

scheme for the adoption of the Synod, neither do they see any prospect of these difficulties being removed in the present state of the Church, in these Provinces, and would suggest the Synod's recommending each of the Ministers to avail himself of the facilities afforded by Life Insurance Companies.

The Presbytery again met on the 6th of June. Mr. Cook, Mod. P. T. Mr. Cook read a draft of a letter of instruction to Mr. Mathieson, regarding his public duties in Scotland, which was approved and ordered to be transmitted, and a copy to be kept in retentis. The following is a copy of the letter:—

Quebec, 6th June, 1837.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

I am directed, by the Presbytery of Quebec, to state to you, that in appointing you their Commissioner during your present visit to Britain, they will expect you will lose no opportunity which, in the course of Providence, may present itself to you, of advancing the interests of the Presbyterian Church in these Provinces. To one so thoroughly acquainted with the state of the Presbyterian body in Canada, as respects the means of moral and religious instruction, it is perhaps unnecessary that any special or very minute instructions should be given, yet it is the desire of the Presbytery that your attention should be called to the following subjects:

1st. THE STATE OF EDUCATION.—On this point there is at present an absolute necessity for some exertion on the part of the Presbyterian Church. It is at all times our duty to provide for our youth, as far as our circumstances will admit, the means of Education; and Education conducted on the same sound principles as in the parent country. But there is a special call for exertion at present—when there is no legislative grant for the purposes of Education—when by the projected scheme in the Normal Schools' Bill, the whole education of the community will speedily be put into the hands of the Romish Priesthood—and when we have so much at heart the object of raising up amongst ourselves candidates for the ministry in

connection with our Church. In our present circumstances, it is in the highest degree desirable that the scheme repeatedly brought by yourself before the Synod of Canada, should be carried into execution; viz. that to each Presbyterian congregation, a school shall be attached, in which, as in the Parish Schools of Scotland, a cheap common and classical education might be given under the superintendence of the Minister and the Presbytery. On this subject, you will do well to enquire—1st. Whether a permanent grant could be obtained, from Government, for an object of such eminent utility—2d. Whether any portion of the Jesuit Estates, set apart for Education, could be appropriated for this purpose.

2d. The state of the Province as respects UNIVERSITIES.—Allusion has been already made to the neglected state of the Province, as respects the means of common education. It is desirable that you should impress on the mind of all influential persons, with whom you have intercourse or correspondence, that there is no provision whatever for the higher departments of literary and scientific education; and that, in point of fact, such an education cannot now be obtained in the Province. There are indeed various well endowed colleges in connection with the Romish church,—colleges, however, not really useful or available to any great extent to the Protestant youth of the Province.—There is, to be sure, the likelihood of McGill College, Montreal, going speedily into operation; but it cannot be useful or successful to the extent desirable and necessary, unless a Government grant be obtained, in addition to the bequest of a private individual. You cannot too strongly press upon all interested in the welfare of the Province, the importance, even as respects sound order and general prosperity, of obtaining for us an efficient ministry, while to all interested in the advancement and extension of our church here, you can explain the necessity of it, to our obtaining a full supply of Ministers for the rapidly increasing Presbyterian population of the Province.