

Collections for the several schemes were appointed to be made as follows:

Young Men's Scheme, 1st Sabbath in Aug.

Foreign Mission Scheme, 1st Sabbath in November.

Home Mission Scheme, 1st Sabbath in February.

Synod Fund, 1st Sabbath in May.

It was also *Resolved*, that the financial year of the Synod shall hereafter close on the 15th of June.

The Report of Committee on Theological Hall was then given in by Mr. Pollok, and is as follows:—"The Committee on the Theological Hall, in making a Report of their proceedings in the important business entrusted to them, would beg leave to remind this Court that in the minute of the Colonial Committee, submitted during last session, explanations were asked upon the Hall scheme. It was the expressed desire of the Colonial Committee that this Synod should consider whether Queen's College, Kingston, might or might not supply our wants in the matter of theological education. It was also required by the instructions given to this Committee, that they should, if necessary, prepare plans to be submitted to this Synod at the present meeting.

Your Committee accordingly transmitted to the Colonial Committee a letter containing the required explanations. The reply is contained in the following extract from the Colonial Committee's report:

"With reference to the proposed Divinity Hall at Halifax, Nova Scotia, after giving full attention to the different views and considerations set forth, the Committee deem it inexpedient at present to undertake any outlay with a view to the institution of a separate Hall in Nova Scotia.

"While cordially commending the zeal of the brethren who have concerned themselves so much for the means of strengthening the position of the Church of Scotland in the lower Provinces, the Committee would at the same time venture to express their belief, that the good expected from a Hall in Halifax may be to a large extent realized, and in a way more attainable by the means at their disposal, if pecuniary grants were made to students from the maritime provinces who desire to prosecute their divinity studies at Queen's College, Kingston; it being understood, that the students so assisted to go to Kingston return to spend the vacation in the maritime provinces, and place themselves under the direction of the Presbyteries of the Church within whose bounds their vacation is spent. Should application be made to the Committee on behalf of such students, they do not doubt but the Assembly will readily sanction their giving to each case their most favorable consideration."

From this extract it will be perceived that the Colonial Committee deem it inexpedient to give any portion of their funds for a Hall

in Nova Scotia. The Scheme of a Hall therefore for the present without aid from the Colonial Committee, is deemed impracticable, with the limited resources at the command of the Synod. It appears therefore that, for a few years to come, the practical accomplishment of the policy of this Synod in relation to a Theological Hall must be delayed. The Committee finally would suggest that steps be taken without delay for obtaining the full benefit of the kind and liberal offer of the Colonial Committee to furnish grants to Students studying Theology in Queen's College.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ALLAN POLLOK."

The Report was adopted, the thanks of the Synod conveyed to the Convener and Committee, and the Committee discharged.

Principal Snodgrass then addressed the Synod at considerable length on the subject of communication between the Synods of Canada and the Lower Provinces on the matter of the theological education of Students for the Ministry.

Thereafter, on the motion of Rev. Alexr. McLean, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

1st.—That the Synod record their gratification at the presence of these brethren on this occasion; receive with gratitude the information communicated by them respecting the progress of the Church in Canada, and the assurance of deep interest taken by its Office-bearers and Members in the welfare of this branch of the Church, and request the Moderator to convey to them the thanks of the Court for their attendance at its meetings and their able and valuable assistance in its deliberations.

2nd.—That the Synod feel deeply interested in the union of the Synods in British North America, connected with the Church of Scotland; rejoice in thinking that the obstacles to this union are not so great, but that, if properly dealt with, they may be overcome; request the Correspondents from Canada to assure the brethren there that it is the desire of this Synod that a conference on the subject take place with as little delay as possible, and to suggest that the conference might consist of one or more representatives from each Presbytery in the several Synods; and in the meantime appoint the Rev. Alex. McLean, or his alternate, Rev. George M. Grant, together with the Hon. John Holmes, as their correspondents to the Synod of Canada at its next Annual Meeting.

3d.—That this Synod rejoice to hear of the continued prosperity of Queen's College and University, Kingston, and especially of the proposal to strengthen its theological department by the endowment of an additional Professorship; record their satisfaction with the deliverance of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in authorizing its Colonial Committee to aid any organization which has for its object the strengthening of