

with indignity, or to inflict an injury on a denomination which contributes largely to the revenues of the State, whilst it costs it as little, in proportion to its numbers, as any other in the empire. Neither can it be designed to interfere with that liberty of conscience which the British constitution recognizes as the birthright of every individual; nor to strip the Presbyterian soldier of one of the dearest-bought privileges of his country, from the moment he offers himself to fight that country's battles. Memorialists would ascribe the present system more to oversight than intention, and they confidently anticipate that your Lordships, on reviewing it, will perceive the propriety of having the dignity and rights of the Presbyterian Church properly recognized and respected in the Government of the army—of affording to the Presbyterian soldier the consolations of his religion whilst in the service of his country, and of placing him on the same footing as to religious instruction with his comrade of the other National Establishment.

"Memorialists, for this purpose, respectfully, but earnestly, request that every Presbyterian, on entering the army, shall be enrolled on the books of his regiment as a Presbyterian—that he shall be marched to the Presbyterian Church when convenient, in the same way as Episcopalian and Roman Catholic soldiers are marched to their respective Churches—that his children shall be educated in the principles of his own religion, and placed under the superintendence of the Presbyterian minister of the place where he is quartered, and that one Presbyterian chaplain, at least, shall be appointed to each of the large garrisons throughout the empire.

"And Memorialists shall ever," &c.

This memorial was unanimously adopted by the Synod, and ordered to be presented by their Moderator, Clerk, and Agent, who are to proceed immediately to London. It was farther ordered that the same memorial be forwarded to Lords Melbourne, Howick, and Morpeth, and that a communication be addressed to the Moderator of the General Assembly, soliciting the co-operation of the Church of Scotland in furthering its prayer. It was also moved, and unanimously agreed to, that petitions to Parliament on the subject be prepared and forwarded if necessary.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

From the Halifax Guardian.

SYNOD OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Many of our readers, we have no doubt, feel desirous to learn something of the proceedings of this Ecclesiastical Court, during its present meeting in Halifax. But from the crowded state of our columns, and the lengthened detail which we have this day given of the formation of the AUXILIARY COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, we are compelled to be as brief as possible in our statements. The Synod met as already mentioned, on Wednesday the 8th of this month, and was opened by a very excellent and appropriate discourse from the Moderator, the Rev. JOHN McRAE, of the East River of Pictou, from Romans i. 16. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

When the Clerk had completed the roll, the Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. GEORGE STRATHERS, of Cernawallis, was unanimously called to the chair. We cannot at present furnish an abridgment of the varied and important subjects which occupied the attention of the Court, during the ensuing five days; some of them relating to education, and others to religion. We have never at any former period witnessed such a full attendance of Clergymen, there being not fewer than fifteen Ministers and several Elders present on this occasion. The greatest harmony and christian feeling seemed to pervade the minds and conduct of those who had assembled from the different and distant parts of the Colony, to advance the glory of God, and the interests of Religion amongst the Presbyterian population in Nova-Scotia. And after bringing almost all the business submitted to them to a satisfactory termination, and making such regulations and appointments as the circumstances of the Church and the necessities of the people seemed to require, the Synod closed its sittings on Monday afternoon, by appointing the next annual meeting to be held at New Glasgow, on the third Wednesday in the month of July, 1839.

There were various important decisions respecting a Union among Presbyterian Churches, the present state of Education, and the destitution of the means of grace which we had intended to have inserted in this number. Our readers will feel less disappointed at the omission of these articles, when we inform them that we intend to advert to several of these important subjects which at present deeply interest the public mind, on an early day.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The day has now dawned on us when it is no longer necessary to defend the cause of missions, and we hail it as an auspicious period in the history of our race, because it is pregnant with blessings to the poor who have the promise that to them the gospel will be preached.

The most important mission that ever appeared in our world consisted only of twelve persons, at the head of which, indeed, stood the Great Head of the Church, who left a commission with them, when leaving the earth, to go and preach the gospel to every creature, without distinction of rank, sex or age. In obedience to the injunction of heaven, the heralds of the cross proceeded to deliver the message which has cheered thousands and tens of thousands of our race during its transient earth and pointed out to them

TO A NIGHTINGALE.

BY WILLIAM DRUMMOND, OF HAWTHORNES.

Sweet bird, that sing'st away the early hours
Of an intert past, or coming, wild of care,
Well pleased with delights which present are.
Fair seasons, budding sprays, sweet-smelling flowers;
To rocks, to springs, to hills, from leafy bow'rs
Thou thy Creator's goodness dost declare,
And what dear gifts on thee he did not spare,
A stain to human sense in sin that lingers.
What soul can be so sick, which by the songs,
Att'nd in sweetness, sweetly is not driven
Quell to forget earth's tumults, spleens and wrongs,
And lift a reverend eye and thought in heaven!
Sweet artless songster, thou my mind dost raise
To joys of spheres, yea, and to angel's lays.