

The report was adopted, and it was moved and agreed to in terms thereof.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. McCunn reported in behalf of the Committee appointed to present the address to the Lieutenant Governor, that they had waited upon His Excellency and had been cordially received, when the following reply was given:

"TO THE REV. ROBERT MCCUNN, MODERATOR, THE MINISTERS AND ELDERS OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND:

Gentlemen.—The dutiful address to Her Majesty the Queen, which on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in connection with the Church of Scotland, you have placed in my hand for transmission to England, will be forwarded by me on an early day.

I accept with very great satisfaction, the address which you have presented to myself. I need not assure you of the deep interest I feel in all that promotes the religion and morality of the people, or how earnestly I watch the results of those whose sphere is the teaching of the Word of God.

It therefore, affords me unqualified gratification to learn from you that your Ministers are training their people in the paths of piety and virtue, by encouraging the cause of Education, and strengthening the bonds of the christian faith.

It is my earnest hope that these efforts may long prosper, and that under them, a population may be reared, learning to fear God,—to honor the Queen, and to observe the laws of their country.

Mrs. Dundas heartily unites with me in thanking you for your expressions of sympathy in our late bereavement.

We beg you will accept also our thanks for imploping the blessings of Heaven on our behalf.

(Signed) GEORGE DUNDAS.
Government House,

P. E. Island, July 1st, 1867.

The Committee appointed to confer with the New Brunswick Correspondent, on the subject of union, reports unanimously in favor of the motion submitted to the Court by the Rev. Mr. McDonald, the tenor whereof is as follows:—"Whereas, this Synod, with the information at present possessed, has declared its willingness to unite with the Synod of New Brunswick; and whereas some of the Sessions of our Church have not yet been consulted in this very important matter. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to consult without delay these Sessions which have not yet declared their opinion; that they shall instruct the corresponding members of the Synod of New Brunswick to meet in St. John, during the month of August, as to the result of their inquiries, and if the replies shall be favorable, empower them to com-

municate to the sister Synod, that we shall be prepared to unite with them next summer, and shall suggest the latter part of June, 1868, and the town of Pictou, as a suitable time and place, and that the Rev. William Stewart and John McKay, Esq., New Glasgow, be a Committee to give effect to this resolution, Mr. Stewart, Convener.

The Report was adopted, and it was moved in terms thereof and agreed to.

Rev. Mr. McCunn, Convener of the Sabbath School Committee, reported verbally.

The Report was received and the Committee reappointed, with the addition of the Rev. Mr. Anderson and Philip Thompson, Esq.

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of overtures, by Rev John McMillan, anent appointment of Business Committee, the tenor whereof is as follows:—"Whereas, a good deal of delay and confusion is caused on the first day of the meeting of Synod each year, on account of the want of a pre-arranged list, setting forth the order of business.

"Be it humbly overtured that the Synod at their annual meeting appoint the Committee of Business for the following year; instruct the Committee, so appointed, to meet at such time as the Synod may direct, before the meeting of that year, at the place where the Synod may be appointed to be held, to arrange as far as possible the whole business of the meeting; and ordain that the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, the Presbytery Clerks, and three other members of Synod shall comprise this Committee, and that papers of every description intended to be submitted to the annual meeting of Synod, be forwarded to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands before the hour appointed for the Committee to meet, all papers presented after the hour of meeting to be received by the Committee, only on permission granted by the Synod."

The overture was adopted, and the Moderator, (Convener), the Synod and Presbytery Clerks, Messrs. McMillan, Pollok, and the Representative Elder from Pictou, were appointed a Committee to give effect to it. On the motion of Rev. Mr. C. Grant, it was unanimously agreed to, "That the Synod, understanding that the Hon. John Holmes has now completed his fiftieth year as an Elder of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, record its thanks to Almighty God, that He has so long spared such a valuable life, and its prayer that yet for many years he may be spared to his wily, his friends, and his church, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward an extract of this minute to Mr. Holmes.

The Convener of Committee on Presbytery Records reported that the Records of the Presbytery of Halifax had been received and examined. The report was adopted, and the Clerk instructed to attest the Records accordingly.