

of what he had seen during his recent travels in the United States and Canada. He described the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting—the Philadelphia Prayer Meeting and the Canadian Union. He felt persuaded that the God of nations would lead the great American nation out of its troubles, in a manner that will astonish the Church and the world. Prayers of faith such as he had seldom heard were ascending daily to God at those meetings. He had never witnessed such wrestling with God. There was a pertinacity, an unction and a preciseness about these prayers, that contrasted strikingly with the pointless vagueness which we too often hear. Such prayers were sure to be answered. After describing most happily the union he witnessed in Montreal on the 6th inst., he referred in good natured terms to the Established Church of Scotland in Canada, and had no doubt if there was fair play, but that Church would throw in her lot with united body before five years have gone by. A three fold cord which cannot be easily broken will then be drawn round these Provinces and the great Presbyterian family will live in the enjoyment of unity and peace.

After devotional exercises the Synod adjourned

THURSDAY, JUNE 27.—MORNING SESSION.

According to the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the order of business was adopted—it being understood that the order might be changed to suit the convenience of the Synod.

An overture from the Presbytery of Pieton, regarding a fund for Ministers' Widows and Orphans was discussed. The principle of the overture was adopted on motion of Rev. Mr. Bayne: and the matter was entrusted to the following committee, to report to the present Synod, Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart, Walker, Roddick, and Messrs. Creelman, R. McGregor and A. James, Elders.

The Rev. Messrs. Duff, Munro, Wyllie, and Mr. McCurdy, Elder, were appointed a Committee to ascertain the expenses of members of Synod and arrange scale of payment. We regret to notice that the collections are far from meeting the expenses.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Duff, seconded by Rev. Mr. McKnight, the Synod agreed unanimously to appoint Rev. P. G. McGregor, Synod Clerk, with salary of £20.

Rev. Mr. McKnight gave in the Report of the Home Mission Board, and made a lucid exposition of the principles which guided the operations of the Board. A discussion arose as to whether students should be sent out to labor as Home Missionaries before they are licensed, which was continued into the next sederunt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

[We may here state that not only were all Sessions of the Synod opened and closed with prayer, but also that half an hour of every evening session was devoted to religious exercises. The Moderator's prayers were peculiarly impressive and solemnizing.]

After a long and interesting discussion, the following resolution, moved by Rev. P. G. McGregor, was unanimously adopted in reference to the employment of Divinity Students in Missionary work:

"That the urgent wants of settlements, destitute of a regular supply of religious ordinances, are such that the continuance of the existing practice of allowing students in theology to supply such destitute localities under the direction of Presbytery is expedient, and may be continued in Presbyteries which wish for such supply. Provided always that students, not being Probationers, shall be governed in their exercises by rules to be framed by a committee, and reported to the Synod."

Leave was given to the Board to express regret in their Report for the circumstances which led to the Truro Presbytery being disappointed of due supply of missionary labor during the winter and spring.

The scale of payments recommended by the Board was adopted. The great benefit arising from the labours of lay catechists in Cape Breton were pointed out by Dr. McLeod, and the Synod unanimously agreed to continue the usual grant of £5 per annum to them. The report was adopted, and the Board was re-appointed with the exception of Rev. John Hunter, who had removed from the country.