

conducting of Church work in our Provinces, and resolve that the Revds. Messrs. J. Campbell, D. MacRae, James Murray, John McMillan, and Professor Pollok be a Committee to have in charge all matters pertaining to the Hall."

An application from the Rev. S. G. Dodd, Congregational minister of St. John, N. B., to the Presbytery of St. John, to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, which was laid before the Committee on Bills, Overtures, &c., and approved by said Committee, was together with a recommendation from the Presbytery of St. John, in favour of Mr. Dodd's application, presented to the Synod. Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. D. McRae, and seconded by Rev. A. McLean, that having regard to the high testimonials produced by Mr. Dodd, in the statements made with regard to him by members of the Presbytery of St. John, and to the position occupied by him in the community in which he has labored during the past five years,—the Synod receive Mr. Dodd to the position of an ordained minister in full communion; whereupon the members of Synod unanimously assented by standing to receive Mr. Dodd, and the Moderator extended to him the right hand of fellowship, and his name was ordered to be added to the Roll of the Synod.

Rev. R. J. Cameron, Convener of the Committee appointed to meet and confer with a similar Committee of the P. C. L. P., anent the future organization of Presbyteries and Synods, reported verbally, recommending that there should be but one Synod in the Maritime Provinces in the meantime. He also requested the names of the Revds. Messrs. Grant, McLean, D. MacRae, James Murray, and Dr. Waddell be added to the Committee.

Anent which it was moved by the Rev. John Campbell, and seconded by Dr. Waddell, "That the report of the Committee be accepted, in so far as it refers to one Synod for the Maritime Provinces, and that the names suggested be added to the Committee."

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The Rev. A. McLean, Convener, read the following report on Foreign Missions:

"The report which your Committee would respectfully submit contains the intelligence that cannot be received but with regret of the failure of our efforts to establish the mission in the large and important Island of Santo. The heroic endurance of your missionary there, ended in the necessity, finally, to abandon that interesting field. In Mr. Goodwill's retreat from Santo your Committee find no cause to complain. The circumstances of the case would, in their judgment, have fully justified his adopting that course at an earlier stage. The sufferings through which himself and his family passed ere he could resolve on forsaking the dreary wilderness which he entered, strong in the hope of seeing it become a fruitful field, are well known and need not be repeated now. Santo is again without a missionary, and among its thousands of dying men and women, there is no voice to tell of a Saviour's atoning death and of the Father's eternal love. For this painful disappointment in the hopes we cherished your missionary incurs no blame. He retires from the mission field after sustaining an ordeal of suffering and suspense more than sufficient to overcome the strongest fortitude.

"Turning from the dreary wastes of Santo, your Committee would report with sincere gratitude to God that tidings of the most gratifying nature have been received from your other mission field. Your missionary in Erromanga, and his devoted partner, have, since their settlement on the Island, enjoyed excellent health, and have been enabled to pursue their labors without hinderance or any molestation from the hostility there was so much reason to apprehend. When the Mission Council announced to Mr. Robertson his appointment to that mission field, the decision might well have startled him, and doubtless he assented to that decision with no small mingling of troubling and fear. The blood of the Gordons was yet fresh on the soil of that savage island, and the cruel hands which struck down these devoted men of God were there still, and ready to repeat the bloody deed—and more to be dreaded than even these savages were the Sandal-wood traders, white men and professedly civilized, but more hostile and dangerous than the most barbarous natives. To the