

sent, among whom were Mr. Peter, factor for Lord Lovat, and Mr. Duncan Robertson, factor for Chisholm. The settlement being over, the new incumbent of Urray entertained a number of his friends to a dinner in the manse.

LORD DOUGLAS has presented the Rev David Ramsay, minister of the South Parish of Quoad Sacra Church, to the Parish Church, vacant by the demise of the late Rev Thos Easton, D.D.

MR. GRANT, the parish minister of Cromdale, took ill on Thursday night of cholera, and in seven hours after, inflammation having supervened, as a natural consequence, he died.

THE CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Meeting of the Synod of Canada at Kingston.

Wednesday, 28th May, 1856.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met in St. Andrews Church, Kingston, according to appointment, on Wednesday the 28th day of May last, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. Mr. McKid, the Moderator for last year, occupied the Chair, and the meeting was opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer. Thereafter Mr. McKid thanked the Synod for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and, after stating that by arrangement, and to enable the people to attend, the usual sermon would be preached at 7 o'clock in the evening, called upon the Synod to proceed to the election of a Moderator, when upon motion of Dr. George, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, the Rev. Alex. Mann, A. M., of Pakenham, was proposed and unanimously elected. Mr. Mann took the chair, and, expressing his sense of the honorable position in which he was placed, said that he would strive in all his conduct to promote the good of the Church and the glory of her Great Head.

The Synod Roll was called over.

CORRESPONDENT MEMBER.

The commission from the Synod of the Church of Scotland in New Brunswick, in favour of the Rev. John Brooke, D.D., Minister of Fredericton, was handed in and read, when Mr. McKid introduced him to the Moderator and the Synod, stating that he felt painfully, that one of our deputation to New Brunswick, on whom the duty would more fully have fallen, had passed away to his rest.

The Moderator expressed a hope that, the intercourse, thus auspiciously commenced would prove of much service to the Church, and it was understood that at a later period of the session the Reports of our delegates should be read, and the delegates from the Lower Provinces invited to address the Court.

The minutes of the proceedings of Synod, as read, were approved, as also those of the Commission of Synod.

The answer to the Synod's address to the Queen was handed in and read.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

A letter was read from Hew Ramsay, Esq., the Synod's Treasurer to this effect, enclosing correspondence in relation thereto, as also

an extract of the proceedings of the Committee of the Parent Church, and a statement of the total contributions, amounting in all to £506 12s. 8d. currency.

A very general expression of opinion, ensued, on the part of members of the Synod that this by no means represented the amount of the contributions of our Church but was only supplementary, as almost every congregation had besides, contributed to the local or municipal contributions to the Fund.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on bills and overtures to meet at 3 o'clock.

SERMON.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, at which hour the previous Moderator, the Rev A. McKid, preached an appropriate and forcible sermon from the text, Ezekiel, ix, 11. After sermon the Synod proceeded to business, and re-elected the Reverends Dr. Mathieson, and Messrs. Muir and McMormie, as Queen's College Trustees, and the retiring members, viz. Hew Ramsay, and John Smith, Esqrs., as Clergy Reserve Commissioners.

Committees to draft the addresses to the Queen and the Governor General, and to revise the records of Presbyteries, were then appointed.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Report of the Church Property Committee, was then given in and read by the convener, Alex. Morris, Esq. It set forth that the Committee had issued a circular containing various queries, and had received 48 replies thereto, that they had prepared a Register of Church Property, and hoped in another year to be able to present a full statement which would show that much real substantial progress had been quietly and unostentatiously made in the works of Manse and Church erection.

Mr. Burnett explained the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton in regard to this matter, and the result of their inquiries.

Whereupon the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee, who were re-appointed, and Presbyteries instructed to co-operate with them by the appointment of Presbyterial Committees.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Dr. GEORGE thought it his duty to call the notice of the Synod to the Day of Thanksgiving named by the Proclamation of the Governor General and which interfered with the session. The Synod required to decide on their course, and must do one of two things, either keep the day, and in order to do so, hurry through their business or leave it undone; or, 2ndly, appoint a special service on a Sabbath, to obey the spirit of the proclamation. He did not think it would be becoming for the Church Court to break up its Synodical Meeting, convened duly by appointment from last year, even though it were at the injunction of the Sovereign. But, if we did not do so, no lack of loyalty could be attributed to us, for the meeting was appointed when it was impossible to have known this.

At a subsequent diet the following minute was adopted on this subject:

The attention of the Synod having been called to the circumstance that Wednesday the Fourth Day of June has been appointed by the Governor General as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the peace which has been concluded, the Synod while acknowledging the duty of observing days of public fasting or thanksgiving appointed by public authority, yet find it impossible, under present cir-

cumstances, to comply with this arrangement as could be wished, inasmuch as the Synod will still be in session at that time,—the appointment of the time for holding the present meeting of Synod having been made last year. But in order to carry out the intention of the Government, as far as this can be done, the Synod agree that the Ministers and Elders met in Kingston shall, in their Synodical capacity, observe the Day of Thanksgiving on Wednesday the Fourth Day of June, and appoint Rev. Robert Burnett to preach the Thanksgiving Sermon;—and further the Synod enjoin each Minister to improve the dispensation of God's Providence, in reference to the war and the peace now concluded, in his own congregation on the earliest occasion, and in the way he may deem most for the glory of God and the edification of the people of his charge.

The Synod then adjourned after the benediction had been pronounced by the Moderator.

Thursday, 29th May, 1856.

The Synod met and was opened with praise reading of the Scriptures and prayer, by the Rev Mr. Landsay.

THE MODERATOR'S SERMON.

It was then, on motion of Mr. Robb, Resolved: That the cordial thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Mr. McKid for his appropriate sermon, and that he be requested to publish the same in the *Presbyterian*.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

As agreed, this Report was then taken up, and read.

Mr. URQUHART thought the Committee had acted with prudence and great faithfulness, and he therefore moved that the Report be adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Board for their diligence and zeal. This motion was agreed to, and a Committee appointed to report to the Synod a method of improving the efficiency of the Scheme. The Synod then elected the Rev. Wm Simpson, and John Greenshields, and James Mitchell, Esqrs. to fill vacancies in the Board of Management.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Treasurer reported that £56 6s 5d. had been equally divided between the Jewish and Foreign Schemes and transmitted to Edinburgh.

MISSIONARY AND DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

Dr. George brought up the consideration of an overture on this subject, when it was unanimously agreed that the Synod should adjourn on Monday afternoon, meet again at 7 o'clock for the purpose of holding a Missionary and Devotional Meeting.

THE DEATH OF DR. MCGILL.

Mr. URQUHART said, that when the roll was called, he felt deeply the omission of a name which for long years was familiar to them. Since our last meeting Dr. McGill had been called from earth. That name must awaken mournful and yet pleasing recollections, for it was impossible to forget his appearances in that Synod since its first meeting, or his efforts for the good of the Church. It was due to his memory, to his great worth, his abilities, and his piety, as well as to ourselves, that a record should be made, commemorating our sense of his worth, and our deep regret at his removal from our midst. It was not for him to pass