

of last sederunt on the subject of our Collegiate Institutions, the Professors, the Moderator, the Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, John Munro, M. Stewart, J. McCurdy, G. Patterson, J. Murray, G. Sutherland, K. McKenzie, and McGregor, and Messrs. Robson, D. W. Archibald, R. L. Byers, and Dr Murray, ruling elders, the Moderator to be Convener.

Minute on state
of Foreign
Mission

The following statement submitted by Mr. McCurdy, was approved and directed to be entered on the minutes:—

The Committee appointed to prepare a statement to be entered on the minutes of Synod relative to the trying condition of the Foreign Mission during the past year, and the duty of the Church in view of them, beg to submit the following:—

That, in the ravages of disease, by which so many of the natives, both christian and heathen, have been cut down, in the removal by death of Mr Johnson, in the cruel and barbarous murder of Mr and Mrs Gordon, and in the appalling circumstances which compelled Mr Paton and Mr and Mrs Matheson to abandon their stations, the Synod recognizes a series of trials which call for deep searchings of heart, and for humility and contrition on account of our manifold shortcomings.

That the Synod while recording its high sense of the zeal, fortitude, and self-denial of the fallen missionaries would, express its deep sympathies with the widow in a strange land and the surviving relatives of the deceased missionaries, with the missionaries who have had to flee for their lives, and with the whole mission band, over whom wave after wave has thus been made to pass.

That while called on to contemplate judgments, the Synod would hail with gratitude, and as incentives to a renewal of trust in God, various evidences of the success of missionary labor on both Tana and Erromanga, seen only since the labourers have fallen, or have been constrained to abandon their posts.

That the Synod recommends to the pastors of all our congregations, to make special reference to these mysterious dispensations on the third Sabbath of August, that the people may have an opportunity of uniting in exercises of humility and penitence, and of wrestling together in prayer to Him who hath said "In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting mercies will I gather thee;" and "all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

That the Clerk of Synod be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the surviving missionaries.

JOHN MCCURDY, Convener.

Conference

A letter was read from Rev. Allan Pollock, Convener of a committee appointed by the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland, addressed to the Clerk of this Synod and expressing their readiness to confer with any committee which this Synod may appoint on the subject of the Collegiate education in the province, and suggesting a suitable time and place. It was agreed that a committee be appointed to meet at the time and place mentioned with our brethren of the other Synod, and the Rev. Professors King and Ross, Rev Messrs. McCulloch and McGregor, and Mr. C. Robson, were named. Mr McCulloch, Convener. The Synod then reappointed the Board of Superintendence.

Report of Com.
on Preliminary Educa-
tion.

Rev. Professor Ross read the report of Committee appointed to consider the course of Preliminary and Theological instruction intimating that the committee were not prepared to report any change.

Report of Edu-
cational Bnd.

Rev. Professor Ross gave a verbal report of the proceedings of the Educational Board, and Mr Sedgewick of the fulfilment of appointment of Committee for preparing and publishing a Pastoral Address to the Churches. Both reports were received and the diligence of the committees commended.