

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, }
New Glasgow, 26th June, 1866. }*

The Synod of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, after divine service conducted by the Rev. G. M. Grant, the retiring Moderator, who preached an eloquent sermon from the text, 1 Cor. iii. 9, first clause, "For we are laborers together with God," and was constituted.

The Roll of Synod having been made up, was found to contain the names of thirty-nine ministers and elders, of whom twenty-four were present.

The Rev. William Stewart of McLennan's Mountain was unanimously chosen Moderator for the year.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, }
New Glasgow, 27th June, 1866. }*

The Synod met, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Mr. McCunn, and was constituted with prayer—the Rev. W. Stewart, Moderator.

The roll having been called, and the minutes of yesterday's sederunt read and sustained, Mr. Christie, Synod Clerk, resigned the office of the Clerkship, whereupon it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, "that the Synod accept Mr. Christie's resignation, and record their deep sense of his unwearied services as Clerk of this Court for the last six years, and of the very efficient manner in which he has conducted their business during that time."

Apologies for absence were given in from Rev. Messrs. D. McCurdy and George W. Stewart, which were sustained.

A vote of thanks was then given to the retiring Moderator for his admirable conduct in the chair.

A letter from William Gordon, Esq., Pictou, resigning his office as Treasurer for the Schemes of the Church, having been read, it was unanimously agreed to that a committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. S. McGregor, N. Brodie, and W. Jack, to confer at once with Mr. Gordon, and solicit him to continue in office—that if Mr. Gordon absolutely declines, the said committee draw up a resolution, to be submitted to an after sederunt, on the services of Mr. Gordon, and be prepared at the same time to recommend some other person to act as Treasurer.

Letters were read from Rev. Messrs. Roy and Walker, New Glasgow, asking the Synod to appoint supply for their pulpits on Sabbath, 1st July. Referred to the Presbytery of Pictou.

A communication was then made to the house, through the ex-Moderator, from the Secretary of the Building Committee of St. Andrew's, Pictou, requesting the favor of the Synod to be present at, and take a part in, the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Church there. Referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Philip, Duncan, and Jack, to make arrangements and to report.

It was then agreed that during this Synod the hours of meeting shall be from 9 to 1, and from 3 to 6.

The Records of the several Presbyteries having been called for, there were produced those of Pictou and P. E. Island,—the Clerk of Halifax Presbytery being absent, no Records were produced from that Presbytery. The following were appointed a committee to revise, viz.: Messrs. W. McMillan, McLean, and Philip.

The usual committees on Overtures, Bills, References, and on Synod Fund, were appointed.

The Report of the Statistical Committee having been called for, was given in and read by Mr. Grant; whereupon it was agreed to that the Synod, having heard the report, highly approve of the diligence of the committee, enjoin them to prepare a tabulated report of the answers received, to be published in the pages of the *Record*, and discharge the committee.

The Report on the Young Men's Scheme was given in by Mr. Grant. It is as follows:

"The committee on the Young Men's Scheme have much pleasure in reporting to the Synod that the Rev. John McMillan, who returned from Canada last June, has since that time labored with much acceptance both in Cape Breton and throughout the Presbytery of Halifax. He is now settled over the congregation of Little River and Musquodoboit.

With regard to Mr. McQuarrie and Mr. Cameron, we can only state that as yet no part of the amount that was given to them from the funds of the Scheme to assist them in the prosecution of their studies has been returned, but the committee have entered into correspondence with both.

In compliance with the instructions of Synod, the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland was written to, and his good offices solicited towards the obtaining of license and ordination for Messrs. Gordon, Fraser and Grant, after they had taken three full sessions in Divinity. Dr Stevenson attended to the matter with the courtesy and promptness that have always characterized his intercourse with this Synod, and obtained the General Assembly's permission. In submitting his Report to the Assembly, he spoke in the highest terms of the three gentlemen referred to, not only on the ground of the University distinctions gained by them, but on the ground of their personal characters. All three have taken the degree of A. M., and Messrs. Grant and Gordon have taken with honors the degree of B. D., which has been lately instituted. The committee congratulate the Synod and the Church on the additional strength that must accrue to them from receiving men who have so distinguished themselves in the eyes of the world, and on the fact that even three who