

commend, Mr. Leitch to the Board of Trustees, they earnestly pray, that the future may enable the Canadian Church generally to say of him as the New Principal of Queen's College, and Professor of Divinity thereof, that "We have gotten a man from the Lord".

We have the honor to be your obedient Servants

JOHN BARCLAY, D.D.

ALEXANDER MORRIS, M.A.

Kingston, 9th November, 1859.

This report, as it states, was accompanied by a large number of very strong testimonials. The action of the Deputation was also endorsed very cordially by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, as will appear from a perusal of the Resolutions adopted by that body, of which we now subjoin a copy. We believe that the visit of this Deputation will contribute materially to the advancement of the general interests of the Canadian Church. It will be seen that the Committee desire a continuance of such intercourse. We believe it is probable that the Parent Church will occasionally depute some of its leading members to visit Canada. We are also informed that there is reason to believe that the Convener of the Colonial Committee may ere long visit this portion of the wide diocese, over which he so energetically presides. The resolutions are as follow:—

Extracts from Minutes of Meetings of Acting Committee of Colonial Scheme of the Church of Scotland held at Edinburgh.—

1st. Dated 11th August, 1859.

"The Rev. Dr. Barclay of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Barrister-at-law, Montreal, two members of a Deputation from the Trustees of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada, were introduced to the meeting by the Convener.

A letter from the Trustees, nominating the Deputation, having been read, Dr. Barclay and Mr. Morris were severally heard with reference to the object of their mission, viz., the election of a Principal for Queen's College, and also with reference to the state of that Institution generally.

The members of the Acting Sub-Committee severally, as well as through their Convener, expressed their great pleasure at meeting with the Deputation, their gratification with the cheering report submitted to them regarding the progress and success of Queen's College, and especially their grateful appreciation of the loyal attachment intimated both by the Deputation and the Trustees towards the Church of Scotland. And the Acting Sub-Committee unanimously resolved to do everything that lies in their power for the purpose of securing for Queen's College a Principal, who, as a Christian, a scholar, and a minister may reflect credit on the Church at Home, and prove a blessing to the Presbyterian population of our great North American Colonies."

2nd Special Meeting, 27th September, 1859.

"The Meeting having been constituted, the Rev. Dr. Barclay of Toronto and Alexander Morris, Esq. Barrister-at-law, Montreal, forming a Deputation from the Trustees of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada, were introduced by the Convener.

The Deputation reported that after extensive enquiry and mature deliberation they had resolved to recommend for the Principalship of Queen's College the Rev. William Leitch, M.

A. Monimail" and that they had much pleasure in being able to announce that his consent to accept of the appointment had brought the mission with which they were entrusted to what they deemed a most satisfactory conclusion. They further in the warmest terms expressed their gratitude for the cordial and friendly reception which they had met with from the Committee and from all the ministers and other office-bearers of the Church with whom they had come into contact; as well as for the ready assistance which they had everywhere received in the prosecution of their mission.

The Committee, having heard the statement of the Deputation, congratulated them on their selection, for the office of Principal and Primarius Professor of Divinity in that Institution, of a minister who is distinguished by great scientific acquirements as well as by all those moral and social qualities which, regulated as they believe them to be by religious principle, eminently fit him, in their opinion, for the office to which he has been designated. And the Committee confidently anticipate, while they earnestly pray, that, under the blessing of the great Head of the Church, the selection may, when formally completed, fulfil the highest expectations of all who are concerned in it by promoting the interests both of the mother-Church at home and of her loyal daughter in Canada, and by contributing to the Redeemer's glory through the advancement of His Kingdom in the World.

And the Committee, considering that the present is likely to be the last occasion on which they will have an opportunity of meeting the Deputation, unanimously resolved to record in the minute of the day their high appreciation of the frank, generous and thoroughly Christian spirit in which from first to last the Deputation had discharged the duties of their mission; and the Committee further unanimously resolved to express in the same abiding form their earnest desire, greatly strengthened if not altogether suggested by their meetings with the Deputation, that a direct personal intercourse, which is so satisfactory and instructive in itself as well as so conducive to mutual confidence and affection, should be permanently established between the Church of Scotland at Home and her zeal-hearted representative in Canada."

Extracted by

JOHN KEITH CLK: COL: COM.
1st October, 1859.

After the hearing of the Report, and the foregoing Resolutions and the Testimonials with which they were accompanied, the Board with entire unanimity and great cordiality, as we learn, took action in the manner indicated by the following extract with which we have also been favoured.

Extract from the Minutes of a general meeting of the Trustees of Queen's College, held on the 9th November, 1859.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay and Mr. Morris, Delegates to Scotland, presented their report, recommending for the office of Principal the Rev. William Leitch, minister of Monimail, and read certificates and testimonials in his favor.

Dr. Cook's letter resigning the office of Principal of Queen's College was referred to, and, he having expressed his adherence thereto, the Board agreed to accept his resignation, the same to take effect at the close of the present session.

And the Board, having entire confidence in the judgement of Dr. Barclay and Mr. Morris, confirmed, as it is, by that of the Colonial Committee, and of many distinguished ministers of the Church of Scotland, as to the eminent

qualifications of the Rev. Mr. Leitch, minister of Monimail, for the duties of Principal, did and hereby do appoint him Principal of Queen's College from and after the first day of June next.

And the Board desire to record their unfeigned thankfulness to God that an individual, of whom such high expectations may reasonably be formed, has expressed his willingness to accept the office.

It was further recorded that the thanks of the Board be respectfully tendered to the Convener and members of the Colonial Committee, and other ministers and members of the Church of Scotland, for their kindness and courtesy to the Deputation of the Board, and the warm interest they took in the object of their mission, and the Board warmly reciprocate the kindly sentiments expressed in the minute of the Committee.

Also resolved that the Board record its high sense of the eminent zeal and judgment displayed by Dr. Barclay and Mr. Morris, congratulate them on the success of their labours, and tender them their warm and deeply felt acknowledgements for the service they have rendered to the College and the Church.

Thereafter, on motion of A. Morris, Esq., seconded by the Rev. A. Spence, it was resolved that the Rev. Mr. Leitch, Monimail, the Rev. Wm. Stevenson, D.D., Leith, and D. Smith, Esq., W.S., Edinburgh, be respectfully invited to endeavour to procure an addition to the Library of Queen's College, by applying to the friends of the Church of Scotland for donations of suitable books, and that a catalogue of the present Library be forwarded to them, the Board hereby representing that thus a substantial service would be rendered to the Institution.

We are sure our readers will all heartily rejoice, that such a man has agreed to cast in his lot with us, and will most cordially unite in the prayer with which the Deputation close their Report, that the future may abundantly enable our Canadian Church, to say of the new Principal of Queen's College "We have gotten a man from the Lord." May the Great Head of the Church add His blessing and make Queen's College and her Principal in His hands, honoured instruments for the spread of true and undefiled religion among us.

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

TO CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES AND OTHERS.

The Committee of the Synod on Correspondence with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland intend to transmit to that body on the 15th of February next a statement of the existing vacant congregations and Mission Stations. They request Clerks of Presbyteries, in accordance with the object the Synod had in view in their appointment, to furnish them with the requisite information as regards their several Presbyteries, specifying, as to vacancies, how long vacant, number of families, probable stipend, number of adherents, whether possessed of church, manse, &c. or glebe; and giving like information as to Mission Stations. The Committee trust that they will be promptly furnished with the information they require.