

Richmond, addressed the Synod on the work in their respective spheres of labor, in all of which, as in the other fields occupied, satisfactory progress is manifested. Rev. Mr. Bruce followed, speaking of the extent and wants and hopefulness of the work in the whole mission field.

Rev. Edward Grant gave a view of the four mission fields in the Presbytery of Truro, in which, under the labors of excellent catechists self-help is steadily developing.

Dr. Macrae moved :--

The Synod, having heard the reports submitted with regard to the Home Mission work in the Maritime Provinces, resolve :--

1. That they feel it incumbent upon them to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God for the prospects of extension rapidly opening before the Church, and which invite, nay urge our people to greater exertions with the view of fulfilling the commands of her Living Head.

2. They regret, at the same time, that the number of vacancies is so large, and that the immediate hope of supplying those vacancies is so limited.

3. That alike the pressing claims of the new fields opening before the Church, and the clamant wants of our vacant charges demand from our Christian families the consecration in greatly larger numbers, of their sons to the work of the ministry, and of their substance to the support of missionary effort.

4. That inasmuch as the increased liabilities of the Board during the ensuing year will certainly exceed those of previous years by from at least \$1500 to \$1600, the Synod earnestly urges upon the members of the Church the duty of adding correspondingly to their contributions on behalf of the Home Mission Fund.

He supported the motion in a brief speech, after which it was seconded by Rev. Mr. Munro and unanimously adopted by the Synod.

#### TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Rev. Neil McKay submitted the report of the Committee on Temperance.

On motion of Rev. John M. McLeod, seconded by Dr. Burns, the report was received, the recommendations adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their work.

The recommendations are as follows :--

1. The Synod thankfully notes the steady growth of Temperance principles throughout the Church, and gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the press, and of the various temperance societies in forming and educating public opinion on the Temperance question.

2. The Synod, in the line of previous deliverances in reference to the liquor traffic, again declares its conviction that the said traffic, as now existing, is contrary to the Word of God, and to the spirit of the Christian religion, and that it is the duty of the State to prohibit and suppress it.

3. The Synod encourages and enjoins the members and adherents of the Church to guard the purity and consistency of their lives by practising abstinence from alcoholic beverages, and to use their best endeavours for the enforcement of the laws restricting their sale.

4. While we encourage our people to exercise great care in the personal observance and general enforcement of our existing liquor laws, we at the same