

ed, and the Committee was continued with authority to prepare a statement of the proposal, and an appeal in its behalf, which, both from the extremely interesting occasion of it and the very useful end which will be served by it, if successful, it is believed will be extensively and cheerfully responded to in this country as well as at home."

THE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Meeting of Halifax Presbytery.

THE Presbytery of Halifax met in St. Matthew's Church on the 17th of August, and was duly constituted. Present—the Rev. G. M. Grant, Moderator; Messrs. Martin, Boyd, Stewart, and Philip, ministers. A commission was handed in from St. Andrew's session, electing Mr. James Thomson the representative Elder. A commission from St. Matthew's session was handed in, electing Mr. A. K. Doull the representative Elder. These commissions were sustained, the names of the gentlemen added to the roll, and they took their seats accordingly. On motion by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Martin, the present Moderator was re-elected. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained as correct. Mr. Boyd reported that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Truro on the second Sabbath of July—that Mr. Martin, Mr. Bremner and himself had attended to the duty of assisting Mr. Philip on the solemn occasion,—the number of communicants being 30, several of whom had come forward for the first time. Mr. Stewart reported that he had supplied the charge at St. John's, Newfoundland, for the two months appointed him, dispensing the Lord's Supper in the congregation. He further stated that he was deputed by the congregation at St. John's to convey their thanks to the Presbytery for the supply granted to them. The Presbytery express great satisfaction at this report, and instruct the Clerk to write to the session of St. John's, expressive of their sympathy for the isolated state of that congregation; and as expense has been incurred in the supply of Musquodoboit during Mr. Stewart's absence, to request a collection for the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund. Mr. Philip reported that he had been fully employed in the work of his mission, and tabled a receipt from Truro for £20 received, being the first quarter's salary for the second year. On the question of the necessary amount from the Colonial Committee for supplementing salaries, the Clerk was instructed to write to the said Committee anent granting for Truro £50, and for Musquodoboit £30 sterling.

The Synod, at its last meeting, having voted an Address to His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor of this Province, and having appointed this Presbytery to present it, there was read the draft of said Address, and also

a letter from His Excellency's secretary naming the time for receiving it. Whereupon the Presbytery appoint its members to wait on His Excellency at the appointed time for the presenting of said Address, in conjunction with such other friends as members may choose to invite.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed for the first Wednesday of November at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

The Synod's Address to the Lieutenant Governor.

On Friday, the 19th Aug., a deputation from the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, waited on His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to present an address voted by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

The deputation included the Rev. G. M. Grant, moderator of the Presbytery of Halifax, the Rev. John Martin, the Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. Geo. Boyd, Rev. G. W. Stewart, Musquodoboit, and Jas. Thomson, and A. K. Doull, Esqrs., Elders, accompanied by the Honourable the Chief Justice, the Hon. Jas. McNab, Hon. A. Keith, John Dufus and Philip Thompson, Esqrs. The Address, which was read by the Rev. Mr. Grant, was as follows:—

To His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, Knight Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Ministers and representative Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia, in connection with the Church Established in Scotland, in Synod assembled, beg to approach Your Excellency with sentiments of undiminished attachment to the British constitution, of unabated loyalty to the throne, and continued admiration of the institutions of the mother-country and her dependencies.

We take this opportunity of assuring Your Excellency that, in accordance with the spirit of the Church to which we belong, it will be our earnest endeavor, within the sphere in which we are called to labor, to promote the cause of public order, of pure morality and true religion.

We beg to offer Your Excellency our expressions of heartfelt congratulation on your safe arrival on our shores, and a most cordial welcome amongst us, as Her Majesty's Representative.

Knowing the eminent character which Your Excellency has hitherto maintained in other spheres of public duty for administrative ability, strict integrity, distinguished scholarly attainments and Christian principle, we take leave to express our hearty assurance of the beneficial results which await this Province from Your Excellency's administration.

It is our earnest prayer that Almighty God may smile on all your Excellency's efforts for the welfare of those over whom you have been so happily appointed to exercise authority,—and that He may bless you in your person, your family, and your Government.

In name and by appointment of the Synod