

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the Foreign Mission Report not being ready, Rev. John I. Baxter reported from the Colportage Committee. This is the ninth year of the operations of the scheme. The hard times had interfered with sales both this year and the year preceding. Yet 2931 volumes costing £273 were disposed of during the year. £100 of old arrears had been paid. The liabilities are £262, and stock in hand is valued at £384 11s. Two colporteurs had been recently engaged—Messrs. Maxwell and David A. Stewart. During the nine years of operation 60,000 volumes had been sold. The books were all of the best description, and they had served not only to check light and immoral literature, but to drive it in many cases out of the field. All this had been done at a cost of £21 to the Church. Mr. Baxter then showed the need there was for assistance, and urged the claims of the scheme on the Synod. Rev. Mr. Darragh in moving the adoption of the report spoke very highly of the colporteurs and their work. Rev. A. Sutherland, Rev. George Clarke and others spoke in the same strain.

The Synod unanimously agreed to recommend the work carried on under the Committee on Colportage as eminently worthy of the support of our congregations, and to direct Sessions to consider the propriety of giving the committee pecuniary aid by collections or otherwise. The report was adopted, the committee re-appointed and their diligence approved.

Rev. William McCulloch read the Report of the Seminary Board, which was received with much satisfaction. The Education of the Church is in a far better position than ever before. We have six professors and between seventy-five and eighty students. The annual cost of our Institution is now about £1260. The Library numbers about 4000. The apparatus is the best in the Lower Provinces, but it is still very inadequate. The report gave details of the numbers and attainments of the various classes taught by the professors. The Training or Preparatory Department, under Mr. Blanchard, was attended by 16 pupils.

The report was received and the diligence of the committee approved.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28—MORNING SESSION.

On motion of Rev. W. Murray it was agreed to make the hour of adjournment in the evening, 10 o'clock instead of 9 as previously arranged. It was also agreed to accept of the Steamboat Excursion in the harbor, kindly tendered by gentlemen connected with the congregation of Chalmers' Church and Toplar Grove Church.

The Report of the Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was read by Rev. J. Bayne. It shewed among other interesting facts that there is in the Treasurer's hands the sum of £484 18s. 3d., and that of this amount the sum of £3826 is invested, £2500 of this total is from the Matheson Bequest. The present report closes the operations of this Board, and the Synod tendered thanks to the gentlemen constituting it.

Rev. A. McKnight read the Report of the College and Academy Board shewing the state of the funds and investments. The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Board, and especially to Mr. Liddell, the Secretary, who had given his valuable services gratuitously.

The memorial of Mr. D. McEwan asking for a new trial of his appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Halifax, was dismissed.

Rev. D. B. Blair read the Report of the Committee of Synod which was appointed with a view of uniting the two churches in Charlottetown. The Report stated the circumstances in which the Committee had found these churches, and the steps taken to effect the object. The late Free Church congregation was willing for immediate union, but the Queen's Square congregation refused to unite while the other was constituted as it is at present. The Committee, in the circumstances, had unanimously recommended that a monthly supply of preaching be given to the Queen's Square church—or as much more as that church would pay for. The Report was received, the diligence of the Committee approved, and their expenses ordered to be paid.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The whole of the Charlottetown difficulty was then brought before the Synod, and after much deliberation, was disposed of without division. The first part of the