

a haven of eternal rest beyond death and the grave. And we rejoice to be able to give proof this day that the missionary spirit has not become extinct. For on Monday evening, the 13th inst. the Synod of Nova-Scotia, after closing their seditments resolved to hold a meeting in St. Andrew's Church for the purpose of forming a Missionary Society to be under their superintendence, and we are glad to be able to state, that the meeting was most respectably attended, that the spirit manifested by all present was such as gives us reason to hope the best for the future progress and success of the Society. We have seldom been more delighted with the appearance of any meeting than that presented on the present occasion. Laymen and Clergymen seemed to be actuated by one spirit, and from the tone and temper of the speeches delivered we argue that the slumber of the wilderness will be disturbed—that inroads will be made on the brooding ignorance which prevails in the forest—that young and old of all creeds and denominations among us will be able to hear the lessons and demonstrations of the gospel both by preaching and teaching in a higher degree than has yet been their privilege to enjoy.

But it must be remembered, that God has made the treasures of earth subservient to the acquisition of heaven, that the means whereunto he has blessed us here have not been bestowed for purposes of vanity and self-indulgence; and that if we are to promote the purposes of heaven we must be willing to lend to the Lord so as to be found fellow workers with him. In what more glorious work can rational, intelligent, and immortal creatures be employed than in gathering sons and daughters to God, from among the outcasts of our race; and though we are not all called on to sound the trumpet of the gospel by preaching, those among us who have come under its influence will not be at a loss how to act when such a call as the present comes to be addressed to them. If they find a channel in which to throw the earthly treasure, it must gladden their hearts to know that in this channel may run the streams of salvation to many a thirsty soul, that the drop they add to the stream will be watered with undeviating certainty to accomplish the designs of him who wields the elements of nature and of grace alike to effect his own purposes, so that he who gives but a cup of cold water to a disciple in the name of a disciple will not lose a disciple's reward.

We may adduce an instance in corroboration of these remarks which came under our observation at this meeting. James Munroe, a private in the 93d regt. along with five of his companions in arms, came forward at the close of the meeting and paid down the handsome sum of two pounds seven shillings, as their subscription to the society. These men must have been actuated by the best, the purest of all motives, and we have reason to conclude that the blessing of heaven will descend on their donation.

The meeting was favoured with the presence of a considerable assemblage of ladies, who, if we could judge from their countenances, seemed delighted at the opportunity which Providence had opened up to them for bestowing a little of their means on their benighted fellow-creatures in this Province, and though they were deprived of the opportunity of collecting at the time, we trust from the smile of glistering joy that seemed to beam on their countenances, their love will not cool even when the stern appearance of winter shall compel them to forsake the promenade.

Without saying any thing further at present, than stating that the sum of about £30, was subscribed at the close of the meeting, we shall subjoin the Resolutions which were proposed and adopted this evening.

The proceedings of the Society commenced, by calling the Rev. GEORGE STRUTHERS of Cornwallis, the Moderator of the Synod, to occupy the chair, who opened the meeting with a very beautiful and appropriate prayer.

1st.—*Moved* by WILLIAM YOUNG, Esq. and seconded by the Rev. DONALD A. FRASER.—That a Society in connexion with the Church of Scotland, be now formed in this Province, for the purpose of supplying the destitute Presbyterian Settlements with Religious Instruction, by means of preaching and teaching.

2d.—*Moved* by the Rev. JOHN ROSS, seconded by JAMES F. GRAY, Esq.—That the following regulations be adopted as the Constitution of the Society, subject to such modifications as circumstances may require.

1. That a Society shall be now formed in Halifax, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, and in co-operation with the Glasgow Colonial Society, to be denominated the NOVA-SCOTIA AUXILIARY COLONIAL SOCIETY.

2. That the object of this Society shall be to promote the means of Religious Instruction for the numerous destitute Presbyterian settlements throughout this colony, and that the funds raised by the Society shall be expended in supporting missionaries, catechists, and teachers, in the most neglected stations, under the direction and control of the Synod of Nova-Scotia.

3. That every person subscribing ten shillings annually, shall be a member of the Society, and every person making a donation of five pounds at one time, shall be a member for life.

4. That the business of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and ten members, to be chosen from the subscribers, five of whom shall be a quorum.

5. That all the Ministers of the Synod of Nova-Scotia, and all the members of the Legislature connected with the Presbyterian Church, who shall become subscribers, shall be ex-officio Members of the Committee, and be entitled to deliberate and vote at its Meetings.

6. That the Committee shall meet quarterly, or oftener as business may require, and that all meetings of the Committee shall be summoned by the Secretary, under the authority of the President, and be begun and ended with prayer.

7. That an annual Meeting shall be held in Halifax, during the Session of the Legislature, when a Report of the proceedings of the Society for the past year, shall be presented by the Secretary, when the Treasurer's accounts shall be audited, and a new Committee appointed to promote the general objects of the Society.

8. That it be recommended to the different congregations in connexion with the Church of Scotland as well as the inhabitants of the destitute settlements to form themselves either into sub-committees or into distinct associations, as they may think proper for the promotion of the same important designs.

9. That as the object of this Society is not only to raise funds, but to collect information and awaken a Missionary spirit among the members of the Church, a correspondence shall be opened immediately with influential individuals in the different Presbyterian settlements now destitute of religious ordinances; that an exact account shall be obtained of the nature and extent of their destitution, to be embodied in the Annual Reports of the Society; and every information and assistance shall be afforded to them in seek-