

this Province, a basis it was mentioned originally drawn up by the Rev Mr McNaughton, then of Paisley, now of Belfast, but no copy of it was before the Conference. The universal feeling however seemed to be that the differences of principle between the two bodies, if any such there be, are not sufficient to prevent a cordial and harmonious union.

A long and friendly conversation then ensued on a variety of points causing obstacles in the way of union. Some of these were matters on which feelings had been excited in times past, but mutual explanations were given in the most friendly spirit, which seemed to be acceptable on both sides—misunderstandings were removed—and feelings of brotherly love strengthened. The general feeling being that the two Synods should not now stop at co-operation it was resolved, "That having conversed on the obstacles in the way of union, the Conference find that these obstacles diminished or were entirely dissipated as they were examined, and therefore agree to report to each of the Presbyteries of which it is composed a recommendation to overture their respective Synods to resume negotiations for union."

The conference also agreed to recommend to its members a more frequent interchange of pulpits, united prayer meetings, and such other services as will tend to promote greater cordiality and increased christian affection among ministers and members of both Churches.

It being now past midnight proceedings were closed with prayer by the Rev Alexander Campbell of Lochaber.

Thus terminated one of the happiest meetings it was ever our privilege to attend. The spirit manifested throughout was excellent, giving pleasing evidence of the presence of the God of love and peace. We could have wished that some of our politicians who have railed at Protestant ministers for their want of union (although they are the persons who excite division for their own selfish ends) had been present. What a contrast to the scenes of angry contention, and personal recrimination, which the political arena presents. The meeting showed that in this part of the Church the Ministers, as far as their feelings are concerned, might unite at once, and we believe that with the exception of some half dozen rabid politicians, the people are equally ready for a union. We hope that this is the earnest of good things

to come, and that ere long not over two Presbyteries alone, but over the two Synods, they may become like the sticks of Judah and of Joseph, one in the Lord's hand, then will be heard the acclamation, "Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." "As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the Mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

CALLS.—The congregation of Central Church, West River, on Tuesday, 25th inst., gave a unanimous call to the Rev James Thomson to be their pastor. On the same day a call was also moderated to Mr Thomson in the congregation of Mabou.

Notices, Acknowledgments, &c

SYNODICAL NOTICES.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia will meet in Prince Street Church, Pictou, on the third Wednesday of June (16th) at half-past 7 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev George Patterson, the Moderator.

The attention of Sessions is called to the following subjects:—

1st. All Sessions are required to forward answers to the Statistical questions.

2nd. All Sessions were directed to report on the subject of Temperance according to resolution of 1856, and specially respecting the measures adopted for carrying out the resolution of 1853, which is as follows:—"That, as the traffic in intoxicating drinks is one involving the most destructive consequences, the Synod are of opinion that, in these days of light, those who follow it pursue a course inconsistent with the solemn engagements and important ends of a christian profession, and that Sessions be directed to use diligence in bringing the Church to a higher state of purity in this respect."

3rd. To examine and report their views upon the Revised Questions for Presbyterian Visitation as submitted by a committee of Synod last year. These questions will be found in the "Missionary Register" for March, 1858.

P. G. MCGREGOR,
Synod Clerk.

Halifax, May 27th, 1858.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures will meet at James' Cottage, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 8th inst., at 11 A. M. All papers intended to be laid before the ensuing meeting of Synod must be forwarded by this date, unless special reasons can be assigned to the satisfaction of the committee.

JAMES BAYNE, Convener.

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