

and from which he augured the happiest effects. Then let the Colonial Society exert itself, and let them be prepared to follow those poor people to the remote places to which they were to go—let Bible Societies be prepared to send down Bibles, and generally let all look to their comforts. "Let their object be to follow them in all their wanderings, and particularly to send them to ministers who could address them in their own language." He might be permitted to say that he never did converse with any man who appeared to have the spiritual interests of those poor men so much at heart as Sir George Grey. He had not the same opportunities of communicating with Lord Glenelg; but in the little he had, that noble Lord always spoke with the greatest anxiety for having good schoolmasters and ministers sent out to them, who could address them in their own language. He had only to move that the report now made by the excellent Principal be approved of—that the Committee be renewed, with such instructions as those who understood the subject best might be pleased to suggest, and that the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to Principal Macfarlan for the great pains and unwearied zeal he had bestowed on this great scheme.

Dr. BLACK, of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, Lower Canada, appeared at the bar and read a voluminous statement as to the situation and prospects of the Presbyterian churches in the Canadas. He complained that the Government, although it had extended its support to the Episcopalians and Roman Catholics, had done little or nothing for the Presbyterians, though in most parts of that Colony the Presbyterians were as two to one compared with the other sects. The seventh part of the public lands had been set apart by the Government for the support of the Protestant religion, but this had been appropriated by the Episcopalian clergy, who argued that they only were understood by the term *Protestant*, and that, therefore, the grant did not extend to the Presbyterians. In 1827, a Committee of the House of Commons, aided by the opinions of the Crown lawyers, had declared

that the Presbyterian clergy were entitled to participate in this grant; but, notwithstanding, it has happened that the Bishop and the clergy still continued to get the fund. A pledge of support to the Scottish Church had been given by the Government of 1825, but had never been fulfilled. All that he wanted was redress, and that this Government should fulfil the pledge given by that of 1825.

On the 29th, Principal Macfarlan read the report of a Committee appointed to consider the position of the Church of Scotland, relative to licentiates of the Synod of Ulster going out to Canada, and also on the appropriation of the Clergy Reserves. The Committee recommended, in reference to the first subject of remit, that the resolution of the General Assembly with regard to holding ministerial communion with the Synod of Ulster, should be sent to the Synods in the Colonies, with a recommendation that it should be followed out as far as applicable to their several circumstances. The Committee reported on the second subject of reference, that no reply had been received from the Home Office,* to the memorial sent to Government on the Clergy Reserves; and recommended that the most energetic measures should be adopted by the Assembly, to procure a portion of that source of revenue for the Church of Scotland in the Colonies. The report was approved of.

The minutes of these proceedings, with the reports, will no doubt be communicated officially to the Synod of Canada, at its next meeting. We may on that occasion be enabled to lay them more fully before our readers. The truly Christian and paternal care which this our parent church is now manifesting for the interests of Presbyterianism in the British Colonies, will inspire gratitude in many a heart, which, after many long years of expatriation, still exclaims with joy and pride, of the country that they will see no more, "This is my own, my native land."

*Note.—We in Canada have long been familiar with this courtly treatment.