

Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have much pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the proceedings of the Synod of New Brunswick at their late meeting at Miramichi, promptly and obligingly transmitted to us for publication by the Synod Clerk. After the Synod had been opened with an appropriate sermon by the Rev. William Henderson of Newcastle, Moderator for the past year, and duly constituted, the Rev. James Steven of Restigouche, one of the oldest and most respected Ministers in the Synod, who has laboured for more than twenty years with much diligence and acceptance in that remote part of the Colony, was unanimously chosen Moderator. The business of the Synod, as recorded in the Minutes, appears to have been highly interesting. After the usual Committees had been appointed, the important subjects of Theological Education, Correspondence with the Synod of Canada, Presbyterian Statistics, the formation of a Widows' Fund, and of a Synodical Association, were successively brought under discussion. Measures were proposed and adopted for securing a more regular attendance of the Ministers and Elders from kirk-sessions at the meetings of the Synod; and the Ministers were enjoined to direct the attention of their people on the fourth Sabbath of October, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, to the state of the country, particularly with regard to the late harvest. Loyal and dutiful addresses were drawn up, and unanimously adopted, to Her Majesty the Queen, and to His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieut. Governor of the Province; and various regulations passed for advancing the interests of religion, and promoting the spiritual welfare of the Presbyterian population.

The meeting of Synod was rendered more than usually interesting by the presence of Rev. Emile Lapelletrie, the indefatigable French Missionary of the Synod of Canada, who was invited to take his seat in the Synod, and afford the members his counsel and advice. This much respected clergyman, who has lately visited the neighbouring States and Europe, and collected £500 in the United States and £900 in Scotland in aid of the French Missions in Canada, not only took part in the proceedings of the Synod, but preached repeatedly in Newcastle and Chatham to numerous and attentive congregations, and favoured his audiences with a striking and impressive account of the Mission in which he and his assistants in Canada are engaged among the French Catholics.—*Halifax Guardian.*

MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

(Extracts from the Proceedings.)

On the 14th Sept., 1848, the Synod met in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Miramichi, pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. William Henderson, A. M. Moderator, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Judges, viii. 4. "Faint, yet pursuing."

The Synod having been constituted with prayer, the Roll made up and called, the Rev. James Steven of Restigouche was unanimously chosen Moderator and took the chair accordingly.

The Rev. Emile Lapelletrie, Missionary of the Synod of Canada among the French Canadian population in that Province, being present, was requested to take his seat with the Members of Synod and favour them with his advice.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of St. John read the Minute of the ordination of the Rev. Wm. Stewart, and of his admission as a Member of the said Presbytery, when his name was ordered to be added to the Synod Roll. The usual Committees for the arrangement of business and the examination of Presbytery Books being appointed, it was resolved unanimously that some portion of time to-morrow be set apart for devotional exercises, and that the Rev. Messrs. Stewart and Lapelletrie be appointed to conduct the same.

The Clerk stated that he had no farther Report to make in regard to the proposed plan of educating young men for the Ministry—that the whole matter had been submitted to the Deputation last year, and their good offices had been solicited, but he had not yet heard of anything being decided upon it. The Synod re-appoint the Committee to which this business was entrusted and instruct the Clerk to renew their request that the General Assembly should in the meantime sanction the course of study in King's College as a preparation for Students in Theology.

The Clerk reported that he had not received any answer from the Synod of Canada in regard to the proposal for a friendly intercourse with this Synod by corresponding Members or by letter. It was stated, however, by Mr. Lapelletrie, and it appears from the account of the proceedings of that Synod published in the Presbyterian, that the proposal had been most favourably received.

The Synod renew the Committee on the subject, with instructions to answer any letters that may be received.

With the view of procuring the most ample details possible respecting the different Presbyterian Settlements in the Province, the Synod direct that Presbyteries shall at their earliest convenience call for Reports from the respective Ministers within their bounds, and be prepared to lay the whole before the Synod at its next meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had, in accordance with the instructions of Synod at its last meeting, transmitted the thanks of that Court to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for the continued interest manifested in the welfare of her Children in these Provinces, and particularly for having again sent a Deputation, whose late seasonable visit has been attended with such beneficial results.

Mr. Brooke brought under the notice of Synod the Association lately formed by the Synod of Canada for the purpose of establishing a Widow's Fund, suggesting the expediency of corresponding with that Synod with a view of being admitted, on condition of complying with their terms, to a share of the benefits of that Institution, should such admission not be inconsistent with Regulations. The Synod order an Extract of this minute to be furnished to Mr. Lapelletrie, and request him to bring the matter before the Synod of Canada, or its Commission at the earliest opportunity, and to obtain all necessary information regarding it. The Synod, in reference to the Overture of last year respecting the formation of a Synodical Association with the view of raising funds for certain objects therein specified, instruct the different Ministers within their bounds to take measures without delay to form Societies connected with their respective Congregations for the accomplishment of the ends in view.

Mr. Henderson reported that he had, in consequence of the deliverance of Synod just mentioned, taken measures to form such an Association in his

Congregation, and the result of last year's operations had been the collection of the sum of £27 3s 7d.

Mr. Henderson read the draft of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, which was unanimously approved of, ordered to be engrossed, and signed by the Moderator in name of the Synod; and Mr. Brooke was instructed to request His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, to forward the same to Earl Grey for presentation. Mr. Brooke read the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, which was approved of, ordered to be engrossed, and signed by the Moderator in name of the Synod. The Synod appoint Messrs. Brooke and Stewart a Deputation to present this Address to His Excellency.

The Synod adjourned to meet at Fredericton on the fourth Thursday of August 1849, and the proceedings were closed with prayer.

JOHN M. BROOKE.
Synod Clerk.

PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

We take leave to direct the attention of our readers throughout the Province to the claims which this excellent and admirably managed Institution presents to them for aid, as these are detailed in the Statement which is subjoined. It will be seen that, in order to do justice to their interesting charge, the Directresses were compelled to erect a building of their own; and, but for the unpropitious character of the times, there is no doubt that they would have succeeded in doing so without the necessity of a public appeal for funds. Unfortunately many persons, who in more prosperous circumstances had generously subscribed for the purpose of erecting an Asylum, are now unable to fulfil the obligations thereby incurred; and there is great danger, unless others promptly supply their places, of this valuable charity being seriously crippled in its means of usefulness. The sum required to render the building tenable is not large; and, when it is considered that the usefulness of the Asylum is not confined either to the City or District of Montreal, but, on the contrary, that many of the Orphans, whose education and maintenance are faithfully and affectionately cared for, come from a distance, we think it not unreasonable to expect that a considerable accession of funds may be derived from different parts of the Province. Unlike many similar institutions, the watchfulness of those entrusted with the management of the Protestant Orphan Asylum does not expire with the residence of the children within the walls; much attention is paid in selecting proper Masters for them when able to do something for their own support, and thereafter a careful supervision is maintained over their progress as they advance in years.

The Protestant Orphan Asylum has existed in Montreal for twenty-six years, having been established in the year 1822 under the immediate auspices of the Clergymen of the Protestant Churches, by whom the Constitution of the Society was drawn up.

This charity has since been continued and supported by the voluntary contributions of the citizens of Montreal, aided, since the