

were cordially invited to take their seats as members of the court—and to the end they assisted in its deliberations.

Our Synod took up most heartily the hint they threw out with reference to a closer union of the branches of the Church of Scotland, in North America, with the view of leading ultimately to the formation of a general Assembly, and passed resolutions to that effect. There seemed to be, but one opinion upon this subject—the sooner it can be consummated the better.

Altogether we have great reason to be thankful to God for the spirit that characterised the meetings of the Synod, and for the measures that received its sanction.

All that is wanting now—is for ministers and people to vie with each other in carrying these measures into effect, and with God's blessing our church shall flourish. Ministers cannot do everything; they cannot do much if unsupported by the people. We hope therefore that all lukewarmness and indifference will vanish away, and that all the members of the church will feel their responsibilities and throw themselves into the good cause.

Public Meeting in St. Matthew's, Halifax.

A public meeting of the friends of the church of Scotland was held in this church, on the Monday evening after the Synod, to welcome the deputation from Canada, and to hear addresses from them as to the state of the church in that province; as also from some of the members of our Provincial Synod.

The chair was taken at half-past 7, by the Hon. James McNab, Receiver General, who was supported on the platform by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Rev. Messrs. McKid, Martin, Pollock, McKay, Sprott, the Hon. Wm. Young, Hon. Alex. Keith, Dr. Avery, and Wm. Fairbanks, Esq.

The meeting was opened with prayer and praise by the Rev. A. McKay.

The Chairman having then stated the object of the meeting, called upon the Rev. J. Martin, to move the 1st resolution which was to the following effect.

"That this meeting heartily appreciate the christian sympathy of the Synod of the church in Canada, in sending a deputation to visit these lower colonies, and cordially welcome the deputation." This was seconded in an eloquent speech, by the Hon. Wm. Young, Attorney General, and unanimously carried. Most interesting addresses were then delivered by the Rev. A. McKid, Moderator of the church in Canada, and the Rev. Dr. Mathieson. Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. W. Snodgrass, of St. James, Charlottetown, and seconded by W. Fairbanks, Esq. "That this meeting having heard the statements of the deputation from Canada rejoice in the prospects of the church in that province, and agree with

their fellow-churchmen, there in desiring a closer union of the church of Scotland, in these North American Provinces." This motion was also carried unanimously. It was then moved by the Rev. A. Pollock, of St. Andrew's church, New Glasgow, seconded by the Rev. G. W. Sprott, of Halifax, and unanimously resolved, "That this meeting desire to express their gratitude to God, for his goodness to the parent church, and her branches since the lamentable secession of 1843."

A vote of thanks to the chairman was then moved by the Hon. A. Keith, seconded by Dr. Avery, and carried by acclamation. After which the meeting having sung the doxology was dissolved by the Apostolic benediction.

P. S. A full account of this meeting will be given in next No.

We feel deeply indebted to the Synod of Nova Scotia for the very favourable, we might almost say flattering notice which they have taken at their late meeting of our monthly periodical, and we have no doubt that such support will tend not a little both to extend its circulation and increase its usefulness.

Commenced by the friends of the Church in this city, from the best intentions, as a means of diffusing useful intelligence and with a view to supply a want which was generally felt to exist, it has gradually found its way into our congregations and throughout the community, and if conducted with suitable ability and discretion, bids fair to become an acceptable visitant in many a family and to convey much needed and welcome intelligence to the friends and well wishers of the Church of Scotland throughout the length and breadth of the Provinces.

It cannot for a moment be doubted that the press has become in modern times and in all enlightened nations enjoying constitutional governments, one of the most powerful and influential engines for directing and regulating public opinion, that has ever been devised. Ever active and vigilant under the management of persons of the most varied talents, tastes and principles, transmitting its intelligence through the aid of railroads and the electric telegraph, with wonderful, with lightning rapidity, its influence for good or for evil, when its energies are in full force, has become incalculable, and almost irresistible. The ablest statesmen and the most powerful monarchs, have been often compelled to bow to its authority, and long established dynasties and absolute despotisms, have trembled and fallen under its fierce attacks and undermining inroads. The enemies of religion have not been slow in availing themselves of its wonderful facilities for propagating their licentious opinions and infidel notions, and surely it would be unsafe and dangerous for the friends of the truth to remain indolent and inactive. There are thousands and tens of thousands who never come within the sound of the preaching of the gospel who may be to a certain extent influenced by the press, and by religious tracts and periodicals, restrained from much mischief if not inclined to what is good. We know no religious denomination of any standing in society that does not call in the assistance of the Press in conducting its educational, benevolent and missionary

undertakings, and many of them more especially those who possess ample means and have numerous adherents, have not only their weekly but also their monthly and quarterly journals conducted with much ability and exerting a most salutary influence wherever they circulate.

The true friends of the church must be convinced that it is high time for us to have at least one organ of communication on which we can depend, which will utter no doubtful or uncertain sound, and lend not a reluctant and divided but a cordial and stedfast support to all our institutions and all our undertakings. We shall be greatly disappointed if our friends and fellow-christians shall not find such a publication in the "Monthly Record." We must solicit their friendly indulgence if they do not find in its pages all the varied and important information, which they are led to expect, or may wish to obtain. We have as yet found no room for poetry, although we have many poetical readers. Some might wish for much fuller political intelligence, especially respecting the progress of the war. But we must recall the attention of our readers, to the avowed design of our publication, and we feel bound in good faith to adhere to the course which has been marked out for us. Perhaps it may be thought by some that we have occupied a much larger space than was at all necessary in this and the preceding numbers, with ecclesiastical intelligence. But we were anxious to put our friends in possession as early as possible of the latest and fullest reports of the proceedings of our superior ecclesiastical courts. We shall endeavour to find room in succeeding numbers for a larger amount of religious and practical reading, and we must also endeavour to find out some more Leila Adair's and interesting narratives for the instruction and improvement of our youthful readers. But we must not promise too much, and it will be wise for us to stop here at present.

Address to the Lieutenant Governor.

On Monday the 9th instant a deputation from the Synod of Nova Scotia in connexion with the Church of Scotland, consisting of the Rev. John Martin Moderator; Revd. William Snodgrass, Synod Clerk; Revd. Alexander McKid, Moderator of the Synod of Canada; Revd. Dr. Mathieson, of Montreal, Revd. John Scott, Revd. Allan Pollock, Revd. George W. Sprott, Revd. Alexander McKay, and Doctor Avery, accompanied by the Honourable James McNab, Honourable Alexander Keith, and William Murdoch, Esquire, waited upon His Excellency Sir GASPARD LE-MARCHANT, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, with the following Address, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the subjoined reply.

To His Excellency Major General Sir J. GASPARD LE-MARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Order of St. Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, in Synod convened, as the Representatives in this Colony of a National Church recognised in, and