

on the Home Mission and Synod Fund, gave in a supplementary Report, with certain recommendations, and the same was received, ordered to be kept *in retentis*, and to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. It was proposed that the balance of this Fund now in the Treasurer's hands, be devoted, in whole or in part, to missionary purposes. The Synod agreed to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the committee.

The Synod then took up the third Overture, which is as follows:

Whereas it is a far too common practice among parents that, while claiming Baptism for their children they neglect the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and whereas this is inconsistent with the rules of the Church;

It is humbly overtured to the Synod, that this subject be taken into their consideration, and means be employed by its authority for remedying this great and growing evil.

After reasoning, it was moved and agreed that the Synod pass the Overture; and a committee consisting of the Moderator, Mr. Keay, Dr. Donald, and Mr. Henderson, was appointed to prepare a Pastoral Letter on the subject, to be submitted to the Synod on Monday.

The Synod then took up the fourth Overture, which is as follows:

That whereas the position which ordained Missionaries laboring within the bounds of this Synod should occupy in Church Courts, is not definitely fixed, and a diversity of practice has prevailed;

It is humbly overtured to the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, that they give such a deliverance on the subject as may leave no doubt on the matter.

After reasoning, the Synod resolved to pass the Overture, enacting and ordaining that Ordained Ministers, though not settled over fixed charges, yet laboring steadily within the bounds of the Synod, be admitted as members of Church Courts, and have their names put on the Presbytery and Synod Rolls.

The Synod then took up the fifth Overture, which is as follows:

Whereas great inconvenience has arisen from the junction of the Presbyteries of Miramichi and Restigouche into one Presbytery; it is overtured to the Synod of New Brunswick, that the Presbytery of Miramichi be again divided into two Presbyteries, namely, those of Miramichi and Restigouche—the former to include the Counties of Northumberland and Kent—and the latter the Counties of Gloucester and Restigouche, with the Parish of New Richmond in Canada East;

Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the Synod pass the Overture, rescind the act of union passed at the Synod held at Chatham on the 14th July 1860, and re-enact the act passed at the Synod held at St. John on the 18th July 1859;

ordain the Presbytery of Restigouche to meet at Dalhousie on the second Wednesday of October ensuing; Mr. Stephen to be Moderator, and Mr. William Murray, Clerk.

The Clerk read Letter from the Rev. Wm. Elder, Convener of a Committee on Union, appointed by the Synod known as the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, requesting the earnest consideration of this Synod to certain papers forwarded along with said letter, and which were also read.

At same time was read Letter from a Committee on Union, appointed by the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, which was also accompanied by copy of Minutes—1st. Of the last Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia; 2nd. Of the last Session of the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia; and third. Of the first Session of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America.

Read also from the said Minutes the basis of union entered into by the Church in Victoria, by the two Presbyterian Bodies in Nova Scotia now named, and also by certain Bodies in Canada.

Whereupon the several members of Synod were called upon to express their opinions on the subject, beginning with the youngest. This accordingly was done by the members present, all expressing their earnest desire for a union with their Presbyterian brethren, but stating their conviction that the time had not yet arrived when such a union could be formed with any prospect of its being satisfactory or permanent.

Dr. Donald remarked that it was a serious subject in which the Synod had been engaged, and that it had been discussed in a very solemn and earnest manner; and that the minds of all seemed to be seriously impressed, and he, therefore, thought it was a fit occasion to call upon the Moderator to engage in prayer for greater unity in the visible Church of Christ; and more especially among those branches which have so much in common.

The Moderator then offered up a very earnest and impressive prayer for the objects specified.

Thereafter, it was moved that the Clerk be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the communications from the Synod of the Church known as the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, and that from the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, on the subject of union; and to intimate at the same time, that the subject had been carefully and at great length, considered by all the members of the Synod; and that all most earnestly desired to manifest and cultivate the most friendly and Christian intercourse with the Synods of the other Presbyterian Churches, in furtherance of the great object contemplated in the communications received, until an opportunity for a satisfactory and perma-