

thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Here, as a distinct consequence of union, is placed the conversion of the world. This is not mere unity of spirit. It must be a unity of co-operation, and ultimately of incorporation. I do not think that every body of men is bound to put into their creed every sentiment which they believe. The Rev. Gentleman concluded by adverting to and condemning, the two extremes—the one, that of sinking into unity upon any grounds and upon any terms, the other, that of stretching out to an undue and unnecessary length, the articles of belief which compose the distinctive creeds of churches.

The Moderator, asked if any other member was disposed to express his views on the resolution, when no one rising, he briefly stated his own approbation, and having put the motion to the court, it was carried unanimously. The members of the Deputation then returned thanks for the cordial and satisfactory manner in which they had been received. Acting upon the happy suggestion of Mr. McLean, the Moderator then called upon Mr. Scott to pray. After an appropriate prayer the Deputation withdrew. The occurrence was felt by all present to be of the most solemn and impressive description—a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord—and we doubt not that many prayers were that night offered, and that many prayers will yet ascend to the God of all grace, that this great initiative step may soon be consummated in a grand and glorious union of all Presbyterians.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made and this sederunt closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 4th July, 1855.

MORNING SEDERUNT.

The Synod met this morning according to adjournment and was constituted. The roll was called; Sederunt as before. Messrs. McGillivray and Herdman, conducted the devotional exercises. Messrs. McLean and McKay were appointed to do the same to-morrow morning. The minutes of last meeting were read and, being corrected, were sustained.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION WITH THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Clerk called attention to the circumstance that while, by the resolution he had moved, last evening, it had been agreed to appoint a committee to confer with any committee appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, for the purposes stated in the resolution, a committee had not yet been named. A committee was then appointed consisting of the Moderator, Messrs. Scott, McGillivray, Pollok, and Dr. Avery. Mr. Scott to be Convener.

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA.
Mr. Spratt asked leave, at this stage of the proceedings, to move the appointment of a committee to draft an address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of N. S. Leave was granted and the following committee appointed, viz: The Moderator, Messrs. Scott, Spratt, and Pollok.

MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING OF SYNOD.
The consideration of the minutes of last year's meeting was then resumed.
Mr. Spratt, Clerk of the Presbytery of Halifax, gave a verbal report on certain Church

property within the bounds of the Presbytery, which report consisted chiefly of the result of inquiries with reference to St. James' Church, Dartmouth, and of proceedings taken for the recovery of Presbytery records which, since 1843, had been in the hands of the Free Church Presbytery. The Synod approved of the report. The Presbytery were commended for their diligence, and the instructions of last year were repeated.

There was no report from the Presbytery of Pictou, Mr. Snodgrass reported that St. John's Church, Belfast, P. E. Island, is incorporated, and the Church at Georgetown, registered, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The committee appointed, last year, to draw up an account of the state of the church in these Provinces, and to found an appeal thereon to licentiates in Scotland, reported that they had obeyed their instructions without delay, and that the manner in which they had discharged the duty, intrusted to them was known to all the members of Synod. The Synod approved of what had been done and commended the committee for their diligence. Since the meeting of last year one licentiate, the Rev. George Harper, was sent out by the Colonial Committee, and was received as a probationer, successively, within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Pictou. He had also visited P. E. Island, and in the various localities where he had served as a Missionary, he had laboured with much acceptance and ability.

The arrival of Mr. Harper was hailed as a fresh token of the sympathy entertained by the Church at home for the Church in these Provinces, and the hope is thereby re-acted that the Colonial Committee may soon have at their disposal many more young men, willing to cross the Atlantic and minister to their countrymen here in holy times.

Mr. Snodgrass stated for himself and Mr. Purdie that they had been unable to fulfil the appointment laid upon them to correspond with the Synod of New Brunswick, as that court had met at the same time with this Synod. There being nothing in the minutes of last year's meeting occasioning further remark or requiring further procedure to be taken.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was then called for. Mr. Snodgrass, as Clerk of the Committee reported that they had met according to instructions, and that the following overtures having been submitted, they had agreed to comply with the petitions for their transmission:

1. Overture on Synod Fund
 2. " Monthly Record
 3. " { Appeal to Students of Divinity in Scotland
 4. " { Statistics
 5. " { More frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper.
 6. " Vacancies.
- Submitted by the Rev. W. Snodgrass
7. Overture on the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions.
 8. " on Gaelic Deputations from the Church in Scotland.
- Submitted by the Rev. George W. Spratt.
9. Overture on Presbyterial Visitations.
 10. " on Vacancies.
- Submitted by Rev. A. McKay.

The report having been received, the committee asked leave to sit again, which was granted. The Synod agreed to consider and dispose of these overtures, as much as possible, in the order above stated.

THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS, &c.

Reported that papers relating to a case of Reference from P. E. Island had been submitted, accompanied with a petition from Rev. A. Pollok the Moderator of the last meeting of Presbytery held there, in the name and by the appointment of said meeting, praying that they might be transmitted to the Synod. The Committee agreed to comply with the prayer of the petition. The report being received, the Synod agreed to take up the Reference after the overtures are disposed of.

OVERTURE ON SYNOD FUND.

This overture was introduced and supported by the Clerk. He shewed the necessity there exists for the immediate institution of such a Fund, and pointed out the objects to which, in the mean time, it ought to extend. The efficiency of Synod meetings depended in some measure upon this Fund. Many members had to travel a great distance, and that incurred an expense, which ministers at least might sometimes have the greatest difficulty in meeting. A minister must feel it to be one of the most painful and annoying of excuses for non-attendance at this court, that he could not afford the expense of travelling, and the Synod could not blame him for absenting himself for this reason. It was most desirable he said that all ministers should be present at the meetings of Synod, and he called upon the court, therefore, to assent to the passing of a measure, which would remove, he hoped, every barrier or excuse on the score of expenses. It was also desirable, they would allow, that sessions should be represented at this court by an elder as well as by a minister, and many an elder might not be in a position to attend with comfort at his own expense. Besides, he maintained, it is the duty of the Church generally, for whose benefit Synodical meetings are held, to supply the means sought by the institution of this Fund. And he believed their congregations, would for the most part rejoice in the opportunity that would now be given of contributing for this object. He would move as follows:—The Synod having heard the overture, approve of the same: appoint an annual collection to be made in all the churches and stations within the bounds of the Synod, which collection shall go to the formation and maintenance of a Fund to be called, the Synod Fund, direct the said collection to be made, after intimation and explanation, on some Sabbath, previous to the sixth before the meeting of Synod, in each year: declare the object for which this fund shall be available to be, to defray the expenses incurred by meetings of Synod, by the carrying out of Synodical procedure, and by the attendance of members; and appoint Dr. Avery, to be Treasurer of this fund, to whom a return of collections is required to be made, each year, before the meeting of Synod.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Scott, and, members having stated their concurrence, it passed unanimously.

Overture on "The Monthly Record of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, and the adjoining Provinces." This overture was introduced and supported by the clerk, who said it was with the greatest delight he had received and read the Prospectus of this Periodical, when it was issued towards the close of last year. It had now been before them, and in the hands of many of the people, in successive numbers for several months, and he might now speak with confidence of its merits and usefulness. It supplied a want which all felt to exist. It furnished from time to time, interest-