

enumeration to comprise all who are entitled to esquireship, it will be evident that thousands of parties styled esquires are not so in reality. It is a prevailing error that persons possessed of three thousand pounds a year in land are esquires, but an estate of fifty thousand pounds would not confer the dignity. Nothing but the one or other of the conditions above mentioned is sufficient.—*Curiosities of Heraldry.*

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1852.

DEPUTATION FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

It was announced in last week's Gleaner, that the Reverend Mr Sutherland, one of the Deputation from the Church of Scotland, had reached Chatham on the afternoon of Friday the 24th, having preached in Richibucto on the preceding evening. On Saturday he went to Black River, and after visiting several of the settlers there, preached both in English and Gaelic. On Sabbath he delivered most eloquent and impressive discourses at Newcastle in the forenoon, and Chatham in the afternoon.

The illness of his respected Colleague, the Rev. Dr. Ritchie, having thrown a greater share of labor on Mr Sutherland, in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island than would otherwise have been requisite, necessarily shortened the time of his stay in Miramichi.

On Monday morning, previous to his departure by the Mail for Fredericton, an Address was delivered to him in St. Andrews Church, Chatham; and while the Courier was exchanging mails at the Newcastle Post Office, he was driven up to the Manse, where a few of the Elders and Trustees of St. James's Church waited upon him, and presented an Address, which was accompanied with a small contribution to the funds of the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, as an expression of gratitude for their kindness in sending out Deputations to these Provinces.

We give below, in the order they were presented, the two Addresses, and the Replies of the Reverend Gentleman:

ADDRESS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

To the Reverend William Sutherland, a Member of the Deputation from the Church of Scotland to the British North American Provinces,

Reverend Sir,—

We, the undersigned, for ourselves, and in behalf of the Elders, Trustees and Congregation of Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, beg leave to offer you a hearty and sincere welcome, as one of the Deputation from the loved church of our fathers, and to express our heartfelt gratitude for this fresh expression of our Church's solicitude for the spiritual welfare of her expatriated children in these Colonies.

Warmly attached to the venerable Church of Scotland, within whose pale most of us have been brought up, we have witnessed her recent prosperity with no ordinary delight. We have seen how that the good "hand of our God" has been peculiarly upon her, ever since the sorrowful hour when so many of her sons saw fit to separate from her, and that an unseen helper has been enabling her to put on anew "her beautiful garments," and appear as of old, Scotland's chiefest glory.

Situated at so great a distance from the Parent Church, and thinly populated as these Provinces are, it were no great wonder though a lack of clergymen were experienced in many parts. If it had not been, however, for the secession of 1843, which called away so many of our Ministers to larger and more lucrative fields of usefulness, the circumstances of the church in these colonies would be widely different, and her prospects more promising.

The hearts of those congregations, however, which have long been deprived of Gospel ordinances, have been wonderfully sustained, and their hopes that their "cry for help" would ultimately be answered have been wonderfully animated, by the unremitting exertions of the Parent Church, to fill up the "waste places of our Zion," as speedily as possible; and this circumstance seems to have led not a few of them to cling to her, even with greater fondness, than during the days of her greatest prosperity.

Reverend Sir,—We fully appreciate the sacrifices made by yourself, your Reverend and distinguished Colleague, by your families and congregations, during your absence; and we respectfully tender the expression of our warmest acknowledgments, requesting that you will be pleased to communicate our sentiments to those parties respectively.

And now, Dear Sir, We bid you affectionately farewell, praying that during your journeyings through this wilderness land, you may be preserved from every danger; and when your "labor of love" in America has been completed, may you have a safe and speedy passage across the Atlantic, and ultimately enjoy a happy meeting with your family and friends, in the land of your nativity.

Signed in behalf of the Congregation,

WILLIAM STEWART,
Minister of St. Andrew's Church.
JOHN MACKIE,
JOHN MACDOUGALL,
ALEXANDER FENTON,
ALEX. McLELLAN,
ALEX. LOUDON,
GEORGE JOHNSTON,
JAMES CAIE.

Chatham, 20th September, 1852.

REPLY.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave most gratefully to acknowledge this mark of your kindness, and I am truly gratified that you regard our mission as a proof of the solicitude of the Church of Scotland for the spiritual welfare of her children in this Colony.

I have every confidence in the deep sincerity of your expression of warm attachment to the Church of your fathers. In all my journeyings in this country I have found the same sentiments prevailing among the great majority of our countrymen. They are fondly attached to the Church of Scotland. Their earliest and their holiest associations are connected with it. The spiritual privations to which they have been subjected have taught them still more to prize that Institution through which the ordinances of the Gospel are freely and fully dispensed in their native land.

You refer with satisfaction to the growing prosperity of the Church at home. We have indeed much cause of thankfulness to her great Head, for the favor shown to our Zion in the trials through which she was made to pass. You will rejoice to learn that her several schemes for extending the Redeemer's Kingdom are now prosecuted with as much efficiency as at any past time in her history; and that she is earnestly and successfully engaged, at home and abroad, in diffusing that spiritual kingdom which is "not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

It is with very painful anxiety that the Church has regarded the spiritual destitution which has for a long time prevailed in this part of the Vineyard. The demands at home have hitherto been very urgent, in consequence of the vacancies caused by the late secession. These, however, have now been nearly all filled up, and we may reasonably expect that a supply of faithful Ministers will soon be ready to enter on the many interesting fields of labor in this country. The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send laborers into his vineyard.

I beg to thank you for your kind allusion to our families and flocks. I shall gladly convey to my much esteemed colleague the expression of your sympathy and regard. I can assure you that we shall always look back on our engagement on this mission with peculiar pleasure; and we have been most reverently and most thankfully acknowledging that the good hand of our God has been upon us, and that "hitherto the Lord has been our helper."

Farewell; and may the God our Fathers bless and prosper you.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND.

ADDRESS OF ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

To the Reverend William Sutherland, Reverend Sir,

We, the Minister, Elders and Trustees of St. James's Church, Newcastle, Miramichi, beg leave to express our pleasure at seeing you amongst us, as one of a Deputation sent by the Church of our Fathers to preach the Gospel, and dispense the holy ordinances of our religion among such congregations in the Lower Provinces as have been for a length of time deprived of the benefits of a settled Ministry. We rejoice at your visits to this country as a substantial proof of the interest which the Church of Scotland is taking in the spiritual welfare of those who have left the home of their fathers to settle in this distant land.

We beg leave, through you, to express our thanks to the Church at home, for the liberal offers which they are making to those who may be willing to come out to labour as Missionaries, or as settled pastors in the Colonial Vineyard. We are glad to learn that some have been already appointed, and are on their way to fill up some of those vacant charges which you have been visiting in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island. We are also gratified to learn that there is a prospect of an

additional supply of Laborers being sent to New Brunswick at no distant period.

We trust that what you have learnt of the state of New Brunswick during your visit to our Province, short though it necessarily has been, will enable you when you return to your native land, confidently to urge our claims on the attention of the Probationers of our Church at home, and that your advocacy on our behalf will be successful in encouraging some of them to come forth to the work of the Lord among their fellow countrymen located in this distant land.

We sincerely sympathise with your respected colleague, the Rev. Dr. Ritchie, and hope that his health may soon be re-established.

We trust that the God of all grace will sustain you both under the great labors which you have had to endure, and which you may be yet called to undergo, in fulfilling the charge devolved on you by the Church of Scotland. We pray that He may watch over you, and guard you in all your journeyings, and take you both in safety back to your respective homes, that his blessing may follow your labors here, and rest upon all your efforts to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, A. M.
Minister of St. James's Church.
RICHARD HUTCHISON, Elder.
CHRISTOPHER WISHART,
Chairman of Trustees.
WILLIAM LOCH,
Secretary of Trustees.

Newcastle, September 20, 1850.

To this the Rev. Mr Sutherland made the following Reply:

Gentlemen,

I beg to offer my warmest thanks to you for the very kind and encouraging Address with which you have honored me.

The Church of Scotland does take the deepest interest in her children who have settled in this distant land. It is her earnest desire that they should still enjoy the ordinances of the Gospel, and I beg to assure you that she is using every means in her power to secure for them this invaluable privilege. I have reason to hope that the efforts of our Church in this matter will soon be crowned with success. There is a large number of young men in course of training for the Ministry, and I fondly trust there will be many of them found willing to consecrate their talents to the noble work of building up the Church of God among their expatriated countrymen in America. You may fully rely that I shall most cordially lend my humble aid towards inducing some of our young Ministers to occupy the waste places of our Zion in this part of the Vineyard. I can most truly assure them, from delightful experience, that they will meet willing hearers of the Word of Life, multitudes who are thirsting for the waters of the Sanctuary.

I shall not fail to convey to my excellent Colleague the expression of your kind sympathy and regard.

I beg to bid you all an affectionate farewell, thanking you for the great kindness and attention which I have received from you. May the God of our Fathers bless and prosper you.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

In our first page to-day we publish a lengthy and clever editorial from the Fredericton Head Quarters, recommending to the attention of the inhabitants of the Provinces, the scheme recently propounded by Mr Wilkinson, which, it appears first appeared in the Reporter some weeks since, which paper unfortunately did not reach our office. This scheme makes Miramichi the port of entry for the steamers crossing the Atlantic, and proposes that Lines of Railway north and south, should be built to connect with Canada, St. John, Fredericton and the United States, and also to Nova Scotia. We have written so much of late on the subject of Railways, and have heard so many schemes broached, that we are tired, and no doubt our readers are also, of the subject. The one alluded to above may be a very good one, and will no doubt receive favor in certain quarters, but we entertain but little hope of it ever being seriously entertained. The great scheme for connecting the North American Colonies set forth by Mr Howe in his able correspondence with the British Government, is the one in our opinion best calculated to promote the general interests of the United Provinces; we still entertain a hope the day is not far distant when it will be carried out.

The St. John Press ridicules this new project, as they have done every other in which their city did not stand prominently forward as the great terminus, or occupy some important position in the scheme. The Morning News thus notices the subject. There may be some truth in his remarks, but we can assure the Editor that

the people of the North are too wide awake to be blinded by such an artifice—if such is the object of the projectors.

In speaking of the Nova Scotia railway scheme, the Freeman says:

"On a par with this is the funny scheme lately propounded by Mr Wilkinson, and advocated by the Fredericton papers, which is to make Miramichi the great outlet, and Fredericton, of course, the great centre of the trade of New Brunswick and America.—Newcastle, according to the calculation, is the nearest port to Galway, and the most advantageous in all respects, being also the nearest to the great West, and easy of access."

Mr Wilkinson must be dreaming with his eyes open. But is not this scheme a *ruse de guerre*, to throw the people of Miramichi off their guard in order to reconcile them to Mr Street? These political dodges are shameful. Miramichi will have railroads in spite of their apostate—viz: a branch to connect from Shediac, and one from Fredericton. These have always been contemplated in connection with the European line.

In another page will be found an interesting account of Mr Jackson's tour through the settlements below Quebec. This gentleman, it appears, has reached St. John, and we publish below, from the St. John Freeman, the result of his negotiations with our Government and the Board of Directors of the European and North American Line.

Messrs. Jackson, Archibald, Poor, and Morton, the Directors of the Railway Company and some members of the Executive met yesterday at the Bank Parlor, to discuss and arrange the various matters relative to the Railway.

The conference was a very interesting and satisfactory one. Mr Jackson it is said explained his views very fully. He wished particularly that the original project should be carried out as a whole, because he views the connection of the two continents as the main object to be attained. With this view, the Company he represents have it in contemplation to build a line of immense iron steamers, 1500 horse power, to run from Milford Haven to Halifax, carrying passengers at a low rate, say £10. The works on the line must be all of a permanent and solid character, the bridges of stone, &c., as the company will invest their capital in no other description of works. Mr Jackson was unable to lay before the meeting any estimate of the cost as the survey has not advanced far enough to enable him to make anything approaching an accurate calculation. It was thought he would leave last night for Halifax, by way of Windsor, to consult with the Nova Scotia Government, who have made some overtures, and would return by way of the Bend, and it is expected that on his return he will be able to form some fair idea of the cost of the work. It is supposed that the cost will be pretty much the same as that of the Richmond Railway.

Mr Jackson is quite prepared to carry out the arrangement made with Mr Chandler.

Messrs Poor and Morton gave satisfactory assurance that the people of Maine will be ready to meet the people of the Province whenever the line reaches the frontier.

We trust that a contract may be signed as soon as possible for the section to Shediac, that our people may feel satisfied that the work will actively commenced in Spring.

The Church Witness adds:—We understand that a Meeting of the Executive Council was held at the St. John Hotel, on Monday Evening, and again yesterday morning, to take the subject of Mr Jackson's proposals into consideration. We, like our morning cotemporary, are not at liberty to state at present what the result of these deliberations have been, but we have no hesitation in expressing our approval of that result, and in saying that the future prospects of New Brunswick are most encouraging.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The following extracts are from papers received by the Pacific at New York, which vessel brings dates to the 9th inst.

The London Mercantile and Shipping Gazette, after denying that the Fisheries were settled, say:—The question appears now to have assumed a new phase, that it is extremely dangerous, in negotiating with America, to make any concession which is not fully warranted by the obvious principles of justice. Whether America has any serious intention of making it a cause of war, it is impossible to say, but certainly she is doing all she can to provoke it; and if the claims put forward by Mr Seward, in the Senate are insisted, hostilities are unavoidable, without England submits to a humiliation which she may have cause to regret. We do not think that America will provoke a war just now—but she will do so on the first favorable occasion is what we firmly believe, for her ambition is that of a reckless character, which seems to overlook the consequences that must result, and to be deaf to the voice of prudence.

France was about to be declared an Empire. Great preparations are making in French Ports and Armies.

Trouble has occurred between England and Turkey. Several English vessels were fired into, and satisfaction has been demanded.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Quebec papers report that Major General Gore has received