

—Rev. J. Forrest and Messrs. Charles Robson and Robert Murray.

Statistics.

Professor McKNIGHT submitted the Report on Statistics. The Table would have been published in June, but several Presbyteries failed to send in their Returns. The Committee was enjoined to publish the Table in June, 1871, even if some Presbyteries were omitted. The Table for 1869 will soon be published.

Historical Documents.

Rev. G. PATTERSON reported respecting Historical Documents. He had secured the original minutes of Session of Dr. McGregor dated 1786 and continued till 1804. Dr. McCulloch stated that he had secured the original minutes of the Presbytery of Truro.

Aged and Infirm Ministers.

Mr. PATTERSON also reported with respect to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. About \$800 had been collected. The sum of \$80 had been voted to aid a dying brother. Some Presbyteries had done but little; some had done nothing. The Synod approved of the report, enlarged the committee, and instructed it to prosecute its work.

A Delegate.

Rev. Dr. McLEOD was accredited as a Delegate to the Scottish Churches next summer.

Cape Breton.

The Home Mission Board was authorized to call an Evangelist to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond. This measure was earnestly urged on the Synod by Messrs. Blair, Sinclair and Forbes, who have recently visited the region spoken of. The Board was also authorized to send Messrs. Farquharson, Allan McLean and William Grant to labor each one month in this Presbytery.

Other Matters.

A committee was appointed to consider the subject of the appointment of Standing Committees and report to next Synod. The Returns of Presbyteries relative to

this matter were referred to this committee. The committee consists of the Moderators and Clerks of the Presbyteries of Pictou, Truro, and Tatamagouche, with the Synod clerk as Convener.

Rev. G. PATTERSON read a minute with reference to deceased ministers, which was adopted.

He also reported that the Committee on Rules and Forms of Procedure have considerable labour still before them. Presbyteries were instructed to complete their revision of these Rules, and the committee to report early next Synod.

At the suggestion of Rev. John MUNRO, it was remitted to the S. S. committee to endeavour to get an edition of a *Children's Record* published in Edinburgh, for our Sabbath Schools.

Professor McKNIGHT reported regarding the *Record*. Its circulation had increased 200 copies this year.

Conclusion.

The meeting of Synod closed as was meet, with singing and prayer, and seldom have wearied men sung more heartily or prayed more fervently. Many of the brethren had to leave a day or two before the close, in order to reach their charges before the following Lord's Day. Still a large number remained, and enjoyed the luxury of hard work till near 11 o'clock on Wednesday night.

The Synod will be memorable for the blessed hours spent in prayer and praise—for the revival spirit that pervaded every meeting held, and particularly for the delightful Communion enjoyed on Sabbath evening. This was the first time that the Synod as a Synod celebrated the Lord's Supper. The Moderator presided. Several ministers gave appropriate addresses. Feelings of deep devotion, love to Christ and to his people, glowed in every bosom. It was indeed a night to be remembered with joy and thanksgiving. The world of nature was in sweet harmony with the service. The night was cool and calm and starry—the hushed air was filled with the fragrance of summer fields. Gladly would brethren prolong the hours of sweet Communion with