

representing the several Kirk Sessions, when such had been returned.

I. PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI

Members.	Residences.	Elders.
Rev. Jas. Steven	Redouche, John Dunbar	Donald M. Kay
Wm. Hendon, A. M.	Newcastle, Chas. G.	Wm. Sayer.
Wm. Stewart,	Bathurst,	
Jas. Murray,	Dalhousie,	
Alex. Forbes,	Moncton,	
Wm. Murray	Tabouineau,	Robt. McLeod

II. PRESBYTERY OF SAINT JOHN.

Rev. John M. Brooke, D. D.	Fredericton.	Jas. Campbell,
Wm. Donald, A. M.	St. John.	Wm. Girvan
John Ross,	St. Andrews,	
John Hunter,	Richmond, &c.	John B. H.
Peter Roy,	Nelbwaak, &c.	

COMMISSIONS OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

The Clerk laid on the table a commission in favour of the Rev. James George, D. D., Vice Principal and Professor of Theology and Church History, Queen's College, Kingston, appointing him Corresponding Member to the Synod of N. B. along with a letter from him addressed to the Moderator, expressing his regret that, in consequence of unavoidable engagements, it was not in his power to attend the meeting of this Synod.

The Synod are convinced that nothing but indispensable duties, requiring his attention elsewhere, have prevented Dr. George from fulfilling his appointment; but at the same time record their deep regret that they have not enjoyed the benefit of his presence and counsels.

A Commission from the Synod of N. S. in favour of Rev. Alex. Mackay, A. M., of Belfast, P. E. I., appointing him Corresponding Member to the Synod of N. B. was produced and read; and Mr. Mackay, being present, took his seat.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod then proceeded to elect a Moderator, when the Rev. James Murray, of Bathurst, was unanimously chosen, and took the Chair accordingly.

After the appointment of committees, &c., the Synod resolved that some portion of time should be spent in devotional exercises, and the Moderator, Mr. Mackay, and Mr. Wm. Murray were appointed to conduct the same, with the aid of such Members as they might think fit to call to their assistance.

REPORT RESPECTING BENEVOLENT AND MISSIONARY OBJECTS.

The several Ministers present reported what had been done in their respective congregations for Benevolent and Missionary purposes.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SABBATH.

The Synod made the following appointments for preaching on the Sabbath:—

Chatham,	Rev Messrs Steven and Keay,
Newcastle,	Dr Brooke and Mr Donald
Black River,	Messrs Mackay and Forbes,
Tombouche,	Mr Henderson,
Bathurst Church,	Mr Wm Murray
Redouche,	Mr Hunter,
Douglasdown, evening	Dr Brooke.

MR. ROSS'S APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE.

Mr. Donald, on behalf of Mr. Ross, stated that on account of his distance from the place of Meeting for this year, the time and expense that would have been required to give his attendance, he felt himself unable to be present on this occasion, and trusted the Synod would consider his excuse satisfactory. The Synod accordingly express themselves satisfied with Mr. Ross's apology.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY AND THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

Dr. Brooke reported that he, along with the other Members appointed for that purpose, he put into the hands of His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, the Address prepared at the last meeting of Synod to Her Majesty the Queen, and had also presented to his Excellency the Address to himself; and, farther, read a letter which he had received from his Excellency, stating that the Address to her Majesty had been forwarded to the proper quarter, and that in due time he had received a Despatch from the Colonial Secretary informing him that the same had been laid at the foot of the Throne, and most graciously received.—Dr. B. also read his Excellency's Reply to the Address presented to him. The several Communications were ordered to be entered in the Minutes.

THANKS TO CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

The Rev. Alexander Mackay being present as a Corresponding Member from the Synod of N. S., the Synod resolved to record their satisfaction that the friendly intercourse, so auspiciously commenced last year with their Brethren in other quarters, was still continued, order the thanks of the Synod to be given to Mr. Mackay from the Chair, requesting him at the same time to convey the thanks of the Synod to the Synod of N. S.

The Moderator accordingly expressed the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Mackay, to which he made a suitable reply.

REPORT ON BURSARY FUND.

The Synod called for the Report on the Bursary Fund, which was given in and read by the Rev. Mr. Donald, Convener of Committee. Whereupon it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Report now read be received, approved and inserted in the minutes *in extenso*.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SYNOD ON THE BURSARY FUND, 1855—56.

Your Committee beg to report that on the 16th Oct., 1855, they had their first meeting regularly as a Committee, their intercourse having previously been by correspondence.

The Synod having long felt the want of a supply of Ministers and Missionaries, sufficient to meet the demands on them for

ordinances in connection with their Church, resolved at their meeting at Newcastle, in 1854, that the time had come when they must endeavor to raise up a native ministry, as the only efficient means of supplying their increasing necessities. And with this view appointed a collection to be made in all the churches for raising a fund to aid young men of promising parts in prosecuting their studies towards the office of the ministry.

The first collection for the purpose contemplated was appointed to take place on the last Sabbath of October, 1854, being the 29th day of that month. The amount of collections in the several Churches and Preaching-stations within their bounds was £35 18s. 10d.

The Convener finding the impossibility of getting a meeting of your Committee at that late season of the year, corresponded with the several members and ascertained it to be their opinion that before any young man should participate in the benefit of the fund, an obligation should be taken from him, that he should put his services at the disposal of the Synod, as Missionary or Minister for three years, immediately after obtaining License as a Preacher. * * * *

The Synod resolved that the benefit of this Fund should be restricted to young men, natives of the Province, or who had become resident therein. Two such young men became candidates for the benefit of the Fund, namely, Henry James McLardy, A. B., son of the late Mr. John McLardy, Baker, St. John, and William Porteous, son of Mr. James Porteous, Clerk, St. John. The former was ready to enter on his studies in the Divinity Hall, Edinburgh, and the latter on the curriculum of Arts at the University of Glasgow. Your committee, after receiving the bond and obligation above-mentioned, duly executed, resolved to appropriate for the year 1854-55 to Henry J. McLardy, £25 stg., and to Wm. Porteous—£20 stg., which with the premium on the Bill of Exchange amounted to £65 11s. 9d., currency,—thus leaving a balance in the hands of your Committee of £40 7s. 1d.

Your Committee resolved to place the sums thus appropriated to these Students in the hands of the Colonial Committee of the Parent Church, to be paid to the young men. * * * *

Your Committee received very favorable accounts of the students referred to, and think themselves fortunate in being instrumental in aiding young men of so much promise in the prosecution of their studies with a view to obtaining their services for the Province.

At the Meeting of Synod held in St. John in August, 1855, your Committee were instructed to put themselves in communication with the Conveners of the Colonial Committee, and of the Home Mission Committee of the Church, and with the Professors of Divinity in the Colleges in Scotland, and to authorise them to offer a bursary from the Synod Bursary Fund to any deserving young man in straitened circumstances who