

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1847.

The Subscriber having been compelled to consume a large amount of time, and incur considerable expense, in his too often fruitless endeavours to collect his far-spread Outstanding Debts, hereby notifies all persons to whom he is not indebted, and with whom he has not a running account, that orders for advertising in the Gleaner, and for Printing, in future, must be accompanied with the CASH, otherwise they will not meet with attention.

JAMES A. PIERCE.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEPUTATION FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

In the last number of our Journal we brought the proceedings of the Deputation from the Church of Scotland down to Wednesday, the 28th July. On the morning of that day, two of the Deputation—the Rev. Messrs. Fowler and M'Intosh—left this place for the purpose of visiting various settlements that surround the Bay de Chaleur. As yet we have not been favoured with full details of the movements and doings of these Gentlemen in that quarter; we learn, however, that when within some ten or twelve miles of Bathurst, they were joined by a party of Gentlemen from that town, among whom were Francis Ferguson, and William Napier, Esqrs. and Dr. E. Gordon, who had left home for the purpose of escorting the Deputation to the town of Bathurst, and tendering their services and hospitality.

At ten o'clock the following morning—intimation having been seasonably given, the Rev. Mr. Fowler preached in the Rev. Mr. M'Donnell's church, to a large and attentive audience, and immediately after availing himself of the opportunity, he described the interesting condition of the parent church, and her bright prospects.

On Friday afternoon the two Reverend Gentlemen, accompanied by Francis Ferguson, Esq. his lady, and others, arrived at the settlement of Beldoun, at which place Mr. M'Intosh preached with great acceptance, and delivered a short but interesting address.

Taking leave of his Reverend colleague for a few days, Mr. Fowler crossed the Bay de Chaleur, and arrived the next day at the beautiful and prosperous settlement of New Richmond. Here the Rev. Gentleman witnessed many cheering manifestations of attachment to the Church of Scotland; enjoyed much refreshing intercourse with the inhabitants, and from them received many proofs of personal kindness and regard. At this place Mr. Fowler preached, and delivered a lengthy address, to a crowded and much pleased congregation; and having bade adieu to the many friends of the Church in that quarter, he returned to Beldoun—accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Wallace, Missionary of the Church—on Monday week, the 2nd instant.

While the Reverend Mr. Fowler was thus employed on the north side of the Bay, the Rev. Mr. M'Intosh was not less diligently engaged in the discharge of his duty at New Mills, Dalhousie, and Campbelltown. At the former place the Rev. Gentleman preached on Friday afternoon a sermon in Gaelic and another in English; and in each of these languages addressed his deeply impressed audiences on matters relating to the Church.

On the Sabbath morning Mr. M'Intosh preached at Campbelltown, and in the evening at Dalhousie. At these two important places Mr. M. was presented with affectionate and animating addresses, to which he replied in his accustomed manly and eloquent manner.

On Monday he returned to Beldoun, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Steven, John Montgomery, and Dugald Stewart, Esqrs., the Collector of Her M. Customs, Peter Stewart, Esq. and other gentlemen, where Mr. M'Intosh and his party

found his brother of the Deputation, Mr. Fowler, attended by the true and ever active friend of the church, Mr. Francis Ferguson, and others, awaiting their arrival.

On Tuesday morning—having reached Bathurst from Beldoun the preceding evening—the Rev. Messrs. Fowler and M'Intosh bade farewell to their many kind and valued friends at Bathurst, and with the Rev. Mr. Wallace, arrived at Chatham the same afternoon, about 4 o'clock.

On Wednesday the Rev. Mr. M'Intosh visited the Black River Church, in Glenelg, where he delivered two excellent discourses, and two short addresses in the English and Gaelic languages. The Rev. Gentleman had the happiness to find the inhabitants of this proverbially Scotch settlement, although for some time deprived of a Clergyman of their own church, still warmly attached to the venerable Church of their fathers.

Although not less actively or efficiently employed in the work given him by the church to do, we have said nothing as yet of the doings of the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, during the absence of his two Reverend brethren at the Bay de Chaleur: our reason for this was simply, that we might complete our imperfect sketch of the tour of Messrs. Fowler & M'Intosh to the Bay, and of their labours up to Thursday at 6 a.m. the hour at which they took their departure for Fredericton.

Having, as we stated in our last, visited the many settlements of Red Bank, Northesk, Burnt Church, Tabusintac, Buctouche, Richibucto, and Kouchibouguac; and at each of these places, having delivered a discourse, and discanted in neat and eloquent strains on the present condition, and animating prospects of the Church at home, the Rev. Mr. Stevenson returned to Chatham on Wednesday evening last.

On Thursday morning—after his Rev. colleagues had left for Fredericton—Mr. Stevenson delivered to a crowded congregation in Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, a highly impressive, eloquent, and heart-searching discourse; and about noon, escorted by the Rev. J. C. Macbean, the Rev. Mr. Wallace, and a few friends, he hastened away to overtake his brethren.

These good and great men are now gone from us, nor is it likely we shall ever again see their faces, or listen to their voices on this side the grave. They have gone, however, followed by the ardent aspirations of their many friends in this quarter, for their personal safety and happiness, and the unfeigned prayer of all, that their errand of love may be crowned with the Divine blessing.

The following is the reply of the Deputation to the address of the Minister, Elders, Trustees, and Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, alluded to in our last.

Reverend Sir and Gentlemen,

Accept of our grateful acknowledgments for the address which you have kindly presented to us. In the beginning of the address you have enumerated very correctly the objects which we have been deputed to prosecute during our visit to British North America, and therefore I need not particularly refer to them. With one fact, however, I am anxious to impress you,—that you neither over-estimate the interest which the Church at home takes in every thing that relates to your spiritual welfare; nor her ardent desire to supply her people in this country with the regular and pure ministrations of the Gospel. Deeply has she felt for the lonely Sabbaths which many of them have for years been compelled to spend; the numbers who have been destitute of the visitations of a Pastor to comfort them in affliction and the families growing up under their roofs without the counsels of a minister to walk in the fear of the Lord; and moved by the melancholy situation in which they are thus placed, her attention is most seriously directed to the alleviation of it; and you may depend that whatever she can do will be done, and that speedily.

We rejoice that among you no destitution of the means of grace exists; that this congregation has the benefit of a really able and faithful minister; and we pray that his ministrations, public and private, may be blessed by the spirit of God for your present edification, and your future welfare. You mention that even in this distant colony you have had trials to encounter,

connected with the late secession in Scotland; but that notwithstanding you have clung to the Church in which you were baptized, around which your earliest associations are entwined, and within whose temples your fathers long worshipped. Gentlemen, we congratulate you on your steadfastness, and all the more that as you have watched carefully her operations, your steadfastness must be intelligent. If ever you loved the Church of Scotland, you may love her still; her standards are unchanged, her discipline is the same, from her pulpits the doctrines of the Confession of Faith are ably preached; her Parish Schools, where the young receive a religious, combined with a secular education, are in efficient operation; her missionary spirit was never more ardent nor enterprising; and above all, the blessing of her Great Head appears to be resting upon her labors; the number of her people is steadily increasing, and every department of the work which, as a Church of Christ, she is prosecuting, is evidently prospering. Believe me, the affectionate regard of which you speak is not misapplied, when the object of it is such a Church—the Church of your Fathers.

For the admirable prayer which you offer for the success of the mission in which we are engaged, and for ourselves personally, we return you our sincerest thanks, heartily praying that not one good thing which the Lord has promised to his people may fail of being realized by you. We leave you with the warmest recollections of your great kindness to us.

Address from the Minister, Elders, and Trustees of St. James's Church, Newcastle, to the Deputation from the Church of Scotland to visit these Colonies.

Rev. Gentlemen,

We, the Minister, Elders, and Trustees of St. James's Church, Newcastle, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, desire to express our sincere pleasure at seeing amongst us a Deputation from the Venerable Church of our Forefathers.

The benefits, which we and our fathers have derived from that church, can never be effaced from our memories, and the interest she is now taking in our welfare, tends greatly to strengthen the chains of affection which bind her to our hearts. Far separated from the land of our fathers, and located amidst the forests of the new world, where religious privileges are not easily secured, and Ministers connected with the Church to which we belong are few, it affords us peculiar pleasure to find that our spiritual welfare is not overlooked by the church at home, and that the interest she takes in us is of no superficial character. A part of the work of every general Assembly now is to enquire after the welfare of her different branches settled in the various Colonies connected with the British Empire. Nor does she only enquire after their welfare, but she enjoins on all her Ministers, in their several Parishes, to make collections, and thus contribute something to enable her to send out Ministers to break in these distant lands the bread of life. She has appointed a Committee to give attention to all their requests, and to endeavour to procure a supply for all their wants. Two years ago, she sent out a Deputation of her Members, whose visit to these Colonies was productive of very great advantage, and we have now the pleasure, Reverend Gentlemen, of welcoming you, her second Deputation amongst us. To you, Gentlemen, we would now express, and, through you, to the church which you represent, the gratitude which we feel for the interest thus taken in our welfare. Deeply attached to that Church, in whose principles we have been educated, whose standards we believe to be based on the unerring records of Divine truth, and which we believe to have been an instrument in the hand of God, of conveying the glad tidings of salvation to multitudes, we sincerely hope that she may continue an efficient instrument for conveying these blessings down to the latest ages. It is our sincere prayer, that the great Head of the Church may direct her in all her movements, that her priests may be clothed with salvation, that her people may shout aloud for joy and that no weapon formed against her may prosper. And for you, Reverend Gentlemen, our prayer is that your visit among us may be followed by a blessing from on high, that you may be protected in all your journeyings through this extensive country, that you may have strength and health to carry you through the fatigues to which you will be exposed, that you may have a safe and pleasant return to your charges at home, and that the blessing of Israel's God may rest on all your labours.

William Henderson, A. M., Minister.

Richard Hutchison,

Christopher Wishart,

John Siewright,

William Henderson,

Alexander Rankin, Chairman of Trustees, &c., &c., &c.

To which the Rev. Mr. Fowler made the following reply:—

Revd. Sir, and Gentlemen,

I am afraid that, honoured as we have been to receive so many addresses in the course of our journey, and to acknowledge them, our expressions of thanks may fall to be regarded as matters of mere courtesy or form. I assure you they are not so. We value highly your kindness in so cordially welcoming us among you, and are much encouraged by it, in prosecuting the arduous mission; which has been confided to us. It is most refreshing to find in this distant land, so many of our

countrymen attached, like ourselves, to the church of our fathers, who appreciate the good which she has been instrumental in doing, and who, in a time of anxiety about her welfare, did not abandon, but rather clung to her with more resolute affection. The attachment which you have proved that you cherish to her constitution, and general interests, believe me, is met by the Church at home with an equal attachment to you and your families. The way in which that attachment is indicated I do not need to dwell upon. You know it. Every year the state of the Colonies forms a subject of anxious consideration by the General Assembly, our people, sympathising with the wants of their expatriated brethren, contribute liberally to supply them; an association, comprising much of the wealth and intelligence of Scotland, assists in the same benevolent enterprise, and a Committee of Assembly is appointed to use every means in its power for your benefit, since you have referred to the Committee, I may be allowed to assure you of the anxiety of all the members of that body to listen with sympathy to every appeal that is made to them, and to spare no exertion, that the evils which are so severely felt in this Colony may be remedied. The Venerable Convener of that Committee is known to you, as one of the ornaments of our church, who combines great talent with exemplary judgment and very rare habits of business. These he has long brought to bear upon whatever can promote the welfare of his expatriated countrymen. His Colleague in the consistory is eminently qualified for the office which he holds, and spares neither time, nor labour, nor thought in directing the operations of the body over which he presides. Rest assured that in these circumstances you cannot be forgotten, and that one of the happiest days to us all at home will be, when we hear that all our congregations in this Colony are plentifully supplied with the ordinances of grace. Before concluding, permit me to say that I am among you in peculiar circumstances, I have been addressing a clergyman, who was well known to me years ago, and who gave promise of superior talents and devoted piety. I congratulate you, my dear sir, on the important station you occupy. I pray that every blessing may attend you and your flock, and that the spirit of all grace may increasingly hallow the bonds that subsist between you. Another matter of no little interest to me is that last Sabbath I preached from that pulpit, which was long occupied by my late valued friend, Mr. Souter. I do not need to speak here of his personal worth, his warmth of heart, and fidelity in his Master's cause. You knew him well, and have here erected a tablet to prove that his memory is dear to you. In the mysterious providence of God, he has been removed from his family, his flock, and his friends, but I believe he has gone to that Saviour, whose love he delighted to preach to his fellowmen. Oh, let us not forget, as heirs of mortality too, to improve the dispensation.

I beg again to thank you for this address, for the great kindness which we have received from you, and although our present intercourse is to be but short, let us cultivate the faith and holiness unfolded in our Bibles, and in a little while we shall meet in that kingdom, where there will be everlasting union and happiness.

CHIGNECTO RAILWAY.

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of Shediac, held at the Madras School house, on Monday, the 2nd day of August, 1847, for the purpose of taking into consideration the preliminary business connected with the above Railway,

DANIEL HANINGTON, Esq., M. P. P. having been called to the chair, and Mr. A. B. TAYTE requested to act as Secretary,

It was moved by Thomas E. Smith, Esq., seconded by Mr. R. C. Scovil, and unanimously resolved, that the Chignecto Railway company, incorporated at the last Session of the General Assembly, for the purpose of constructing a Railway to open the communication between the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the Bay of Fundy, having opened share lists in the said company at the city of St. John; this meeting, convinced of the great public benefits to result from the undertaking, pledge themselves to use every means in their power, to promote the objects of the said company.

Moved by Doctor Charles S. Theal, seconded by Mr. A. M'Ghie, and unanimously resolved, that from the well known capabilities of Shediac harbour, not only as a perfectly sheltered haven, but as possessing greater depth of water than any other of the harbours in the Gulf of St. Lawrence which can possibly connect with the Railway, it is the opinion of this meeting that Shediac will be chosen as the point from which the said Railway will commence, and they refer with confidence to the following facts, in support of such opinion, that in addition to the several other vessels which have arrived at that harbour, the following may be mentioned, viz:—

In 1837, the war steamer Medea which conveyed from hence part of H. M. 65th Regt.

The transport ship Sophia, which also conveyed a detachment of the same Regt.