

Others, who had not yet prepared them, were ordered to forward them to the Clerk without delay.

On motion, the appointment of Mr. Keay to preach at Tabusintac, on Sabbath, was recommended.

On motion of Mr. Donald, the Clerk was instructed to cause 750 copies of the Minutes, and other Papers connected with the business of the Synod, to be printed, as before, and sent to the different Ministers, for circulation among their people.

It was moved by Dr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Donald, and unanimously agreed, that £5 be paid to the Clerk, for his services during the present year.

Mr. Donrid read extracts from the Records of the Presbytery of Saint John, in reference to the case of the Rev. John Hunter, of Richmond, which the Presbytery had resolved to refer *simpliciter* to the Synod, for instruction and advice.

The preliminary investigation in the case, taken by a Committee of Presbytery, on the fifth day of this present month of July, was also read. Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Muir, and unanimously agreed, that the Synod instruct the Presbytery of St. John to proceed with the case, according to the laws of the Church; and authorize them to go on till it is ripe for judgment, notwithstanding any complaints or appeals that may be taken against the proceedings.

The Synod appointed the Collection for the Bursary Fund to be remitted to the Treasurer on or before the 1st day of November of this present year; the Collection for the Jewish and Foreign Mission, to be remitted to the Treasurer, on or before the 1st day of May, and the collection for the Home Mission and Synod Fund, on or before the 1st day of July next ensuing.

The Committees appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries reported that they had attended to that duty, and found them, in all respects, regularly and correctly kept. Whereupon the Synod ordered them to be attested, which was accordingly done.

Messrs. McLeod and Brander craved leave of absence during the remaining sittings of the Synod, and the same was granted.

The Synod then took up the first Overture, which is to the following effect:—

Whereas, in consequence of the Resolution of the Legislature, passed during last Session, to withhold the annual grant to King's College, Fredericton, there is cause to apprehend that the said College may be entirely ruined, and thus the only means afforded, in the Province, of instructing our young men in the higher branches of education, be swept away:—

It is, therefore, humbly overtured to the Reverend the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, that they take the whole subject into their serious consideration, and adopt such measures as they deem most expedient for preserving and improving King's College, so that it may become an Institution fitted to command universal confidence, and in which a high literary and scientific education may be obtained.

Dr. Brooke was heard in support of the Overture; and, after reasoning, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, have learned, with deep regret, that the Legislature, during its last Session, have passed a Resolution to withhold the usual grant to King's College, Fredericton; they would deprecate, in the strongest

manner, the carrying out of this Resolution, as a measure calculated to inflict irreparable injury on the youth of this Province; and, with a view to avert this, appoint Dr. Brooke, Mr. Donald, and Mr. Keay, a Committee to prepare and present a Memorial to the Government, praying them that, instead of sweeping away the Institution referred to, they may rather take measures for continuing and improving it, and thereby rendering it such a seminary of learning as may tend to advance the cause of education in the Province.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M. Closed with the Benediction.

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*At Saint James's Church, Newcastle the nineteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight;*

The Synod met according to adjournment. Sederunt as on Saturday, with exception of Messrs McLeod and Brander, absent with permission.

Some portion of time was spent in devotional exercises, consisting of singing to the praise of God, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, which services were conducted by the Rev. James Muir. After which the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of Yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

Mr. Henderson stated that Mr. William Porteous, one of the young men who had been aided from the Bursary Fund, now present in Synod, was about to take his departure, and, in due time to return to Scotland, to commence his studies in the Divinity Hall of the University of Edinburgh, with a view to the Ministry; and proposed that the Synod should commit him by prayer to the Great Head of the Church; Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Stevens, being called upon, offered up a very earnest prayer.

The Clerk then read the second Overture, which is to the following effect:—

Whereas there is a large French population in this Province, especially along the North Shore, who are living under the influence of the Roman Catholic religion;—and whereas, though it is the duty of a Protestant community to do what in them lies for their instruction, yet little or nothing has been done with that view:—

It is hereby overtured to the Reverend the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, that they take into their serious consideration the propriety of establishing a French Mission in connexion with our Church.

Mr. Murray was heard in support of the motion; and, after reasoning, it was moved by Mr. Donald, and ultimately agreed, that, in the present circumstances, it is impossible to undertake such a Mission as is contemplated by this Overture.

The Clerk then read the third Overture, which is as follows:—

Whereas a different practice prevails throughout the various Congregations in connexion with the Synod, in regard to Infant Baptism, arising from a difference of opinion as to what entitles a Parent to have his child baptized; and whereas it is desirable that, as far as possible, there should be uniformity in this matter:—

It is, therefore, humbly overtured to the Reverend the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, that they give a distinct deliverance on the subject,

so as to guide Ministers and Kirk Sessions in the discharge of their duty.

Mr. Murray craved leave to withdraw this Overture for the present. Leave granted.

Mr. Donald, in name of the Committee on Church property, reported that the Bill which had been formerly prepared, with a view to the incorporation of the Synod, had been withdrawn, as some of its provisions had been thought unsatisfactory, that another was now in the course of preparation, and the Committee, consisting of the Moderator, Mr. Donald, Dr. Brooke, and Mr. Hunter, the Honorable John Robertson, the Honorable John Montgomery, and George Kerr, Esquire, M. P. P., craved to be re-appointed, with authority to print the Bill when completed, for the purpose of being submitted to the different Boards of Trustees, Members of Synod, and others.

The Committee was re-appointed accordingly, with the addition of Allan Davidson, Esquire, of Newcastle, with instructions to proceed as they proposed.

Dr. Waddell submitted the following motion:—

Whereas intemperance has been the cause of innumerable evils, and is producing much misery throughout the land, and as it is the duty of Ministers of the Gospel to use every means in their power for opposing the progress of sin, in all its forms; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, recommend to all the Ministers within their bounds, that, by their example and influence, they oppose and counteract, as far as possible, this grievous evil.

The Synod unanimously resolved in terms of the motion, and recommended accordingly.

The Ministers appointed to preach yesterday at the different Churches and preaching Stations, being called upon, reported that they had fulfilled their several appointments.

On motion, it was resolved, that the thanks of the Synod are due to the Sister Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, for the appointment of a Corresponding Member to attend our Meetings, on the present occasion; and to the Rev. James Muir, the Member so appointed, for the very able and efficient aid he has given to the Synod in their deliberations. The thanks of the Synod were given from the Chair, and Mr. Muir made a suitable reply to the same.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the warmest thanks of the Synod are due, and that they be given accordingly, to the Ministers and Members of Saint James's Church, Newcastle, and Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, who have so kindly extended their hospitality to those Members of Synod who have come from a distance.

The business of the Synod being now concluded, the next meeting was appointed to be held in Saint Andrew's Church, in the City of Saint John, on the second Thursday of July, 1859.

The Moderator then dismissed the Synod with the usual concluding address; and the whole proceedings were closed with prayer, praise, and the Apostolic Benediction.

#### Election of Representative Elders.

This is a very important duty which Sessions have to perform. There ought not to be a single congregation on the Roll of Synod without a Representative Elder, and Sessions ought to be guided in their election by the probability of the Elder