

introduced to his new charge by the Rev. Dr. M'Culloch of Greenock, to whom he acted for some time as assistant. The Church was densely crowded, and several parties had come from a distance. The beauty of the weather, the romantic nature of the scenery, and historical and legendary associations connected with the locality, contributed to heighten the effect of the occasion. The Rev. Doctor chose for his text 1st Cor. 2d chap. 16th ver., last clause—"We have the mind of Christ." In the course of a most eloquent and stirring address, characterized by the peculiarly impressive and deep-toned fervour which breathe throughout the Rev. Doctor's pulpit orations, Dr. M'Culloch was listened to with marked attention, which, we trust, will, through God's spirit, leave a lasting impression for good on those who were privileged to listen to his appeal. The privileges and responsibilities of Christians were faithfully depicted, and formed a happy inauguration of the bond which had that day been cemented between the pastor and people, and of the future labours of Mr. Leishman, who, animated by the spiritual zeal of the Rev. Doctor, will, we hope, be long spared to break the bread of life amongst the people of his charge, and to be the honoured instrument of winning many souls to Christ. The Rev. Mr. Leishman delivered an edifying discourse from Acts iv. 20, last clause—"Grant unto thy servants that with all boldness they may speak thy word."

With reference to the newly inducted minister of Linton, we have much pleasure in quoting the following paragraph from the *Perthshire Constitutional*:—"Parish of Collace.—A very interesting scene took place in this parish on Monday the 4th current. On the previous day, the Rev. Thomas Leishman brought his ministry among the people of Collace to a close, by dispensing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. On the day following, after Divine service by the Rev. Dr. Crombie of Scoone, Mr. Leishman was invited to meet his parishioners, for the last time in the school house, where a beautiful timepiece was conveyed over to him in a suitable speech by Mr. Imrie, who, in the name of the parishioners, presented this token of their respect and affection for one who will long live in their memories as a zealous, kindly, and efficient minister of the Divine word. Mr. Leishman, in accepting this well-merited memorial of his people's love and good will, replied in a short address, characterized by that earnestness and perfect taste which have distinguished all his doings. He has been dividing the bread of life only for three years among the flock from whom he has now separated, and during that brief period he has won the affections of every heart, and found his way successfully to every mind. He is followed by the regret and prayers of the people of Collace into the new sphere of labour upon which he is entering, and as Mr. Leishman is possessed, to no ordinary extent, of the valuable power of making and retaining friends, we have no doubt whatever that he will soon form new ties, which, while they will not obliterate the remembrance of old friendships, may at least operate in consoling him for a removal, keenly felt both by himself and his late parishioners."

We understand the Rev. James Milroy, assistant at Stewarton, Ayrshire, has been unanimously elected (from a list of five candidates) by the male heads of families, communicants, as assistant and successor to the Rev. J. C. Jamieson of Dregthorn, in the Presbytery of Irvine.

THE CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Synod of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia.

(Continued.)

In our last number we had just time and space to announce that the Synod had met. We now proceed to lay before our readers a full account of the business transacted.

Tuesday, July, 3rd, 1855.

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

The Rev. John Martin of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, having been duly elected Moderator for the ensuing year, took the chair and said:

BRETHREN,—Eighteen years since I occupied this chair. I feel deeply indebted for the honour you have again conferred upon me, and I trust that your deliberations and proceedings will be conducted with the greatest harmony and unanimity. It is necessary that you express your views clearly and distinctly, and I believe several subjects will be submitted to you requiring much deliberation, owing to the fact that this is only the second meeting of this court since its revival. For ten long years there were only three members of this court, ministers in this Province. I trust we shall never have to pass through the same toils. Blessed be God we were enabled, in his strength to keep together, and it is a great source of consolation to me to see so many beloved brethren now assembled together in a regular church court, for conducting our deliberations in the fear of God and for the good of his Church. We have a great interest committed to our care. Thousands are looking to us for assistance. It will depend much upon us and our deliberations, whether our Church, perhaps for years to come, shall be prosperous and flourishing or fading and decaying. I trust, therefore, we shall have that wisdom which cometh from above which is profitable to assist and direct us in all our proceedings. I have confidence that you are now determined to consult, with diligence and propriety, for the good of the whole Church.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

After an unanimous vote of thanks given to the ex-Moderator, Rev. A. MacGillivray, for his conduct in the chair and for the excellent and suitable sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Synod, and an appropriate acknowledgement of the same, the minutes of last year's meeting were read and sustained and ordered to be taken up serialim, the first business at next sederunt.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Clerk, the Rev. W. Snodgrass, intimated that he had just received from the Rev. P. MacGregor, Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, a very important communication, and asked the permission of the Moderator to read it. Leave was granted and the communication being read, it appeared from its contents that a Deputation had been appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia to wait upon this court and convey their desire to establish confidence between the two Synods, and also the Synod of the Free Church now assembled in this city, and to secure and promote harmony of feeling and action. An accompanying letter signed by the Rev. P. MacGregor, as Clerk of that Synod, was also read, in which it was solicited that the Deputation might have an interview with this Synod, and requested that

an hour of this evening might be named for the interview to take place, as there was reason to conclude that the business of the other Synod would be brought to a close before to-morrow. This communication was received with much satisfaction by the court, and having reason to suppose that the hour of half-past seven would suit the convenience of the Deputation, that hour was named and the Clerk ordered to despatch without delay, a message to that effect.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The following Committee on overtures was appointed to meet this evening in this place viz.: The Moderator and Clerk, as ex officio members. Messrs. Scott, McKay, and Little.

The following Committee on Bills &c. was appointed to meet at the same time and in the same place, viz.: Messrs. Herdman, Spron, McLean, McKenzie, and Dr. Avery, Mr. Herdman to be Convener.

The following Committee was appointed to revise Presbytery Records and instructed to meet to-morrow between the first and second diets of Synod, viz.: Messrs. McGillivray, Pollok, Snodgrass, and Dr. Avery.

Messrs. McGillivray and Herdman were appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning immediately after the calling of the roll.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Presbyteries asked leave to meet which was granted.

The Synod, thereafter adjourned to meet in this place, this evening, at 6 P. M. of which public intimation was made and this sederunt closed with prayer.

Evening Sederunt.

The Synod met, in the evening at the hour and in the place appointed, and was constituted. The minutes of last sederunt were read, corrected, and sustained.

The Minutes of last year's meeting were taken up serialim. The Clerk and ex-Moderator reported their fulfilment of various instructions entrusted to them.

The Committee appointed to confer with other Presbyterian denominations with a view to the establishment of a united collegiate Institution, had nothing to report, the Convener stating that no favourable occasion had arisen to hold a meeting.

DEPUTATION FROM THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

At the hour of half-past seven, the Deputation from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, was announced by its officer to be at the door. The Clerk proceeded to the door forthwith, where he was met by the Rev. P. MacGregor, who introduced the Deputation, which consisted of the Rev. Professor Smith, Rev. Professor Ross, Rev. James Bayne, and Mr. Charles Robson, and also presented their Commission. The Clerk then led the Deputation to the Moderator's chair, and the members of the court standing, introduced these gentlemen in order to the Moderator, who expressed himself highly gratified at receiving them. Their commission being read, it was intimated that the Synod were prepared to hear them.

Rev. Professor Smith, who led the Deputation then rose and said:

Moderator and Brethren—We have come here to-night with the view of requesting you to correspond with us in promoting friendly feeling. In the Providence of God we have been cast upon these western shores, and here to cultivate our respective fields. We have done that with but little intercourse,