

wore the aspect of thoughtful gravity. No Sabbath day assemblage in any church ever behaved more becomingly.

The vast congregation hushed into the deepest silence as the Rev. Mr. Murdoch, the senior Moderator, rose and gave out the Hundredth Psalm, which was sung by all the people standing, to the tune of Old Hundred.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor then read the last minute of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and the Rev. Mr. Duff read the last minute of the Synod of the Free Church, (as given elsewhere.) The Roll of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church was then called, when it appeared that all the ministers were present except two—one of whom was detained by sickness. The following ministers were present:—Thomas S. Crow, Angus McGilvray, John L. Murdoch, Robert S. Patterson, James Smith, D. D., David Roy, John McCurdy, John H. Baxter, James Ross, John Campbell, William McCulloch, Peter G. McGregor, George Christ e, James Bayne, Andrew P. Miller, John Cameron, James Allan, George Walker, Robert Sedgewick, Ebenezer E. Ross, George Paterson, Isaac Murray, Alex. L. Wyllie, George M. Clarke, Henry Crawford, James McLean, Allan Fraser, James McG. McKay, Samuel Johnston, John Currie, Alexander Cameron, George Roddick, James Thomson, James Watson, James A. Murray, John McKinnon, William Darragh, John McLeod, Thomas Downie, Robert Laird, Thomas Sedgewick, and Jacob McLellan.

The Elders present were as follows:—J. Grant, John Walker, S. Creelman, Hugh Fraser, J. B. Dickie, H. McDonald, S. Archibald, D. Fraser, T. W. Hilton, Henry Loudon, William Dunn, James Fraser, James McCallum, J. McGregor, J. M. McCurdy, Isaac Flemming, J. Douglas, Thos. Davison, James Anderson, W. Landels, James Graham, G. Fullerton, K. O'Brien, A. Brenton, R. Stewart, D. Cameron, R. Faulkner, G. B. Johnson, John McKinnon, John Dixon, John McDonald, John Nelson, and G. Tattie.

The Rev. Mr. Duff read the roll of the Free Church Synod, and the following members were present:—Rev. W. G. Forbes, Professor King, John Stewart, Duncan B. Blair, Alexander Sutherland, Alexr. Campbell, Alexr. Ross, Murdoch Stewart, James Fraser, James Ross,

Charles L. Ross, Abraham McIntosh, William Duff, William Murray, John Hunter, Howard D. Steele, Alexander W. McKay, Alexander McKnight, Alexander Stuart, George Sutherland, Alexander Munro, Neil McKay, Donald McNeill, William Ross, Donald Morrison. The following Elders were present:—Messrs. Cameron, James Forman, John S. Newcomb, Taylor, Gunn, Logan, S. Campbell, McKay and Campbell.

The Rolls being read, the Rev. P. G. McGregor read the Basis of Union, which was engrossed on Parchment and ready for signature. The members of both Synods stood up while it was being read. Rev. Mr. Murdoch then signed the Basis on behalf of the one Synod, and the Rev. Mr. Forbes on behalf of the other.

The Rev. Mr. Murdoch then declared that the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was from this date merged into and should be known as the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and should be entitled to all rights, and vested in all the privileges, to which it is now, or may hereafter become entitled. The Rev. Mr. Forbes having made a similar declaration in reference to the Free Church, the Moderators gave each other the right hand of fellowship—all the ministers and elders following their example, the choir and the whole audience singing the 133rd Psalm, "Behold how good a thing it is," &c. This was a most affecting scene, and the big tears rolled down many a cheek not used to weeping.

Mr Murdoch then moved and Mr Forbes seconded that the Rev Professor King be now chosen Moderator. This was agreed to unanimously, and the Professor took the chair amid loud and repeated cheers. He then offered a solemn prayer; after which it was moved by Mr Bayne and seconded by Mr N. McKay, that Messrs Duff and McGregor be the Clerks of the Synod, and agreed unanimously. The Roll of the Synod was then called, and a member requested to signify his assent or dissent from the Basis of Union. All gave their assent. Members then signed the Basis in order of seniority.

The Rev. Mr McGillivray then gave out the 1st and 2d verses of the 133rd Psalm, which was again sung by the congregation standing. He then