

## APPEAL TO STUDENTS OF DIVINITY.

From statements made by several members of the Committee appointed last year to draw up and despatch an appeal to Students of Divinity in the several Universities of Scotland, with the view of directing their attention to the destitute state of these Colonies and of ultimately securing the services of some of them, it appeared that some misunderstanding as to the Convener-ship of said committee prevailed among the members, and that this prevented the instructions of the Synod from being carried out. The following committee was named, with instructions to attend to the matter this year,—Messrs. Maclean, Pollok, Macgillivray, and Cullen—Mr. Maclean to be Convener.

## VACANCIES.

The clerk reported that he fulfilled the instructions of the Synod as contained in their deliverance on the Overture ancient vacancies.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS—ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

The clerk read correspondence on the appointment of Mr. Martin to be superintendent of Missions and a deliverance of the Colonial Committee on the application made for a salary in connection with the office. This deliverance was to the effect that the Colonial Committee were prepared to guarantee, one hundred pounds sterling yearly out of their funds as collected from year to year, to the Rev. John Martin as Superintendent, and in consideration of the valuable services rendered by him, throughout a period of thirty-four years, to the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia. These papers having been read and the matter fully discussed, it was moved by Dr. George, seconded by Mr. Mackay, and unanimously agreed to—That the Synod highly approve of the conduct of the clerk in the whole of this matter, order a meeting of the Presbytery of Halifax, with the Rev. Allan Pollok as an associate member, to be held in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 11 o'clock, a. m. and instruct the said Presbytery to proceed in this matter according to the rules and practice of the Church. Detailed instructions as to the course to be pursued were given to Mr. Pollok and ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR TO-MORROW.

The Presbytery of Pictou was, on application permitted to meet in St. Andrew's Church, to-morrow at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod having learned that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia had appointed a deputation to meet this Synod, and that it would be accommodating said deputation if the court would receive them to-morrow forenoon—it was agreed to accordingly.

Dr. George and Mr. Macgillivray were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this

place, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, a. m. of which public intimation was made and this sederunt closed with prayer.

FRIDAY 4th JULY, 1856.

The Synod met this morning according to adjournment of yesterday, after devotional exercises conducted by Dr. George and Mr. McGillivray, and was constituted by the Moderator. The roll was called. Sederunt as before. Messrs. Henderson and Pollok were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning. The minutes of last Sederunt were read and, after corrections, sustained.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

The propriety of holding a public meeting of the friends of the Church in Pictou, early next week, having been agreed to, the Presbytery of Pictou was instructed to make arrangements for the same at their meeting to be held to day, and to report to the Synod to-morrow morning.

The minutes of last year were then resumed.

## GAELIC DEPUTATION.

Mr. Herdman, Convener of the Committee on Gaelic Deputations, reported that he fulfilled the instructions of the Synod in reference to this matter. It was known to the Court, that the appeal drawn up by the Committee and despatched to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland had reached its destination, and had been published in the Home and Foreign Missionary Record. The clerk produced and read an extract minute of the proceedings of the Colonial Committee, containing a deliverance on this subject, to the effect that the Committee delayed in the meantime, taking any step with a view to sending out a deputation, but gave instructions to the Secretary to make renewed efforts by advertising in seven Scottish Newspapers, and communicating with the Professors of divinity in Glasgow and Aberdeen and with Dr. McLeod of Glasgow, with a view to securing the services of Licentiates and Probationers, who might be willing to come to these Provinces.

The Synod having had before them the deliverance of the Colonial Committee on the application made to them for security of salary to Mr. Martin, guaranteeing the sum of one hundred pounds sterling out of their funds as collected from year to year, to be enjoyed by him as superintendent of missions, and in consideration of his past services to the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, and also their deliverance on the application of the Synod for a Gaelic deputation, the following minute was agreed to. The Synod receives with extreme satisfaction and deep gratitude these two deliverances of the Colonial Committee, and accepts them as a proof of the zeal and interest which the Committee are disposed to manifest in the affairs of the church in this quarter, and the bountiful aid they are willing to afford

for the promotion of our prosperity. The clerk was instructed to transmit an extract of this minute to the Secretary of the Colonial Committee, with the request that it be laid before the said Committee without delay.

## HOME MISSION FUND.

The subject of the Home Mission Fund was next taken up and, no statement having been transmitted to the Synod by either the Treasurer of the Synod Fund or the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, the Synod ordered a telegraphic despatch to be sent to each of the Treasurers requesting them to send statements by the mail to-morrow morning. The message was immediately despatched.

## DEPUTATION FROM THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

A deputation from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was announced to be in waiting, and was immediately introduced to the court. The deputation consisted of the Rev. James Ross, and the Rev. James Bayne. They delivered addresses of great interest and expressed the most kindly and Christian feelings towards the court. A cordial reception was given them and many members reciprocated these sentiments in the strongest terms. A vote of thanks was, on motion, passed unanimously, tendered by the deputation to the Moderator, and by them suitably acknowledged. Mr. Martin was called upon to engage in prayer before the deputation withdrew. We will endeavour in our next number to give a full account of this most interesting and profitable interview.

## DISSENT FROM DELIVERANCE OF SYNOD in re MACAULEY.

The deliverance to which the Synod assented last year in this case having been read, Mr. Herdman intimated that he had a petition to submit to the Court, praying that a dissent which he understood himself to have lodged, but which, from some cause or other did not appear in the minutes, might be recorded. It was moved by Mr. Snodgrass and seconded by Mr. Cullen—that the petition of Mr. Herdman be referred to the committee on bills, references, and appeals. It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Pollok and seconded by Mr. Henderson—that Mr. Herdman's petition be received and entered upon now. The vote was taken and the amendment declared to be carried by a majority of ten to two. The petition was then read and entered upon, and, after explanations by Mr. Herdman and Mr. Snodgrass, the matter was disposed of *in nem. con.* The Court having heard the petition of Mr. Herdman, setting forth that a dissent which he understood himself have taken last year from the deliverance in the case of Macauley, was through some mistake not recorded in the minutes, in consideration of the scruples of conscience by Mr. Herdman in this matter, dissenting that, without throwing any blame upon