

## Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1845.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE MAILS.

The mail for Fredericton, direct, closes on Monday morning at 7,30 o'clock; and arrives on the morning of Friday, at 2 o'clock, A. M.

The Southern mails are closed at 5,30 o'clock, on the mornings of Tuesdays and Saturdays, and arrive at 7 o'clock on the mornings of Mondays and Thursdays.

The mails for the Northward are despatched soon after the arrival of the mails from the southward on Mondays and Thursdays; and arrive here on the mornings of Friday, at 6 o'clock.

A mail is also made up, to and from Prince Edward, by the steamer Saint George, every fortnight.

## DEPUTATION FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

THE Deputation from the Venerable Scottish Establishment, consisting of the Reverend Doctor Simpson, the Reverend Doctor McLeod, and the Reverend Norman McLeod, arrived in Miramichi, on Saturday the 27th ult., in the Steamer St. George, from Prince Edward Island. They were immediately waited upon by the Minister, Elders, Trustees, and a number of Gentlemen, members of Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, by whom they were conducted to the *Manse*; where arrangements were made, with regard to the movements of the Deputation, at this place.

On the following day, Mr McLeod, and Doctor Simpson preached forenoon and afternoon respectively, in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, and St. James's, Newcastle; thus alternating their services between these two Churches. The Rev. Doctor McLeod officiated on the same day both in Gaelic and in English, in Black River Church.

The Sermons of these eminent Clergymen were highly impressive and eloquent; and their audiences respectable, attentive, and immensely large.

On Monday forenoon at 10 o'clock, a Public Breakfast was given to the Deputation in the Royal Hotel, Chatham, where, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a very large company assembled. The Breakfast being ended, the President, Dr. Alexander Key, presented an Address to the Deputation, from the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church expressive of the deep satisfaction and delight, with which their visit to this place was hailed. To this Address Doctor Simpson returned a very appropriate, interesting, and elegant reply. The other two Reverend Gentlemen, likewise, favored the company with speeches, which elicited the warmest approbation of all present.

On the afternoon of the same day, Meetings were held in St. Andrew's and in St. James's Churches, to afford the adherents of the Church an opportunity of hearing the Reverend Gentlemen explain the cause of the late Secession, the various questions which in connexion with that event, have been so keenly agitated; and the present prosperous and efficient state of the Mother Church. The Addresses which were delivered at these Meetings were so clear, argumentative and eloquent, that they commanded universal admiration. Judging by the eagerness and deep attention, evinced by the hearers on every occasion, and the unusually lucid and convincing eloquence of the distinguished speakers, we believe a salutary and lasting impression has been produced. False views have been removed; false statements corrected; and the true bearing of the Church question so fully and plainly unfolded, that the speaker's conclusions were almost irresistible; in fact, the high christian, charitable tone in which the whole proceedings were conducted, was beyond all praise.

It is evident that the Church of Scotland has been eminently fortunate, in her selection of these Gentlemen as her Re-

presentatives to the American Colonies; and in the possession of such talented, eloquent and pious individuals, she holds out a living evidence that she is deserving of the continued confidence and affection of her adherents, either at home or abroad. All who had the privilege of listening to the Addresses of the Members of the Deputation—no matter to what party or section of the Christian Church they belong—will readily acknowledge, that the spirit which breathed throughout all their Speeches and Addresses, was worthy of the Gospel of their Lord and Master; and that their aim is to follow his example, and tread in his footsteps.

After Sermon, in St. Andrew's Church, on Sabbath afternoon, Doctor Simpson, in a style simple and unaffected, but extremely affectionate and beautiful, addressed the children who attend the Sabbath School in Chatham, conducted by Mr and Mrs Millar. He congratulated the Teachers on the good and holy work in which they were engaged; and the children on the valuable privilege which they enjoyed; and earnestly urged upon them the propriety of practically applying the useful instructions thus conveyed to them.

At the conclusion of the meeting on Monday, at St. James's Church, an Address was presented to the Rev. Mr McLeod, to which we understand he replied with his accustomed eloquence and energy.

On Tuesday morning the Deputation left Miramichi, for some of the neighbouring districts.

On Thursday, the 31st July, the Reverend Doctor Simpson—having the day previously returned from Tabisintac, and Burnt Church Settlements—went on to Fredericton, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Macbean, of Chatham.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the day after his return from Bathurst—the Rev. Norman McLeod, in company with Alex. Rankin, Esq., M. P. P., proceeded to Richibucto; at which place, we understand, he preached on Sunday, to a crowded congregation, and on Monday delivered an Address, explanatory of the objects which have brought the distinguished Deputation to these Provinces, &c.

On Tuesday last—accompanied by his venerable uncle, who has now, we are happy to assure his friends, nearly recovered from the effects of his late accident—the Rev. Norman McLeod, left this place, at an early hour, for Fredericton, where he, and the Reverend Doctor, will rejoice their esteemed associate Doctor Simpson, and proceed to St. John, N. B.

We pray that Heaven's best blessing may rest upon and abide with these great and good men; and crown their mission to these wild and woody Provinces with an abundant harvest of success.

From Richibucto, Bathurst, and Tabisintac, we will most likely receive reports of the proceedings of the Deputation at these places; to which we shall gladly give publicity.

The admirable Address from the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, and the Reply of the Deputation, through the Rev. Doctor Simpson, we have the pleasure of publishing below:—

## ADDRESS

To the Deputation from the Church of Scotland—from the Minister, Elders, Trustees, and Members generally, of Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, Miramichi, N. B.

We, the Minister, Elders, Trustees and Members of Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, Miramichi, incorporated by law, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, have heard with deep satisfaction, of the appointment by the General Assembly of the Parent Church, of a Deputation—consisting of Three of her most eminent and distinguished Clergymen, to visit her Brethren, and adherents, in the North American Provinces; with the important object of reporting on their present condition and future prospects; of affording them comfort and friendly advice in their season of trial, and difficulty; and in order that—their Religious wants and destitution, being thus made known in the Mother Country—relief might with as little delay as possible, be provided—And the arrival

amongst ourselves, of this Deputation from the venerable Scottish Establishment, we now hail with great delight—we welcome with "one heart and one soul."

Your presence here this day, Reverend Gentlemen, is most refreshing and encouraging to us. We regard it as an important event, that may lead to the most extensively beneficial results. It constitutes doubtless an irrefragable evidence, that our beloved national Church, continues to feel the liveliest—the intensest interest, in those of her children who live amid the hardships and privations of the American Forests, far from the land of their fathers, as well as in those who enjoy the comforts and privileges of Christian Scotland; and that it is her ardent desire, to supply to all her people, to the utmost extent of her ability, the regular and pure ministrations of the Gospel. One admirable feature in our opinion of your present mission is, that you labour to build up, and edify, and not to pull down and destroy; that you strive to promote Christian peace and harmony, and not to sow the seeds of unseemly strife and party zeal. For, altho' those who adhere steadfastly in this day of bitter reproach, and malignant calumny to the Church of Scotland, have been lavishly loaded with every unbecoming epithet and opprobrious name, and extensively charged with being actuated by every unworthy, and sordid motive, yet we feel no desire to reciprocate this uncharitable, unchristian conduct.

True! we are sincerely attached to the church of our fathers—and the presence amongst us of that Deputation whom we have now the honor of addressing, tends powerfully to confirm that deep-rooted affection, but then, tho' we love our own church, we are not in the least inclined—such intention we repudiate and disclaim—to censure or malign other religious parties or denominations. We indeed deeply deplore that wide-spread Secession which took place among the office-bearers, members and adherents of our national Zion—we lament the existence of the party spirit that has thereby been engendered, and the unwarrantable and acrimonious language in which too many of those who differ from us, have indulged; and we especially regret that this Secession has been the cause of depriving the Colonies of the Ministerial Services of many able and excellent men, whose vacant charges have greatly increased that extensive religious destitution, that formerly existed, and that now fearfully overpreads almost the whole Country; but amid the long catalogue of consequences of a very untoward character, which have sprung from the recent secession, we can point, we hope to at least one advantage, which it has produced. It has led our venerable Church to send you, Reverend Gentlemen, as her representatives and ambassadors to these Colonies, where we are sure you will obtain such an amount of local statistical knowledge, and make such valuable practical observations as will enable you, when you return to your native land, to bring clearly and fully their true state and wants before that high Ecclesiastical Court by whom you have been deputed, as well as before the Scottish public generally—which course will, we trust, issue in a copious supply of Ministerial Labourers and pecuniary aid, being sent across the Atlantic, to gladden the hearts, and cheer the spirits of Scotia's ex-patriated children, and to build up the waste places of our Zion in this the far distant land of our sojourn.

Any information possessed by us, Reverend Sirs, which you may deem of service to you in your present mission, you can at once command, for it shall be readily given; and any suggestions which you may be disposed to make, or any advice which you may tender, for our benefit and direction in the management of our ecclesiastical affairs, we shall most gladly accept and profit by. Such an opportunity of friendly advice and consultation as the present one, forms an important era in the history of the Colonial Branches of the Church of Scotland, and we should therefore not permit it to pass by, without turning it to good account. We will take courage, and our hopes will revive when we hear words of consolation and admonition from the lips of such eminent servants of God, as yourselves, commissioned as you have been to animate, direct and aid us, by that Church whose name is still dear to us—whose simple and scriptural ritual and polity we admire—whose prosperity we have not ceased to pray for, in that season when her foes energetically cried "Raze her, raze her even to the foundation thereof;" and whom sooner than forget "our right hands shall forget their cunning, and our tongues shall cleave to the roof of our mouths."

That Heaven, Reverend Sirs, may minister health and strength to you, to fulfil the arduous duties of your honorable mission—that you may be protected from all dangers and accidents in your progress over the North American Provinces—that much success may attend your labour of love, in strengthening the attachment, and in confirming and enlivening the hopes of the friends of the Church of Scotland—that an abundant harvest may hereafter be gathered in from the incorruptible seed of truth which you now so faithfully disseminate—that the waste places of our Zion may be built up, and her scattered sons and daughters united in the enjoyment and exercise of Christian ordinances—that you may be preserved in re-crossing the Atlantic waste of waters, by Him whom all the elements obey—that you may be long spared to rejoice the hearts of your own flocks in the land of your birth, and to publish what you have seen and heard in this "waste, howling wilderness"—and to learn in the progress of time, the glorious benefits which have flowed from your missionary tour to this country—that the Great and Divine Head of our Church, may bless and prosper you, through the sacred

influences of the Holy Spirit; and cause to flourish and extend that Church whose worthy Representatives you now are—that all this may be granted by Heaven, whence all blessings emanate, is the ardent prayer of the Minister, Elders, Trustees, and Members of Saint Andrew's Church.

A. KEY, Chairman.

To this Address, Dr. Simpson, on the part of the Deputation, made the following reply:—

## GENTLEMEN,

We beg respectfully and gratefully to acknowledge the honor conferred by this Address, enhanced as it is by the large assemblage of kind friends in midst of whom it is presented to us. The high satisfaction you express at the adoption by the Church at home of that measure, which we are deputed to carry into effect, is to us in no ordinary degree gratifying. The feeling in which it originated was that of deep interest and cordial sympathy in all that concerns the spiritual welfare of the Churches in these Provinces adhering to her communion, and the anxious desire to aid, to the utmost of her power and available resources, in promoting this: and it is pleasing to us to find that this is so fully understood and appreciated by you.

The object of our mission is to preach the Gospel from place to place, as God gives us strength and opportunity, in the humble hope that by His blessing, our visits may prove in many of the now dry and thirsty portions of this extensive vineyard, a time of refreshing. In connection with this, it is our instruction to gather on the spot, and by personal observation and inquiry, such information as may enable the Parent Church to carry most beneficially into effect her desire and purpose of assisting to supply the destitution of the means of grace under which the adherents to her communion are here labouring, and whose cry of "come over and help us," she has heard with deep and affectionate sympathy.

The flattering opinion you entertain of our qualifications for conducting the mission entrusted to us, claims our grateful thanks: and the light in which any testimony of this kind ought to be, and we trust, will be, regarded by us, will be chiefly that of encouraging and exciting us to greater zeal and diligence in the performance of our task—a task of whose importance the strong sense we felt when we undertook it, has been growing and strengthening with every step of our progress in the execution of it, from the moment of our reaching these distant shores.

We rejoice to find that you cordially approve of and concur in the spirit in which it is alike our instructions from our constituents, and our personal wish to execute the work assigned to us; the spirit, namely, of peace and brotherly kindness, and christian charity. Our aim, as you truly say, is to "build up and edify." Like you, we lament the secession that lately took place from our Church, including so many Ministers whose worth and piety none can be more ready to allow than the brethren from whom they have separated. We presume not to judge another man's servant, to his own master he standeth or falleth. But what in this respect we willingly concede to others, we firmly claim for ourselves. If they were fully persuaded in their own mind, that it was their duty to our common Master to leave the pale of the establishment, they did right to quit it; in them it would have been sin to remain. And by plain parity of reasoning, since we were fully persuaded in our minds, that it was our duty to our common Master to remain in the establishment, we were bound to do so; in us it would have been sin to leave it.

Our church has had her season of trial—her day of darkness and difficulty. But thanks be to Him in whom we trusted, and to whom we committed our cause, He hath brought her forth from the trial; He hath caused light to spring out of darkness, and order out of confusion. The gloom is dispelled; the difficulties are surmounted; our Jerusalem is again a quiet habitation. Our pulpits are filled, and by men—we say it not in the spirit of boasting, but of devout and humble thankfulness—that need not fear comparison with the Ministers of any Christian Church, either in our own or in any other land.

Your warm attachment to the Church of our common veneration, and your just estimate of the grounds on which she is entitled to this, are to us peculiarly gratifying. We believe, and we rejoice in believing, that she is indeed worthy of your most affectionate regard; and the tokens of favour with which she has been visited, encourage us to rely on the continued protection of her Great Head. The supplications which you offer up for her prosperity, will be mingled with devout prayers in her behalf ascending from other and far distant lands. And we trust that our national religious establishment will be to many coming, as it has been to many past generations, the most precious inheritance of the people of Scotland, and the source to which their children and their children's children, in every revolving age, and in every quarter of the globe, may turn with fond affection and assured confidence, for sympathy and aid in all that concerns their spiritual and eternal interests.

"THEY WERE THE SWEETEST SOUNDS I EVER HEARD."—McPherson, the "sweet singer" of Acadia, is dead. No more will Nova Scotia be soothed with his sweet melodies; he has gone to the land of spirits, and we hope to the Choir above. His Poems, (such as we have seen) were alike calculated to profit and to please; they inform the understanding—elevate