

town, Canada, then vacant by the death, some years before, of the much esteemed and venerable John Bethune, first minister of the Church of Scotland settled in Canada. The circumstances of the times rendered the steps of calling an unseemly, an unheard pastor necessary; and, though hazardous and unadvisable in any circumstances, in the present case it proved a mutual blessing. By special permission Mr. McKenzie was accordingly ordained in 1819 by the Presbytery of Aberdeen as pastor over that congregation, among whom he laboured with apostolic simplicity and faithfulness to the period of his death, being 36 years.

He found himself, on his arrival at Williamstown, the only minister of the Church of Scotland, in Upper Canada, and was justly regarded, from that time as being next to Mr. Bethune the father of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and accordingly on the first formation of the Synod of the Church in 1831, Mr. McKenzie was unanimously chosen Moderator. He lived to see the Synod increased into 6 Presbyteries, and its ministers to 80 members,—a number which, but for the calamitous Secession of 1811, consequent upon the disruption of the Church of Scotland, would have been more than doubled.

In person Mr. McKenzie was of a slight frame, but of great activity and endurance. Like his master he was continually going about doing good. In intellect, Mr. McKenzie was more clear than commanding. In style he was remarkable for his taste and correctness, and his judgment was sound and eminently practical. Susceptible of strong partialities and antipathies, he was a warm friend and a manly opponent. But great benevolence of heart was his distinguishing characteristic. No one ever appealed to his sympathy in vain. His hand was ever open to the poor, and the afflicted and distressed always found in him the sympathizing friend and comforter. As a husband and a relation, he was most devoted and dutiful. As a neighbour and member of society, no man ever gained more the good will and respect of all who approached him, without distinction of name or party. At his burial, Roman Catholics vied with Protestants in doing him honor.

In his ministerial and pastoral relations, Mr. McKenzie was eminently successful and useful, as a preacher his style and manner were unassuming and unimpassioned, but always chaste, practical and pleasing. But it was as a pastor that he shone, rather than as a preacher. In the pastoral field few had attained to greater success, whether that success be measured by the salutary influence, he obtained over his flock, or by the respect and affection with which he was regarded by them in return.

Mr. McKenzie did that which few pastors can venture with impunity; he interested himself minutely and extensively in the temporal dealings and concerns of the people, and that in a manner that often benefited them, while his pastoral influence remained uninjured and undiminished; and all this as the result of the deep conviction, created by all his dealings, of his simple-hearted and disinterested beneficence. In a word he taught and influenced his people more by his blameless life than by his persuasive words.

As a member of Church courts Mr. McKenzie was well-informed and efficient, but never obtrusive nor dogmatical; and as his brethren in days past, felt strengthened and encouraged by his presence and counsel, so we are this day called to mourn at seeing his seat vacant, and to sorrow that we shall no more see his

face, nor hear his voice raised up among us.

Faithfully and imperfectly as the characters of these two brethren in Christ just removed from their midst have thus been delineated, they will abundantly serve to show how deep and solemn is the call made this day upon this Presbytery for sorrow and lamentation.

While then we would humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and lie low before Him, and would acknowledge in these bereavements, His righteous and sovereign will, we would at the same time call upon our souls to be stirred up to greater diligence and faithfulness in the work of the Lord.

On an application from the congregations of Williamstown, and Martintown through their Elders, 7 of whom were present, for the services of a Missionary, the Presbytery appointed Mr. Donald MacDonald, Student of Divinity, Queen's College, to act as a Catechist within the bounds of Martintown, Williamstown and Lochiel, for 6 months, his time being equally divided among them. This appointment appears to give great satisfaction to the people among whom he is to labour, and promises much future good, as Mr. MacDonald is able to address them in the language they love, that of the Gael.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. McPherson and Mr. Scott to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the congregation at Martintown on the second Sabbath of June next; Mr. Urquhart to preach on Friday, and Mr. McLean on Saturday.

The Presbytery appointed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be dispensed in the congregation of Williamstown, on the fourth Sabbath of June next, Mr. Macpherson to preside, and to make such arrangements as may be necessary with such members of other Presbyteries, as are expected to take part in the services.—16.

### St. John's Church, Dalhousie.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met in St. John's Church, Dalhousie, on the 10th of May last, for the induction of the Rev. Alex. Forbes into the Pastoral charge of that congregation. The Rev. James Murray, Minister of St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, presided, and preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Luke xiv. 22: "And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room." He then put the usual questions to the Rev. Mr. Forbes, and having received satisfactory answers thereto, he admitted him as Minister of St. John's Church, Dalhousie, and briefly addressed the Minister and Congregation on their respective duties.

There was a good Congregation present, and at the dismissal of the Congregation the Rev. Mr. Forbes received a hearty welcome from those over whom he was placed in the Lord.

### Synod of the Church of Scotland.

(From the Montreal Gazette)

At Montreal, the 30th day of May, the Synod, after an earnest and faithful sermon by the Rev. J. Williamson, L.L.D., Moderator, from 1 Cor. iii. 7,—“So then neither is he that planteth anything neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase”—met according to appointment in St. Andrew's Church, and was constituted with prayer. The Synod Roll was then made up from the Presbytery Rolls and the names of members called over.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. Alexander MacKil of Goderich was unanimously elected and took the Chair.

Dr. Matheson then called attention to the roll which had just been read. Names of those they have been accustomed to meet in fellowship with were there, recalling the old familiar countenances of friends, but alas! they were not. In the short interval since the last meeting of Synod death had been busy; the stroke had fallen heavily, and five of their number, including the father of the Synod, the Rev. J. McKenzie, had been called away. He feelingly alluded to the circumstances attending these removals, and faithfully portrayed the characters of the departed, and then stated that these events were a loud and important call, 1st, to earnest prayer to God for his help, 2dly, to increased exertions, looking to Him to bless them. After the close of Dr. Matheson's address, on the nomination of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Urquhart engaged in prayer. Thereafter, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Matheson, the Rev. Messrs. Urquhart and Geo. Bell were appointed a committee to prepare a minute expressing the sense of the Synod of its bereavement and its humiliation before God, and further, to suggest steps for supplying the vacant congregations, especially those requiring Gaelic preachers.

A committee was then appointed to revise the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of two trustees for Queen's College, Kingston, when the retiring Trustees were elected.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, when the Hon. John Hamilton and W. Edmonstone, Esq., were re-elected.

The Synod then appointed a Committee on Bills and Overtures to meet at four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Presbytery Clerks were instructed to place the Records of Presbytery on the table.

Leave was given to Presbyteries to sit in Montreal during the meeting of the Synod when Synod was not in session.

The Synod agreed to meet at half-past nine daily, and adjourn for an hour at one and six o'clock respectively.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock the same evening.

At the meeting in the evening, the Committees on Bills and Overtures reported an overture anent the appointment of corresponding members to the Synods of the Church in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and commended it to the support of the Synod. The overture in appropriate terms set forth the advantages of wider intercourse, and invited the Synods in the Lower Provinces to appoint corresponding members to this Synod.

Mr. Alex. Morris supported the overture. He referred to the position of the Church in the Lower Provinces, detailed its exertions and struggles, and pointed out some of the advantages which would be derived from interchange of sympathies, Queen's College would be benefited. Already three students from Nova Scotia were at that institution; and instead of attempting to organize a College of their own, the people of the Lower Provinces should in the meantime take advantage of Queen's College. He also referred to close union as likely to be the result.

Rev. Dr. Mathison, seconded the motion—thought freer intercourse with the brethren in the Lower Provinces very desirable, Presbyterianism was peculiarly catholic in its spirit,