

Anent which it was moved by the Rev. D. Macrae, seconded by Rev. J. M. Sutherland, that the Synod receive the Report, thank the Committee for their diligence, re-appoint the same with instructions to confer with any similar Committee authorized to take charge of this scheme by the other negotiating Churches, and act as suggestions resulting from such conference may dictate.

#### **Synodical Schemes.**

*Resolved*, that the days for making the collections for the Synod's Church Schemes be the same as last year, (subject to any change that may be made by the United Church) viz.:

Young Men's Bursary Fund,	last Sabbath of July.
Foreign Mission Scheme,	last Sabbath of October.
Home Mission Scheme,	last Sabbath of January.
Synod Fund,	last Sabbath of April.

#### **In re Moffat.**

Whereas the Presbytery of P. E. I. has requested the advice of this Court with reference to a painful circumstance connected with the Rev. Mr. Moffat, late missionary at St. Peter's Road. After due consideration it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the Presbytery be enjoined to summon the Rev. Mr. Moffat to appear before them to answer the charges against him; and he failing to do so, to proceed against him in terms of the Church's procedure in such cases; further, that the Presbytery is enjoined at once to notify the Secretary of the Temporalities Board of the Church of Scotland in Canada, of the facts of this case lest Mr. Moffat should unwarrantably become a recipient of the benefits of that Fund.

#### **In re Dissenting Brethren.**

After hearing the Report on arrangements, &c., the Synod received a document from Messrs. Herdman, McColl and McMillan, setting forth that they decline, for reasons assigned, to enter into the Union at present, whereupon the court resolved itself into a conference for the purpose of a free and friendly interchange of sentiment. After a frank avowal of views, the hope was expressed on the part of all that the separation will only be temporary, and that there will be no suspension of brotherly intercourse between the members of the Court, but rather that in all respects such intercourse shall be maintained on a footing of the utmost harmony, and that at no remote date the Head of the Church will not only cause all present obstacles to join, to disappear, but also permit them to be one in name as they are now one in heart. Meanwhile to the utmost extent to which these beloved brethren may choose to act as members of our Courts, they with all who may abide by their decision, are hereby most cordially welcomed to do so.

The Court having at this stage brought before its notice the fact that the Clerk of Synod was one of the brethren who, meanwhile are unable to enter into the United Church, unanimously *Resolved*, nevertheless, to request their brother to continue in the discharge of the duties of the Clerkship, without committing himself to any of the steps about to be taken; which the Clerk consented to do.

The Rev. James Murray at the call of the Moderator engaged in prayer with special reference to the matter just disposed of.

Hearing accounts of the Revival at Pictou from the Rev. Mr. Herdman, the Synod desires to join in giving God thanks for the visitation of His grace, and pray that He may continue to refresh and bless that and other portions of the field with an abundant blessing.

#### **REPORT AND MINUTE ON CONSUMMATION OF UNION.**

The following Report and Minute of the joint Committee on the arrangements for the consummation of Union were read and submitted: