

POETRY.

RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP.

People of the living God!
I have sought the world around,
Paths of sin and sorrow trod,
Peace and comfort nowhere found;
Now to you my spirit turns,
Turns—a fugitive unbleat,
Brethren, where your altar burns,
Oh, receive me to your rest.

Lonely I no longer roam,
Like the cloud, the wind, the wave;
Where you dwell shall be my home,
Where you die shall be my grave.
Mine the God whom you adore,
Your Redeemer shall be mine;
Earth can fill my soul no more,
Every idol I resign.

Tell me not of gain and loss,
Ease, enjoyment, pomp, and power;
Welcome poverty and cross,
Shame, reproach, affliction's hour!
—“Follow me!”—I know thy voice,
Jesus Lord, thy steps I see;
Now I take thy yoke by choice,
Light thy burden now to me.

Montgomery.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

MINUTES.

OF THE SYNOD OF NOVA-SCOTIA,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
Session 7. July, 1839.

At New-Glasgow, this 17th day of July, 1839. — On which day the Synod of Nova-Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, and after an excellent and appropriate discourse had been delivered by the Rev. JOHN McRAE, of the East River, Pictou, from Rom. xi. 13, in the absence of the Rev. GEORGE STRUTHERS, of Cornwallis, the Moderator, the Court was duly constituted by prayer.

The Roll of the Synod was then examined and called over, when those marked with an Asterisk * being present, answered to their names.

1. Roll of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

- * JOHN McLENNAN, Belfast.
- Charlotte-Town.
- * RODERICK McAULAY, Three Rivers and Murray Harbour.
- * WILLIAM McKAY, Esq. Ruling Elder.

2. Roll of the Presbytery of Cape-Breton.

- * DUGALD McKICHAN, River Inhabitants and Strait of Canso.
- ALEXANDER FARQUHARSON, Middle River.
- St. George's Church.

- * JAMES FRASER, Bonaventure Island.
- PETER McLEAN, Whycocomah.
- JOHN GUNN, Travelling Missionary.

3. Roll of the Presbytery of Halifax.

- * DONALD A. FRASER, Lunenburg.
- * JOHN MARTIN, St. Andrew's Church, Halifax.
- JAMES MORRISON, Berinoda.
- Lawrence-Town.

- GEORGE STRUTHERS, Cornwallis.
- * ALEXANDER ROMANS, Dartmouth.
- JOHN ROSS, Yarmouth and Shelburne.
- WILLIAM T. WISHART, Travelling Missionary.
- * MR. JAMES MALCOLM, Ruling Elder.

4. Roll of the Presbytery of Pictou.

- * JOHN McRAE, East River, Pictou.
- Pictou Town.
- * HUGH McKENZIE, Wallace.
- Merrigomish.
- * DONALD McINTOSH, West and Middle Rivers.
- * DONALD McCONNACHIE, Lochaber and St. Mary's.
- * ALEX. MCGILLIVERAY, McLennan's Mountain.
- * JOHN STUART, New-Glasgow.
- * JOHN HOLMES, Esq.
- * MR. ANGUS GRANT,
- * MR. ALEX. CAMPBELL,

Ruling Elders.

No Corresponding Members from other Synods were present at this Meeting.

On motion, the Rev. HUGH McKENZIE of Wallace, was unanimously appointed Moderator of the Synod, and the Rev. DONALD McINTOSH continued Synod Clerk for the ensuing year.

Letters assigning reasons for non-attendance were laid on the table, from the Rev. Donald A. Fraser, of Lunenburg, and the Rev. Peter McLean, and the Rev. A. Farquharson of Cape-Breton, which were deemed satisfactory, and ordered to be sustained as excuses for their absence.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to, that the Moderator and Clerk, together with the Rev. Messrs. Alexander Romans, and John Stuart, Ministers, and Mr. J. Malcolm, Elder, be appointed a Committee of Overtures. The Moderator to be Convener. And the Rev. Donald McConnachie, John McRae, Rod. McAuley, Alexander McGilliveray, and John Martin, Ministers, and Messrs. John Holmes, Angus Grant, and William McKay, Elders, be appointed a Committee of Bills and References. The Rev. John McRae, Convener.

Resolved—That the Committee of Overtures, and the Committee of Bills and References, meet on each day during the sitting of the Synod, at 6 o'clock, P.M. Closed with Prayer.

Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock.

The Synod met this evening pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted. Present *ut supra* with the addition of the Rev. Dugald McKichan and the Rev. James Fraser from Cape-Breton.

It was moved and agreed to, that the Rev. Dugald McKichan be added to the Committee of Overtures, and that the Rev. Mr. Fraser be added to the Committee of Bills and References.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. McKichan which was seconded by the Rev. J. Fraser, it was resolved that the Synod meet annually at 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, and close their proceedings at 12 o'clock, noon, on the Saturday following.

It was moved and agreed to, that the Committee, appointed at a former meeting of Synod, to obtain a representation in the General Assembly be continued, and that the said Committee be enjoined to use greater diligence to obtain this most desirable object, than they have heretofore done.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to, that this court will engage in devotional exercises, every day during the present session, from half past nine to eleven o'clock in the forenoon. The Rev. Messrs. John Martin, John MacRae, and Dugald McKichan, are appointed to conduct these religious exercises to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till half-past nine o'clock, to-morrow morning. Closed with Prayer.

Thursday morning, July 18th, 1839.

The Synod met this morning pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted. Present *ut hodie*, Belfast, P. E. Island.

The Rev. Messrs. John McRae, Dugald McKichan, and John Martin having led the devotional exercises of this day, according to a resolution of last session, it was afterwards moved and agreed to, that the Rev. Messrs. John McLennan, Donald McIntosh, and Donald McConnachie, conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

The Clerk then proceeded to read the Minutes of the last meeting, which were approved of.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the members of the Committee of last year, appointed to apply for a representation in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. John Martin, John Stewart, John McRae, John Ross, and Alexander McGilliveray, with the addition of the Rev. Alexander Romans, be re-appointed to solicit the continued countenance and support of the Parent Church to the Synod. Two members to constitute a quorum. The Rev. John Martin to be Convener.

The Synod having then engaged in the consideration of the subject of UNION with the other Presbyterian body in this province, the members of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, for this object, having stated that nothing had been done by them, because under their instructions, and in the actual circumstances of the case, nothing effectual could be done by them, this statement was admitted and approved of by the Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to take into their serious and deliberate consideration, the important question of said union, when the following resolutions were moved and agreed to.

Resolved 1st—That the object contemplated in this union is most desirable, and it attainable on safe and salutary principles, should be most earnestly pursued.

Resolved 2nd—That the only basis of union of which this Synod can approve is, that of a close communion with the Established Church of Scotland.—

Resolved 3rd—That a Committee consisting of the following individuals be now appointed, namely, the Rev. Donald McIntosh, Donald McConnachie, Dugald McKichan, John Stewart, John McLennan, Dugald McKichan, Alexander McGilliveray, Ministers; and Messrs. John Holmes, and Alexander Campbell, Elders; the Rev. Donald McIntosh, Convener, to communicate in the exercise of their own discretion, with the other Presbyterian body, making known the views entertained by this Synod on that subject, and endeavour to ascertain the sentiments of the members of the other Synod on the same subject.

In answer to the communication forwarded in the name of the Synod, by the Rev. George Struthers, their late Moderator, to the Convener of the Committee of the General Assembly on Colonial Churches, a letter was read from William Young, Esq. Clerk of that Committee, empowering the said Moderator to draw on said Committee, for the sum of £200 sterling, for the use of the clergy of the Synod of Nova-Scotia, which sum has since been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Synod. It was then, on motion, resolved, that a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. John Martin, Dugald McKichan, and Donald McConnachie, be appointed to prepare a letter of thanks to the Convener of the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, said Committee to report at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Rev. J. Martin, to be Convener.

It was moved and agreed to, that the statistics of all the congregations in connection with this Synod, be published according to order of Synod. And it was further moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the statistics of the Presbyteries of Pictou, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island, be published under the superintendance of those Presbyteries respectively, and at their several expenses, and that the expenses of the statistics already published, by the Presbytery of Halifax, be borne by the Synod.

Leave was craved by the Presbytery of Pictou, to meet here to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, which leave was obtained accordingly.

It was moved and agreed to, that the Rev. Mr. McLennan, be added to the Committee of overtures.

Resolved that the Synod adjourn till 5 o'clock, p.m. Closed with Prayer.

Thursday evening, 5 o'clock.

The Synod met this evening pursuant to adjournment. Present *ut supra*.

It was moved and agreed to, that every clergyman annually bring to the Synod, an account of the state of his congregation, in reference to their spiritual interests, and also an account of the circumstances that bear upon his own personal comfort and influence, including a statement of his emoluments and his circumstances, in so far as regards the payment of stipends by his people.

It was moved and agreed to, that the Rev. Messrs. Dugald McKichan, Donald McConnachie, and Alexander McGilliveray, be appointed as a Committee to ascertain the travelling expenses to which, under a resolution of the meeting of Synod for last year, the several members who are now in attendance, become entitled for the current year. The Rev. Dugald McKichan, to be Convener. The Committee to report on Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock.

First—It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that of the monies transmitted from Scotland, the Synod appropriate the amount of £20 for the benefit of the children of the late Rev. Kenneth J. McKenzie, of Pictou.

Second—It was further resolved, that Fifteen pounds of the monies placed at their disposal, be given to the Rev. Mr. Martin, towards defraying the expenses of publishing the statistical account of the Presbytery of Halifax.

Third—That with regard to the surplus in their hands, the Synod adhere to the resolution already on their minutes, in reference to the division of any monies placed at their disposal, for the benefit of the Clergy of the Synod.

Fourth—That with a view to ascertain the sums to which the several clerical members of the Synod are entitled, both for the last and present year, under the resolution above mentioned, or above referred to, a Committee be appointed of the following individuals, viz. Rev. Messrs. Dugald McKichan, Donald McConnachie, and Alexander McGilliveray. The Rev. Dugald McKichan to be Convener. The Committee to report on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Synod regarding the "GUARDIAN" newspaper, a weekly periodical last year established in Halifax, as well calculated, from the manner in which it is conducted, both in its religious and political departments, to promote the interests of the Church of Scotland, and to extend useful knowledge amongst the members of the church, in this and the neighbouring provinces, deem themselves as an united body, and as individual members, bound to give it every support in their power, both by literary contributions, and by extending its circulation as far as their influence and circumstances, will enable them so to do.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Rev. John Martin, and the Rev. John McLennan, preach in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, next Lord's day, and that the collections to be raised on that day for the missionary fund, be placed under the control of the Synod.

Leave having been craved by George McLeod, Esq. of New Glasgow, to be heard at the bar of the Court, at 8 o'clock this evening, in behalf of the congregation of Barney's River, leave was granted accordingly. After Mr. McLeod had been heard at considerable length, the Synod took the case of the congregation into mature deliberation.