

mitted to them by the General Assembly, and which occupied the afternoon and evening until late at night. The debate was an earnest one, and was closed by the adoption of the following resolution:

"The Synod, having considered the remit of the general assembly with regard to the appointment of a fourth missionary to the New Hebrides, would record its continued interest in the work so long and so successfully carried on in the south seas, and its unabated, deep, and hearty sympathy with our missionaries there, in their discouragements and trials. The Synod would also express its appreciation of the warm-hearted zeal which prompted the W. F. M. Society, in making their generous offer of support for another laborer in that field; but, in view of all the circumstance of the case, the Synod is of opinion that such an appointment would not be advisable."

### THIRD DAY, THURSDAY.

The amount of business despatched from the time of meeting in the morning to midnight when the work of the Synod closed, was very large. There were thirty-two items on the docket when the Synod opened, and many of these were matters of importance.

Rev. R. Laing submitted the report of the

### LADIES' COLLEGE.

the prospects of which are more encouraging than the most sanguine had ventured to hope.

Mr. Morrison presented the report of HUNTER CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

During the year one free grant of \$250 was given to River Hebert Station, Presbytery of Truro, and loans without interest as follows: Boularderie, \$500, to be repaid in four annual instalments; River Hebert, \$250; Margaree Harbor, \$300; Mabou, \$400.

### A REPORT ON THE COLLEGE

was presented by Dr. Burns and shewed that the amount needed from congregations for the year is \$3000. The proposal of the College Committee which was adopted by Synod is to ask from the different Presbyteries their proportion of this amount, so that all may have a share in the work.

The Report on

### AUGMENTATION.

was presented by Rev. E. A. McCurdy.

It was agreed that a reduction of ten per cent be made on the amount asked for last year. The sum required to be allocated for the current year being \$8100.

### HOME MISSIONS

was reported on by Mr. John McMillan, convener, and spoken to by others. This is one of the most important schemes of our Synod. The custom of grouping a number of mission stations together and settling over them an ordained missionary who can be with them for the whole year makes the expenditure somewhat greater than it was when they were supplied by catechists for six months in the year, but the work is far more effective. No department of effort being more encouraging than that of Home Missions. The amount required this year for the work of Home Missions in the Maritime Synod is about \$7000.

The Reports on Systematic Beneficence, The State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath-schools, and, Sabbath Observance, were most interesting, and shewed cheering progress. To these we will refer more fully in next issue.

The Synod closed its afternoon session at four o'clock to allow the members to accept an invitation to visit the steel and glass works at Trenton. The Committee of entertainment had provided a special train, and a most interesting and instructive hour was spent in witnessing the rolling of the ponderous bars of steel and the deft and delicate work of glass-blowing. Glass will, no doubt, enter more largely into the composition of sermons for the next few weeks than ever before. May it add to their transparency.

The Court prolonged its sittings until about midnight, Thursday night, in order to finish its work, and then in the usual way the Synod of 1887 was brought to a close.

Dr. Patterson's second article on "A Mission to the Magdalen Islands" will appear in our next issue.

The Foreign Mission Committee, Eastern Division, invite correspondence from lady teachers, with a view of obtaining a successor for Miss Archibald in the Mission School at Couva, Trinidad.

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