

CHURCHING OF THE NEW JUDGE—In accordance with ancient custom, Lord Glencorse, the new Lord Justice-Clerk, attended divine service in the Court pew at the High Church on Sunday. The right hon. the Lord President occupied the chair, supported on the right by the Lord Justice-Clerk, and on the left by Lord Neaves, all robed as Judges of Session and attended by the mace-bearers. The Town-Council occupied the front seat in the opposite gallery, presided over by Deacon Tibbotts, Convener of the Incorporated Trades of Edinburgh, in the absence of the Lord Provost and magistrates (except Bailie Forrester, who had been detained a few minutes after the usual time for proceeding to church). The Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of St. Thomas's, Leith, presided.

CLERICAL PRESENTATION.—The Earl of Zetland has presented the Rev. James Prophit, assistant-minister of Alloa, to the church and parish of Dunrossness, vacant by the death of the Rev. John Charteris.

A BLIND PREACHER.—An interesting sight was witnessed in the parish church of Peterculter, Deeside, on Sabbath last. Mr. Corbet, a young man lately licensed by the Presbytery of Aberdeen by authority of the General Assembly of the Established Church, preached on that occasion a very suitable discourse on the passage describing the conversion of Zaccheus. He also conducted all the service, read the Psalms to be sung, and also a chapter from Scripture—of course from copies printed in raised letters for the blind. The service was thus rendered a very interesting one; and, as the fact of the blind preacher being to officiate had been previously known, there was a very large attendance.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of New Brunswick, in connection with the Church of Scotland

DIET I.

At Newcastle, and within Saint James's Church there,—Thursday the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight years—

The which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met by appointment. After Sermon by the Rev. Peter Keay, A. M., Moderator, on the Text, 2 Cor. iv. 4, "The glorious Gospel," &c., the Synod was constituted with Prayer, by the said Rev. Peter Keay.

The Presbytery Rolls having been given in by the respective Clerks, the Roll was made up and read over.

Sederunt the Rev. James Steven, Rev. Wm. Henderson, A. M., Rev. Wm. Stewart, Rev. James Murray, Rev. Wm. Macrobie, Rev. J. M. Brooke, D. D., Rev. Wm. Donald, A. M., Rev. Peter Keay, A. M., Rev. William Murray, Rev. Henry J. M'Lardy, B. A., Ministers; with Messrs. Wm. Napier, James Miller, Roderick McLeod, Donald McNaughton, and John Waddell, M. D., Elders.

The Rev. James Mair produced a Commission from the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, appointing him a Corresponding Member and Delegate to attend this Synod: which being read and sustained, Mr. Mair was cordially welcomed, took his seat as

a Member of Court, and his name was added to the Roll.

The Clerk read Letter from the Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, of Montreal, stating that, owing to unavoidable circumstances, neither the Rev. Dr. Cook, who had been appointed Corresponding Member from the Synod of Canada to the Synods of the Lower Provinces, nor the Rev. Thomas Macpherson, his alternate, would be able to leave home so as to be present at the Meeting of Synod this year. And that Alex. Morris, Esquire, a lay Member, who had also been nominated a Delegate from the Synod of Canada, was prevented from fulfilling his appointment by the alarming illness of his aged father.

The Synod resolved to record their deep regret at being deprived of the countenance and advice of any of their esteemed brethren from Canada, and, learning that the illness of Mr. Morris's father had since terminated in his death, they desire to express their warmest sympathy with him, under the painful bereavement which he has sustained.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Wm. Macrobie, being nominated by Mr. Keay, the retiring Moderator, was unanimously chosen, and took the Chair accordingly.

The minutes of the several Diets during the Meeting held at Fredericton in the month of July, last year, were read and approved of.

The Synod appointed the Moderator, the Clerk, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Donald, Mr. Keay, Wm. Napier, Esquire, and James Miller, Esq., a Committee of Bills and Overtures, instructing them to meet to-morrow, at nine o'clock, A. M., and all Papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee.

Mr. Donald stated that, owing to indisposition, Mr. Ross had been prevented from attending this Meeting of Synod, his excuse was sustained. No apology was received from Mr. Forbes, nor Mr. Hunter.

It was agreed that, during this present sitting of Synod, there should be an interval daily, from 2 to 3 o'clock.

The Synod authorized Presbyteries to meet on the summons of their respective Moderators, during the days when the Synod is assembled, at any time when it is not actually in Session.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were produced, and the members of each Presbytery were appointed a Committee to examine the Records of the other. The Moderator, in each case, to be Convener.

The Synod resolved that some portion of time each day, during their Session, before commencing business, should be spent in devotional exercises, and appointed Dr. Brooke, Mr. Donald, Mr. Mair, and Mr. Keay, to conduct the same.

The Synod called for the Annual Report of the exertions that had been used in the several Congregations within their bounds, in aid of Benevolent and Missionary objects, and the same was given in by all the Ministers present.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, it was resolved, that thanks be given to the Rev. Peter Keay, the late Moderator, for his very excellent and suitable Sermon preached this day at the opening of the Synod.

Thanks were accordingly given to Mr. Keay from the chair, to which he made a suitable reply.

The Synod called for the usual Statistical Returns, and the same were given in by all the Ministers present.

The Synod made the following appointments for preaching on Sabbath:—

St. James's Church, Newcastle, Morning, Mr. Mair, Evening, Mr. William Murray
St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Morning, Mr. Donald, Afternoon, Mr. Mair.
Black River, Morning and Afternoon, Messrs. Stewart and M'Lardy.

Red Bank &c. Morning and Afternoon, Messrs. Steven and Macrobie.

Tabusmac and Burnt Ch. Morning and Afternoon, Mr. Keay.

At the request of the Rev. John McCurdy of the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia, Dr. Brooke was appointed to preach in his Church in Chatham, in the evening.

Mr. James Murray stated that he had been requested by the Minister of the Wesleyan Chapel in Chatham, to request that a Member of Synod might be appointed to preach there on the evening of Sabbath, and the Rev. Mr. M'Lardy was appointed accordingly.

The Rev. Wm. Murray reported that, on account of its being inconvenient for Mr. Ross, of St. Andrews, to attend the Meeting of the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, as Corresponding Member from this Synod, he, having been nominated as his alternate, had attended in his stead; and, to the best of his ability, had discharged the duties devolving upon him. Whereupon, on motion of Dr. Brooke, it was resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to Mr. Murray, which was accordingly done by the Moderator.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M. Closed with the Benediction.

DIET II.

At St. James's Church, Newcastle, the sixteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.—

The Synod met according to adjournment. Sederunt as yesterday, with the exception of Mr. Donald McNaughton. Some time was spent in devotional exercises, consisting of singing to the praise of God, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, which services were conducted by Dr. Brooke. The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported that they had met this morning according to instructions, and that several Overtures had been laid before them, all of which they had agreed to transmit to the Synod. The titles of the said Overtures were then read, and the Synod resolved to take them up, when the business on the Minutes had been exhausted.

Mr. Donald, as Convener of the Committee of the Bursary Fund, gave in the Report; and the same, being read, was approved of, ordered to be kept in *relentis*, and to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Synod re-appointed the Committee, consisting of Mr. Donald, Dr. Brooke, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Ross, Mr. William Napier, and Mr. Wm. Girvan, with the addition of Mr. M'Lardy. Mr. Girvan continued Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the Synod resolved to admit Master George Caie, son of Mr. James Caie, Postmaster, Chatham, to the benefit of the Funds at the disposal of this Committee, he being about to enter at Queen's College, Canada, as a student in the literary classes, with the view of pursuing his studies for the ministry. And, on motion of Mr. Donald, it was also resolved to keep in view Master W. T. Wilkins of Saint John, now a scholar in the Grammar School there, so as to