

bear the name of Jesus, so that, whilst we grieve for our own loss, we rejoice in the triumphant departure of him whose lamented death calls us together."

Moved by Mr. John Stevenson, and seconded by Mr. John Stewart,

"That as a congregation we deeply and affectionately sympathize with the bereaved widow of the departed, whose gentle, meek and truly Christian deportment has deeply endeared her to us all; and our earnest prayer in regard to her is that He, who alone can support in the hour of trial, may comfort her in her anguish, and heal the wounds that earth cannot heal."

Moved by Mr. John Scott, and seconded by Mr. Hiram Colton,

"That, whilst we smart under God's stroke, we at the same time would humbly and submissively bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well; as a congregation, try to cultivate a spirit of harmony and mutual Christian love, and use all means as soon as possible to secure to ourselves another who may go out and come in amongst us and break the bread of life to us and our children."

Moved by Mr. John D. Quinn, and seconded by Mr. John Gordon,

"That Mr. John Stewart be appointed to attend the first meeting of the Presbytery of Bathurst, to be held in the City of Ottawa on the second Wednesday of September next, to lay the claims of this congregation before that Church Court, plead with them to use their influence in providing us with another pastor, in the mean time grant us Presbyterial supplies, and appoint Messrs. Morrison & Lindsay to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to this congregation at the earliest convenient date."

Moved by Mr. John Stewart, and seconded by Mr. John Fulford.

"That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the *Editors of the Presbyterian*, that our claims as a congregation may come before the Church at large, and young men, looking for a place in the vineyard in which to labour, may be induced to turn their attention towards us.

THE LATE MRS. DR. MATHIESON.

We had much pleasure in seeing lately at the workroom of Messrs. Hyatt & Co. the tablet about to be put up in St. Andrew's Church to the memory of the late wife of Rev. Dr. Mathieson. Its inscription tells its story:—

In Memory

of

CATHERINE ELIZABETH MACKENZIE,

Wife of the

REV. ALEX. MATHIESON, D.D.,

MINISTER OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Montreal,

Who died the 29th February, 1856,

Aged 33 years,

After a long illness, borne with Christian fortitude and resignation to the Divine will.

I am the Resurrection and the Life.—John xi, 25.

Endeared to all who knew her by a kind disposition and the lively interest she ever evinced in the prosperity of the Church, her friends have erected this Tablet to her memory.

The Tablet is very beautiful. It was designed by Mr. Lawford, of Messrs. Hopkins, Lawford & Nelson, and is in admirable keeping with the beautiful architecture of St. Andrew's Church.—*Montreal Gazette*.

THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

We are in receipt of the July number of the Halifax *Record*, and glean some intelligence from its columns.

Another missionary, the Rev. William McLaren, had been appointed to Prince Edward's Island.

The Rev. Mr. McRobie, from Scotland, had been inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregations of Tabusintac and Burntchurch, New Brunswick.

The Rev. David Stott gives a gratifying account of his charge at Woodstock, N.B., and Northampton. At the latter place an elegant church had been built, and at Woodstock collections were being made for the purpose of building a church.—Mr. Stott observes: "When we noticed one church lately in Canada expending £2000 on a spire for a church, we wished they would only have spared us a couple of hundreds or so;" and may not be aware that the church in question (Saint Andrew's, Montreal), in common with the other city charge in this city, has been always ready in devising liberal things. This year alone, besides their own efforts, which have been large, over £600 was raised between the two congregations in aiding weaker churches, such as Osna-bruck, Belleville, Three Rivers, and other places; and this liberality is their invariable characteristic. We have always emphatically found that in this city a good object will be cheerfully and liberally sustained.

Mr. Paton acknowledges through the *Record* the receipt of £15 from Schools in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island for the Orphanage; and we were glad to learn that the Synod, at its recent meeting, adopted this as one of its schemes, and also commended the *Juvenile Presbyterian* to the support of their people. We are rejoiced to see such constant evidence of steady and enlarging progress in the sister churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

OF THE

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

[Condensed from the *Edinburgh Evening Post*.]

The General Assembly of the National Church commenced its annual sittings on Thursday the 20th May. In accordance with ancient custom, on Wednesday evening Lord Belhaven and Stenton, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, received a civic deputation, headed by the Lord Provost, who presented to him the keys of the city, to whose custody his Grace again restored them in the usual complimentary manner.

An able discourse was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Crombie, of Seaton, the retiring Moderator, from 1 Cor. iv. 2—'Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful'

OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly having been duly constituted by devotional exercises, conducted by the retiring Moderator, the House proceeded to the

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Rev. Dr. Crombie then said—This Assembly having now been constituted, the first duty incumbent on you is to choose a Moderator to succeed me in this chair. The position in which the last General Assembly did me the honour to place me was one which I certainly thought myself little worthy of, but I have now great pleasure in proposing to you, according to the privilege hitherto granted to my predecessors, one whom I am certain every member of this Assembly will concur in thinking worthy to fill this chair—namely, Dr. James Robertson, Professor of Church History in the University of Edinburgh—(loud applause)—and, what gives him a still stronger claim on your attention and favour, he is the Convener of our Endowment Scheme, in which, as is known to all the Church, he labours most energetically. (Applause.) If I may be allowed so to speak, he has in a brief period of time endeavoured to overtake the work of past ages, which it would have been well for the Church, at the time when Scotland's inhabitants began to multiply, had it been going on all along, gradually providing for lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes. I trust the rev. Doctor will be long spared, not only to complete the work he has so well begun, but to see the fruits of it in his day and generation. It may be doubtful whether we should most admire the variety of his resources, the ingenuity of his plans, the energy of his zeal, his never yielding to disappointment, or his indomitable perseverance. His high talent and eloquence, often witnessed in this house, his extensive and accurate knowledge of the laws and practice of this Church, fit him admirably for presiding over your deliberations. I do not think it needful to say more to recommend Dr. Robertson to you. To do so would be a reflection on your discernment, and on your sense of gratitude towards him. I shall only add that it gives me much personal satisfaction to propose that you should now elect, as my successor in this chair, the Rev. Dr. James Robertson. (Loud applause.)

The nomination was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. Robertson was then introduced to the Assembly, and took his seat in the Moderator's chair amid the cordial applause of the House.

The Royal Commission and letter appointing Lord Belhaven as her Majesty's Representative at the Assembly were then read. In the latter communication her Majesty expressed her confidence that the deliberations of the House "would be guided by a spirit of enlightened wisdom and Christian charity, and that they would be marked by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the people committed to their charge."

A letter from the Very Rev. Principal Campbell, Aberdeen, resigning the Convener'ship of the Committee of Aids to Devotion was referred to the Committee, in order that they might recommend a successor in the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 22.

The General Assembly met again—Dr. Robertson, Moderator.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on Business brought up a report on the order in which business would be taken up.

REPORT ON PARISH SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLMASTERS.

Dr. Cook, St. Andrews, the Convener of the Committee on Parish Schools and Schoolmasters read the Report on this subject, and stated