

forgotten—his preaching has already been attended, we believe, with blessed results—and the eloquence and noble appeals of Mr. Wright have left their echoes among us, and we believe are still vibrating in the hearts of hundreds who listened to them. The original tones of one of the addresses, at least in the shape of the published sermon, we hope soon to have with us. We know that that sermon was in great part an extemporaneous effort; and it seemed to be dictated by large-hearted zeal for the interests of these Provinces. Mr. Wright has an orator's power, but he has what is far better, a Christian minister's spirit. May his talents be under the sanctifying influence of Divine grace, and be ever employed in pleading with a noble fervour the cause of that master whom he serves, and in whose cause the highest oratory may be safely and well expended! Oratory is never so safely, or so admirably, employed, as when it is anointed with the fervours of a Christian spirit, and directed by Him who can chain every passion to the triumphs of His own cause.

#### FREE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

The Free Church Presbytery of Halifax met in the Free College on Wednesday, Nov. 9th. 1853. Sederunt—Rev. Professor King, Moderator, Rev. Professor Lyall, and Mr. Farquharson, Elder.—Mr. Lyall was appointed clerk *pro tempore*.

Rev. Mr. McLean, Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland, being present, was requested to take his seat as a member of court. Mr. King stated that he had fulfilled the instructions of Presbytery in reference to the moderation of a call to Mr. George Sutherland, preacher of the gospel, from the congregations of Lawrencetown, Lake Porter, and Musquodoboit Harbour. The call was laid on the table, with 107 names appended, 40 of these being communicants. It was stated that more names were expected to be adhibited to the call, but the parties entrusted with the obtaining of these names were not present. The Presbytery sustained the call, but in the absence of Mr. Sutherland took no further steps in reference to it.

Mr. Howard Steele appeared with application for admission to the Theological classes, with a view to preparation for the ministry. Mr. Steele produced a certificate from Rev. Mr. Romans, that he had attended classes for Latin and

Greek, at Dalhousie College, during the sessions 1838-9, '9-40, '40-41; and in absence of certificates from the other Professors in that institution of attendance at their classes, Mr. Steele's statement was received, that he had attended the classes for Logic, Moral Philosophy, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy. Mr. Steele assigned as reason that he had no certificates of attendance upon the above classes, that the college was broken up before he could obtain them, and that the Professors in the above departments were now dead.

Mr. Steele having been examined in the different subjects in the preparatory departments of learning, and having acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery, was declared duly admissible to the Theological classes.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 4 p.m. The Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment Sederunt *ut supra*. Rev. Mr. Wright, Deputy of the Free Church of Scotland, being present, was requested to take his seat as a member of Court.

The following students were examined previous to entering the Theological Hall: for the third year, Messrs. Wm. Murray, Alex. Ross, Hector McKay, Alex. Smith, Thos. Geo. Johnstone, George Munro; for the second year, Messrs. Neil McKay, Alex. McKay, James Fowler, Kenneth McKenzie; for the first year, Mr. Chas. Ross. The Presbytery expressed itself highly satisfied with the progress indicated by the students.

Rev. Professor King was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Dartmouth on Sabbath the 20th inst.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on Wednesday, 23d inst.

Halifax, Nov. 23d, 1853.

Which day the Free Presbytery of Halifax met and was constituted. Present, Rev. Professor King, Moderator, Rev. Alex. Forrester, Rev. Prof. Lyall, Ministers, and Messrs. Farquharson and Smith, Elders.

The minutes of last two ordinary meetings were read and sustained.

The Moderator stated that a considerable number of names had been added to the call given by the congregations of Musquodoboit Harbour, Lake Porter, and Lawrencetown, to Mr. George Sutherland, viz., 125 adherents and 34 communicants, which, with those already subscribed, amounted in all to 232 adherents and 74 communicants.