

pure church; often when the Church has been feeble, she has been made strong. Work is the great secret of building up a church. Different principles cannot be united. If the Church of Scotland has been right in the past, she's right now. If the Free Church has been right in the past, she's right now. He noticed the usefulness of patronage in its day—it has been done away, for the good of the Church, both in this and in the old country.

Mr. John McMurchy spoke of the kindness of the people of London. He had listened with great pleasure to the speeches that had been made on behalf of the Mother Church, to which he was deeply attached.

Mr. T. A. McLean, of Toronto, said that he was proud of following in the footsteps of his father in his love for the Church of Scotland. He reviewed the past proceedings of the Church in her efforts to secure union. He noticed the illegal introduction of the question of Union into the Synod. At Ottawa the majority committed a great wrong, and the same violation of law was done at Toronto in 1874. The Union was illegally constituted at Montreal. The Union bills and acts of the Legislative assemblage of Ontario and Quebec were condemned, and the hurry which characterized the passing of those acts. The interests of over 100,000 people, and property to the value of some millions, were disposed of in a few brief hours. Mr. Brynner had strenuously opposed the bills in Quebec, and the bills then were modified. Opposition was made to this modification in Quebec by meetings in Toronto and elsewhere. The legality of these bills will soon be tested, and we shall take care to let our views be known to our beloved citizens throughout the Provinces. He (Mr. McLean) looked forward to the time when the Church

with renewed vigor, and in the future would carry out those beneficent views which have, during her whole existence, characterized the history of our Church. Sordid feelings were at the bottom of this Union, for one of the most prominent advocates had said that he, and those acting with him, would only enter the Union if they could carry the property with them.

The speaker finished his remarks by invoking an answer from the Hearer of Prayer to the earnest supplications presented for the peace of our Zion.

After singing the last two verses of the 73rd Psalm the benediction was pronounced, and the meeting separated.

To-day, up till one o'clock, the whole business has been the consideration by committees of matters which will come before Synod on reports.

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CLOSING ADDRESS BY THE REV. GAVIN LANG, MODERATOR.

Fathers and Brethren,—The purpose for which we assembled as a Synod has now been accomplished, and it must, I think, be the feeling of one and all of us that our meeting has been profitable as it has been comfortable. We have had many questions of interest, some of them of vital moment, before us, and to the consideration of these we have given the attention which they deserved and demanded. Some of the measures, on which we have agreed, have been necessarily of a protective character. We exhibit the spectacle to the world of a Church with undoubted and sacred rights, but despoiled of a large portion, the larger portion, of our endowments and possessions; and we are literally without any real security for the continuance of such of our property as seems still to belong to us. The same power and persons that have trampled upon