

ing to procure either an occasional or stated supply of the means of grace.

10. That this Society shall maintain a regular correspondence with the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, and the Committee of the Glasgow Colonial Society, and shall co-operate with these excellent Institutions for the furtherance of religion among the neglected Presbyterians throughout this Colony.

3rd.—*Moved* by the Rev. JOHN STEWART, seconded by ALEXANDER KEITH, Esq.—That this meeting view with great satisfaction the exertions which the Parent Church is now making, in aid of the Presbyterian population of this Colony, as well as the exertions already made, both by the *Glasgow Colonial Society*, in reference to this Province in general, and by the *Edinburgh Ladies' Association*, in relation to the Island of Cape Breton in particular.

4th.—*Moved* by the Rev. JOHN MARTIN, seconded by Major Matheson, 23d. Regt.—That the following gentlemen be the Office Bearers of the Society for the ensuing year:—

President, The Rev. The MODERATOR of the Synod.
Vice Presidents, CHARLES W. WALLACE, Esq. and the Rev. DONALD A. FRASER, of Lunenburg.

Treasurer, JAMES LEISHMAN, Esq.

Secretaries, The Rev. JAMES MORRISON, Lawrence Town, The Rev. JOHN STEWART, New Glasgow.

5th.—*Moved* by the Rev. DOUGLASS MCKICHAN, seconded by the Rev. JOHN ROSS,—That this Meeting feel thankful to God, for the measure of success which has already attended the labours of our Missionaries in this Province, and in commencing a new undertaking in this country, desire to look up to the Great Head of the Church, for his continued direction and blessing.

It was moved by the Rev. JOHN STEWART, and seconded by the Rev. DONALD A. FRASER, that the thanks of the meeting be given to the Chairman, which passed unanimously. A suitable prayer was then offered up by the Rev. J. McINTOSH, and the meeting concluded with praise and the Apostolic benediction.

SYNOD OF THE SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

The following Address from the Synod of the Church of Scotland assembled at Montreal, was presented on the 30th August, to His Excellency the Governor General, by the Rev. Dr. COOKE, Moderator of the Assembly, on behalf of the Synod.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN GEORGE EARL OF DORHAM, Viscount Lambton, &c. &c., Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and Governor General, Vice Admiral and Captain General of all Her Majesty's Provinces within and adjacent to the Continent of North America, &c. &c. &c.

MY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, beg leave to congratulate your Excellency on your arrival in this Province, and to assure you that we entertain a grateful sense of the favour of Her Majesty, in appointing to the North American Provinces, a nobleman whose great experience in public affairs and perfect freedom from local

influences, gives auspicious promise of the future peace and tranquility of these Provinces and of their permanent connection with the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

We have further to express our prayer and hope, that Your Excellency in the performance of the duties with which Her Majesty has entrusted you, may be directed in all your measures by the counsel of God, that you may be protected by his Providence, that you may receive for your good endeavours, the thanks of the British Nation, and that when called to a higher state of existence, you may receive the reward of immortality.

In name and by authority of the Synod.

JOHN COOK, D. D.
Moderator.

At Montreal, 6th August, 1838.

His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

I request you to accept my sincere thanks for your kind congratulations.

These friendly assurances cannot fail to lighten the burthen of that arduous office to which you allude. I undertook it with feelings of the deepest reluctance, and nothing could have induced me to accept it, but the hope that I might usefully serve my Sovereign and my country, and advance the interests of all classes in the North American Provinces.

I am now devoting the most unremitting attention and labour to the preparation of such measures as will, I trust, under Divine Providence, effect these objects. My endeavours must be materially assisted by the co-operation of intelligent and pious men like yourselves, and I therefore gratefully accept your declarations of esteem and confidence.

Castle of St. Lewis,
Quebec, 30th August, 1838.

CABINET OF THEOLOGY.

INSUFFICIENCY OF THE LIGHT OF NATURE.—The light of nature is never able to find out any way of obtaining the reward of bliss, but by performing exactly the duties and works of righteousness. From salvation, therefore, and life, all flesh being excluded this way, behold how the wisdom of God hath revealed a way mystical and supernatural, a way directing unto the same end of life by a course which groundeth itself upon the guiltiness of sin, and through sin desert of condemnation and death. For in this way the first thing is the tender compassion of God respecting us drowned and swallowed up in misery; the next is redemption out of the same by the precious death of a mighty Saviour, which hath witnessed of himself, saying *I am the way*—the way that leadeth us from misery unto bliss. This supernatural way God had in himself prepared before all worlds. The way of supernatural duty which to us he hath prescribed, our Saviour in the Gospel of St. John doth now, terming it by an excellency the work of God: "*This is the work of God that ye believe in him whom he hath*