

ed and ordered to be transmitted to Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, who are to report before the 1st of November.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This reverend body met in New Glasgow on the 28th June; present 38 ministers and 20 elders. The Rev. John J. Baxter read the Report on Colportage; 4356 vols. had been added to the stock. It was agreed "That the books to be circulated by the Committee of Colportage, must in all cases be in accordance with the standards of our church." The Home Mission report showed, that 7 missionaries were employed during the year; Annapolis and Bridgetown have now a settled pastor, Yarmouth is now self-sustaining, and other stations have received limited supply. It was reported that 36 students in Arts have attended the Seminary, and 7 the Hall. It was agreed to exact a fee of £2 for the session. In the matter of Union, an extract of the minutes of the Free Church Synod was read, in which that Synod adopt and recommend the basis of 1846, and a formula for subscription embodying its principles. The Synod record "their gratification with the unanimity of the two Committees." They took up the articles of the basis *seriatim* and unanimously approved of it. [This basis, for insertion of which we have not room, seems to consist chiefly of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and *Chateausms*, Larger and Shorter, with subjoined explanations, regarding the power of the Civil Magistrate, *circa sacra*, as limited by the act of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 27th August, 1647, and excepted to by the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.] The proposed name was adopted. Arrangements for the two Seminaries were remitted to the two Committees. The Free Church deputation was received. The Synod decided as to those engaged in the liquor traffic that "they recognise it to be the right and duty of Sessions to exclude from church-fellowship those, who after faithful dealing persist in the practice." Professor McCulloch read a paper recommending the formation of a Museum of natural objects; a small sum was appropriated to this object. A memorial of the late Dr. Keir was inserted in the minutes. A committee was appointed to correspond with other Protestant bodies for securing united action in celebrating the Tercentenary of the Reformation in Scotland. The Report of the Treasurer showed £400 in the Foreign Mission Fund, about £40 in the Home Mission Fund, and about £90 in the Seminary Fund.

THE CHURCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK

CLOSING ADDRESS OF THE REV. JOHN R. MODERATOR OF THE SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Brothren, and fellow-laborers in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have now come to the close of your annual deliberations for the spiritual and temporal welfare of that portion of the Lord's flock committed to your care. Your deliberations have been conducted in a manner that evinced a spirit of wisdom and prudence suited to the circumstances in which we are placed; of forbearance and respect to the opinion and judgment of each other, and sincere love to the cause of God.

To the Synods of Canada and Nova Scotia you are much indebted for their brotherly kindness in sending delegates, and for the able assistance these brethren have given during this session of this Synod. The small funds entrusted to your management by your congregations for the schemes of benevolence you desire to prosecute, you have employed most judiciously; and I feel happy in being able to attest that they have already produced good and permanent results. Especially is this true of that which is destined to secure the efficient training of talented natives of this Province for the self-denying work of the gospel ministry. Some of them have already appeared among us to do that work, and have afforded satisfactory evidence of their ability and zeal. May the glorified Head of our Church—the Great and Most Blessed Missionary of God the Father to this sinful world—increase their number, and put it into the hearts of our people to enable you to enlarge and cultivate the field of your operations, that the wilderness and solitary place may be glad for him. His Church is still a mission of mercy. In the faith of this your benevolent feelings have not been confined to your brethren according to the flesh, but have prompted you to make an humble effort on behalf of the now rejected, but not cast off, ancient people of God. In doing this, you have not forgotten the noble example given to Christendom twenty years ago by the Church of Scotland, to which we belong. It is to be hoped that the Lord Jesus, who does not despise the feeble efforts of his people to make known his mercy and grace to those who know him not, will smile upon your endeavor, enrich you and your people with an increase of faith and love to his holy name, and that you will find it good that it was in your hearts to build up the house of the Lord God of Israel.

Brethren, your time has been closely occupied with your work, and it is not necessary that I should repeat what you have done; but I must remind you that amidst the arduous and self-denying duties of the gospel ministry to which we have been called, it is our duty and our privilege to look up to God, and to keep near to him. He keeps our hearts in the place when our minds are stayed upon his work requires strength and encourage-