

what must be the joy in joining the assembled family Above! The Rev. A. McKay, Rogers Hill, drove over and met me in the afternoon and I accompanied him home, and I was quite enchanted with the magnificent scenery of Fitzpatrick Mountain. During my drive I was much struck with the appearance of the farms, all cleared, not a stump to be seen, which gives them a different look from those in Upper Canada. On Saturday I rejoined Dr. M. in Pictou; he returned with Mr. McKay, to Rogers Hill, where he preached on Sabbath to a very large congregation. I believe I am right in saying that this was the first time the Doctor preached before such an audience; he spoke in the strongest manner of the devout appearance of the people, and they in turn were no less impressed with the eloquent, earnest and appropriate sermon they heard, though in English.

I preached on Sabbath in the town of Pictou for Mr. Herdman, who along with Mr. McGillivray were dispensing the Sacrament at Barney's River. The congregations both forenoon and afternoon were overflowing, and altogether it was an interesting season, the appearance of the worshippers, the devoutness, the fervour, reminding me so much of the North of Scotland, and the gatherings there. Dr. M. preached in the evening in Mr. Bayne's church U. P., and we were invited to attend a missionary meeting there on Monday Evening, where we heard the cheering intelligence of the zeal of that body, and especially the interesting account of their missionary, Rev. Mr. Goddie, in New Hebrides, and we were much gratified in turn to have the opportunity in such a place, of testifying to the missionary character of our own Church both at Home and in the Colonies; and I may here mention that I had a like opportunity afforded me in Portland, State of Maine, where I spent a Sabbath on my way down to N. S. I preached there for the Rev. Mr. Chickering, and addressed a missionary meeting in his church on same evening. During my stay in Pictou I visited more than once, the place where the Rev. Dr. McLeod, Morven, dispensed the Sacrament. It is on the slope of a hill leading down to the harbour; the people yet speak with enthusiasm of that season, and they have good reason, for the number gathered together was very large, reckoned about 5000, and the impression made by the speaker, by the blessing of the Spirit, has been lasting and productive of good fruit.

On Tuesday we paid a visit to Mr. McGillivray, and found him just returned from Barney's River; he lives in a most romantic part of the country, amid glens and valleys that reminded us of that land we all hold dear. Long may he be spared as an ornament to the Church, and a blessing to his large and happy family. The Doctor returned to Pictou, so that he might catch the steamer to pay a visit to Prince Edward Island. He was received most cordially at Charlottetown by the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, who regretted much that the short notice of the Doctor's visit had only permitted a few in the town the privilege of hearing him preach. He returned by the boat to Pictou, in order to assist at the dispensation of the Lord's Supper at West Branch, River John. Having never had an opportunity before of witnessing the meeting on the Friday, known as the "men's day," he spoke in the most enthusiastic manner of the solemn yet exciting character of the meeting—"The men," or those whose walk and conversation, their intimate and extensive knowledge of the Scrip-

tures, their unction in prayer, and their experimental and soul-stirring eloquence, entitled them to the appellation of "The men" or men of God. On the Friday during a sacramental season the congregation assembled, the meeting is opened with praise and prayer and reading of the Scripture by one of the ministers who presides; he then calls on one of "The men" to speak either on some point of Christian experience, or to expound some portion of Scripture, which is done with great fluency and much to the edification of the people; two or more address the meeting, as time will permit. The Doctor told me he was much pleased with the appearance, for, the service being conducted in Gaelic, of course he could not understand what was said, but from the devout appearance of *The men*, the fervour and fluency of the speakers, the deep attention of the people, altogether it was a scene of deep interest. During all the Diets of preaching the attendance was very large, and the interest produced by one of the Canadian Deputation assisting was very great.

I remained in New Glasgow with Rev. Mr. Pollock, and preached there on Wednesday evening. On Thursday I returned to Pictou in order to be ready to proceed on Friday morning by the steamer to Prince Edward Island, to assist Mr. Snodgrass in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper to his congregation. I preached at Charlottetown on Saturday, assisted in the solemn services of the Sabbath, preached again on Monday, and after the service addressed the meeting on the object of our mission. The greatest interest seemed to prevail, and the subject of union and the formation of a Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund seemed to attract special attention. Not being able to fulfil the arrangement of returning by Pictou and meeting the Doctor at Sackville, I went by the Shediac route and thence by land to St. Johns, N. B. where I again rejoined the Doctor, and spent the Sabbath there, the Doctor preaching forenoon and afternoon, the service in the evening devolving on me. On Monday morning we left St. Johns by steamer for Portland, where I parted from my companions. I proceeded by rail to Boston, and thence home, where I arrived in time to resume by duties in my own pulpit on the Sabbath, after an absence of six weeks.

TO THE CONVENER OF THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

At Halifax, Nova Scotia, the fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five years, at a meeting of the Synod of the Church of Scotland, in Nova Scotia,

Inter alia,—

The Synod took into consideration an overture, transmitted by the Committee on Overtures, "Anent an appeal to the Colonial Committee on the appointment of Gaelic deputations," the tenor of which is as follows:—

"Whereas there are within the bounds of the Synod many thousand adherents of the Church of Scotland, speaking the Gaelic language, who are wholly destitute of religious ordinances; and whereas, it is believed that, until their wants are permanently supplied, there are many ordained Gaelic clergymen in Scotland, who would, at the request of the Colonial Committee, leave

their charges for a time, and labour in these destitute localities, it is hereby humbly suggested, that the Synod make an appeal to the Colonial Committee, with the view of obtaining the services of such labourers, and that such steps be taken, as to the wisdom of the Synod, may seem fit,—to induce the Committee to comply with this request.

(Signed) GEO. W. SPROTT

Mr. Sprott supported the overture to some length, and moved that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Herdman, Sprott, McLean, and Mackenzie, be appointed to prepare an appeal to the Colonial Committee on the subject of the overture, the committee to submit their appeal for the approval of the Synod, at a subsequent sederunt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snodgrass, and passed unanimously.

At Halifax, Nova Scotia, the third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five years, at a meeting of the Synod, of the Church of Scotland, in Nova Scotia,

Inter alia,—

"The Committee appointed to prepare an appeal to the Colonial Committee on the subject of a Gaelic deputation, submitted an appeal which was approved of, and ordered to be signed by the convener of the Committee, in name of the Synod, and despatched without delay.

W. SNODGRASS, Synod Clerk.

CHARLOTTETOWN, 3d September, 1855.

REV. GENTLEMEN,—I enclose the appeal above referred to, signed by Mr. Herdman as convener of the Committee appointed to draw up the same. I may state that we do not expect you to be able to comply with the prayer of the appeal for a few months, but, if the plan proposed should meet with approval, and an assurance to that effect, as well as of endeavours being made to secure the services of two or three Gaelic clergymen, should be sent us in the meantime, would do much to keep up the spirits of the people. The summer months would be better both for the comfort of the deputation and the fulfilment of their mission. In common with my brethren, I do sincerely trust that you will be in a position as early as possible next summer, say the month of June, to send the deputation we so much need, unless before that time you have a number of Gaelic missionaries at your disposal, whose services we can look upon as of a more permanent kind.

I am, &c.

W. SNODGRASS

APPEAL TO THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, BY THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN NOVA SCOTIA.

In the county of Pictou and adjacent, there are ten large congregations