

and their recommendation to the members of Court, to use their exertions to increase its circulation.

The same gentleman laid at the same time, before the Court, some interesting facts relating to the scheme for maintaining orphans in India, upon which the Synod came to the following deliverance :

The Synod having heard the Report of John Paton, Esq., Kingston, on the efforts of the friends of Sabbath-schools within the bounds of the Synod, for the maintaining of orphans in India, in connection with the scheme in the parent Church, record their sense of the importance of this scheme, both as affecting the temporal and spiritual welfare of India, and the good which is thereby accomplished in exciting and preserving zeal among the children of the church in behalf of missions in general, and earnestly recommend all Ministers to use their influence to extend the operations of this scheme.

The Synod passed a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks, at this stage of the proceedings, to Mr. Snodgrass, for his valuable assistance on this occasion, and his great services to the church during the period of his connection with the Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the same place on Monday.

[To be Concluded.]

Arrival of Missionaries

We are enabled this day to record a series of events which have never hitherto taken place in the history of our own Church, nor, so far as we are aware, in the history of any other religious denomination in this colony: the appointment and the safe arrival of not fewer than ten missionaries from Scotland within twelve months, to labor within the bounds of the Synod of Nova Scotia.

The Rev. Thomas Talloch, the tenth of these missionaries, arrived in the Cunard Steamer about the middle of last month, and is now preaching with great acceptance in the vacant congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou. By letters lately received in this city, he appears to be as much delighted with the people and the country, as they are with his ministrations.

Another missionary, the Rev. W. McLaren, has been appointed for Prince Edward Island, and may be now expected by the first arrivals.

The Colonial Committee certainly deserve the warmest thanks of our numerous adherents in this and the neighboring Provinces, for the extraordinary zeal and liberality which they have shown in favour of our infant Church in her present feeble condition. They have long known our wants, and they are now determined to do all in their power to supply them.

"With unfeigned thankfulness the Committee" state in their report to the General Assembly, "that during last year they have

sent no fewer than twenty-two ordained ministers to the Colonial vineyard,—some of them to fixed charges, where the want of religious ordinances was most pressing, and others to act as Missionaries in preaching the Gospel in extensive districts, to those who had for many years been deprived of that inestimable blessing.

Of this most gratifying number, it will be observed that eleven have been sent to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island; and the reason of this large preponderance in favour of these provinces it may be proper to explain. The field is a very extensive one, containing many thousands of our people; no misrepresentations regarding the Church, industriously circulated among them, no wearisome delays in providing them with pastors, nor the lonely situation of the two or three Ministers left within their vast territory, with little prospect of obtaining more,—for a moment shook their attachment to the Church in which they had been baptised, of which they had been privileged to become Members, and of which, in the country of their adoption, they cherished the most affectionate remembrances. All along they stood firm, and prayerfully looked for brighter days to themselves and their children. It rejoiced the Committee to be instrumental in bringing about, to a large extent, these brighter days to our beloved countrymen; and the communications which have been since received from the venerable Superintendent of Missions express their deep gratitude for the precious blessing which has been conferred upon them. By this large addition to the number of their Clergymen, their Presbyteries and Synod, comprehending the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, are not merely nominal bodies but courts in vigorous operation, to whose decision and counsel deference and weight are attached. Churches which had long been closed are re-opened, and the Gospel preached in them; families are again visited by messengers of salvation; the sick, and the bereaved, and the dying have the consolations of the Bible administered to them, and the young are trained in the sanctuary to serve Him whose gracious promise is: "I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me." At such a result your venerable House cannot be otherwise than gratified; and the Committee trust that the exertion which has been made in behalf of two of the most destitute of all our Provinces, will convince others not yet supplied that their wants will not be neglected—that the Church still remembers her expatriated children, and will spare no effort to provide them with the bread of life, and a full ecclesiastical organization.

Address to the Lieut. Governor from the Synod of Nova Scotia.

At eleven o'clock on Friday the 31st ult., a Deputation from the Synod of Nova Scotia in connexion with the Church of Scotland, consisting of the Rev. John Scott, Moderator of the Presbytery of Halifax; the Rev. John Martin, Superintendent of Missions; the Rev. George Boyd, Minister of St. Andrew's Church; Rev. Thomas Jardine, Mr. John Watt, and Mr. James Thomson, accompanied by his Worship the Mayor of Halifax, Hon. A. Keith, Hon. James McNab, William Murdoch, Esq., and James F. Avery, M. D., Esq., waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, at Government House, with the following

loyal Address, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the subjoined Reply:—

ADDRESS:

To His Excellency Major General Sir GASPARD DE MARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles Third of Spain, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, Chacolla of the name, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, beg leave to approach your Excellency, her Majesty's Representative in this Colony, with sentiments of profound respect and esteem, to assure your Excellency of our undiminished attachment to her Majesty's person and Government, and to the excellent institutions, civil and religious, of the Mother Country.

We have witnessed with the greatest gratification the continued prosperity of this Province under your Excellency's dignified and impartial administration, and are persuaded that the community at large entertain the fullest confidence in your Excellency's anxious desire to promote the welfare of all classes in the part of Her Majesty's dominions.

As a branch of one of the Established Churches of the Empire, we have uniformly endeavoured, and through grace strengthening, always shall endeavour, to inculcate upon our people sentiments of gratitude to God for the many blessings we enjoy under British rule, and of loyalty to our Queen—one of the best of earthly Sovereigns,—and those principles of virtue and morality, which have long distinguished the British race; and we fondly hope that our exertions in advancing these useful objects have not been altogether unsuccessful.

It is with unfeigned satisfaction that we are enabled to inform your Excellency, through the kindness of a beneficent Providence, directing and sustaining the exertions and liberality of the office-bearers and members of our Parent Church, the interests of Religion have been greatly promoted in the Mother Country, and in many of her distant Colonies; but in none more than the Province in which we live,—a large number of Ministers have been sent during the past year to labor within the jurisdiction of this Synod, enabling us to make an increased provision for the spiritual wants of our people in this happy and fertile Colony.

It is our earnest prayer to the Father of Mercies that he may bless you in your person and family, prosper your Administration, preserve your life, promote your happiness, and at last grant you the reward of the just.

Signed at New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, the 14th day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven Years.—In Name and Appointment of the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

ALEXANDER McKAY, M. A.

ALLAN FOLLOK, Synod Clerk.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

To the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland in Synod assembled.

REVEREND GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEWOMEN: The address which you have done me the honor to present to me, affords me the highest gratification.

With peculiar pleasure, I receive