

yet greater joy of seeing "the wilderness and solitary place glad for them; and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose."—*Edinburgh Evening Post.*

Presbytery of Meigle.

The Presbytery of Meigle met at Lintrathen on the 7th inst., for the induction of the Rev. Charles Chree to the pastoral charge of that parish, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Francis Cannan, appointed to be one of the military chaplains in the Crimea. The Rev. William Fraser of Blairgowrie, preached and presided, and the Rev. P. Barty of Ruthven, delivered the addresses to Mr. Chree and the people on their respective duties. At the close of the services, Mr. Chree received a most cordial welcome from a very large congregation.

Thereafter there was read a Crown presentation in favour of the Rev. J. Mackenzie of Ferry-Port-on-Craig, to the church and parish of Kettins, vacant by the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Tulloch to be Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews. Mr. Mackenzie was appointed to preach at Kettins on Sunday and Monday the 19th and 20th inst., and Thursday the 30th was fixed for the moderation of the call.—*Id.*

Endowment Scheme.

LOCHGELLY.—We are very glad to hear from every quarter that the efforts which the Church of Scotland is making in behalf of this truly Christian and philanthropic Scheme, are not likely soon to subside. The inhabitants of the "kingdom" of Fife have throughout shown, that they have no intention of remaining behind in carrying on this good work, and have given great encouragement to the efforts for endowing the chapels in their various Presbyteries. On Sabbath evening last the Rev. Angus Willins, Libberton, Lanarkshire, preached in the parish church of Aberdour on behalf of the funds for endowing the chapel at Lochgelly, when a liberal collection was made.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF DUNBAR.—The Duke of Roxburghe, at a very considerable expense, has cleaned and restored to its primitive beauty the splendid monument in this church erected to the memory of George Home, Earl of Dunbar, who held the office of High Treasurer of Scotland and Chancellor of the Exchequer in England in the reign of James VI. This magnificent monument is twelve feet broad at the base and twenty-six in height. As a piece of monumental sculpture it is not surpassed in harmony of design, and beauty of execution, even in Westminster Abbey.—*Glasgow Constitutional.*

THE CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Synod of Canada.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The ensuing address was adopted and signed by the Moderator:

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in con-

nection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled at our Annual Meeting, embrace the opportunity thus presented of tendering anew, the assurance of our unwavering attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

In approaching with sentiments of loyalty the person of our earthly sovereign, we cannot but view with gratitude to Him who is the Governor among the nations, the steady advance of this Province of the British Empire in the varied interests of education, arts, agriculture and commerce. The material resources of the country, which are being every year more fully developed, furnish encouragement to the enterprising emigrant from the Mother Country, for the employment of his capital, his labour, or his skill,—making this Province the permanent home of a large number of the British People; and it may be truly asserted, that at no former period of the history of this Colony has there prevailed a more loyal feeling towards the British Throne.

In view of the emigration to this country of multitudes, who have been accustomed to a public provision for the maintenance of the ordinances of religion, it is much to be deplored, that the only provision of a public kind for the support of the religion existing in this Province, has lately been swept away by Legislative Enactment; and this is all the more to be regretted, considering the scanty and scattered state of the population in the newly settled parts of the country, and the difficulties with which emigrants have always to struggle for many years after their settlement; difficulties, which in a great degree, disable them from supporting the public ordinances of religion for themselves, while, at the same time, the families are growing up and having their characters moulded by the circumstances in which they are placed. It is true that the individual rights of the majority of our ministers have been respected, though those of others have been disregarded; and in availing ourselves of the authority to commute our interests given by the Enactment in question, we shall endeavour, in a spirit of self denial, to place the matter in such a position, as that the blow may fall more lightly than it would otherwise have done. Yet we cannot but regard the measure of alienation as much to be deplored in every point of view.

We would avail ourselves of this renewed opportunity of tendering our heart-felt sympathy with Your Majesty, in the righteous contest in which Your Majesty's forces are engaged, and into which Your Majesty and Your Imperial Ally of France have been forced for the purpose of vindicating the rights of the injured, and maintaining the great principles of equity and justice. Our earnest prayer is, that the God of Battles may be with our country, defending the right; and that as the result of the present war, an honorable and lasting peace may in due time be brought about.

We have called upon our people to testify their sympathies in a practical manner, by contributing to a Synodical Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the brave men who may perish on the field of battle; and although many of them had already contributed liberally through other channels, yet the appeal has been warmly met and liberally responded to.

Trusting that the Great Head of the Church will abundantly bless Your Majesty in all the relations of life; that He will strengthen and maintain Your Empire in all its integrity; and that at last a Crown, more brilliant and enduring than an earthly one, may be conferred upon you—we shall continue to invoke for Your Majesty, Your Illustrious Consort, and the

other members of Your Royal Family, the choicest blessings of the King of Kings.

Signed at Montreal, this Sixth Day of June, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five years;—In name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The ensuing address was reported and adopted by the Synod:

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, embrace the opportunity of our being assembled in Annual Synod, to offer our congratulations to Your Excellency, on your assuming the Government of British North America, and to express our best wishes for your personal and domestic happiness. In the exercise of Your Administrative functions in the high office entrusted to you by Her Most Gracious Majesty, it must be matter of gratification to Your Excellency, as it is to us cause of thankfulness to God, that so large a measure of material prosperity should prevail in this portion of the Queen's dominions, and that the blessings of peace and plenty should, under the Divine favour, be so abundantly vouchsafed to this dependency of the British Crown.

We earnestly pray that under Your Excellency's Administration, this important Province may be distinguished also by that more valuable prosperity, which the prevalence of true religion in the hearts of the general community alone can produce. It shall ever be the object of our labours within our own sphere, to seek, under the Divine blessing, the diffusion, throughout this otherwise highly favored land, of the knowledge and influence of the truth as it is in Jesus, and to cherish in the hearts of our people, that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

Provision for the support and extension of religious ordinances must ever be a matter of deep interest to every truly Patriotic and Christian heart, and as office-bearers of a Church which has ever sought to inculcate loyalty to their earthly sovereign, and obedience to him by whom kings reign, and princes decree justice, we cannot be indifferent to whatever affects the support and extension of true religion in this land. Whilst thankful that the individual rights of the majority of the ministers of this Church have been respected, in the recent legislation on the Clergy Reserve, we cannot conceal from Your Excellency our deep regret that the public provision for the maintenance of a preached Gospel should have been alienated from that object to which it had been solemnly devoted. In order that this blow may fall as lightly as possible upon the general interests of religion, and more especially of the Church of which we are office-bearers, we desire to avail ourselves of the permission to commute the reserved claims as provided for in the recent statute, to which the Royal assent has been lately given; it being the desire of those of our number, whose pecuniary interests are involved therein, to constitute a fund towards the maintenance and extension of religious ordinances, in connection with the Church of Scotland in this Province.

We beg with Your Excellency's permission, to place in your hands a dutiful address