

Hall; but they threw the responsibility of its establishment upon our Synod, promising support to the extent of £80 or £100 per annum.

In conclusion, the committee would simply express their conviction that, provided the Synod prosecutes this matter, all that is necessary, so far as the Colonial Committee is concerned, for the attainment of their object, is unanimity on the part of the members of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted by
(Signed) ALLAN POLLOK."

The Report having been heard, it was moved by Mr. Brodie, and seconded by Mr. Isaac Thompson, "that the Report ament Divinity Hall be adopted." Whereupon it was moved as an amendment by Mr. Philip, and seconded by Mr. John McLean, "that the Report be cordially approved of, but that the expression, 'thus affirming the important principle for which we contend,' be expunged." The Roll was then called, when, 15 having voted for the motion, and 12 for the amendment, the motion was declared carried. The question was then raised whether the vote of ordained missionaries should be sustained. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. McCunn, and seconded by Mr. Herdman, "that inasmuch as the decision at present on the records regarding the right of missionaries to vote is perfectly understood, it is inexpedient to take advantage of an oversight of the Clerk and Moderator yesterday, and discuss the question anew at present." An amendment was moved by Mr. Grant, and seconded by Mr. McGregor, "that as missionaries have voted on every division during the session of this Synod, the vote last taken be not disturbed, and that the present practice be not changed until the Court be overtured on the subject." The roll being called, and 16 having voted for the motion, and 11 for the amendment, the motion was declared carried; from which decision Mr. Pollok dissented, and gave in his reason, which was also adhered to by Messrs. George Munro Grant, James Anderson, John McMillan, James F. Avery, S. McGregor, James Thomson, John McKay, Wm. Stewart. Whereupon Messrs. Philip and McCunn were appointed a committee to answer reason of dissent. The question was then raised whether Elders from congregations which have never had a regularly inducted minister be allowed to vote, when it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that Elders from congregations having organized Kirk-sessions be entitled to vote at this Synod. The vote was then again taken between Mr. Brodie's motion and Mr. Philip's amendment, when, 13 having voted for the motion, and 19 for the amendment, the amendment was declared carried. The further consideration of the Report on Theological Hall was then entered upon, when it was moved by Mr. Pollok, and seconded by Dr. Avery, "that the Synod declare its adherence to the policy announced last session in its final decision with reference to the Divinity Hall." Whereupon it

was moved as an amendment by Mr. Philip, and seconded by Mr. McKay, "that the diligence of the committee on Divinity Hall be approved; but, as the project of a Divinity Hall in Nova Scotia is premature, that the committee be discharged, and the project, in the meantime, be deferred."

The Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow at the usual hour, of which public intimation was given, and this diet was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church,
New Glasgow, June 29th, 1866.*

The Synod met, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Mr. McMillan, Musquodoboit, and was constituted with prayer—the Rev. W. Stewart, Moderator.

The roll having been called, and the minutes of last sederunt read and sustained, Mr. Grant stated that W. Gordon, Esq., Pictou, declined acting on the consulting committee of the *Monthly Record*, when it was proposed and agreed to that Mr. McCunn be appointed in his place.

It was then moved by Mr. Duncan, and seconded by Mr. Herdman, "that the ordained missionaries within the bounds of the Synod be invited to deliberate and vote at all the meetings of this present Synod." Upon which, an amendment was proposed by Mr. Philip, and seconded by Mr. McKay, "that the Synod proceed to business, as the matter contained in the motion has been settled." The roll was then called, when, 14 voting for the motion, and 13 for the amendment, the motion was declared carried. From this finding Mr. McKay dissented, and gave in reasons, which were also adhered to by Messrs. Wm. M. Philip, Wm. McMillan, H. McKenzie, Alex. McLean (elder), John A. McLean (elder), Rev. John Goodwill.

The adjourned debate on the Theological Hall having been then resumed, and most of the members of the Court having taken part in it, it was moved by Rev. Alex. McLean, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Goodwill, "that the diligence of the committee be approved, and the desirability of a Divinity Hall be reaffirmed; that the committee be instructed to take such measures as may seem best, to ascertain whether the resources of this Church are sufficient to establish, and properly to maintain, such a Divinity Hall as will secure the training which the rules and character of the Church of Scotland require; and that when the Synod is satisfied of this fact, such farther measures shall be taken as will be necessary to secure the object with as little delay as possible."

The Synod then agreed to hold an evening sederunt; and adjourned to half-past 7.

On re-assembling, the debate was continued, when Mr. Pollok withdrew his motion in favor of Mr. McLean's. After a lengthened discussion, the vote was taken between