

prepare a memorial to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland respecting the Theological education of young men for the Ministry in this Province, being unprepared to make any report, were re-appointed with the addition of Mr. Brooke, and enjoined to attend to the duty without delay.

The Moderator, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Ross and others, on behalf of the Committee on Churches and Church property, gave in reports in regard to various matters that had come under their notice during the past year.

The Synod again appoint the Committee, with power to add to their number, enjoining them to continue their enquiries.

Mr. Brooke, on behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a memorial to the Colonial Committee, setting forth the great need of additional labourers in this part of the Lord's Vineyard, reported that he had forwarded such a memorial, and had also, at the request of the Colonial Committee, sent a statistical account of various settlements where the services of a Minister or Missionary were required. The Moderator and Mr. Henderson also stated that they had corresponded with the Committee on the subject; and that, while they expressed their utmost readiness to comply with the requests of the Synod, they were not able to make any appointments at present.

Mr. Henderson, as Convener of the Committee on Union with other Presbyterian Churches, reported that no application for a conference had been made to them during the past year.

The Synod appoint the Moderator, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Ross, Ministers, with Messrs. Robert Robertson and John Edwards, Elders, a Committee for the same purpose for the current year.

Mr. Brooke moved that a Committee be appointed to correspond with the Ministers of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Cape Breton, and Newfoundland, with a view to unite them with this Synod in one body under the name of the "Synod of the Lower Provinces" in connection with the Church of Scotland. The motion, being seconded by Mr. Steven, was unanimously agreed to. Whereupon the Moderator, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Ross were appointed a Committee to conduct the correspondence, with power to add to their number.

Mr. Brooke moved that the different Ministers within the bounds of Synod be enjoined to make a return at the meeting of Synod every year, embracing the following data:—

1st. Number of baptisms during the year elapsed since last meeting of Synod, males and females.

2nd. Number of marriages.

3rd. Number of deaths, males and females, with ages as near as can be ascertained.

4th. Number of communicants standing on the roll, males and females.

5th. Number of communicants admitted during the past year, males and females, distinguishing between those who have communicated for the first time, and those who have formerly been communicants elsewhere.

6th. Number of names struck off the communion roll, whether on account of death, removal from the place, or other causes.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow at 9, a. m. Closed with prayer.

August 9, 1851.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On motion of Mr. Brooke the Synod resolve to enjoin the different Ministers within their bounds, that on the fourth Sabbath of October, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, they publicly give thanks to Almighty God for His great goodness in crowning the year with His bounty, and so to improve the occasion as circumstances may require.

On motion of Mr. Brooke the Synod resolved to express their many obligations to the Editors of the *Halifax Guardian*, their high sense of the important services rendered by them to the cause of Religion generally; and more especially to that branch of our National Church existing in these Provinces: and that, approving highly of the principles on which that periodical has been conducted, they record their determination to use their influence to extend its circulation in their respective districts.

The Synod then appointed the next Meeting to be held at Chatham, Miramichi, on the first Thursday of September, 1852; and the whole proceedings were closed with prayer.

JOHN M. BROOKE, *Synod Clerk.*—  
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REV. GEO. McDONNELL, OF BATHURST.

We have pleasure in publishing, in compliance with the wish of the Session of St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, the following complimentary address to their highly respected Pastor, which was transmitted to him soon after leaving that place for Scotland. Mr. McDonnell is now well known in the Church by his practical writings as well as by his public ministrations. He has spent ten years in Bathurst, labouring diligently and faithfully among his people, and has secured many warm friends in the community, who lament his temporary absence from that district. It must be highly gratifying to him, and highly creditable to all the parties concerned, to find that after such a lengthened period not one bitter word or the least unkindly feeling has ever existed among the members of his Session. Should the congregation at Bathurst be left, as there is too much reason to fear, for some time

without a fixed pastor, their case will only furnish another testimony, in addition to the number already presented, in proof of the absolute necessity of appointing visiting missionaries to supply the numerous vacancies within the Synod of New Brunswick. It is pleasing to find that the able and faithful members of that Synod are fully alive to the spiritual wants of the people placed under their care, and determined to do every thing in their power to mitigate and to remove them.

BATHURST, N. B., 20th June, 1851.

To the Reverend GEORGE McDONNELL, of Saint Luke's Church, Bathurst.

*Dear and Reverend Sir,*—We, the undersigned, the Elders of St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, desire, on your departure for Scotland, to express to you our sincere wishes, that you may be favoured with a speedy, safe and comfortable voyage Home, and, if judged for the best by the All-wise Ruler of every event, an early and happy return to your family and your Congregation.

We embrace this opportunity to bear witness to the zeal and faithfulness with which you have ever discharged the various important duties of your sacred office in Bathurst. We have good reason to believe that the marked improvement in the community around us arises much from your having both preached and lived an irreproachable life, for we know that every institution to promote the good of the people had your active and unwearied support. It affords us no slight degree of pleasure to reflect that during the whole period of our connection as members of the Kirk Session of St. Luke's, now ten years, we have not had one unfriendly word either with you as Moderator or with each other as Brethren, a circumstance which, we believe, will be looked back to with as much pleasure by you as it is by us.

We conclude with the prayer that an Almighty Father may be your guide in every doubtful or difficult position in which you may be placed, and that He may grant to you a full measure of His Good Spirit to support and strengthen you.

(Signed)

WILLIAM NAPIER.  
SAMUEL BROWN.  
THOMAS ARMSTRONG.  
JAMES SMITH.

*Halifax Guardian.*

#### COLONIAL CHURCHES.

Our communications from the Colonies are too frequently uniform in their tenor, detailing instances of spiritual destitution which should powerfully appeal to our sympathies, and which demand our active efforts and our prayers. "The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few." The most promising fields are open, but few labourers appear ready to go in that they may possess the land. It is matter, doubtless, of thankfulness, that something has been done to alleviate the extremity of the case; that our countrymen abroad have not been wholly left as sheep without a shepherd; but it should be the desire and prayer of the members of the Church, that the efforts put forth may become much more extended; and that many faithful and zealous messengers may present themselves, ready to do the Lord's work in a field of exertion at once so interesting and necessitous.

We beg leave to direct the attention of our readers to a very excellent letter from