

frequently present during the few days we remained in Halifax. We were both delighted, and, I trust, benefited by what we saw and heard. Their business was, of course, much the same as our own. It was conducted with much order and ability. The interest seemed to be very general—most of the members taking part in the proceedings. There was this noticeable feature, that the speeches were on the whole short, and direct, bearing closely on the subject. Herein, I think, with all respect, our Synod might learn a lesson to the great advantage of legislation, and to the expediting and promoting of the great work for which the meetings of our Church are held.

There was another matter which appeared to us to be peculiarly appropriate, and calculated to be exceedingly useful in keeping before the members of the Church the great end of its existence. This was, the setting apart of one or more of their sederunts, (which the congregation were specially asked to attend,) for the hearing of the reports from the various Presbyteries regarding the state of religion within their respective bounds. It was necessarily implied therein, that each Presbytery had previously considered the subject in all its bearings, and had appointed the member who gave in the report to appear for it. I cannot help giving expression to the deep interest which we felt in this part of the Synod's business. It was an endeavour to get at the result of all our organizations and work as a Church—even the progress of the truth in the actual conversion of souls, and the growing sanctification through the spirit of those who enjoy the ordinances of the Gospel of Christ. Just as the Psalmist says of prayer, "I will direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up," so should we be ever enquiring in a right spirit how the work of God is progressing among ourselves; and though this is not to be the measure of our obligation, or the standard of our duty—yet, what is the fruit of all our labour?

On the day after the Synod closed its meeting, we left Halifax with feelings of high respect for the brethren of the Church, rejoicing in the strength of the Presbyterian cause, and in the vigour and energy with which they have prosecuted their work in the midst of many difficulties and hardships; rejoicing too in the prospect of a union between the branches of Presbyterianism in the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and all the more convinced of the large benefits which would result from the various Presbyterian Churches which hold so much, almost everything in common, being merged in one great body, *the Presbyterian Church of the Dominion of Canada*.

On our way to Windsor, we stopped for two or three hours at a station, near which were the gold mines of Mount Uniacke. The miners, a considerable number of whom were Presbyterians, stopped their work, and assembled in the school-house, where we had worship with them. They are willing to support a missionary, and since then I have learned that the Presbytery of Halifax have taken up their case with the view of giving a regular supply.

From Windsor we sailed to St. John's, arriving about 9 o'clock in the evening. Next day being Sabbath, Mr. Clark and I occupied pulpits in the city.

We parted company next day, with regret, Mr. Clark having occasion to return immediately. On his way home he furnished evidence of his poetical powers in the verses which are subjoined, and which beautifully express the earnest feelings of his heart. I was not aware, and I suppose it is the case with many others, that we had any poetical talent amongst us.