

the past, and its necessity in the existing circumstances of the Church, resolve to aim at giving to it greater efficiency, and as opportunity offers enlarging its range of study.

The motion having been adopted with much enthusiasm, the Synod sang,
 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

The following resolution, moved by Rev. A. Falconer, and seconded by Rev. C. B. Pitblado, was adopted unanimously :

Whereas, for the more efficient maintenance of our educational institutions, it is necessary that they be raised above the state of uncertain dependence on annual collection, and that the only satisfactory position is that of securing a sufficient endowment for their support; agree to remit to the Board to consider whether it would, in the meantime, be advisable to take steps for the securing of such an endowment, and if so, that they be empowered to adopt the necessary means of accomplishing that object.

The following resolution moved by Rev. D. Macrae, and seconded by Rev. John Mackinnon was adopted unanimously :

That Whereas the Synod has declared its determination to maintain and, if possible, increase the efficiency of the Theological Hall in Halifax, and that for the carrying out that object the annual sum of not less than \$2,800 must be raised by collectors from the several congregations within its bounds;

And Whereas, this Synod has also expressed its firm conviction of the desirability of inaugurating measures for securing an endowment fund for the efficient maintenance of the Hall :

Therefore, in order to carry out the objects of these resolutions as effectually as possible,

Resolved, 1st, That the Board of Superintendence be authorized to publish a statement embodying the resolutions of the Synod on this subject, and placing the claims of the Theological Hall before the people of the Church. 2nd, That ministers or office-bearers be instructed to bring the claims of the Theological Hall before their people by sermon or otherwise, with a view of taking up a collection for its support at as early a day as possible after the meeting of the Synod. 3rd, That Presbyteries be enjoined to take order that all congregations within their bounds be reminded of their duty to make contributions for our theological institution.

It was agreed that after the approaching session the term of theological training be lengthened,—to commence on the first Wednesday of November, and close on the last Thursday of April.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

The salary of Professor Macdonald was raised to \$1500. W. J. Stairs, Esq., was unanimously nominated Governor of Dalhousie College in place of the late Dr. Forrest.

SYNODICAL EXPENSES.

The matter of meeting expenses present and future of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces was referred to a Special Committee, Rev. George Christie, Convener. The Committee reported as follows :

1. That Sessions be directed by circular from the Synod Clerk to meet the expenses of their Ministers and Elders in attending the present Synod.

2. That the Rev. P. G. McGregor be appointed Treasurer of Synod, and that he be instructed to borrow in the meantime what is needful to meet the necessary expense of the Synod,—this outlay to be met by a synodical collection in all the congregations, to be taken up prior to the next meeting.

3. That any of those who have contributed with the expectation of having their travelling expenses paid, shall be at liberty to withdraw their collection.

4. That a collection for the Synod fund be annually taken in all the congregations to embrace the following objects :

(1.) Payment of Synodical officers, printing, stationery, etc.

(2.) Payment of travelling fares, and if practicable all expenses of members as far as funds will permit.

5. That a committee consisting of the Revds. P. G. McGregor and John Campbell, Ministers, and Mr. J. Scott Hutton, Elder, be appointed to form regulations for the guidance of future committees on the management of the funds.

The recommendations of this Report were adopted by the Synod.

BURSARY FUND.

Rev. J. F. Campbell reported that there are about \$600 available in connection with this fund. Several worthy young men are enabled by aid received from this fund to prosecute their studies for the ministry. The Synod recommend the fund to the favourable considerations of congregations and request collections.