

the Committee, and authorized them to proceed in the work as speedily as possible, in the manner resolved on at the last meeting of Synod.

The Rev. Dr. McLeod, laid before the Synod the following documents Letters to Moderator. which had been addressed to him as Moderator of Synod, viz., 1st, Letter from Earl Mulgrave, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, acknowledging the receipt of the Synod's address of condolence to the Queen on the death of her Royal Consort and also of the address of the Synod to himself, and thanking them for the same. 2ndly, Copy of a despatch from His Grace, the Duke of Newcastle, intimating that the address of condolence from this Synod to the Queen had been laid at the foot of the throne, and stating the gratification which Her Majesty had derived from their expressions of sympathy. 3rdly, Letter from the private Secretary of His Excellency conveying the copy of said despatch. These documents were read by the Clerk.

Dr. McLeod also laid before the Synod a letter which he had received Letter from UP Synod from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in reply to the letter of this Synod. The said letter was read, when on motion of Professor King, seconded by Dr. McLeod, it was unanimously agreed, that the Synod record the satisfaction with which they have received this letter and the gratification which its statements have afforded them, and that the same be inserted in the Minutes of Synod.

To the Very Reverend, the Moderator, and Remanent Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

*Edinburgh May 8th, 1863.*

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

Your fraternal and very welcome letter of July, 1861, was read to the Ministers and Elders of our Church in Synod assembled, at their meeting held in Edinburgh in May, last year; and we were appointed to express to you the gratification which its perusal afforded to them, and to respond on their behalf to its gratifying statements and christian and appropriate sentiments. The notice it contains of the intimate connection which subsisted between your ancestors and our own, was observed with peculiar interest; and we cherish the memory of that connection as a happy illustration of the fraternal and expansive power of the principles which have actuated the Church of our fathers, and as one of the earliest manifestations of the missionary character. While the memory of our own fathers is held in devout remembrance, we do not fail to revere those of your Church, whose character and labours we feel assured you have not exaggerated. We have read, and our fathers have told us of the apostolic Dr. McGregor, and his immediate co-adjutors and successors, and some of us can well remember the able and energetic Dr. McCulloch, and his associates, some of whom remain, but the most part have fallen asleep. In the enlargement, stability and enterprise of your Church now, we gratefully recognise the successful result of many efforts and prayers, during years of, to it, not unmixed privation.

The accomplishment of the union which has so auspiciously taken place among you, we hail with no common satisfaction. In it we realize an effect of our Saviour's prayer that his disciples might be one, and a happy omen and harbinger of the time when the watchmen shall see eye to eye, and when "Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim," and there shall be nothing to hurt nor destroy in all God's holy mountain.

Of this union, the results which you communicate to us are such as rejoice our hearts, and as we think might have been anticipated in answer to your prayers, and we fervently trust that the gracious Head of the Church will continue increasingly to cause its good fruits to be enjoyed by yourselves, and realized by the whole of your population.

Your efforts in the cause of education, both in the Sabbath School and in the Seminary, furnish another cause for gratulation. We cannot doubt that while the former will prove more and more valuable as an evangelistic institution, the latter will approve itself eminently conducive to the promulgation of sound opinions, and the formation of character, at once intelligent and virtuous both in the church and in the general community.