

afford him assistance in prosecuting his studies, with the same object, as soon as their Funds will admit.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Home Mission and Synod Fund, which was given in and read by the Rev. Wm Donald, Convener, approved of, and ordered to be kept in *réserve*, and to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Synod instructed the Committee to meet this day at 3 o'clock to receive additional contributions, to prepare a supplementary Report, to be submitted to the Synod at the earliest opportunity, and also to receive claims on the Fund.

The Synod re-appointed the Committee to manage this Fund, consisting of the Members of the Presbytery of St. John, together with the Honorable John Robertson, who is also requested to continue his services as Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Keay, the Synod resolved to request the Convener of this Committee to convey their thanks to the Sabbath Scholars of his Congregation, for the interest they have taken in this scheme, and for the handsome sum, as appears by the Report, they have set aside from their funds, to further the object they have in view; and also, that this scheme be recommended to the favourable regard and liberality of the Sabbath Scholars of the Congregations within their bounds.

The Committee, in their Report, having recommended the employment of Mr. William Pateon, a Student aided by their funds, as a Catechist, during his stay in the Province, Mr. P. who was present, was asked if he would be willing to undertake that work; whereupon he stated, that being now much engaged in preparing for his examinations preparatory to his entering the Divinity Hall, and his stay in this country being limited, it would not be in his power to engage in the duties of a Catechist at this time.

The Rev. John McCurdy of Chatham, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia, entered at this time, on which they were cordially welcomed by the Synod, and were invited to take their seats along with the Members of Court. Mr. McCurdy and Professor Ross expressed the satisfaction it afforded them to be present on this occasion, and their thanks for the brotherly welcome they had received.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, it was resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Donald, as Convener of the Committees of the Bursary Fund, and of the Home Mission and Synod Fund, for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duty, and for the very full and gratifying Reports of those Committees which have been submitted to the Synod.

On motion, the Rev. James Murray, of St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, was appointed corresponding Member from this Synod to the Synod of Canada, at its next meeting, in the City of Ottawa, in May 1859; and in the event of his not being able to attend, the Rev. John Ross of Saint Andrews, was appointed his alternate. Also the Rev. Peter Keay, A.M., of Saint Mary's Church, Nashua, was appointed corresponding Member, to attend the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, at its next meeting, in Pictou, in June 1859, the Rev. William Macrobine, of Tabusintac, being his alternate.

The Clerk read extract of letter from John Paton, Esquire, of Kingston, C. W., referring to the accompanying Report of the Canada Indian Orphanage Scheme and Juvenile Mis-

sion, for the past year, which Report, on being also read, called forth many remarks from the different Members of Synod.

The Synod then called on the different Ministers to state whether or not they had endeavored to engage the sympathies of the young of their flocks in this object. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Mr. Stewart, Rev. Mr. Donald, and Rev. Dr. Brooke, reported that, as last year, the Children in the Sabbath Schools connected with their respective Congregations, had undertaken, each School for itself, to support an orphan, at one or other of the Orphanages in India, and had been contributing the amount necessary for that purpose.

The other Members had not, as yet, taken any steps to carry out the recommendation of the Synod. The Synod desire to record their deep regret and grievous disappointment, that no additional effort had, this year, been put forth on behalf of this most interesting object; so well fitted to engage the best feelings of the rising generation, for the interest they have taken; renew the recommendation as before; and earnestly urge on all the Ministers within their bounds, to bring the matter under the consideration of the young persons attending their respective Sabbath Schools; and if answers to the queries proposed by the Synod, they were then read *strictim*; whereupon, on motion of Dr. Waddell, a Committee, consisting of Dr. Brooke and Mr. Keay, were appointed to prepare an Abstract of the same, to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Mr. James Murray, for himself and Mr. Napier, asked permission to be absent during the remaining Days of Synod, they being under the necessity of returning home, on account of pressing engagements. Leave was granted accordingly.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock, A. M. Closed with the Benediction.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, the Synod agreed that the Report now read be received, and also, that the object be again recommended to the several Ministers and Congregations within their bounds. Mr. Donald was re-appointed Treasurer.

The Synod having resolved to admit Master George Cate to the benefit of the Bursary Fund, appointed Messrs. Henderson, Keay, and W. Murray, a Committee to examine him, as to his proficiency in those studies that are requisite to his entering College, and to report, *quam primum*.

The several Ministers, on being called upon, stated that, as enjoined by the Synod last year, they had directed the attention of their respective Congregations to the due observance of the Sabbath, urging upon them, from the pulpit, the sanctification of that holy day.

The Clerk, on behalf of the Committee on the Widows' Fund, gave a detailed account of his correspondence with Alexander Morris, Esquire, of Montreal, on the subject of the Fund which had been established for the support of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Ministers, in Canada; whereupon the Synod re-appointed the Committee, consisting of the Moderator, Dr. Brooke, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Donald, directing them to advise, as before, with Alexander Balloch, Esquire, of St. John, and instructing them to keep the matter in view, and further express a hope that, in another year, a measure, embracing the whole of the British American Provinces, may be matured and submitted to the Synod.

Mr. Donald read correspondence on the subject of a General Assembly for the British American; whereupon several Members expressed their views on the subject, all of them agreeing that the thing was very desirable, stating their hopes that the object might ultimately be carried out; and, with Macrobine promised to send his forthwith

this view, appointed Dr. Brooke, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Donald, and Mr. James Murray, a Committee to correspond on the subject, with any Committee appointed for such a purpose by the Synod of Canada, Mr. Murray to be Convener.

Mr. Henderson, in name of the Committee appointed to examine Master George Cate, reported that they had attended to that duty, that they had examined him in Latin, Greek, and other subjects, and that his appearance, on the whole, was very satisfactory.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Endowments, on which Mr. Henderson stated that the Committee had not seen their way clear to take any proceedings in the matter, and, consequently, had no Report to make.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Donald, that the Committee be discharged, to which it was moved as an amendment by Mr. William Murray, that the Committee be re-appointed; and on the roll being called, and votes marked, the motion was carried by a considerable majority.

The several Ministers present having produced their Statistical Returns, and their Answers to the Queries proposed by the Synod last year, they were then read *strictim*; whereupon, on motion of Dr. Waddell, a Committee, consisting of Dr. Brooke and Mr. Keay, were appointed to prepare an Abstract of the same, to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. Mr. James Murray, for himself and Mr. Napier, asked permission to be absent during the remaining Days of Synod, they being under the necessity of returning home, on account of pressing engagements. Leave was granted accordingly.

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DIET III.

At Saint James's Church, Newcastle, the seventeenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight —

The Synod met according to adjournment *Sederunt* as yesterday, with the exception of Mr. James Murray and Mr. Napier, absent with leave. Some time was spent in devotional exercises, consisting of singing to the praise of God, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, which services were conducted by Mr. Keay. The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

The Clerk read Letter from the Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Saint John, requesting, for the Synod with which he is connected, copy of the Minutes of the Presbyterian Church in this Province, previous to the secession in Scotland in 1843. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Mac, the Synod resolved that the Clerk be instructed to acknowledge Mr. Bennett's Letter, and to state that the Synod beg respectfully to decline complying with the request therein made.

The Synod having formerly ordered a Historical Account of the different Churches and Congregations within their bounds to be prepared and given in by the respective Ministers, and the same being called for last year, when handed in by only a few of the members, whereupon the Synod renewed the order, of joining all who had not already prepared such Account, to deliver it to the Synod this year at the latest; these Accounts were accordingly now called for, and produced by Messrs. Steven, Stewart, and William Murray. Mr. Macrobine promised to send his forthwith