

THE
MISSIONARY REGISTER,
 OF THE
Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

Vol. 6.

AUGUST 1855.

No. 8.

READER.—Meeting of Synod.
 Meeting of U. P. Synod, concluded
 from last month - - - - - 120

FOREIGN MISSION.—Letter from Dr. Bates 122
 Communication from Mr Geddie - - 124
 NOTICES - - - - - 126

MEETING OF SYNOD.

Since the issue of our last No. the Supreme Court of our Church has held its annual meeting. Many important subjects were brought before it, the proceedings generally transacted in the most agreeable manner, and the results will we trust through the blessing of the Most High tell powerfully upon the cause of religion within our bounds. We subjoin an abstract of proceedings principally from the Presbyterian Witness.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia met in Poplar Grove Church on Wednesday evening, 27th June, at 7 o'clock.

In the absence, from sickness, of the Rev. Angus McGilvray, the retiring Moderator, the Rev. George Patterson of Green Hill, preached the opening sermon from Luke ii. 14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace; good will toward man."

The Synod was then constituted by Rev. James Byers, the Moderator of the previous year, and the Roll was called, when 20 ministers and 11 elders were found to be present, many not being yet arrived. The whole number in attendance was 28 members and 18 elders.

Reports were received from the Presbyteries of Truro; Pictou, P.E. Island; and Halifax, certifying the licensure of Messrs Allan Fraser, Wm. Keir and G. A. Gordon, and the ordination during the year of Messrs. James McLean, Fraser and Jas. McGregor McKay.

Rev. John Camron, of Nine Mile River, was the chosen Moderator, and proceeded to name the various Committees. The Clerk read the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which stated the most important subjects claiming the attention of Synod and deciding the order in which they were to be taken up.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 28.

The first part of this selerunt was spent in the exercises of prayer and praise, the Moderator, and Messrs Campbell and McKay, in succession, leading the devotions of the Synod. After some conversation on the Minutes, Rev. Mr Walker adverted to the death of Rev Thomas Trotter, giving notice of a motion on the subject. The absence of the retiring Moderator having given rise to some difficulty as regarded the opening sermon, members of Synod very generally expressed the opinion that some new arrangement was necessary to secure regularity, it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Committee on the Forms of Procedure.

The Committee on Correspondence with Foreign Churches reported that, owing to various circumstances, they had not been able to carry out their instructions. Several letters had been written to other Churches, and but one answer had been returned. This, which was a reply from the Church in Canada, had been most gratifying in its character; and as the results of such a correspondence could not fail to be most