

meeting to be held on Friday evening at half past 7 o'clock.

At this stage of the proceedings there appeared the Very Rev. Principal Leitch, D. D., of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada, and Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, Correspondents from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, who tabled their commission, were welcomed by the Court, and their names ordered to be added the Roll.

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the Foreign Mission, which occupied the remainder of the diet. Adjourned to the following day.

SECOND DIET.

The Synod met after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Wm. Stewart, and was constituted. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and sustained.

There was read a letter of apology from the Rev. John Martin, the Venerable Superintendent of Missions. It was moved by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Grant, and agreed to, that the apology of the Rev. Mr. Martin for absence from this meeting of Synod, be sustained, that the members of court sympathise with Mr. Martin in the debility consequent upon advancing years, and would at the same time express their high appreciation of the uniform interest, and ardent zeal which he has for many years manifested in Church courts, and all that would appear to promote the welfare of the Church of Scotland, and their hope that he may yet be long spared to assist the brethren in their deliberations.

Discussion on the Foreign Mission was resumed. After serious and lengthened deliberation, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to, that the Synod, having heard the verbal report of the Convener, receive the same, thank the Committee for their diligence in procuring information with the view of enabling the Synod to choose a suitable field of operations, record the continued duty of this Church, to embark as Providence may direct in the important work of Foreign Missions, again commend the matter to the prayerful support of the people, reappoint the Committee, Rev. Mr. McLean (Convener), with power to add to their number, and with instructions to correspond with the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Parent Church more especially in reference to Ceylon.

Messrs. Duncan, Pollok, Snodgrass, Hon. Col. Grey, and Hon. John Holmes, were appointed a Committee to draft an address to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province.

Mr. Pollok brought up the subject of the *Monthly Record*. The report of the Secretary was read along with a letter resigning the fi-

nanacial management. It was moved by Mr. McGregor, seconded by Mr. Herdman, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod having heard the report of the Convener, of the *Record* Committee agree to the following deliverance, thank the Convener and Committee for their services, and earnestly request the Convener, Mr. Pollok, to continue to give his valuable aid, and also record their sense of the high ability with which the editor has conducted the literary, and the Secretary the business work of the periodical, instruct the Committee to arrange with Mr. Jack, if possible in such a way as will still secure his services, and also to write to the various Ministers and Missionaries of the Synod of Nova Scotia, and P. E. Island, and that of New Brunswick, earnestly requesting them to use their utmost endeavours to increase the circulation of the *Record*, order that £5 be paid out of the funds of the Home Mission, Young Men's Scheme, and Synod Fund, respectively, and leave the Committee the work of procuring either from New Brunswick, or the Lay Associations of the Church, the remainder of the deficit for the present year.

The Synod next proceeded to the consideration of an Overture transmitted through the Committee on Overtures, and entitled, "An Overture anent Home Mission,"—the tenor whereof is as follows: "That whereas no fewer than eight missionaries have been appointed to labor within the bounds of this Synod by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, on the understanding that the various Presbyteries will defray the expenses in great measure; it is humbly overtured, in the first instance, that the Synod record the high sense entertained by them of the services rendered by the Rev. Alex. McKay, and instruct the Moderator to tender unto him the thanks of the Synod; and further, that the Synod give specific instructions to the Presbyteries as to what they should do in the matter, and should also establish a general Board of Home Missions to superintend the various Paesbyterial agencies."

(Signed) GEORGE M. GRANT.

Mr. Grant supported the Overture at considerable length, urging on the Synod the imperative necessity of providing some organization for the raising of the necessary funds to relieve the Colonial Committee, to a certain extent, of the heavy burden of supporting the large staff of missionaries commissioned to this Synod. It was moved by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Pollok, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod adopt the Overture anent the Home Mission Scheme, record their thankfulness to God for His goodness in putting it into the hearts of so many able and efficient missionaries to come to this colony, express their high obligations to the Colonial Committee for this renewed expression of their interest in the spiritual welfare of its people, and of the admirable manner in which the Rev. Alex. McKay has repre-