. A grant of books to the amount of £10 has been made to Mr. Macgill for the use of Juvenile and School libraries; and 200 Bibles and Testaments have been, at the instance of the Directors, placed at his disposal.

To Mr. Machar at *Kingston*, a grant of books for his School Library has likewise been made, to the extent of £10 Sterling.

After due deliberation, the Directors nominated to the charge of the Settlements at *New Lanark* and *Dalhousie*, the Rev. William Macalester, Preacher of the Gospel. Having been ordained by the Presbytery of Sky, his designation took place at Glasgow, on the 14th October last, when the Rev. John Brown Patterson of Falkirk preached, and the Rev. Dr. Brown of St. John's gave the charge. Mr. M. sailed forthwith to New York, from which he expected to make his way to his intended settlement as early as the state of the weather would permit. The Directors have heard of his safe arrival at New York, and are in daily expectation of hearing of his safe arrival at the sphere of his future labours.

Presents of books for infant Libraries, to the extent of £5 each, have been sent in the course of the year to these two settlements, and the receipt of them has been thankfully acknowledged.

Owing to the particular circumstances of Lanark and Dalhousie, the Directors have agreed to guarantee the funds of the Institution to the extent of £70 Sterling, for the period of three years. But as the settlements appear to be in a thriving state, it is to be hoped that they will, by the end of that period, be fully able to support the ordinances of the Gospel, without any foreign aid.

To the Settlement of *Lancaster*, U. C. the Rev. Mr. Campbell, *Lancaster* late Town Missionary at Dumbarton, has been nominated by three of the valued friends of this Institution, to whom the charge had been committed—the Rev. Drs. M’Gill, Chalmers, and Dewar.

Travelling Missionaries are particularly wanted for Upper Canada, and the Directors are most anxious to hear of persons who may be able and willing to undertake this important, and in many ways delightful service.

Among their faithful and zealous correspondents in Upper Canada, the Directors cannot omit noticing the services of William Morris, Esq. of Perth, and of William Dunlop, Esq. Warden of the Canada Company’s possessions in that province.

BERMUDA.

FROM *Bermuda*, or the Summer Islands, as they are sometimes called, an application for a clergyman has been very lately received, together with an engagement to the extent of £111 currency. On the subject of this application, the Directors are in correspondence with Sir David Milne, Bart. late Naval Commander on the Bermuda station, and who takes a deep interest in the nomination of a clergyman to the Settlement.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF May last, the subject of the Colonial churches was once more brought forward for discussion, and the matter having been referred to the Commission at its first Meeting, the following deliverance

was given, and is now extracted from the printed records of the assembly

“ There was given in by Dr. Lee, the Convener, and read, a Report on the case of the Scottish Settlers in Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, New Brunswick, and other colonies, who had sent petitions to the Assembly, praying to be taken into a more intimate connexion with the Church of Scotland, and to have their difficulties in being provided with religious instruction represented to the Colonial minister, or otherwise relieved, in such way as their parent church might think fit. The Report detailed the proceedings of the Committee since its first formation, and concluded with recommending to the Assembly to authorise the Committee to continue their inquiries, and to second, in the strongest manner, the applications of the petitioners for aid from His Majesty's Government. The Commission approve of this Report; and, feeling the warmest interest in the spiritual welfare of their brethren in the British Transatlantic colonies, recommend to the Assembly's Committee that they continue their exertions in representing to His Majesty's Government the equity and expediency of making provision for the support of the ministers in connexion with this church in the said Colonies; that they employ all the means which may present themselves, by corresponding with persons resident in the colonies, or otherwise, of ascertaining the actual condition of the said ministers, and their congregations; that they also endeavour to procure from ^{the} presbyteries a return of such ministers as they have ordained to any of those stations, with an account of the provision which has been secured to them, and the numbers of their congregations, if known; and that they afford to those ministers in the colonies their best advice and assistance in forming and maturing plans for maintaining unity, and conducting the ecclesiastical affairs of their several congregations on the principles of Presbyterian church government.”

In the course of last autumn, Dr. Lee, the Convener of the Assembly's Committee, together with Dr. Singer, the Moderator of the General Assembly, and Dr. Chalmers, had a most satisfactory

interview with Sir George Murray, late Secretary of state for the Colonies. His successor, Lord Viscount Goderich, has since manifested the deep interest he takes in the subject, and it is to be hoped that some measure on a comprehensive and liberal scale may yet be brought forward by His Majesty's government, for promoting the religious interests of the Presbyterian Settlers in North America, by the establishment of educational seminaries, and the partial endowment of churches.

The subject of a regular system of ecclesiastical management for the colonial churches will come under the notice of the Assembly in May, in consequence of an overture transmitted from the Synod of Glasgow and Ayr, on a motion by the Rev. Principal Macfarlane, who has all along taken a deep interest in the religious state of the North American Colonies.

The Society have to acknowledge with gratitude the following Donations from Societies and Associations in the course of the last year.

The Northern Missionary Society, by the hands of the Rev.

Dr. M'Intosh of Tain,	£40	0	0
Fenwick Society for Religious purposes,	2	10	0
Shettleston Do. Do.	5	0	0
Dundonald Missionary Association,	2	5	0
Irvine Female Independent Bible Society, for Bibles,	5	0	0
Irvine Bible Society, for Bibles,	6	0	0
Rothsay Youth's Society for Missionary and other Religious purposes,	4	0	0
Frazersburgh Parochial Society, for the diffusion of Christian knowledge at home and abroad,	5	0	0
Lochwinnoch Society for Religious purposes, (to be expended in Upper Canada,)	5	0	0
Kirkpatrick Juxta Parish Society for religious purposes, by the Rev. Dr. Singer,	2	0	0
Easter Ross Ladies' Society for Religious purposes,	7	0	0
Latheron Society for Religious purposes,	4	0	0
Abrahan District, parish of Inverness, by Rev. Mr. Clark, of Inverness,	3	6	7½
Dochgarroch Do. Do. by Do. Do.	1	0	7½
Inverness Citadel Auxiliary Society, first quarter, by Do.	1	10	0

Port-Glasgow Juvenile Missionary Society.	£1	10	0
——— Missionary Association,	3	3	0
Aberdeen Auxiliary,	42	0	0

The amount of Donations, and Subscriptions, and Collections, during the year, has been £454 : 3 : 5.

The Directors present their best thanks to those clergymen, who, in the course of the year, have assisted at the designation of their Missionaries to the Colonies, and to those who have favoured the Society with collections in their respective churches.

Thanks are due to the Rev. Dr. Dewar for one hundred copies of a Gaelic Sermon, lately published by him; and to Mr. Gardner, Bookseller in Paisley, for 50 copies of a Sermon by the learned and pious Mr. Boston of Ettrick, lately translated into Gaelic, and published for the use of Highlanders at home and abroad.

The Directors express their gratitude to the Glasgow Bible Society, for the readiness and liberality with which they have permitted the Directors of this Institution to draw on them for supplies of Bibles and Testaments, as circumstances may require. The liberality of the Edinburgh Bible Society, in this respect, also requires respectful notice.

On the whole, the Directors feel more and more satisfied that a more important field of christian benevolence there cannot be, than that which is presented by the North American Colonies. They solicit the increased encouragement of the Church of Scotland, and in general of their countrymen and friends. They implore the prayers of the faithful that their efforts may be judiciously directed; that they may be led to the choice of able and pious and efficient labourers; that those sent forth may be endowed with a double portion of the Spirit of the Lord; and that the darkness of ignorance and of sin may be dissipated before "the brightness of the Redeemer's rising."

APPENDIX:

No. I.

Aberdeen North American Colonial Society.

INSTITUTED JUNE, 1830.

President.—PETER DUGUID, Esq. of Bourtie, Banker.

Committee of Directors.

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ADDRESS.

THE difference between this and similar institutions established with a view to promote the religious interests of distant lands, deserves to be particularly stated in any appeal made to the public for support. The persons whom the ABERDEEN NORTH AMERICAN COLONIAL SOCIETY is designed to benefit, are our own countrymen, whose wants, whatever may be the nature of them, ought at once to excite the sympathy and call forth the benevolence of Scotsmen. They are Christians, moreover, and in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, although, having been obliged to emigrate from their native country to North America, they are now destitute of the religious privileges which they formerly possessed. Indeed, a very large proportion of a population estimated at upwards of one million of British settlers, are of Scottish extraction, and belong to the Scottish Presbyterian persuasion, so that the voice of religion unites with that of patriotism, and loudly calls upon us to assist these our numerous Presbyterian countrymen, in procuring the establishment of Christian ordinances.

Whilst in these respects we may perceive a great difference between this and other institutions for the benefit of distant lands, there are not such obstacles in the way of accomplishing our object as they are doomed to encounter. We have not to create a desire for the introduction of Christianity

among the settlers, as they are already acquainted with its truths, and are most anxious that means may be taken for the preservation and extension of the knowledge of them which they now possess—that for this purpose they may be regularly and publicly produced on that day which the Lord hath set apart for his own service—and that the Sacraments which the Son of God hath appointed in his Church may be administered and observed amongst them. In this important work, however, our assistance is required. For in the present situation of the settlers, they are unable to afford a maintenance sufficient for a clergyman, although they are most desirous to advance whatever is in their power, and in many instances have been found to act in this respect with the greatest cheerfulness and liberality. To this reason for the existence of the present Institution, we may add another,—that it is necessary as a means of providing well-qualified clergymen and schoolmasters, whom the settlers would otherwise have been unable to procure; but whom, by application to this or the other Institution with which we act in concert, they can be at no difficulty in obtaining. In these ways of assistance, by money and selection of men, (the former, a requisite too obvious to be farther insisted upon—the latter, capable of exerting a most powerful influence on the future condition of the Colonists,) we in Scotland may be instrumental in the establishment of Christian ordinances among our Presbyterian countrymen in a distant land—a duty incumbent upon us, and which we are called upon to perform, from a sense both of its importance and necessity. It may also be observed on this subject, that whilst our assistance is at present indispensable, it may not be long required. It is hoped that the time is not far distant when the emigrants, becoming more established, and increasing in number, intelligence and wealth, literary and theological institutions will arise among them, whence they will procure qualified instructors in religion, and whom, without having recourse to this country, they will be able wholly to support. Then how gratifying to every Christian mind, the reflection of having aided in realizing this prospect—a prospect most encouraging at present, and productive, when attained, of consequences incalculably important and beneficial to the emigrants:—nor to them alone, but to other inhabitants, whether heathen or but partially christianized, in the immense continent of America, over whom they may afterwards be enabled to exert a great and salutary influence. Yes; reason directs us to look for results favourable to religion from the settlement in such a land of a Christian colony, as we trust our countrymen will prove; whilst the hope which reason inspires, rises into confidence, when we remember that such was the method employed by the Almighty in preserving, throughout former ages, just views of his nature and designs; and that in ages succeeding the revelation of the gospel, it has almost universally been employed in extending the knowledge of its truths, and in enlarging the sphere of that influence which it is yet destined to exercise throughout the world.

It may be farther stated, that regarding it as a most promising field, great efforts have been made by other churches in the colonies of North America, to extend their influence—a fact the knowledge of which should be sufficient to provoke Scottish Presbyterians to good works in the same cause; whilst in connection with it, they should remember that more than one half of the population of Upper Canada are their own countrymen, and attached to the religious institutions of their native land, which, as they are more agreeable, so may be expected to be more useful to them than those of any other. “It is painful to think, that, while the Catholics of Lower Canada, and the members of the English Church in the other Colonies, are liberally supplied with ministers of their respective denominations, the whole amount of provision made for the hundreds of thousands who belong to the Scottish Presbyterian persuasion, does not exceed sixteen or seventeen clergymen of the Established Church, and of perhaps forty ministers of the different branches of the Secession; and these too, scattered over an extent of surface larger than the whole of Europe. From various communications which have been made to

them, your Committee (at Glasgow) feel themselves warranted in drawing such conclusions as the following:—That our countrymen in these colonies as in others, must, from the very nature of their situation as emigrants, be subjected to many deprivations, and be deplorably destitute of the means of religious improvement: that their moral wants must also be most severe, as well as most keenly felt, at their first settlement in the Colonies; and (mark this, reader) *that, if they are not supplied with ministers, and the means of religion at an early period of their emigration, they are in imminent danger of sinking down into a state of spiritual indifference removed by a very few degrees from paganism*;—that, however willing many of the settlers may be to supply themselves with teachers, their pecuniary circumstances put it out of their power: and finally, that, in many instances, where the Emigrants are both able and willing to support a minister for themselves, they are at a loss to know how to proceed, or what measures it may be proper to adopt for that purpose; and, therefore, it seems desirable that a Society should be formed with the view of corresponding with our brethren in the Colonies, and of assisting them by advice and direction, if we cannot give them still more substantial proofs of our affection."

No. II.

Collections, &c. by Dr. Burns, in his visit to the North, 1830.

DR.

Two Donations from Northern Missionary Society,			
—Aug. 25,	£40	0	0
Sermon in the Gaelic Church on the evening of the last			
Sabbath in August,	14	3	8
Collection at Public Meeting,	3	11	0
Donation from Col. Baillie of Leys, M. P.	5	0	0
— Eneas Macintosh, Esq., London,	5	0	0
— Sir James M. Riddel, Bart.	5	0	0
— Dr. Hugh M'Pherson, Aberdeen,	1	0	0
— Mrs. Provost Inglis,	1	0	0
Several smaller Donations,	2	0	6
Collected at Forres—Rev. D. Grant—(Sermon by the			
Rev. Mr. Clark of Inverness,)	3	4	0
Collected in Parish Church of Elgin—Rev. Messrs. Gor-			
don and Walker,	5	8	0
Donation from Aberdeen Auxiliary, including £10 col-			
lected at Sermon by Dr. Burns in Greyfriars Church;			
and £13 16s. 4½d. collected in Parish Church of Peter-			
head.	42	0	0
Collection at Montrose—Rev. Dr. Paterson and Rev.			
Rob. Smith,	21	0	0
Collection at Brechin—Rev. Messrs. Burns & Whitson,	7	16	6
— at Forfar—Rev. Wm. Clugston,	2	10	0
— at Dundee—Rev. Dr. Peters & Mr. Thomson,	6	6	0
— at Perth—Rev. W. A. Thomson, £3 3 3½			
Donation by Rev. W. A. Thomson,	1	0	0
— By a Friend,	1	1	0
— By Rev. A. Watt, of Dalgetty,		1	0
		—£171	3 11

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Sept. 1.—Paid sundry expenses at Inverness, and For-			
res, connected with the Sermons and Public Meeting,	£1	13	0
Part of Price of Bible and Psalm Book, presented to			
Rev. Mr. Souter at his designation at Aberdeen,		1	15 0
Nett amount of Travelling Expenses incurred by Dr.			
Burns, on account of the Society,		14	8 3
Amount of Money Collected by Dr. B.			£17 16 4
on his journey to the North,	£171	3 11	
Expenses as above,		17 16 4	
Free Proceeds,			153 7 7
			£171 3 11

No. III.

Letter of Thanks from the Directors of the Church at Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

SHELburne, NOVA SCOTIA, 15th June, 1830.

To the Committee of the Glasgow Colonial Society.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the Elders and Managers of the Presbyterian Church of *Shelburne*, readily embrace this opportunity of returning our warmest thanks to your excellent Society for the lively interest which you have manifested for our spiritual welfare, and the favourable attention which you have given to our petition for a minister of the Gospel of Christ. We are extremely glad that you have made choice of so excellent a person as the Rev. Gavin Lang to take charge of this congregation, and distribute the words of life to this people. Since his arrival in the end of last year, he has laboured with unwearied assiduity, both in public and in private, for our spiritual welfare, and by his faithful sermons, friendly dispositions, and pious conversation, he has endeared himself to all the members of our congregation. Besides his regular engagements at Shelburne and Clyde River, he has visited the different families at their own houses, and preached in the remote settlements along the coasts, to a scattered and destitute population. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been dispensed for the first time since Mr. Lang's arrival, a number of new communicants have been added to the church, and the whole congregation greatly refreshed and edified. We feel so much the more grateful for the friendly attention of your Society, when we consider that we must, according to human probability, have been left in a great measure destitute of the ordinances of religion.—Without your liberal aid, we could not, in our present circumstances, have supported a minister of the Gospel, and we could not have remained connected together without a head. While we feel ourselves bound to contribute according to our ability for the support of religion, and regret that we cannot do more for so noble a cause, it awakens our greatest rejoicing and gratitude that your distinguished liberality has been extended towards us. That your Society may continue to flourish and prosper, and that you may be instrumental under God in providing many congregations in British America, with the words of eternal life, is the sincere and fervent prayer of,

Gentlemen,

Your humble and obedient Servants,

THOMAS JOHNSON,
JOHN MATHESON,
JAMES HOGG,
HUGH M'DONALD,
JOHN M'PHERSON,

GAVIN V. LYLE,
ROBERT HOGG,
ROBERT G. G. M'KAY,
ALEXANDER M'DONALD,
THOMAS M'GILL.

No. IV.

Petition for a Travelling Missionary to Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, JANUARY 1st, 1831.

To the Committee of the Glasgow Colonial Society.

GENTLEMEN,

Twelve months have now elapsed since we made an application to your Society to choose and send out a regularly ordained Clergyman of the Church of Scotland, as a Travelling Missionary for Nova Scotia, and entered into an engagement to pay a considerable sum annually for three years, towards his salary. — Although you have not hitherto found it convenient to make this appointment, we have no reason to think that the delay has arisen either from your disapprobation of our proposal, or from indifference to the religious interests of our brethren in this Colony. You have probably experienced some difficulty in finding a minister willing to accept, and properly qualified to discharge the duties of a situation, which, though new and uncommon in the Church of Scotland, has been for a number of years occupied with great advantage by ministers of other religious denominations in this and the neighbouring Colonies. As we are still willing to abide by our former engagement, and, as every passing year serves to convince us that the scattered and destitute condition of the population in many of the new settlements requires the attention and ministerial labours of one or more travelling Missionaries; we now beg leave to renew our application to your Society in the full assurance that you will be able to appoint and send out a suitable person in the ensuing spring. It is unnecessary for us to enlarge upon the advantages of such an appointment. In our former letter to your Committee, we mentioned some of the most obvious, and the journals of our ministers who have visited the country during last summer, amply confirm these statements. It is sufficient for us to observe that this is the only assistance which we can at present render to many of the members of our Church in the Country, and this is the only way in which our friends in Halifax can be instrumental in promoting the moral and religious improvement of our destitute population. This is also the best method that can be adopted for the formation of a regular Missionary Society in Halifax, and the most approved plan for encouraging more extended Missionary exertions throughout the Province. We have only to assure you, in conclusion, that we are ready to give the minister whom you may be pleased to appoint, every encouragement and assistance in our power in the discharge of his arduous and useful labours;—and that we have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble servants,

MICH. WALLACE,

ARCHD. M'DONALD,

G. N. RUSSEL,

JAS. LEISHMAN,

J. HOWE, JUN.

JAMES BAIN.

No. V.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Colborne.

The Petition of the Scotch and other Presbyterian Inhabitants of the Village of Colborne, U. C. and its vicinity:—

HUMBLY SHewETH, That your Petitioners, feeling deeply their destitute situation in not having the ordinances of our most holy Religion administered among them in the manner to which, in former times, they had been ac-

customed, in consequence of having no minister of their persuasion established near them—did resolve some time ago, to build a church in their village for their accommodation.

That your Petitioners, in furtherance of their object, have got subscribed about the sum of £420 currency, including a donation from friends in Kingston, & the Rev. John Machar, with which they have raised the walls of a stone Church, 50 feet long by 40 feet wide, and have roofed in the same, but they are still upwards of £300 short of the sum necessary to complete the building, so as to render it fit for Public Worship—and now their funds and means are quite exhausted.

That your Petitioners commenced their undertaking with the firm persuasion that the Home Government had recognized the claims of the Scotch Clergy to participate in the revenue arising from the Clergy reserves, and consequently they hoped that when the difficulty of raising their building was surmounted, their anxiety regarding the full completion of their wishes would have been at an end, by the Local Government here warranting them to expect, at least, the sum allowed to the other Clergymen in connection with the Church of Scotland to enable them to support a minister; but in this they have been sadly disappointed.

That your Petitioners, on making application lately to the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, for the usual grant, received for answer, That the sum allowed to the Scotch Clergy by his Majesty's Government, was all appropriated, and that nothing could be got until a vacancy occurred—when His Excellency would again take our application into consideration.

That your Petitioners are now brought to the painful alternative, of either abandoning their project altogether, or appealing to their Christian sympathizing brethren in Scotland, for advice and assistance to enable them to complete their undertaking.

Your Petitioners have come to the latter resolution, assured that at least you will give our case a patient hearing, and, if it is in your power, will grant us also your pecuniary aid.

Your Petitioners are still in hopes of procuring some little further pecuniary assistance from their friends in British America, and that, with the donations which they trust, the friends of Truth in Scotland may send them, they may be enabled to finish their Church in the course of the present year; but how a minister, with their limited means, can be supported amongst them, they cannot determine.

Your Petitioners are willing to come under bonds to pay £75 currency, annually, to a regularly ordained minister of the Church of Scotland, when settled in this place; but this is to the full extent of what they are able, under existing circumstances, to give,—a sum, they fear, by far too small to warrant the expectation of such a minister being sent, as they ardently wish for.

Your Petitioners would therefore humbly beg that the Directors of the Glasgow Society, would take their truly destitute situation, and distressing circumstances into their serious consideration, and grant such relief as the case may seem to them to require.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

(The above petition is signed by the Secretaries to the "Committee of Directors for the building of a Scotch Presbyterian Church in the village of Colborne, U. C." And it bears date—Colborne, May 3d, 1830.)

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Souter.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, 12th Oct. 1830.

— In Halifax. I spent two weeks with much satisfaction. During my stay in that place, I lived with the Rev. Mr. Scott, Minister of St. Matthews, one of the oldest and most respectable of the Scotch Congregations in British America. I preached twice every Sabbath I remained there, to very full audiences. From Halifax to Pictou I travelled by land in the stage. In the Rev. Mr. M'Kenzie's Church, Pictou, I preached twice to a very respectable congregation. As the Aberdeenshire was detained for some time by contrary winds in coming round, I had an opportunity of preaching one Sabbath in New Glasgow, a thriving village about eight miles from Pictou, where there is a Scotch Church under the Rev. Mr. Frazer of M'Lennan's Mountain; and also of assisting at the Rev. Mr. M'Rae's Communion, whose Church is situated about nine miles further up the beautiful vale of the east river Pictou. You may suppose it was a delightful sight for me to witness *five ministers of the Kirk of Scotland*, and *twenty-four of her Elders* assembled in the East River Church, on the Monday after the Sacrament. It reminded me strongly of *home*. The congregations in the eastern part of Nova Scotia, which I have mentioned, are composed chiefly of Scotch highlanders, who assemble in great multitudes from all parts of the country upon Sacramental occasions. On the occasion I have mentioned, the English part of the service was performed in the Church; the Gaelic service was performed in a tent in a neighbouring valley, and from their appearance, I should suppose there were not fewer than three thousand auditors. The Scotchmen who reside in the country parts of Nova Scotia are not in affluent circumstances, many of them; but generally speaking, they are comfortable, and far more independent than in their native country. To industrious men, particularly such as have families growing up, who can labour on farms, there are many advantages, and many comforts here which they cannot enjoy in Britain, arising from the productiveness of the soil, &c. This remark holds good as far as my observation goes, both as regards New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. On the Saturday after we left Pictou, we arrived at Miramichi, and on the following day, I preached at St. James's, Newcastle, to a numerous and highly respectable audience. Although I did not reach Newcastle till late in the afternoon of Saturday, the news of my arrival had gone so rapidly through the country, that we had several heads of families from parts of the river upwards of fifteen miles distant. My Church is 46 feet by 46. Externally, it is one of the neatest edifices of the sort I have seen here or elsewhere. Upon one end is a beautiful spire, and over the door an elegant porch supported by two pillars of the Ionic order. The pews have not yet been put in, but are nearly all ready for being so; so that in the course of a month hence, I expect all will be complete. There are a number of respectable people about Newcastle and the neighbourhood, the majority of whom are warmly attached to our Church. The situation I hold is considered second to none in this province in point of importance, if we except that occupied by Dr. Burns in St. John's. With zeal and prudence, and the blessing of God upon my humble endeavours, I trust a very respectable congregation may be obtained. The welcome I received from my people was very gratifying. I have preached already three times, and baptized *ten children*, one of whom was brought by the parents a distance of *twenty miles*. My dear Sir, did the Church of Scotland in Britain possess but half the zeal of *other denominations*, instead of *four churches* in her communion as at present in New Brunswick, she might have had at least four times that number, nearly one-half of a population of at least eighty thou-

sand being either from Scotland or descended of Scottish parents. The churches of England and Rome, the Methodists, Baptists, and Antiburghers, taking advantage of the indifference of our church at home, to the religious interests of her people in America, have formed themselves into Societies, and sent out their Missionaries to all parts of the country. Those Missionaries are compassing *sea and land* to make converts, and many a true *son* of Caledonia, after waiting for a period of *twenty or thirty* years for ministers of the Church of Scotland coming among them, and resisting the most urgent solicitations of other denominations, and despairing of ever seeing that *grateful sight*, have yielded at last and left us. It has been repeatedly alleged since my arrival, that every church has been attentive to their spiritual wants but mine. I have seen some who tell me they have scarcely known what is meant by the Sabbath for the last fifteen years. The beautiful river of the Miramichi divides itself into two branches, or arises about a mile above Newcastle, called the *North-west* and *South-west* branches, which constitute the parishes of *North Esk* and *Nelson*. In these are a considerable number of respectable settlers from Scotland. To these I purpose to preach as often as possible; many of them will occupy pews in my church. In the course of next week, I mean to assist both branches, and address as many of them as I can, and administer baptism to their infants. I have just seen a Mr. Donaldson, a respectable farmer, who lives about thirty-six miles up the *North-west*, in the heart of Roman Catholics, who has got four children to be baptized by me when I go to his place.

Little as I have yet seen of British America, were I among you, I could tell a tale of the spiritual destitution of many thriving Scotch settlements that would *melt your hearts*, that would arouse you to zeal and activity in *forming auxiliaries* to the North American Colonial Society, and in making collections in the different parishes, and induce you to send out Missionaries with a general commission for the different provinces. At Ristigouche, Bathurst, and Tabishantae, in the Bay of Chaleur in this province, settled clergymen are wanted, and for two of them commissions have been sent home to Glasgow; and as soon as matters can be arranged, a Missionary for New Brunswick will be required. I should wish your Society to have the nomination. If an active, zealous, pious, and liberal-minded person, should be sent out in that capacity, he will not, I am convinced, be more than a year in obtaining a settled congregation. Another and another could be sent out and settled in the same way. You would require to guarantee forty or fifty pounds for three years for his support.

Newcastle is a very extensive parish, and that, along with the parishes of North Esk and Nelson, already mentioned, will fully occupy my time. One thing you may depend on, that, through the assistance of the Holy Spirit, I shall do all in my power to promote the *Kingdom* of the *Lord Jesus Christ*, and the *interests* of our *Zion*.

No. VII.

Memorial on the State of Religion in certain districts of Upper Canada.

The Memorial of the Rev. George Sheed of Ancaster, the Rev. Alexander Gale of Amherstburgh, and the Rev. Robert McGill of Niagara,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH, That your Memorialists are ordained Ministers, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, and in charge of congregations in the Gore, Western, and Niagara Districts of Upper Canada, and feel a deep interest in the religious state of their dispersed, and hitherto

much-neglected countrymen in this Province. That for some time they have fondly hoped that His Majesty's Ministers, from the enlightened and liberal views by which they seem to be actuated, and the frequent representations that have been made to them, concerning the destitute state of Presbyterian Settlers in these Provinces, as regards religious ordinances, would have made some adequate and permanent provision for supplying them with religious instruction, according to the forms of the church in which they were educated, and to which they are still firmly attached. That this hope however, has in a great measure been disappointed hitherto—the paltry sum of £750 Sterling, being the only provision made for the support of Clergymen of the Church of Scotland in this Province, while large sums are annually voted by the British Parliament for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts; and, as your Memorialists believe, appropriated exclusively for the support of Clergymen of the Church of England, which evincing a great anxiety to become dominant in this Colony, and eagerly improving her peculiar advantages for that purpose, has oftener placed her Missionaries in populous districts for the purpose of forming congregations, than to minister to congregations of her own communion already existing—the petition of two or three respectable individuals to the Bishop of the Diocese, for a Clergyman, being all that is required to procure the settlement of one, with a salary of £200 sterling a-year.

That under these circumstances your Memorialists feel themselves bound in duty to urge the claims of the destitute Presbyterian Settlers in this Province on the attention of your Society.

That being convinced that your benevolent exertions would have been more extensively felt in this province, had adequate information concerning its religious wants been laid before you; your Memorialists, with reference to the Eleventh Regulation of the Society, beg leave to offer themselves as a Committee of correspondence on the subject, so far as regards the Upper district of this province; and would now earnestly entreat the immediate and serious consideration of your Society, to the accompanying document; which, while it will in some measure enable your Society to judge of the lamentable destitution of religious privileges under which the Presbyterian community labours, is still far from affording a view of the evil in its full extent, even in that portion of the country to which it particularly refers,—for, though they are aware that members of the Church of Scotland are dispersed in greater or less numbers in every part of the country, deriving also a constant increase from emigration, it is impossible for your Memorialists to furnish any statement regarding them sufficiently definite to be laid before your Society.

That while the spiritual wants of the Presbyterian community are thus so great and urgent, and while frequent solicitations and inquiries are made by congregations desirous of enjoying the ministrations of Clergymen of their own church; your Memorialists, knowing the very limited means of the applicants, and that no further assistance is for the present to be obtained from Government, can see no means of supplying these wants, either as respects the more numerous and compact congregations, or the smaller and more scattered bodies of Presbyterians throughout the province, unless they can engage the effective support of your Society.

That being aware that few of the congregations could at present furnish individually any considerable proportion of the provision requisite for the support of a minister, but that all would contribute according to their means; Your Memorialists are of opinion that your Society would give the most effectual assistance towards the attainment of the object in view, if, instead of designating ministers for particular congregations, a few Missionaries were sent out to itinerate within certain assigned districts, under the direction of your Society, or of your Memorialists, if that should be deemed expedient.

That, if this system, which under the extensive and pressing necessities of the country, and the limited means of relief that can for the present be made available, your Memorialists are convinced would be the most effective, should

be approved and adopted by your Society, they entertain no doubt, that to each of three or four such Missionaries, a sum not less than £50 currency, could be procured in this country, and as soon as the Society shall be pleased to give its concurrence, and the additional support that may be deemed necessary, they will proceed without delay to use their best exertions in obtaining subscriptions both from the parties more immediately concerned, and among the members of their own congregations. They would also state their entire conviction, that, in the course of a year or two at most, these Missionaries would all obtain permanent settlements as pastors, and thereby afford your Society an opportunity of farther extending its usefulness by the appointment of others in their stead.

Your Memorialists, in conclusion; would again earnestly entreat the early attention of your Society to the spiritual wants of the Presbyterian community in Upper Canada, where the Harvest is indeed great, and the labourers few; and while they fervently implore the blessing of Heaven on your pious and truly benevolent exertions, they are encouraged in the midst of their present difficulties to cherish the hope, that Divine Providence will bless you with the means of causing this wilderness to be glad, and the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose.

GEORGE SHEED,
ALEX. GALE,
ROBERT M'GILL.

Document referred to in the Memorial.

Congregations in the WESTERN DISTRICT.

1. Amherstburgh, Under the charge of Rev. Alexander Gale.
2. Colchester. Occasional service from do.
3. Howard, and } No Minister, but occasional service from the Rev. Alex.
4. Orford. } Ross, a Missionary from your Society.
5. Raleigh and } No Minister. A Church.
6. Chatham. }
6. Dover. No Minister.
7. Beldann. No Minister.

Congregations in the LONDON DISTRICT.

8. Aldbrough. Under the charge of the Rev. Alexander Ross.
9. London. No Minister. About to build a Church and apply for one.
10. Proof line of do. No Minister of the Church of Scotland. A Licentiate of Presbytery of Tyrone, Synod of Ulster.
11. Lobo. No Minister.
12. Blenheim. No Minister.
13. Westminster. No Minister.

Congregations in the GORE DISTRICT.

14. Ancaster. Under the charge of the Rev. George Sheed.
15. Barton. Occasional service from do.
16. West Flamboro'. Do. Do.
17. Dumfries. No Minister. A Church.
18. Nelson and } A Minister from the Synod of Ulster, educated at the
19. East Flamboro' } University of Glasgow.
19. Trafalgar. No Minister. Occasional service.
20. Erin. No Minister.
21. Gurrafraxa and } No Minister.
21. Nassagawaya. }

22. Esquesing. No Minister. A Church. The Minister of this Congregation will be entitled to £57 sterling, per ann. from the funds appropriated for the support of Ministers of the Church of Scotland. The people might raise about £30 sterling, and furnish him with a Manse. The number of this Congregation will probably exceed 400 souls.
23. Guelph. No Minister. The schoolhouse used as a Church for occasional service. The Minister of this Congregation will be entitled to £57 sterling per ann. from the same funds as above. Besides this, a grant of six acres of land in the town, was either made, or promised to the Congregation by Mr. Galt, as Agent for the Canada Land Company—and one of the last acts of Sir P. Maitland, as Lieutenant-Governor of this province, was to grant to Mr. Galt 200 acres of land, for the Presbyterian Church in Guelph. The stipend which this Congregation can raise will be but small for several years. The settlers in Eramasa have expressed a desire to become Members of this Congregation, and the whole might amount to 500 or 600 souls.

Congregations in the NIAGARA DISTRICT.

24. Niagara. Under the charge of the Rev. Robert M'Gill.
25. Stamford. A Minister, not of the Church of Scotland.
26. Thorold. No Minister, but occasional service.
27. Gainsborough. A Minister, not of the Church of Scotland, educated in the United States.
28. Clinton. No Minister, but occasional service.
29. Pelham. Do. Do.
30. Louth. Do. Do.
31. Willoughby. Do. Do.
32. Bertie and }
Crowland. } Do. Do.

Congregations in the Western Part of the HOME DISTRICT.

33. York. No Minister. A Church building. The Minister of this Congregation will be entitled to £90 sterling for four years at the least, from the funds before referred to. York's being the capital of the province, renders this the most important station, requiring a Minister no less distinguished for talents and learning than for zeal, wisdom, and prudence, in the discharge of his pastoral duties. (The Rev. Wm. Rintoul has been appointed to this station.)
34. Do. A Minister, not of the Church of Scotland.
35. Toronto and }
Etobicoke. } A Minister, not of the Church of Scotland. Licensed and ordained in this province; studied for some time at the University of Glasgow. There is a sufficient population on each side of the Hinontario road which divides the township of Toronto, to form a Congregation. There is a Church on the West side of the road.
36. Vaughan. No Minister. About building a Church. This Congregation is chiefly composed of Highlanders from Argyleshire, many of them understanding very little English, would, therefore, require a Minister capable

- of preaching in their own language. Could not at present raise much for his support.
37. Caledon. No Minister. More destitute, if possible, than the Congregation before-mentioned, but lately there was not even a schoolmaster among them, their poverty preventing them from obtaining the services of one qualified to teach. The sum which they could afford to raise for the support of a Minister would probably not exceed £25 currency, although they number about 300 souls.
38. Mona and } No Minister. Congregation small, not exceeding 150
Mulmur. } souls.
39. Chinguacunsy. No Minister. Small Congregation.

Omitted in the WESTERN DISTRICT.

40. Goderich. No Minister. Considerable Congregation.
41. River Sable. No Minister. Small Congregation. Of very recent formation.

Omitted in the LONDON DISTRICT.

42. Long Point. A Minister, not of the Church of Scotland. Educated in England.

LIST OF
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS
TO THE
NORTH AMERICAN COLONIAL SOCIETY,
FOR 1830—31.

ALLEN, Kerr and Co.	£1	1	0
Angus, Robert, Greenock,	1	1	0
Alexander, James, Jun. Queen Street,	1	0	0
Aitken, John, Miller Street,	1	1	0
Alston, John,	0	10	6
Bonar, Archibald, Banker, Edinburgh,	5	5	0
Bain, Joseph, Morriston,	1	1	0
Burns, George, Buchanan Street,	1	1	0
Burns, James, Buchanan Street,	1	1	0
Bain, Archibald, Greenock,	1	1	0
Brown, Neil, Greenock,	1	1	0
Bennett, William,	1	1	0
Bartholomew, Robert,	1	1	0
Bartholomew, John,	1	1	0
Buchanan, James,	1	1	0
Brown, William,	1	1	0
Burns, Rev. Dr. Paisley,	1	1	0
Burns, Islay,	1	1	0
Buchanan, William,	1	1	0
Browne, James, Insurance Broker,	1	0	0
Brown, Peter,	1	1	0
Brown, Rev. Dr.	0	10	6
Burns, Dr. Barony,	1	1	0
Bain, John,	1	1	0
Black, William,	0	5	0
Caird, James, Greenock,	1	1	0
Crichton, William, Queen Street,	1	1	0
Couper, James, Virginia Street,	1	1	0
Caw, N. and S.	1	1	0
Cogan, Hugh,	1	1	0
Cuthbertson, Donald,	1	1	0
Cuthbertson, Allan,	1	1	0
Douglas, George,	1	1	0
Dennistoun, John, Greenock,	1	1	0
Douglas, Thomas D.	1	0	0
Downie, John,	1	1	0
Dinwiddie, Mrs.	1	1	0
Dalglish, Robert,	1	1	0

Carry forward, £42 2 0

	Brought forward,	£	42	2	0
Ewing, James, Garnet Bank,			1	1	0
Ewing, William L.			0	10	0
Forbes, Rev. Mr.			1	1	0
Fleming, John, Gordon Street,			1	1	0
Finlay, James,—J. Finlay & Co.			1	0	0
Finlay, John, Do.			1	1	0
Falconer, Patrick,			1	1	0
Fullarton, Allan,			1	1	0
Finlay, John,— <i>Donation</i> ,			1	1	0
Geddes, Rev. Mr. Paisley,			1	1	0
Gilmour, William, & Co.			1	1	0
Grahame, William, & Co.			1	1	0
Grant, Hector,			2	2	0
Hastie, Alexander,			2	2	0
Johnstone, David,			5	5	0
Kidston, Richard,			1	1	0
Kidston, Robert A.			1	1	0
Kerr, John, Greenock,			1	1	0
Kerr, Robert D. Do.			1	1	0
Kerr, James, Miller Street,			1	1	0
Knox, Henry,			0	10	6
Kay, Alexander, at R. D. Alston & Co's.			20	0	0
A Lady, per Rev. Dr. Smith,			2	2	0
Lumsden, James,			1	1	0
Lumsden, John,			1	1	0
Leeshman, James,			1	1	0
Leeshman, William,			1	1	0
Lockhart, Rev. Dr.			2	0	5
Misses Milliken and Whitelaw—Small sums collected by them,			5	0	0
Mure, Miss Flora C.			5	0	0
Muir, Misses, Shewalton,			2	0	0
Monteath, Dr. James,			1	1	0
Martin, James,			1	1	0
Mirrlees, William,			0	10	6
Mirrlees, Peter,			1	0	0
Mutrie, James,			1	1	0
Muir, William,			0	10	6
Munsie, William,			2	2	0
Montgomerie, M.			5	0	0
M. Millan, Rev. John, per Mr. Clark,			0	10	6
M'Creddie, Miss, 1830,			0	10	6
M'Creddie, Miss, Arran, 1831,			0	10	6
M'Farlane, Rev. Mr.			1	1	0
M'Lellan, John, & Co. Greenock,			1	1	0
M'Coll, Archibald, Antigua Place,			1	1	0
M'Intyre, John, & Co.			1	1	0
M'Gregor, Alexander, Jun. Virginia Street,			1	1	0
M'Fie, Dugald,			1	1	0
M'Intyre, Miss,			1	0	0
M'Lellan, Lewis, Gallowgate,			0	10	0
Mackintosh, John,			1	1	6
Mackay, Alexander,			0	10	0
M'Farlan, Rev. Dr. P.			0	10	6
M'Farlan, Miss,			0	10	6
Macfarlan, Principal,			1	1	6
M'Kenzie, James,			1	1	0
Carry forward,		£136	1	5	

	Brought forward,	£136	1	5
M'George, Andrew,		0	10	6
Pollok, Gilmore, & Co.		3	3	0
Pinkerton, James, Sen.		1	1	0
Parker, Mrs.		1	1	0
Paul, Henry,		1	1	0
Pearson, Adam, Tradeston,		1	1	0
Rainey, Dr. H.		0	10	6
Rainey, Mrs. Sen.		0	10	6
Rodger, Robert,		1	1	0
Robertson, Reid, and Brother,		1	1	0
Reid, Matthew, Cannon Street,		1	1	0
Reid, Robert, Adamton,		0	10	6
Reid, Mrs. Adamton,		0	10	6
Robertson, John, Holland Place,		1	1	0
Rennie, Dr. Bo'ness,		1	1	0
Russell, Hector,		2	2	0
Stirling, Charles, Esq. Executors of,— <i>Donation</i> ,		19	19	0
Stirling, Miss Jane, of Keir, per Mrs. John Muir,		4	0	0
Stirling, William C. of Calder,		2	0	0
Scott, Rev. Dr. Greenock, (1830)		1	1	0
Do. (1831)		1	1	0
Simons, William, Greenock,		0	10	0
Stirling, Mrs. W. Paisley,		0	10	6
Stow, David,		1	1	0
Steel, Robert, Greenock,		1	1	0
Smith, Hugh,		1	1	0
Smith, Archibald,		1	1	0
Tran, Miss, Paisley,		1	1	0
Watson, Dr. James,		1	1	0
Wingate, John, Exchange Buildings,		1	1	0
Weir, Duncan, Greenock,		1	1	0
Wilson, John, Argyle Street,		1	1	0
Watt, James, Greenock, (1830, 1831)		2	2	0
Welsh, Rev. Mr.		1	1	0
Wright, J. Jun.		1	1	0
		£196	2	5

INVERNESS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE.

Rev. Alexander Clark, one of the Ministers of Inverness.
 Captain Mackay of Hedgefield.
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 George Mackay, Esq. Merchant, Inverness.
 James Wilson, Esq. Solicitor, Inverness.
 David Denoon, Esq. Solicitor, Inverness.
 John Frazer, Esq. Merchant, Inverness, *Treasurer*.
 Peter Anderson, Esq. Accountant, Inverness, *Secretary*.

ABSTRACT STATE OF ACCOUNT.

THE TREASURER OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COLONIAL SOCIETY.

16th April, 1831.

CHARGE.

To Balance in Treasurer's hands, at 26th April, 1830,	-	£4	18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
— Then in Bank,	-	540	0	0
— Interest on Bank Account till 14th April, 1831,	-	11	6	8
— Amount of Donations from Religious Societies, and Collections at Churches, &c. betwixt 26th April, 1830, and 16th April, 1831,	-	86	17	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
— Amount of Individual Subscriptions, during the same period,	-	196	2	5
— Amount Collected by Dr. Burns, on his visit to the North,	-	171	3	11
— Received from Mr. Neil M'Kenzie, repayment in part of sum advanced to him,	-	10	0	0
— Discount of Draft paid Mr Kidston,	-	0	3	7
		£1020	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

DISCHARGE.

By Sum in Bank. 16th April, 1831,	-	£371	6	8
— Payments to Missionaries sent out during former years, and Out-fit of those sent out during this last year, Passage Money, &c.	455	16	0	
— Accounts for Books, Bibles, and Tracts sent abroad, Bibles and Books to Ministers, Printing Reports, Binding, &c.	115	19	10	
— Rent of Institution Rooms, expence of public Meetings, and Collecting Subscriptions,	23	3	10	
— Advertisements, Postages, and Travelling charges of Ministers,	49	2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
— Balance in Treasurer's hands,	5	a	10	
		£1020	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Glasgow, 16th April, 1831.—We have examined the Treasurer's Account with the Canadian Society, as on the 25 preceding pages inclusive of the Abstract, and compared the same with the vouchers, and the bank account, and find all correctly stated and accounted for: the Balance in the Treasurer's hands being £5 : 2 : 10, for which we direct him to debit himself in next year's Account, and we find the Balance in Bank to be £371 : 6 : 8, subject to the orders of the Committee.

(Signed) RICHARD KIDSTON, ·
 PETER BROWN.

N. B.—Received after Accounts were docqueted, £2 : 5s. collected in small sums by Misses Miliken & Whitelaw; Mr. Peter Gillfillan, £1 : 1; Rev. Dr. Smith, £1 : 1; and Mr. James Findlay, 10s. 6d.

