

(Applause.)

The Lord High Commissioner said—Right Reverend and Right Honorable, in the name of the Queen it is my duty now to declare this Assembly closed, and to appoint the 23rd of May, 1878, for the recommencement of its deliberation. I shall not fail to take the earliest opportunity of assuring Her Majesty that you have once more given evidence of that loyal zeal for her service and devoted attachment to the Crown for which your venerable Assembly has ever been distinguished. I shall have the further gratification of reporting that the energy with which you have continuously discharged your laborious duties, and the general harmony that has prevailed throughout your proceedings, have been such as to secure the well-merited approbation of our most gracious Sovereign.

Right Reverend and High Honorable. It is happily within my province to congratulate you upon the improved liability of your National Church, notwithstanding the determined effort for destruction. For such facts as that during the year 1876, compared with that of 1875, the amount of your Church accommodation was nearly trebled, while your grants for Church extension have been more than doubled in the last two years, are sufficiently striking to speak for themselves, a happy augury, no doubt, for the future success of the scheme recently set on foot for the endowment of another hundred churches. The supremely respectful attitude assumed by your venerable House upon the recent entry of the Primate of the Church of England is an incident which could not fail to have been as grateful to his feelings as to your own; and, although you have good reason to deplore with him the recent mournful event which has necessitated his presence north of the border, happy would be the result if it should be ordained that an additional tie

had thus have cemented the National Churches of England and Scotland, alike competitors for reception into the one fold of Christ.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable—I must be permitted before we part to allude to the unvaried courtesy and genial consideration of which you have made me the grateful recipient, to express my appreciation of the friendship it has been my privilege recently to form. Nor can I bid you farewell. Right Reverend and Right Honourable, without reference to the pleasing retrospect ensured me on the two occasions on which I was honoured by the Queen's mandate to represent Her Majesty in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The Assembly rose at a quarter to two.

ST. PAUL'S E. R. NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.

The *biggest crowd yet* has been at work at St. Paul's Glebe on the 4th July. When it might have been supposed that all was done that could be done, or was required to be done, for the season on the Glebe, the thoughtful still saw work ahead, and between thirty and forty were early on the ground, from every nook and corner of the congregation. Some felled the "forest," some removed the barn—and though hard at work all seemed as if enjoying a holiday. Although comparatively few in number, we venture to say there is not a more united, active congregation in the Dominion, or one that does more to encourage their pastor and strengthen his hands. The best signs of life in a congregation are liberality in giving, heartiness in doing, and these are not wanting in St. Paul's.

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