

clerk, it be recorded in the Minutes of Synod that such intended dissent was virtually made, and it is hereby recorded accordingly.

The clerk read a statement attested by the Rev. Alexander Mackid, of the result of his interview with Miss E. Macauley, setting forth that he was under the necessity of terminating the interview, without being able to effect any favorable impression upon her mind. The document was ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

MISSIONARY VISIT TO CAPE BRETON.

Mr. Pollok reported that the Presbytery of Pictou sent Mr. McLean to visit Cape Breton last Autumn, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod. Mr. McLean reported that he proceeded to Cape Breton, in the month of October last; that he visited the localities in which, he was led to understand, are most of the adherents of the Church, that he preached several times and dispensed the ordinance of baptism; that in consequence of the shortness of his visit—being only two Sabbaths on the Island—he could not fully ascertain the state of matters in connection with the Church; that he believed, however, that there was a possibility of forming two or three congregations, should ministers be at the disposal of the Church and funds to aid in supporting them for a number of years. The Synod having heard the report left the matter in the hands of the Presbytery of Pictou, with power to send one of their number to visit the Island again, should they find their circumstances to admit of such a visit being made.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DARTMOUTH.

The clerk reported that he fulfilled the instructions of the Synod, contained in the deliberance on the reference ancient St. James' Church, Dartmouth. Mr. Martin reported that nothing had been done in the matter by the Presbytery of Halifax. The Synod enjoined the Presbytery of Halifax to fill that part of the instructions of last year, which requires them to grant permission to the Free Church congregation, under present circumstances, to occupy the church for the worship of God at all such times as it is not required by this church.

RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

Mr. Martin reported that the Presbytery of Halifax is now in possession of a certified copy of the Records of the Presbytery from its constitution down to the period of the secession of 1843.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SYNOD OF CANADA.

Mr. Snodgrass reported by certificate from the clerk of the Synod of Canada and verbally, that he had fulfilled his appointment as correspondent with the said Synod and addressed a Court at some length on his mission. After which the Synod adjourned to meet this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, which public intimation was made and this seditant was closed with prayer.

SATURDAY, 5th July, 1856.

The Synod met this day pursuant to ad-

journalment of yesterday, after devotional exercises conducted by Messrs. Henderson and Pollok, and was constituted by the moderator. The roll was called. Sederunt as before. The minutes of last sederunt were read and, after corrections, sustained. Messrs. McLean and McKay were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises. The minutes of last year's meeting were resumed.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mr. Martin reported and Mr. Henderson certified that Mr. Sprott fulfilled his appointment as correspondent with the Synod of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland. Mr. Henderson spoke in high terms of the value and advantage of Mr. Sprott's correspondence, and said that a strong and earnest desire was left upon the minds of the members of the Synod of New Brunswick that the correspondence should be continued from year to year.

ADDRESS TO THE LIET. GOVERNOR.

Mr. Snodgrass reported that the deputation appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, with the address of the Synod agreed upon last year, fulfilled their appointment shortly after the closing of the Synod and were graciously received. The reply of his excellency was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The minutes of the special meeting of Synod held at Pictou on the 7th of May last were then read, sustained, and ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Snodgrass reported that he fulfilled the instructions contained therein.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Mr. Pollok reported that the Presbytery of Pictou had met and agreed that the public meeting, for which they were instructed to make arrangements, should be held in St. Andrew's Church on Monday, at 2 o'clock—that hour being fixed to suit the friends of the Church in the surrounding country. A draft programme of proceedings was read and agreed to, and all clergymen officiating to-morrow were enjoined to give intimation of the same.

OVERTURES.

Mr. Herdman reported that the Committee on Overtures met as instructed and that the following Overtures were received, which they agreed to transmit:—

1st. Overture on the extension of the Young Men's Scheme, submitted by Mr. Pollok; 2nd. Overture on the connection of Churches with the Synod and on the duties and powers of Trustees or Managers—from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

Leave of absence was, on request, granted Mr. Cullen, from the remaining sederunts of Synod.

After which the Synod adjourned to meet in this place on Monday forenoon, at 11 o'clock, of which public intimation was made and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

(To be continued in our next)

Presbytery of Halifax

A meeting of the Presbytery of Halifax, in connection with the Church of Scotland was held in St. Matthew's Church on Wednesday the 10th ult. The meeting was constituted by Mr. Martin, the moderator. The instruc-

tions of the Synod appointing this meeting to be held were produced and read, as also the Synod's authority for the Rev. Allan Pollok, Minister at New Glasgow, acting as an associate member at this meeting. Sederunt, Rev. John Martin, Rev. John Scott, Rev. Allan Pollok; Messrs. Allison and Thomson, Elders.

The Rev. John Scott was appointed moderator for the ensuing year and the Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, being present, was appointed clerk of this meeting.

Mr. Thomas Duncan, a probationer of the Church of Scotland, lately arrived from Scotland, was introduced to the Court by the Rev. Allan Pollok. Mr. Duncan produced the following documents—an extract of his license by the Presbytery of Perth; a Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Perth, within whose bounds he resided for the last year; and his appointment by the General Assembly's Colonial Committee as a Missionary to Prince Edward Island—all which were found to be highly satisfactory, and he was thereupon welcomed by the Court, as a probationer within the bounds, and recommended to proceed to Prince Edward Island with as little delay as possible.

A letter from the Rev. John Martin was read, resigning the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, which he had held for thirty five years, and which he now denominated in consequence of an arrangement of the Synod by which he is to be appointed Superintendent of Missions. On motion of Mr. Pollok seconded by Mr. Allison the Court unanimously agreed to accept of Mr. Martin's resignation. The Rev. John Scott was appointed to preach in St. Andrew's Church on the forenoon of Sabbath next and declare the pulpit of the said Church vacant. Mr. Martin was appointed to supply the pulpit of St. Andrew's in the meantime. The Presbytery, agreeably to the instructions of the Synod, formally appointed Mr. Martin to be Superintendent of Missions, and Mr. Snodgrass was instructed to notify the same to the Colonial Committee. The Presbytery then adjourned till the first Wednesday of October next.

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Examination of Pictou Academy.

A liberal and enlightened system of education may well be regarded as one of the greatest blessings which any country can enjoy. At the present day, throughout Great Britain, the cause seems everywhere to be making great progress; and, by the advancing spirit of the age, the character of the training now received at the common schools, is, admittedly, superior to that of the instruction imparted even in the higher Academies, only a few years ago. In no department, perhaps, has greater improvement taken place than in the art of teaching, which is every day approaching nearer to its proper and legitimate rank as a profession. Nor are some of our colonies, though, at present, necessarily laboring under considerable disadvantages, very much behind the Mother Country in this respect. As an example of this, we would point to the condition of the