

deeply indebted to the Ministers of the Scottish Church for their active and unwearied exertions to extend the circulation of our newspaper, undertaken at their suggestion and repeated solicitations, and intended for the entertainment and instruction of the members of their congregations. And while we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks, for the countenance and support we have hitherto received, we must at the same time be permitted to add, that we still require the able and zealous co-operation of all our friends both laymen and clergymen, in establishing and maintaining a paper, principally devoted to the propagation of Presbyterian principles, and aiming to promote the spiritual and immortal welfare of mankind.

THE CHURCH.

We are truly happy to learn, from an article in the *Christian Examiner*, that, at a joint meeting of the Committees of the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and of the United Synod of Upper Canada, held at Oakville, on the 18th ultimo, after conference, respecting the incorporation of the Ministers of the United Synod, with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Committees jointly and unanimously resolved, that it was highly expedient and desirable that this incorporation should be accomplished without further delay, and, if possible, before the next meeting of Synod. Such an incorporation will render the Presbyterians of Upper Canada what they ought to be, a united and unanimous people; strong and powerful in defending their rights, and in watching over the prosperity of our venerable Church in these provinces, which, without detracting from the merits of the other Established Church, has no superior in learning and piety, and which has always been found, both at home and abroad, to be one of the greatest bulwarks of the glory and stability of the empire. — *Montreal Gazette*.

SCOTLAND.—CENTENARY OF THE SECESSION CONGREGATION OF GREYFRIARS, GLASGOW.—On Tuesday evening a meeting of a very interesting character took place in Greyfriars Secession Church. The Congregation assembling there is the oldest connected with the Secession in the west of Scotland, and has now existed for a hundred years, having been regularly organized by the formation of a Session on the 9th of February, 1740. The hundredth anniversary of this event, falling on Sabbath last, the Rev. Mr. King took occasion to refer to it in his discourse in the afternoon. It was, however, considered desirable, that the event should be celebrated by a congregational meeting on a week day, at which the services of other ministers might be enjoyed, and greater latitude allowed in alluding to facts and circumstances connected with the history of the congregation, than would have been consistent with a Sabbath-day service. On Tuesday evening, accordingly, the congregation met for this purpose, when they were addressed upon topics appropriate to the occasion, by Mr. King, Mr. James Anderson (a member of Session), the Rev. Dr. Mitchell, the Rev. Dr. Muter, the Rev. Dr. Kidston, the Rev. Dr. Hough, and David Anderson, Esq.

Lord Aberdeen's bill has at length been introduced into the House of Peers. We were of the number of those who entertained and expressed a hope that his Lordship's measure would be found to be of a satisfactory nature. Perhaps we ought not, till we have had more reason to study its whole structure and phraseology, to express any opinion regarding it at all. We shall not certainly venture, without more mature and deliberate consideration than the limited time it has been before us allows, to go into any detailed statement of our views upon the subject. It is unquestionably due, both to the magnitude of the subject to which it relates, and to the high character and avowed wishes and intentions of Lord Aberdeen himself, to bestow on the bill he has produced, the most careful and the most candid examination. He is undoubtedly entitled to be regarded as standing in a friendly position, in having undertaken to attempt legislation in circumstances in which legislation was most urgently sought and most imperatively required. — *Scottish Guardian*.

APPOINTMENTS.—The Committee have nominated the Rev. Mr. Simpson, presently labouring in South Leith, to the Church at O'Brien's Bridge, near Hobart Town; the Rev. Mr. Stevens, assistant, North Leith, to the Missionary Station, St. John, New Brunswick; the Rev. Mr. Mann, Aberdeen, to the Missionary Station, Bathurst, Upper Canada; and the Rev. Mr. Graham, to the Scots Church, St. Clement's Berbice. These are all of them important stations. Of Bathurst in particular, we have received a deeply interesting account, which we must postpone till our next number.

We cannot be sufficiently thankful that men so highly qualified as those nominated to these stations, are now offering themselves for Colonial service; and we press this as a strong argument for increased liberality.—*Home and Foreign Missionary Record*.

We are obliged to postpone several interesting articles of information. In particular, we intended to notice the negotiation which is now in progress, and which may be regarded as virtually concluded, in regard to the Glasgow Colonial Society being united to this Committee. That Society was the first to call attention to the Colonial cause, and it has laid our Church and our Canadian brethren under the deepest obligations.—*Ibid*.

Day of Humiliation and Prayer.—Thursday being the day recommended by the Commission of the General Assembly, to be set apart as a day of humiliation and prayer, on account of the present position of the Church, there was service in the city churches in the afternoon and evening.—*Scottish Standard*.

The Reverend Wm. MONTGOMERY WALKER, Minister of the Presbyterian Church at Huntingdon, on the eve of his departure for Scotland, has been presented, by the ladies of his congregation, with a handsome pulpit gown, as a mark of their esteem and affection.—*Montreal Gazette*.

EDUCATION.—Lieut. Col. Sir Alexander Burnes, of the Indian Army, has transmitted to the Provost of Montrose, 100 guineas, with a request that the interest may be annually applied in procuring prizes for the encouragement of the scholars in the Montrose Academy. The gift is accompanied by a strong expression of the donor's gratitude for the benefits he derived from the Academy, where he received the whole of his education.—*London Paper*.

Among the passengers in the Steam Ship *North America*, from Boston, yesterday, were the Rev. JAMES THOMSON and his lady. Mr. Thomson is one of the accredited Agents of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He laboured long as a diligent and successful servant of the Society in the W. Indies. And now by direction of the Society, he is visiting the different Auxiliaries and branches in the British North American Colonies. We trust his reception in New Brunswick will be such as becomes the high and holy cause he has undertaken, and that his mission will be successful in establishing new Branches, in reviving those which are languishing, and in communicating additional vigour to our own flourishing Auxiliary and to such of its Branches and Associations as are not yet weary in well doing.—According to an advertisement in this day's paper, a Public Meeting will be held at the Wesleyan Sunday School Room on Thursday evening, at which the Rev. Mr. THOMSON will deliver an address on the subject of his Mission.—*St. John Observer*, June 2.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Baltimore, May 8.—The present General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is, on many accounts, one of the most important that has ever assembled since the organization of that church in 1784. The numbers which it represents, the varied and superior talents which it combines, and the unusually important interests involved in its acts, invest it with an importance hitherto unknown and unfelt. The six Bishops are all present, and nearly all the representatives from the different annual conferences. The British Conference, as you know, is represented by the Rev. Robert Newton, and the Canada Conference by the Rev. Messrs. Stinson and Ryerson. Mr. Richey and Mr. Harvard, from the Canadas, are likewise present. Mr. Newton has preached frequently since he has been here, and has gained golden opinions from all who have heard him. On Sunday last he preached to six or eight thousand on Monument square. Next Sabbath he is to preach in the House of Representatives at Washington.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Our latest New Brunswick papers are completely filled with the detail of the festivities, which took place in the City of St. John and throughout the Province, on her Majesty's birth-day. On Saturday, the 23d of May, the day appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, for celebrating the birth and the marriage of our Most Gracious Sovereign, all business was suspended in the City of St. John, Royal Salutes were fired by the Artillery, and her Majesty's Ship *Satellite*, and the citizens partook of a sumptuous entertainment, prepared for them in King's, Duke's, and Brook's Wards. On Monday afternoon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor arrived, and attended that even-

ing a Meeting of the Temperance Soiree, in celebration of her Majesty's nuptials, Judge Parker in the Chair. On Tuesday, his Excellency inspected the 69th regt. and dined with the officers in the evening. On Wednesday he visited several of the public buildings, in the city and her Majesty's Ship *Satellite*, when the yards were manned and a salute fired, and at one o'clock he held a Levee in the Court House, which was numerously attended. At 2 o'clock the Corner Stone of the St. John Mechanics' Institute was laid by his Excellency, and a large procession of the inhabitants of St. John, including the different trades in the city, forming one of the most splendid displays which has ever been seen in that place. After the procession, his Excellency, attended by his suite, visited the large and valuable collection of objects of Natural History, belonging to Dr. Gesner, and the Steam Ship *North America*, owned by Mr. Whitney, and on Thursday morning returned to Head Quarters, highly gratified with his visit to St. John, where he appears to have met with a very cordial welcome.

TRIBUTE TO THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

Pursuant to notice, a meeting was held at Mason Hall on Thursday last, for the purpose of taking measures to open a Subscription, to aid in the erection of an equestrian statue, in honour of the Duke of Wellington, in the metropolis of Scotland.

The CHIEF JUSTICE was unanimously called to the Chair; and JAMES F. GRAY, Esq. was requested to act as Secretary to the meeting.

His Lordship the Chief Justice, explained the objects of the meeting. It had been convened in consequence of a letter, which had been addressed to himself by Lord Dalhousie, in accordance with a desire expressed by the General Committee at Edinburgh, to procure subscriptions, and superintend the erection of a memorial to the Duke of Wellington.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by the Hon. A. Stewart, seconded by C. W. Wallace, Esq.

1. That the Gentlemen nominated by the General Committee in Scotland, in the letter from the Chairman, be a Committee for appointing sub-committees, and requesting their co-operation in the various parts of this Province.

Moved by J. Stewart, Esq. seconded by G. R. Young, Esq.

2. That C. W. Wallace, Alexander Keith, and Alexander Primrose, Esqrs. be a Committee to collect subscriptions in Halifax, in aid of the proposed undertaking.

Moved by G. R. Young, Esq. and seconded by the Hon. A. Stewart:

3. That the Letter addressed by the Earl of Dalhousie to the Chairman of this meeting, together with the opening Speech of the Lord Provost, Chairman of the Public Meeting at Edinburgh, be printed, with the proceedings of this meeting.

Moved by Alexander Keith, Esq. seconded by James McNab, Esq.

4. That C. W. Wallace, Esq. be appointed Treasurer, to receive such funds as may be collected.

Moved by the Hon. A. Stewart, seconded by A. Primrose, Esq. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the honorable the Chief Justice, for his conduct in the chair.—*Journal*.

NEWFOUNDLAND. We regret that another very disgraceful evidence of the bitterness of party feelings, has been furnished from this Island. Mr. H. Lott, a Printer, employed in the office of 'The Public Ledger' Newspaper, (a violent party paper) was waylaid between Carbonear and Harbour Grace by some ruffians, who knocked him down, cut off part of each of his ears, and rifled his pockets of about eight dollars.—Much excitement was caused by this cruel and cowardly outrage, and his Excellency the Governor issued a Proclamation, offering a reward of £300 sterling for the apprehension of the offenders.—*Novascotian*.

NORTHWEST PASSAGE. The problem of a Northwest Passage has at length been solved, and the fact of an entire and unobstructed passage from the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean, at the northern extremity of this continent, is fully and indisputably established. The eastern and western hemispheres are no longer separated, but form two vast continents in relation to each other, but form two vast islands surrounded by their own contiguous waters. This is among the greatest geographical discoveries made since the epoch of Columbus.

The fortunate agents in settling this long doubted point, are Messrs. Dease and Simpson of the Hudson's Bay Company, who under the patronage and at the

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