

“go along with him, to be Commissioners to the Synod of Canada.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Keay and unanimously agreed to.

The ministers present, who had been appointed to preach yesterday, reported that they had fulfilled their several appointments.

Dr. Donald moved that the different Ministers within their bounds, be enjoined to remit the collections for the several schemes, to the Hon. John Robertson, Treasurer; the Collection for the Bursary Fund to be in the Treasurer's hands, not later than 1st November, of this present year; for the Home Mission Fund, not later than 1st April, 1864; and that for the Synod Fund, not later than 1st July, 1864, leaving it to the respective Kirk Sessions to cause the collections to be made at such times as they deem most convenient.

The ministers who had not yet given in the the history of their churches and congregations were called upon to do so, but none were prepared to produce them. The Synod strictly enjoined all to hand them in to the Synod at its meeting next year.

The Synod then took up the First Overture which is as follows:—

“*At Fredericton, 6th May, 1863, which day the Presbytery of Saint John, being met in terms of adjournment, and constituted with prayer* Sedt. &c. &c.

“*Inter alia.*—On motion of Rev'd Dr. Brooke, seconded by Rev. Mr. McLardy, it was resolved to transmit the following overture to the Synod, at its ensuing meeting, viz.—

“Whereas a collection of hymns, intended to be used in public worship, has lately been made by a Committee of the General Assembly, and published by their authority; and whereas greater variety of Psalmody must have been felt by all ministers of our Church, to be a desideratum: it is, therefore, humbly overtured by the Rev'd the Synod of New Brunswick, that a Committee of their number be appointed to examine the said collection of hymns, and to report as to their suitableness, so that the Synod may be prepared to recommend the use of the same in public worship, in the several congregations, within their bounds or otherwise.”

“*Eodem die.*—On motion by Rev. Dr. Brooke, seconded by Rev. Mr. Keay, it was agreed to transmit the following overture to the Synod, viz.:

“Whereas it is exceedingly desirable and becoming, that there should be a uniformity in all religious services, among the several congregations connected with our Church in this Province; and whereas it appears, that there is a great difference, in the religious services at funerals, in various parts of the Province; it is, therefore, humbly overtured to the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick, that they take this matter into their serious

consideration, and recommend some uniform mode of conducting the services at funerals.”

“Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Saint John on this 12th day of August 1863, by

“W. DONALD, D. D., Pres. Clerk.”

Moved that a Committee be appointed to examine the collection of Hymns thus prepared, to report to the Synod at its next meeting.”

After reasoning the Synod agreed that it was not considered advisable that a Committee be appointed on the subject at present.

The Second Overture was withdrawn.

Moved by Dr. Donald and seconded by Dr. Brooke—

“That the warmest thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Very Rev. Principal Leitch, and through him to the Synod of Canada, for his presence among them, as the representative of our Church in Canada, and at the same time, this Synod would record the deep sense they entertain of the valuable assistance afforded to them, in all their deliberations by the Very Rev. Principal and his sympathy with the labours and efforts of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

“At the same time, that the cordial thanks of this Synod be given to the Rev. G. M. Grant and Dr. Avery, and through them to the Synod of Nova Scotia, for their kindness in appointing delegates, with whom they have had such pleasing intercourse and derived so much encouragement and assistance in their deliberations.”

Carried by acclamation.

The Moderator then conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Leitch, Mr. Grant and Dr. Avery respectively, and each of them made a short reply.

A conversation took place on the subject of the *Monthly Record*, when it was moved by Mr. William Murray, and seconded by Mr. Keay—

“That the sum of twenty dollars be taken from the Bursary Fund, to aid in making up the deficit of the *Monthly Record*, for the past year, and that whatever sum remains to the credit of the Synod Fund, after paying all printing expenses, be likewise devoted for the same purpose.”

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The business of the Synod being now concluded, the next meeting was appointed to be held in Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the first Wednesday of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, of which due notice was given.

The Moderator then dismissed the Synod with a suitable Address, and the whole proceedings were closed with praise, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.