

ed, and a committee appointed to present the same.

A letter was read from George Kerr, Esq., enclosing a cheque for £50 for the Bursary Fund, the interest of which to be annually expended in Bursaries. The thanks of the meeting were voted to Mr. Kerr for his liberal donation.

Thanks were also voted to those inhabitants of Chatham, and others who had so kindly attended and entertained the members of Synod while attending that Court.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in Fredericton on the second Wednesday in August, 1861.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

A Missionary meeting in connection with the Synod, was held on Monday evening, immediately after the adjournment of the Synod, in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance, Chatham, George Kerr, Esq., was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Wm. Murray of Dalhousie. After Rev. Dr. Brooke spoke on the Bursary Fund, shewing the importance of educating young men, natives of the Province to fill the office of the Christian Ministry. The Rev. Mr. Ross of St. Andrews, spoke on the duty of contributing liberally to the support of religion, and the Rev. Mr. Mackie, of Moncton, on the Jewish Mission. The chairman and Hon. John Robertson also addressed the meeting, both urging strongly the importance of united and vigorous efforts by all the members of our church for the support of the Gospel. A Collection was then made in aid of the several schemes, and the meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Donald.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Pictou,
the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty years.*

Which day and place the Synod met according to adjournment; and after devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, as constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Sederunt *ut Supra*.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained as correct.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that Overture No. 1 be adopted. It was moved by Mr. Lochhead, and seconded by Mr. Blach, that Overture No. 3 be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Boyd, and seconded by John McKay, Esq., that the Synod after considering both Overtures, resolve respectfully request the Colonial Committee that when any statements are made to be prejudicial to any of the Ministers or Missionaries within the bounds of the Synod

of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, they would acquaint therewith either the individuals concerned, or the Presbytery within whose bounds he may be placed, according as in the circumstances they may see fit. After a protracted discussion, the vote was taken, when three voted for the motion and eight for the amendment. The Moderator declared accordingly.

The report of the Committee appointed to report on the basis of Union, was laid on the table and ordered to be kept *in relents*. It was moved by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Pollok, and agreed to, that the discussion on this subject be deferred until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Synod then adjourned to meet on Monday the 2nd of July at 2 o'clock, p. m. of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Synod Clerk.*

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Pictou,
the 2nd of July, 1860:*

Which day and place the Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Sederunt *ut Supra*.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained as correct.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the proposed basis of Union between the Free Church and the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Christie, seconded by John McKay, Esq., and unanimously agreed to "that whereas the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia has transmitted to this Synod a copy of the proposed basis of Union between that Church and the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, together with an extract minute of Synod, calling the attention of this Synod to that important subject; and whereas the basis of Union thus submitted, has been prepared without any consultation with this Synod, and a measure of so important a character would require very serious and probably lengthened deliberation before final action; and whereas this Synod have had no opportunity of ascertaining the feelings and opinions of congregations under their jurisdiction on this very important subject; and whereas the Free Church Synod have not instructed their committee on Union to confer with any committee that might be appointed by this Synod,

Therefore resolved, that while this Synod entertain an anxious desire to promote peace, brotherly love and Christian fellowship among Presbyterians of all denominations, they are of opinion that this Synod is not now in a position to come to any decision regarding the basis as a basis of Union between this Synod and the Free Church Synod, but express the hope that at next meeting of this Synod, and that of the Free Church, commit-