

their nonconformity than to forfeit the inestimable privilege of having a conscience void of offence towards God and man; and the Synod recommends that steps be taken by the ministers of this Church to bring before their people that memorable example of love and loyalty to the Divine Head of the Church, notwithstanding whatever tribulation and persecution may arise—an example which has had so important a bearing on the social and religious interests of these lands."

Let Nova Scotia Churches take a hint from the manner in which this Synod raises funds to meet the expenses of its meetings;—each congregation within the bounds is assessed for its proportion of the sum. This year the expenditure amounts to 1½d. for every communicant in the Church—not a large sum, but twice as large in the aggregate as the sum expended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. The congregations here are not so mean as to neglect paying their share of such expenses.

DR. MERLE D'AUBIGNE made a very brief visit to the Synod on Wednesday morning. As no one expected him, I was not present, and I have not yet seen him; but I hope to see him in Scotland next week. He announced that two additional volumes of his History of the Reformation are nearly ready.

DR. REVEL of Florence was present for two days. He is a well-built, swarthy man, about fifty years of age—his hair is gathering whiteness, but his eye is bright with the fire of youth. His English is very lame, but still there is a wonderful power in his broken sentences. In response to his address, the Synod resolved to raise a collection in aid of the Waldensian Church on St. Bartholomew's Day, this year.

The Free Church deputation, Drs. Candlish and Robert Buchanan addressed the Synod on Wednesday evening. Both these distinguished men approved highly of the efforts put forth to promote Union, and expressed a hope that England would soon follow the example of Nova Scotia and Canada and Australia. On Friday evening the United Presbyterian deputation addressed the Synod. Dr. Robson's speech was admirable. Professor Lindsay's was good but tedious. Dr. Thomson's was good but too rhetorical.—Dr. Scott's was good but too querulous.

This is the proper place to say a word in regard to the prospects of Union here. The main obstacle at present is that the United Presbyterians here are reluctant to be severed from their parent Church in Scotland. The English Presbyterian Church is very strongly in favour of Union. I was quite astonished with the fervour and solemnity with which Drs. McCrie and Hamilton pled the cause of Union; and you may be sure I felt a thrill of delight when I heard their frequent references to what had been done in Nova Scotia. The United Presbyterians in Scotland are quite willing to let their brethren here go in peace, and in a year or two I believe they will have to go, and the Union will take place. There is some prospect of a Union with the Welsh Presbyterian Church.

The closing Session of the Synod was like the happy calm that comes on the land at the sunset of a windy day. Every one looked pleased and pleasant; and the Moderator's closing address was exceedingly touching and appropriate. The next meeting of Synod is to be held on the third Monday of April next in Manchester.

The London Presbyterians behave very hospitably to their Synod. Not only was every minister and elder provided with lodgings, but all were invited to dine together at one of the best Hotels. Tea was furnished in the