

for his excellent editorial management, and received the thanks of the Synod. The Foreign Mission Report showed that of the amount raised \$100 is sent to the Rev. Mr. Robertson, Erromanga, and the balance to Foreign Missions of the Mother Church.

In the evening a large audience assembled in the Church to hear the address of Rev. Mr. Hill, who had come as a delegate from the Kirk Synod in Canada. Rev. Mr. Hill was accompanied by his Elder, George Graham, Esq. The speech of Mr. Hill gave the utmost pleasure to all who heard it, and especially to the members of Synod. He dwelt at some length on the wonderful growth of the Church of Scotland in recent years, and expressed his firm conviction that an endowed National Church was the only Church that was no respecter of persons, and that gave the poor man the same power and the same privileges as the rich—the only Church that placed its Ministers above the temptation to please men, and enabled them without fear to declare the whole counsel of God. The Synod concluded its session at a late hour, and meets next year in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow.

This Synod, which still adheres to the Church of Scotland, is a much larger and more important body than many imagine. It comprises twelve large congregations in the County of Pictou alone, and all of these have settled pastors, most of them men of long experience and much ability. Some have two Churches and some three, and it would perhaps be difficult to find a Synod or Presbytery in the larger denominations where there are no vacant charges and where the work is so thorough y overtaken. The Synod just closed was one of the best for some years.—*Halifax Herald*.

Important steps were initiated regarding Home and Foreign Missions: and *inter alia*, much satisfaction was expressed with the Hon. Judge Young's articles in the RECORD, and with Mr. Pender's devoted care in publication.

The Minutes of this most happy meeting of Synod will appear in our next issue.

THE REV. MR. BRODIE, our delegate to the Scottish General Assembly, has met with a most cordial reception in that venerable Court. The Scottish papers speak highly of his speech there; and we have reason to be both grateful and loyally dutiful to our Fatherland and Mother Church, in return.

We copy the following Editorial, for instance, from the Scottish paper, "*The Oban Telegraph*," of May 28th:—

"OUR CANADIAN RELATIVES.—In another column there appears a slight summary of a speech in the General Assembly by one of the Canadian

delegates, Rev. Neil Brodie, that caused much enthusiasm and wholesome excitement in the Assembly; and the warm manner in which it was received showed how thoroughly the sentiments expressed went home to the hearts of the members. We have been so frequently sent across to America of late to obtain the opinions of our intelligent relatives as to the proposed great movements in the State, that it may do us all good to obtain an inkling of how our best and most loyal colonists think upon matters of religious government. The views expressed are so robust and wholesome, so full of the enthusiasm and vigor of a religious life that is evaporating in our own struggle for bread and butter, that they will be useful for us in the midst of the strife of religious elements, that is partaking more of the struggle of women for pre-eminence at a levee than of honest and earnest-minded men for a fuller religious life. The strong, homely faith that the Highland emigrants have retained in the new land, their honest effort to maintain it, their anxiety for a greater and truer affiliation with the mother Church, and the manner in which they swept aside all superficial distinctions and went to the heart of things, are lessons we are all requiring only too much. The perverid eloquence with which the delegate's message was delivered reminded those present of the times when earnestness was more common than in these days of callous indifference to all but worldly success. It would be a blessing to the Highlands if the spirit that breathed in Mr. Brodie's address were once more to be revived in the North, where the blank of Dr. Kennedy's death has not yet been filled by a strong mind capable of leading or influencing "the men" in a liberal-minded interpretation of ecclesiastical affairs."

PICTOU.—Rev. Mr. Callan of St. Andrew's held a special Sabbath School service on a recent Sunday evening, which was highly appreciated. He is making himself popular with this branch of his important charge.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, B. D., of Winnipeg, preached in St. Andrew's Church Sunday evening. The Rev. gentleman is one of our distinguished Pictou boys, and spent a short vacation with his numerous friends in this county.

DIED, at Lowell, Mass., U. S., on Monday, 7th June, Decoration day, by accidental drowning in the Merrimac River, Mr. John George Gordon, aged 25 years, third son of Mr. Robert Gordon, of Glengarry, a very promising youth, much beloved and deeply lamented. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

We have to congratulate Principal McKay, of the Pictou Academy, upon the honor which the Society of Science, Literature, and Arts, of London, England, has recently conferred upon him by electing him a Fellow. Principal McKay well deserves the honor. He is an indefatigable worker in the cause of education, and has more than once distinguished himself by original research and discovery. His very able papers on "The Sponge," read before the