

right when they state that the session unanimously, and manifesting a degree of magnanimity too seldom displayed by a session in their circumstances, resolved to carry out the injunction of the Synod. The same thing must be said of the congregation who met, after intimation on the Monday of the sacrament, for the purpose of hearing the decision of the session.—Both in the preaching of the gospel and in their addresses to the people, your Deputation endeavoured to do the work which, as they conceived, the Synod required, by dwelling chiefly on the nature and evidences of spiritual prosperity in a church, and by urging the necessity in order thereto of the congregation being stedfast and unmovable, and always to be abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as they know that their labour in the Lord would not be in vain. Altogether your Deputation were satisfied with the spirit and manner of the congregation in their peculiar situation, with the interest they took in the object of the Synod in sending the Deputation, and with the devout regard which was had to the ordinances of Christ as dispensed by them.

Having finished their work in Clatham, your Deputation found it necessary to separate, in order that they might be able to visit all the congregations of the Presbytery,—one of them in the course of the week going north to the congregations of Messrs. McMaster and Nicholson, and the other south, or south-west, to the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Johnston. Their reception in all these congregations was most cordial and encouraging. The audiences on Sabbath in all the churches were large and lively with other feelings than mere curiosity, even though the novelty of the occasion brought many to see and hear beside its usual Sabbath day congregation. As it was impossible to have any week-day service in Mr. Johnston's congregation for various reasons, your Deputation had to make casual statements on the Sabbath, which were listened to with more interest perhaps than the sermons; for there are two meeting-houses at least belonging to the congregation some fourteen or fifteen miles apart, and which, though smaller than most of the meeting-houses in Nova Scotia, are creditable to the taste and care of the people both outside and in, and indicative of the respect they cherish and shew for the place of the administration of the ordinances of the gospel.

Your Deputation are almost afraid to mention the obligation which this congregation lies under to the unostentatious untiring zeal, and the very uncommon liberality of one of their members, lest they may give a reason for the charge that they are glorying in man. They try not to do so, and they mention him only that his

zeal and the fruit of it may provoke very many to love and to good works, and that as in his case, so in theirs, the words of the Lord may be tested,—“There is no man who hath left houses and lands for my sake, but shall in this life receive an hundred-fold and in the world to come life everlasting.”

In reference to the northern congregations, for so are they known, there was a large attendance on the Sabbath, and there seemed to be evidences of the presence of the Master of assemblies; and during the week both members of the Deputation along with the ministers and with the congregations in three several churches felt, and somehow they will always feel that it was good to be there. They say nothing of the numbers who were present, nor of the sacrifice which the men, and as it seemed to them they were as numerous as the women, must have made in coming, for it was a busy season; but they were struck with the air of solemnity surrounding everybody and everything, and they are persuaded that their whole work in these regions was eminently refreshing; and they would fain comfort themselves with the hope that the time spent in the doing of it will be remembered as a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

And then turning southward and westward your Deputation next find themselves on the shores of the Richibucto, and within the bounds of these two brethren whom to see and know in their own homes and among their own people, is to love and honour, Messrs. Law and Fowler. Here, too, a division of labour was necessary on the Sabbath day. Our Lord's supper was to be dispensed in Mr. Fowler's congregation, and one of them had to assist in the work while the other remained in Richibucto,—Richibucto, a name ever to be associated in the sacred historic remembrances of the Presbyterian Church of these Lower Provinces. Who that has a heart that feels aught of love to Christ and love to man, can visit Kidderminster or Chester and not idealise Richard Baxter and Matthew Henry,—who ever travelled or trouted in the vale of Etrick, that did not feel himself as if caught afresh by the resistless but gentle hook of that most adroit fisher of men, Thomas Boston,—who can sit on the castle hill of Stirling, or worship in St. Ann's, Dunfermline, and not remember those names which the Scottish churches will as soon forget as they will forget themselves, *par nobile fratrum*, Ralf and Ebenezer Erskine. Are not St. Peter's, Dundee and Robert McCheyne knit together forever; and so no sooner does a stranger at all acquainted with the ecclesiastical history of these provinces, set foot on the wharves or streets of Richibucto than he thinks on the name and