

ing that, notwithstanding all that has come upon them, His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still. "O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people? Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, and givest them tears to drink in great measure. Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours; and our enemies laugh among themselves. Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved." And, when they would thus employ the language of the Spirit as aptly expressive of their present sentiments and feelings, the Presbytery at the same time find no common relief and gratification in recording their testimony to the great worth and eminent Christian talents and services of their deceased brother, for, though the very excellencies for which he was distinguished make his loss the greater, yet the remembrance of them tends to soften the poignancy of sorrow, and to communicate a sweet savour to his memory. "We are not left to sorrow, as others who have no hope;" yea our sorrow is mingled with rejoicing, when we remember that "the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace."

The Presbytery would at the same time take this opportunity of expressing and recording their deep sympathy with the bereaved widow and her fatherless children; commending her and them very affectionately to the grace and protection of "God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." Nor would the Presbytery forget the Congregation who have thus been deprived of an attached, devoted and much valued Pastor in the midst of his days and usefulness. They too have their warm sympathy, and their prayer for them is, that God may give them a Pastor according to His own heart, who shall feed them with knowledge and understanding.

The Presbytery then entered upon the consideration of the destitute condition of their now many vacant congregations, (amounting to no less than five, all embracing one uninterrupted block of country, and comprehending four entire Townships, with that portion of Lower Canada which constituted the bounds of the Congregation of Cote St. George, and all more or less requiring the Gaelic language,) and, seeing most clearly and feeling most painfully their utter inability, with only two ministers that preach the Gaelic language, not only to do justice to the spiritual wants of so large a population scattered over so large a tract of country, but even to supply that amount of Divine ordinances that would be necessary to hold them together as Congregations, and bind them to us as a Church Communion, the Presbytery deem it a solemn duty, in addition to the appeal already made to the Mother Church, through the Moderator of the Synod, in behalf of the many vacant Congregations

throughout the Church, to make a special and urgent appeal to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly in behalf of the vacant Congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery; and the Moderator was instructed to prepare and to transmit to the Colonial Committee such a communication as the urgency of the case demanded.

The Presbytery made the following appointments, viz: Mr. Munro, of Finch, to preach at Martintown on the second Sabbath of August, and Mr. Scott, of Williamsburgh, at Williamstown on the last Sabbath of said Month.

#### DIED

On Sunday morning, the 10th of June, at the residence of W. Edmonstone, Esq., Sherbrooke Street, after a short illness, the Rev. Aneas McLean, of Cote St. George, aged 49 years. The Rev. gentleman arrived in this city to attend the meeting of the Synod of the Church of Scotland in his accustomed vigorous health, but was seized with an illness which rapidly assumed a dangerous phase, and carried him off in the midst of his years from the sphere of his usefulness and labours. Active, faithful, and zealous, his removal is a loss to the Church with which he was connected, while he will be mourned by an attached flock and a bereaved family.—*Montreal Gazette.*

#### THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

We have been favoured by the Moderator of the Synod of New Brunswick with the ensuing report of their proceedings, for which we make room and are much indebted to him. We regret that, owing to the late period at which the *Halifax Monthly Record* has come to hand, we are unable to extract into this number a highly interesting account of the proceedings and reception of our Delegates in Nova Scotia.

#### SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, held its annual session in St. Andrew's Church in the City of St. John on Thursday the 16th August and following days. The Rev. William Henderson, of Newcastle, Miramichi, Moderator, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from *Math. ix. 37, 38.* "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer and the Roll made up. The Rev. Dr. McGill, of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, and the Rev. Geo. Weir, A. M., Professor of Classical Literature, Queen's College, Kingston, produced a Commission from the Synod of Canada, and the Rev. Geo. W. Sprott a commission from the Synod of Nova Scotia, appointing them Corresponding Members and Delegates to attend this Synod; whereupon it was moved and

unanimously agreed heartily to receive the Brethren named, and to accord them all the rights and privileges of corresponding members during the sitting of the Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to elect a Moderator when the Rev. John M. Brooke, D. D., of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, was unanimously chosen and took the Chair accordingly; after which he spoke to the following effect.—

#### Fathers and Brethren,

Permit me to thank you very warmly for the honour you have done me in calling to preside over your deliberations on this occasion. I am forcibly reminded at this moment of the first time I took my place as a member of this Court, now fourteen years ago. Amongst those who then sat down with me many changes have occurred. A number are still labouring in other portions of the Lord's Vineyard in other lands; and some are in their graves. One only,—the father of this Synod—the Rev. Mr. Steven, of Restigouche, still holds his place among us, and long may he do so! I esteem it matter for devout thankfulness that I have been permitted to see this day, when an object which I have long sought to accomplish has been realized by the presence of corresponding members from our Brethren on the right and the left, from Canada and Nova Scotia. I consider it as an auspicious era in the history of our Church in this Province that this fraternal intercourse has been commenced; and I have the most perfect confidence that, by the blessing of God, its results will be most beneficial.

If I may be permitted to refer to a matter, that regards myself personally, I would say that the choice of Dr. McGill as one of the corresponding members from the Synod of Canada has been to me the source of very great pleasure. Our meeting here recalls forcibly and pleasingly the days of my early youth, when we were fellow-students at the University of Glasgow, and little dreamed that after a separation of more than twenty years our next meeting should be on this side of the Atlantic. From the long experience of my old and esteemed friend, and from the acknowledged abilities of our other Brethren from a distance, I am sure we shall derive great assistance in the deliberations in which we are now called to engage.

It is my earnest prayer that the Great Head of the Church may countenance our present meeting, and that He may overrule all our proceedings for His own glory and the advancement of His cause.

After appointing various Committees, and making arrangements for business, the Synod resolved that a diet for Devotional Exercises should be held to-morrow evening, and appointed the Moderator, Dr. McGill and Mr. Sprott to conduct the same.

The Committee on the Registration of Marriages, Births and Deaths, reported that they had put into the hands of a Member of the Legislature the heads of such a Bill as they wished to see passed into a law; but that, owing to the pressure of business during last session, it had not been brought forward. The Committee was re-appointed with renewed instructions,