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CHURCH IN CANADA.

We have been under the necessity of giving the communication from the Rev. Wm. Simpson and that anent the Deposition of the Rev. Robert McFarlane at pages 143 and 144, as they were received after our Number was in form.

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

The Presbytery of Bathurst met at Brockville, on the 6th day of August last, for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. John Whyte, Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and to the Pastoral charge of the Congregation in that place in connection with our Church. The Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Lanark, presided as Moderator *pro tempore*.

Mr. Bain, of Perth, preached from 1 Cor. i. 21. "After that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." After sermon Mr. Fraser, having briefly narrated the steps that had been taken, in accordance with the laws of the Church, in supplying the vacancy, put to Mr. Whyte the questions appointed to be put to Ministers previous to Ordination.—Mr. Whyte, having returned satisfactory answers to these questions, and having expressed his assent to the Act anent the Spiritual Independence of this Church, was then by solemn prayer, and "laying on of the hands of the Presbytery," set apart to the Office of the Holy Ministry. Mr. Anderson, of South Gower, addressed the Minister, and Mr. Mylne, of Smith's Falls, the Congregation, in appropriate terms on their respective privileges and responsibilities.

At the close of the services Mr. Whyte received a most cordial welcome from the Congregation.

We congratulate both Pastor and Congregation on this settlement. Mr. Whyte is a young Minister of great promise. The public testimonials in his behalf, as a Preacher of piety and talents, which were published in our columns at the time of his arrival in this Province last year, as a Missionary, sent out by the Colonial Committee, led the Church to entertain very great expectations from him; and we are happy in being able to state that his career thus far in the country, and his appearances before the Presbytery, have not abated these high expectations.

We indulge the hope that Mr. Whyte will prove a credit to the Church of Scotland which sent him out, and also to the Church in this Province, of which he is now a Minister; and we trust and pray that his settlement at Brockville may be productive of much happiness to himself, of much temporal and spiritual advantage to the important and interesting congregation there, and to the Church at large, and thus greatly conduce to the glory of the Great Head of the Church.

LOWER PROVINCES.

We were hindered from giving the following excellent Address and Reply in our No. for August by inserting a large amount of matter lying over for some time.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ST. JOHN'S, NEW-FOUNDLAND.

Although there have been Scotchmen and Presbyterians living and carrying on business in Newfoundland for the last forty or fifty years, yet it is only a short time since they were collected together in sufficient numbers and strength to

form a regular congregation. It was so late as the year 1843, little more than eight years ago, under the able, judicious and fostering care, and faithful ministrations of the Rev. Donald A. Fraser, that a congregation was fully organized, a Church erected, and the Ordinances of Religion stately dispensed. The early and unexpected removal of this eloquent and devoted Minister from the scene of his earthly labours, in the beginning of the year 1845, inflicted a severe stroke upon this infant congregation, from which it has never since completely recovered. It would be foreign to our purpose in this short notice to enumerate the trials and disappointments this attached flock has experienced since that distressing event. It is pleasing however to find that the Church has still many friends in St. John's. When the Rev. Mr. Martin visited them in the end of March, he met with a most sincere and cordial welcome; the congregation began to revive and strengthen, and on his leaving the place the following complimentary Address, as an expression of gratitude for his services, was presented to him by the Office-bearers of the Church, which with the accompanying Reply has been handed to us for publication:

TO THE REVEREND JOHN MARTIN, MINISTER OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HALIFAX, N. S.
We, the Subscribers, Elders, Trustees, Managers, and Members of Saint Andrew's Church, Newfoundland, cannot allow you to leave this place after a short visit to the congregation without manifesting our respect for your character, as one of the oldest, most faithful, and devoted Ministers of our Church, and expressing our gratitude for your valuable public and private ministrations among us. Your services in our congregation have been most welcome and acceptable after a series of no ordinary trials followed by a protracted vacancy. On your arrival you found many of our people, as might have been expected, greatly cast down and dispirited, uncertain what measures to adopt, or what course to pursue. The Church, where we delighted to worship our God, was desolate and forsaken, and our prospects for the future by no means flattering. By your presence and your public ministrations, as well as your private counsel and advice, you have succeeded in dispelling the cloud of despondency which hung over us, you have revived the spirits and strengthened the hands of the sincere friends of our Church; and we trust that through the Divine blessing the work of the Lord has been