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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. At the stated quarterly meeting of the commission of the General Assembly held in November, several matters of importance were attended to.

REPORT OF THE NON-INTRUSION COMMITTEE. Dr. Gordon said, that in consequence of a very general anxiety to learn the particulars of certain negotiations which had recently taken place regarding the settlement of the Church question, the Non-Intrusion Committee had resolved to lay before the Commission the following report.

REPORT ADOPTED BY THE NON-INTRUSION COMMITTEE, AND SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 17th November 1841.

The Committee understanding that very considerable anxiety prevailed throughout the Church, in reference to their recent proceedings, and desiring to allay this anxiety, they have the honor to submit to the Commission, for the information and satisfaction of the Commission itself, as well as of the Church at large.

Immediately on the formation of the present Administration, the Commissioners named by the Commission in August last, with the sanction and concurrence of the Committee, prepared a memorial on the affairs of the Church, and by a deputation of their number, laid it before her Majesty's Government.

In the meantime, by the intervention of certain friends of the Government, a desire of right adjustment of the affairs of the Church, proposals were brought forward, for the accommodation of differences and the settlement of the great question now at issue.

The proposals now referred to were understood to proceed on the footing of a measure fully recognizing the principle of non-intrusion in the sense now maintained by the Church, as one which the Church Courts should be allowed to carry into effect, in every case, in the settlement of a minister, by having power, in every case, to reject or withhold assent on the ground of the continued dissent of the people.

In these circumstances the Committee felt a heavy responsibility lying upon them. Being themselves most desirous of a speedy settlement of the Church's affairs, they were anxious to adhere to the principle which they were aware that the same desire was strongly and universally felt by the Church.

Mr. CANTLISH, in reply to an observation by Mr. BRIDGES, explained that it was not the intention of the Committee to ask the Commission to approve of the report. All they wanted was to take the opportunity afforded by the meeting of the Commission, to make known to the Church generally the proceedings that had taken place in the course of the late negotiations.

REPORT OF THE NON-INTRUSION COMMITTEE. (From the Edinburgh Witness.) We have refrained from noticing the recent negotiations of the Non-Intrusion Committee, except to guard against one or two unfounded rumours, lest, unwittingly, we might impede in any way their progress to a prosperous issue.

Other proposal, according to the views of duty which a full consideration of it might suggest. The Committee have satisfaction in stating, that these explanations, in regard to the position in which the matter now stands, in consequence of the above communications, seemed to be distinctly comprehended, and the propriety of them was fully acknowledged.

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Extracts from the Monthly Report of L. P. Hubbard, Agent of the New York Marine Bible Society.

During the past month I have been greatly interested and encouraged in the circulation of the Scriptures among seamen. In every instance I have been cordially welcomed, and in many instances most cordially respected, as your agent.

Three of them purchased Testaments, but the fourth had no money. I handed him one, and told him he was welcome to it. He said, "I would pay you if the captain were here."

On board a vessel a few days since, when I exhibited my Bibles and Testaments, one of the men said, "these are the books we love best," and carrying round to a shipmate, said, "we must have some of these books."

On the arrival of the French vessel of war, Belle Poule and Cassard, under the command of "Prince de Joinville, an harbour, I took measures to ascertain if the 700 men composing their crews, were supplied with the Scriptures, and found they were destitute.

On making our business known, we were very cordially received by the commandant and his officers. The commandant assured us that a supply of Bibles and Testaments would be very acceptable, and that he would personally attend to their distribution among his men.

It was gratifying to see quite a number of them, on going below, engaged at once in reading the Bibles they had received. One of the officers remarked, that he had no doubt that the Bible would not only have a beneficial influence, but it would make the men better sailors; and he continued, the pocket Testament will be very convenient and useful. One of the officers of the Belle Poule subsequently applied at the office for a Bible for his own use, and was supplied.

Having fully accomplished the object of our visit, and being greatly encouraged to hope that our labour would not be in vain, the commandant very kindly ordered a boat to be manned, to convey us ashore; and after requesting us to tender his thanks to the Society for this very reasonable supply of Bibles and Testaments, we took our leave.

During the last year, we have distributed to seamen 2241 Bibles, and 2067 Testaments; in all, 4308 volumes.

BIBLE AMONG THE WALDENSES. The Bible is a fundamental book in the Waldensian schools, and I can say from experience, that unless children be instructed well in the history, doctrines, and precepts of the sacred volumes, either at some of their own dwellings, or in the schools which they frequent—and in the schools must the children of the poor, for the most part, receive their instruction in the Bible—they will not be prepared to receive much benefit from the periodical teaching of the minister, neither in his week-day visit to the school for catechetical instruction, nor in his Sunday ministrations. Children must be well prepared in the language of Scripture and in its general contents, otherwise they cannot understand many of the minister's words and observations, which must necessarily be confined to spiritual instruction, practical application, and general examination; hence the absolute necessity there is that the Bible should occupy a fundamental place in the school, amongst every people who desire their children should know God's word, and profit by the ministers of Christ set apart for their spiritual education in his celestial labours, and in the preaching of the Gospel. The Bible is a fundamental part of public education in Prussia, the New Testament in France, the Bible in all the Swiss schools, as well as in the schools of the Waldensians. Singing, as an art, is taught in the schools of Prussia, France, Switzerland; and amongst the Waldensians the children learn to write music and sing from notes, and hence singing, which makes so large and so interesting a part in the public worship of God in these respective countries, is joined in by almost all the congregation. The singing is not deficient, and uniformity in the singing in our churches of Great Britain, doubtless arise in great measure from the art of singing not being taught in our schools, and from not having one uniform collection of psalmody and music. In Switzerland and in the Waldensian country the whole 150 Psalms, set to music, with some other pieces also, are employed in convenient and agreeable books, which almost every member of the congregation carries to church and uses in singing.

TRUE BELIEVERS. God hath no sons that are unlike himself. Believers, children of the same family, are members of the same son, and inhabitants of the same spirit; fellow-citizens, fellow-servants, fellow-soldiers, fellow-travellers and fellow-fellows.

CHRISTMAS ADDRESS OF THE CARRIERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN, DECEMBER 25, 1841. MOURNERS and hours and months in ceaseless motion. How have we hurried on, and how have we sped! May lie in view within a month's short journey. A day's, an hour's perchance; then quickly turn thee From sin, the world and folly—turn to Jesus, My Saviour, and my friend—He can release us From Satan's thrall; can open the gates of glory— Turn to the bright, verdant world before thee. Earth holds no precious pearls; no fabled flowers. Sorrow leaves, sometimes, but not early seeds. Oh! earth what art thou? thy joys! thy pains! thy purest! A midnight meteor's flash that but endures! Till we can say, how bright! thy quick departs, Leaving a sea-flood gloom upon our hearts!

Behold a nation weeping, Harrison, Around thy Bier, her loved, her chosen one— A living battery, charged with living light— Now lowly laid—thus endeth earthly hope!

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