

gence, Mr. McKay gave in a Report of his attendance at the Synod of New-Brunswick, last year, at Miramichi, which was highly satisfactory.

The following Correspondents were appointed for the present year:

To the Synod of New-Brunswick, the Rev. Thomas Duncan, Minister at Charlotte-Town.

To the Synod of Canada, the Rev. Alex. McGillivray, Minister at McLennan's Mountain; and, in the event of the latter not being able to attend to this duty, the Synod also appointed the Rev. Allan Pollok, Minister at New Glasgow, to supply his place.

The following Members were appointed a Committee to revise all the Minutes of this Synod, and instructed to meet at the close of the Sederunt, viz, the Rev. Dr. Barclay and Mr. Pollok.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, the Synod adjourned to meet at Charlotte-Town on the last Wednesday of June, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-eight years, whereof public intimation having been made, the Synod closed its proceedings.

Missionary Meeting in Fredericton.

A very interesting meeting was held on Monday evening, the 27th of July, in St. Paul's Church, in this city, (Fredericton), in connexion with the Synod of New-Brunswick, which has recently been in session.

The Rev. Peter Keay, of Nashwaak, the Moderator of the Synod, occupied the Chair. After singing a portion of the cxxii. Psalm, the Rev. James Steven, of Restigouche, offered up a very impressive prayer.

The meeting was then addressed by the Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Toronto, who gave a very pleasing account of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and her exertions in the cause of education, referring chiefly to Queen's College, Kingston, which has been reared up under her superintendence with the view of training young men for the Ministry within her own bounds.

The Rev. Wm. Henderson, of Newcastle, Miramichi, gave a most gratifying account of the operations of the Scottish Ladies' Society for Promoting Female Education in India. The object of the Society is to take charge of Hindoo girls who have been left orphans, or who have been abandoned by their parents, to give them a useful education, and especially to instruct them in the principles of the Christian faith. Through the exertions of this Society, Orphanages have been established at the three British Presidencies in India, and a large number of orphan girls have been received there. Many of the Sabbath Schools, both in Scotland and the Colonies, have undertaken to support each an orphan at one of these Institutions, and the practice is likely to become still more generally adopted. The good results of this scheme have already been witnessed both at home and in India, and, by the blessing of God, it is hoped it will be the means of carrying true religion to the hearts and

homes of many families in that benighted land.

The Rev. Wm. Macrobie, of Tabusintac, addressed the meeting on the Church of Scotland, and the various philanthropic and Christian schemes which she has now in operation. Mr. Macrobie has lately left his native land to labor in the Colonial vineyard, and it was very gratifying to all the lovers of our Church to learn that, after having passed through the fire, she has come forth purified and strengthened; that never were her Ministers more earnest and faithful—never were the ordinances better attended by her people, and never were more life and energy displayed in carrying on every plan for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The Rev. David Stott, of Woodstock, gave a brief but interesting account of the progress of our Church in the upper part of the Province. The present place of worship at Woodstock, being situated at the upper village, was inconvenient for the great body of the congregation, and steps were now being taken to erect a suitable building in Woodstock proper. A new Church had been erected at Northampton, seven miles below, on the banks of the River Saint John, where he, (Mr. S.), regularly preached, and where there was the prospect of a considerable congregation being formed. He had, also, lately visited Tobique, where he found a large number of Presbyterian families, anxious to enjoy the services of a Minister of our Church, and willing to contribute to his support. He purposed, also, at an early period, to visit Grand Falls, where a number of adherents of our Church reside, and where a lot has been purchased as a site for a place of worship in connexion therewith.

The Rev. John Hunter, of Richmond, corroborated what had been stated by Mr. Stott. As a proof of the progress of the Presbyterian cause, he stated that, when he commenced his labors in Richmond and Woodstock, less than ten years ago, there was no Presbyterian Minister, of any denomination, above Fredericton. Now there were six or seven, and although all did not belong to our Church, they adhered to the same standards, and preached the same doctrines. His congregation in Richmond had recently completed a handsome and commodious Church, chiefly by their own exertions, in which Divine service was now performed. In many settlements in the upper country, also, adherents of our Church, in considerable numbers, were to be found, and there was an increasing demand for the services of Missionaries or Ministers belonging to her.

The Rev. Wm. Donald gave some account of the Bursary and Home Mission Funds, now in operation under the direction of the Synod. The object of the former is to aid young men, natives of the Province, or residing therein, in pursuing their studies with a view to the Ministry. Three young men, now studying in Scotland, were receiving out of this Fund £20 sterling yearly. One of these would soon be prepared to

return to the Province as a Preacher—another would follow him next year, and the third at a subsequent period—all of them bound personally and by surety, to give their services as Missionaries or Ministers in this country, for a period of not less than three years. This scheme seems to be the most likely to supply the lack of Missionaries, which has been felt so long, and so deeply deplored.

The object for which the latter fund has been established was to aid weak congregations, to assist in paying the expenses of Missionaries and Ministers in visiting destitute settlements, to pay the expenses of Corresponding Members to Canada and Nova Scotia, and a portion of the expenses of members attending Church Courts within our own bounds. The Fund, as yet, has not been sufficient to meet all the objects contemplated, but it is hoped, ere long, it will be so increased as to admit of a wider application.

The Rev. Peter Keay, Moderator of the Synod, then delivered his concluding address in a very earnest and feeling manner, and, after singing and the benediction, the meeting separated, and the Synod adjourned to meet at Newcastle, on the third Thursday of July, 1858.

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From our Correspondent in Canada.

A friend handed to me, the other day, the numbers for July and August of *The Christian Instructor and Missionary Register of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia*, each containing an editorial article on which your correspondent proposes to make some observations. The first begins with a reference to an article in a previous number, on recent efforts to form a congregation in Charlotte-Town, the object of which is said to have been "To remove an impression which appeared to have been produced in certain quarters, that we were actuated by hostility to the Church of Scotland, and had taken advantage of Mr. Snodgrass' removal, to commence operations." As I have not seen that article, I am not aware of the statements advanced in it, with a view to remove the impression of hostility to the Church of Scotland. As far as the removal of Mr. Snodgrass is concerned, I have no doubt it was satisfactorily shown that the formation of a congregation at Charlotte-Town was contemplated before anything was known respecting the movements of Mr. Snodgrass. If the impression alluded to had any existence on this ground, it was unfounded, for the simple reason that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia had appointed certain of its members to visit Charlotte-Town, and, indeed, had closed its proceedings before it could be known that Mr. Snodgrass had determined on removing to Montreal.

It has become very evident that the formation of a congregation at Charlotte-Town had been seriously contemplated and planned by the Presbytery in P. E. Island, for some time previous to their meeting of Synod, and that the Synod, acting on a reference from that Presbytery, made arrangements at their meeting in 1856, to assist them in accomplishing this object. What the Presbytery did, however, it