

The Secretary of the Association referred the matter to Canada, in the confidence that aid would be forthcoming and he has not been disappointed. An application being made to St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Montreal, the children gladly closed with the proposal to support this young teacher, and thus our Schools may be privileged to widen the sphere of their influence and reach others of the daughters of India with the offer of the good tidings of great joy.

We rejoice that our children have thus in providence been led to labor in their Master's cause. May He bless them that they may be blessed. Our Church has indeed reason to rejoice in this growing work, and we gladly insert the following expression of the thankfulness of the Synod.

"Read statement and report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage Scheme: whereupon it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Burnett, and unanimously agreed: That the Synod rejoice in the success which has attended the children of the Church in their efforts in aid of the Orphanages of the Edinburgh Ladies Association in India, acknowledge in it the good hand of the Head of the Church; and with deep satisfaction renew their approval of the Scheme, reappointing Mr. Paton, Treasurer, and thanking him for his zealous and judicious conduct of the effort."—*Juvenile Presbyterian.*

Synod of New-Brunswick.

From the Royal Gazette, Fredericton.

ADDRESS TO THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR, FROM THE
SYNOD OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

On Monday last, July 27, a Deputation from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in this Province, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, waited, by appointment, upon His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and presented the following Address:

To His Excellency the Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners Sutton, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of New-Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, avail ourselves of this, our first meeting at the seat of Government since your arrival in the Province, to approach Your Excellency—the Representative of our Gracious Sovereign—with the assurance of our highest respect and cordial wishes for your personal welfare, and for your success in the discharge of those high functions entrusted to you by Her Majesty.

We beg Your Excellency to be assured of our devoted loyalty to the British Throne, and of our steadfast attachment to those Institutions—the birthright of every British subject—by which liberty and happiness are most effectually secured, and it is pleasing to us to think that, in this our adopted country, we live under the protection of British laws, and enjoy, to so large an extent, the benefit of British Institutions.

As Ministers in connexion with the National Church of Scotland, it has ever been our endeavor, as we feel it to be our duty, while, first and above all, inculcating obedience to Him by whom kings reign, to teach the people among whom we labor a respectful submission

to all constituted authorities, as enjoined not only by the laws of man, but by those of God.

We have ever felt a deep interest in the promotion of a sound moral and religious education among all classes of the people—an interest which, we have the pleasure of knowing, is not less warmly felt by Your Excellency—and we earnestly hope that some measure for improving our Parish Schools, and especially for placing King's College on a more satisfactory footing, and thereby securing for it the confidence of the community at large, may soon be adopted by the Legislature of this Province.

That Almighty God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, may ever bless Your Excellency, the Hon. Mrs. Manners Sutton, and your youthful family, with all temporal and spiritual blessings, and finally make you all partakers of His heavenly kingdom, is our ardent wish and fervent prayer.

Signed in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of New-Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, at Fredericton, this twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-seven years, by

PETER KEAY,
Moderator.

To which His Excellency made the following Reply:

GENTLEMEN:

As the Representative of our Most Gracious Queen, I thank you heartily for this expression of your attachment to the Throne. For myself and for my family, I request you to accept, and to convey to those whom you represent, my warmest acknowledgments for your wishes for our personal welfare and happiness.

Deeply impressed with the conviction that nothing but evil can flow from neglecting the training and education of the younger members of the community, I should view with heartfelt satisfaction the adoption of any measures which would tend to improve the state of the Parochial Schools, and to afford to all classes of the people increased facilities for acquiring instruction in the higher branches of learning.

Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a statement of the position of this Synod, and of the Ministers and Congregations thereto belonging, as said to be in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

Submitted to the Synod in Session, on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1857.

Approved and Ordered to be Printed.

Your Committee, having been instructed to draw up a statement, showing the position this Synod occupies as in connexion with the Church of Scotland, have to report that they have attended to that duty, that they have, in pursuance of their instructions, prepared such a statement as was ordered, and which they now beg to lay before the Synod, that they may exercise their judgment upon the same.

It cannot have escaped the notice of those who have looked into the Acts of the Legislature of this Province, by which, as an ecclesiastical body, we are incorporated, and who have examined the published transactions of our own Church Courts, that the style and title by which that branch of the Church to which we belong has always been distinguished is—“The Presbyterian Church of New-Brunswick,”

in connexion with the Church of Scotland.”

As this designation has been misunderstood by some and misrepresented by others, our Synod, at its last meeting in St. John, appointed us a Committee to prepare a statement of our position, with a view to explain the proper sense in which the words above quoted are employed in reference to the Church in this Province.

In fulfilment of the duty we have been appointed to discharge, we have now, therefore, to state:

1st. That the Church of Scotland was the means of first introducing the Presbyterian form of worship and Church government, into this country.

She was the first Presbyterian Church of any kind that showed an active interest in the spiritual welfare of her own expatriated children, and of those of the sister country of Ireland holding the Westminster standards, in this Colony. Through her instrumentality, nearly all the Presbyterian congregations in the Province were, till within a recent period, supplied with Ministers, and in many cases aided in supporting them. These Ministers were generally born within the bounds of the Church of Scotland, baptized into her communion, educated in her schools and colleges, and licensed or ordained by her Presbyteries.

Here, then, is one very obvious meaning of the designation by which we are known. We look on the Church of Scotland as our Parent Church, and, therefore, hold ourselves to be in connexion with her.

2nd. We adhere to the same standards of doctrine.

Every Minister of the Church of Scotland is called upon to declare, in the most solemn manner, his conviction that the Confession of Faith agreed to by the Westminster Assembly is agreeable to, and founded on, the Word of God, and that he receives the same as the Confession of his Faith; and without such declaration, no one can receive Ordination as a Minister of the Gospel. This has been the law and the practice of the Parent Church, during the whole period of her existence as a Church, it is her law and practice still. She has discarded no doctrine ever held by her, she has blotted no article of faith from her standards. The principles maintained by her in the days of Knox, and contended for in times of trial and persecution with a firmness that shrunk not from the scaffold or the stake, are adhered to by her at this day as steadfastly as ever.

Our Church in this Province follows, in these respects, the example of the Parent Church. The same standards are held; the same form of sound words is recognized; the same Ordination Vows are taken by her Ministers; the same doctrines are taught in her pulpits, and embraced by all who join in her Communion. Separated from her by natural position, as having our dwelling on this side the Atlantic, spiritually we are not disunited. “We walk by the same rule, we mind the same things.”

Now when two bodies, though locally apart, are yet so entirely at one, and agree so completely in faith and doctrine, it is conceived that there is no impropriety, but the contrary, in their being said to be, and in their holding themselves to be, in connexion.

3rd. We adhere to the same forms of worship.

This is a fact so well known and so univer-