

moved by Mr. Melville, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and agreed to, "that the Report be received and adopted; thanks given to the Committee, especially to the Convener; and that Ministers be urged to manifest new energy in making Collections for the Home Mission."

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Callan from the afternoon session

AT 1.30 P. M.

The Synod resumed consideration of the subject of Home Mission matters.

On motion of Mr. S. Fraser, seconded by the Clerk, it was agreed to rescind Clause 4 of the Deliverance adopted by the Synod last year, which clause was as follows:—

"That the Home Mission Board disburse at least one-fourth of the amount collected for Home Mission Scheme, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou."

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was resolved "that the following constitute the Home Mission Board, viz., Rev. J. W. Fraser, Convener; Rev. Messrs. McCunn, MacKichan, Stewart, McMillan, and the representative Elders of Pictou and New Glasgow."

The Synod resolved that the time for taking the several Synodical Collections be as follows:

FOREIGN MISSION Collection before the end of August.

HOME MISSION do before the end of October.

Provision being made by the Managers of the SUPPLEMENTING FUND that the Collection for that Scheme be made before end of December.

The Synod granted leave of absence from the remaining sedentarys to Mr. Jas. McLeod, Elder.

The Report on the "MONTHLY RECORD," being called for, was given in by Rev. Mr. Melville, Convener.

The Report stated that the RECORD still keeps up to the high position attained last year, the regular issue being still 2100 copies. Mr. Melville, in closing, stated that though he loved the work, the pressure of other duties made it absolutely necessary that he should resign the Editorship at the end of the year.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Stewart, it was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Melville for his excellent management both of the Editorial and Financial departments of the RECORD, and that his resignation be accepted with much regret, to take effect 31st Dec. next.

It was further moved by Mr. McCunn, seconded by Mr. Fraser, and unanimously agreed, "that Rev. W. McMillan be appointed to take charge of the RECORD after 1st Jan. next."

The Synod called for the Report of the

Foreign Mission Board, which was given in by Rev. Mr. Stewart, Convener.

At this stage, Rev. Mr. Goodwill arrived and took his seat as a member of Court.

Mr. Stewart also read the following correspondence, which was laid on the table:—

McLELLAN'S BROOK, PICTOU, N.S.,
May 30, 1887.

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—The time is drawing near when your Synod will meet. As Convener of our Foreign Mission, I take the liberty of writing you to remind you of the suggestion made last year that we shall endeavor to co-operate in Foreign Mission work. Since our Synod met last, the Committee visited nearly all the congregations, and brought the matter before them. They all seemed willing to do their utmost to support a Missionary. The field preferred is among the Indians of the North-West. I hope you will bring the matter before your Synod for full discussion, and let us know the result, that it may be a guide to us.

I am, etc.,

W. STEWART.

Rev. J. Edgar Hill, B.D., Montreal.

To which the following reply was received:

MONTREAL, June 16, 1887.

REV. DEAR SIR.—Please send, on next page, resolution of our Synod concerning co-operation in Foreign Mission work. As I leave for Scotland next week, kindly communicate the resolution of your Synod to Rev. C. B. Ross, Lancaster, Convener of our Committee.

Yours, very truly,

J. EDGAR HILL

Rev. W. Stewart,

McLellan's Brook, N. S.

The following is the extract of resolution referred to:—

"*Inter alia*, Letter from Rev. W. Stewart, Convener of Committee on Foreign Missions of the Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces, concerning co-operation with this Synod in Foreign Mission work, was read by the Clerk. It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to communicate with Mr. Stewart, and to intimate that this Synod entertains the proposal most heartily, and appoints the following Committee to co-operate with the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church in the Maritime Provinces, with full power to prepare a scheme of missionary operation, and to commend it to the cordial sympathy of the congregations of the Church, viz., Messrs. Ross, Davidson, Dr. Watson and the Moderator; Mr. Ross, Convener.

J. EDGAR HILL, *Synod Clerk*."

The Rev. J. W. Fraser also read and laid on the table a letter received by him from the Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the North-West Territories; of which the following are extracts:

WINNIPEG, April 30, 1887.

MY DEAR SIR,—I was very much pleased to learn of the proposal of your Synod. * * There are 8000 of these Indians west of Manitoba and south of the North Saskatchewan that are still in a state of paganism. * * If we do so much for the heathen in the South Sea Islands, in India and China, should we not do something for those in our own country?