

the following passages of Scripture: Ezek. xxxvii. 15—28; John xvii. 9—26; after which the Rev. David Roy offered prayer.

Professor King then addressed the Synod.

Professor Ross followed in a very eloquent and appropriate speech. Rev. A. Campbell gave out the two last stanzas of the 48th Psalm, and engaged in prayer.

The Rev. Dr McLeod was to have addressed the meeting at this stage in Gaelic. The following letter explains the cause of his absence which was much regretted.

SYDNEY. C. B., 30th Sept., 1860.

MY DEAR MR MCGREGOR—

It is with very sincere regret that I take up my pen to say that I fear I cannot have the privilege of being with you next week at Pictou. Last Sabbath I was at Gabbarus opening one of our new Churches. Since my return home I had to attend several meetings, travelling a good deal night and day, and making arrangements, as I expected to be away for a few weeks. The consequence is, that I labor under a cold, which confines me to my room, and which in the mean time puts it out of my power to leave home. I promised myself much enjoyment on the solemn and interesting occasion which brings so many fathers and brethren and other christian friends together; but as this is not likely to be realized, I have only to join my prayers with all assembled, that the great Head of the Church may greatly bless the Union, and make it productive of much good. Let us at the same time look and pray for a much larger Union—a Union of all the Presbyterians in British North America. "Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Please apologise for my absence, and assure all of my cordial concurrence in the measure, and my deep regret

that I cannot be present with you. I am not aware of so much as one dissenting voice in my congregation. Remember me most affectionately to my fathers and brethren; and believe me,

My dear Brother,
over yours in the best bonds,

HUGH McLEOD.

The Rev. P. G. McGregor.

Rev. C. L. Ross was called upon to occupy his place, which he did very happily.

Rev. John Stewart offered up prayer in Gaelic. A Psalm was also sung in Gaelic. The Synod then adjourned at 2 o'clock, to meet again at 3, to resume public proceedings.

The Synod met again at about half past three o'clock. After devotional exercises, addresses were delivered by the Rev. William McCulloch, on "Pastoral fidelity, in reference to discipline and training, to independence of Congregational action;" by Rev. D. B. Blair, on "Presbyterianism an exhibition of scriptural unity;" by Rev. R. S. Patterson, on "union in reference to the conversion of the world;" by James Forman, Esq., on "union in reference to the present position of Antichrist; and by Samuel Creelman, Esq.

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In the evening, the members of Synod took tea together in the Assembly Hall. All we feel it necessary to say of this meeting was, that it passed off most agreeably.

Friday afternoon and evening were occupied with business. The Synod closed its proceeding at a late hour on that evening, to meet again in Chalmers's Church, Halifax, on the 4th Wednesday, of June 1861.

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—At a meeting convened in Knox's Church, New Glasgow, the Board of Foreign Missions, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, was duly organized. Among other matters of importance, the state of the funds belonging to the New Hebrides Mission, engaged anxious attention. It was found that the entire amount now in the hand of the General Treasurer, is £472; being £228 less than the yearly estimate, for the support of four Missionaries, £700. No provision at present exists, for the children of the Mission, for the John Knox, for supply of medicine,

and for such contingencies as may be called for, every year.

The Board instructed the Secretary to bring the state of accounts before the Church, under the persuasion that it only requires to be known, in order to speedy adjustment. Let the auspicious occasion which has so recently gladdened many hearts, be seized as a most opportune season, for such increase of liberality as will assure all our Missionaries that their interests, now in the hands of the United Church, will not be neglected.

By order of the Board.

JAMES BAYNE,
Secretary.