

during the past year; and three preachers have been ordained, one as a Missionary to the heathen, and two as pastors of congregations. The attendance both of ministers and elders was good. Rev. Mr Murdoch was then unanimously chosen Moderator, and took his seat accordingly. Some routine business was next transacted, notices of motions given, and Committees appointed. The Synod was then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Thursday, June 21st.—The Synod met at 10 o'clock in the same place, and was constituted by the Moderator. To a motion introduced by Rev. Mr Bayne, that the Synod spend the first half hour of the evening sitting in devotional exercises, an amendment was proposed, that the Synod proceed with the business as usual, but that the resolution of last year relating to devotional services after the close of the business be attended to. On the roll being called, 29 voted for the motion, and 19 for the amendment, which was accordingly lost.

The Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Rev. G. Patterson, read the report of the Board for the past year. Missionary operations have been successfully carried on, and much more might be accomplished were it not for the deficiency of laborers. This is the greatest difficulty with which the Board has to contend. Nine congregations are still unsupplied with pastors, and several stations have received very little preaching. The Report was received, and after some slight amendments had been made, was adopted.

The Board was reappointed.

The Rev. Mr Baxter read the Report of the Committee on Colportage.—Operations are successfully prosecuted, and remote parts of the Province visited. A large number of volumes have been circulated during the year. A Committee was appointed to make inquiries relating to this branch of the Synods on the subject. Adjourned.

In the afternoon sitting, Rev. W. McCulloch moved, that this Synod appoint a Committee to prepare an Address of Congratulation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to be presented by the Moderator, the Clerk, and other members of the Synod, on the occasion of his visiting this Province. The resolution passed unanimously, and a Committee was appoint-

ed. It was also authorized to prepare an Address to his Excellency Lord Mulgrave.

A Memorial of Rev. James Waddell was then read, relating to the proceedings of Pictou Presbytery respecting himself. After some preliminary business had been transacted by that Presbytery, Mr Waddell addressed the Synod in explanation up to the hour of adjournment.

In the evening, after devotional exercises, the time was fully occupied in hearing several members of Presbytery in reply to Mr Waddell's memorial and statements.

Friday, June 22.—The Rev. E. Ross, Secretary of the Seminary Board, presented its Report, which he read, and also the Reports of the Professors. The Seminary continues to prosper. Forty-three students matriculated at the commencement of the last session. A large number of classes were taught. Ten students attended the Theological Hall; one of these belonged to the Free Church. The Report was received and laid on the table.

The Rev. James Bayne, secretary, presented and read the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Board. It gave a full and interesting account of the progress of the Mission during the past year. The Report was received and laid on the table for further consideration.

Rev. Mr Waddell's case was again taken up in the afternoon. A resolution expressing sympathy with him, but granting him leave to withdraw his Memorial, passed with a majority of ten. Adjourned.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Synod's Missionary Meeting was held on Friday evening. Dr. Smith presided, and opened the meeting with praise and prayer. Rev. Messrs. Bayne, G. Patterson, and E. Ross, the Secretaries of the Foreign, Home, and Seminary Boards respectively, made a verbal, yet succinct statement of the operations during the past year, condensed from their reports before presented to the Synod. Each of the Secretaries at the close, announced the name of the individual selected by his Board to advocate the claims of its own branch of the church's work.

Rev. R. Laird spoke in behalf of the Foreign Mission. After a few introduc-