

Esq., carefully to revise the Draft Act laid upon the table of the Court; that they publish the same as speedily as possible in the *Record*, with the view of its receiving the benefit of an abundant criticism, and of familiarizing our people's minds with its nature, and that the Synod empower its members in the several Provinces to apply to their respective Legislatures for the passing of legislation in terms of what shall be finally agreed upon by said Committee."

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR TO THE CHAIR OF CHURCH HISTORY, &c.

On this subject, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod learns with profound satisfaction that the Synod of the Sister Church in the Lower Provinces has expressed its willingness to accept our co-operation in increasing the Professorial Staff in the Theological Hall, Halifax; and that satisfactory correspondence is being held with the Colonial Committee on the subject; again declares its conviction that only by such means can a sufficient supply of ministers be obtained for our extensive field; expresses the hope that the Colonial Committee will be able to see its way towards guaranteeing, in the meantime, the £300 *et c.*, that is required for the salary of our Professor, and that the Convener of the H. M. Board be requested to continue correspondence with the Colonial Committee, urging the extreme importance of the subject, and the necessity of as speedy action as possible."

Moved by Rev. D. McRae, seconded by Rev. J. W. Fraser, and cordially and unanimously agreed to, "that the Rev. A. Pollok, in the opinion of this Synod, is a fit and proper person for the chair of Church History, &c., proposed to be established in connection with the Theological Hall in Halifax, and that the Convener of the Home Mission Board be requested to intimate this opinion of the Court to Mr. Pollok, and also to bring his name before the Colonial Committee, in this connection."

FOREIGN MISSION.

The Rev. A. McLean, Convener, submitted the following Report:—

"In reference to the offer of Rev. J. F. Campbell to engage in the Foreign Mission field, the Committee having seriously considered the matter, as directed by the Synod, have been led to the conclusion to commend to Synod, that, owing to the present circumstances of this Church, in

prospect of Union, it is expedient to advise Mr. Campbell to continue his present labours until the Union be consummated, and that, in the meantime, enquiry be made with special reference to the Chumba Mission, and to ascertain if that mission field is still unoccupied, and if so, whether it may be transferred to this Church, if prepared to take possession of it.

"Your Committee have to report, with reference to our Missionary lately on Santo, that, owing to continued domestic afflictions, he was under the necessity of emitting his charge of said island to the Mission Conference, to which course, in the circumstances, they thought it expedient to advise him. Your Committee, although assured by himself that he was willing, if asked to do so, to return to his post and sacrifice all, if need be, recommend his return to his native land, where there is ample room for usefulness.

"Your Committee having received his separation papers from the Secretary of the Mission Conference, though with deep regret at the failure of the mission, recommend that his resignation be accepted, and the sympathy of the Synod conveyed to him.

"Your Committee would further recommend that he be refunded for his outlay in mission property on Santo, and that our agent, the Rev. Dr. Steel, be requested to dispose of said property, and place the proceeds to the credit of our Foreign Mission Fund.

"Your Committee, while met with difficulties and discouragements on every side, do not despond, for, though the present be a 'day of small things' in connection with our Foreign Mission operations, they hope that at no far distant day there shall be many labourers found to go 'rejoicing' to the fields that are already so 'white for the harvest.'"

Ancient which it was moved by Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. W. McMillan, and

Resolved,—"That this Synod cordially approves of the recommendations made by the Convener of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and empower the Committee to attempt to carry the same into effect."

There was also read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Steel, giving the most gratifying account of the work being done by the Rev. H. A. Robertson on Eromanga, whereupon the Moderator called upon Mr. Melville to lead in expressions of gratitude to God for such cheering news from our mission field.

At this stage, the delegates appointed