

agreed that in future the accounts of the different funds shall be closed, on the 20th of June.

An overture to divide the Presbytery of Truro having been read and supported, the following motion was adopted.

Whereas by a minute of synod, dated June 27th 1832, it was agreed, that "till a farther arrangement be made, the congregations of the Presbytery of Halifax be considered as belonging to the Presbytery of Truro." Resolved that the Presbytery of Halifax be reconstructed, to include the congregations of Halifax, Musquodoboit, Shubena-cadie, Nine Mile River, Windsor, Yarmouth and Shelburne. The Synod appointed the said Presbytery to meet at Shubena-cadie, immediately after the ordination of Mr. Honeyman, to be constituted by the senior member present; and that until that time, the present arrangement be continued.

Mr. Christie craved that his dissent from this deed should be marked. In the evening the Report of the Truro Presbytery and synodical deputation to Noel being called for, the clerk stated the proceedings in the case. The members of the Deputation corroborated the statements. The diligence of the Presbytery and deputation was approved.

The report of the committee appointed to examine the returns of the Financial Secretaries was then submitted by the Rev. G. Walker and read. The report presented a condensed and clear view of the state of the congregations, which had furnished reports, and contained a number of suggestions for the improvement of congregational arrangements in this respect.

The report was received and adopted, and the diligence of the committee highly approved. It was agreed that the report be published in the Register. It was farther agreed, that the returns be published in an appendix to the synod minutes. On motion, it was agreed that Presbyteries be enjoined to increase their exertions, for the improvement of the financial affairs in the deficient congregations.

TUESDAY, July 1st.

The committee appointed to examine Presbytery minutes reported, that they have examined the minutes of the Presbyteries of Truro, Picton and P. E. Island and found business regularly conducted and the Minutes accurately kept, with a few verbal exceptions. They found some variation in the keeping of the minutes

in some respects, in which they considered uniformity desirable. The report was received and Presbytery directed to its suggestions.

The committee on statistical returns presented their report, giving a tabular view of the different congregations. Beside the vacancies, five congregations had not made a return. The clerks of Presbyteries were directed to correspond immediately with sessions, who have not yet forwarded returns, urging immediate compliance with the order of synod, and that they be forwarded to the clerk of synod before the 10th of July.

It was agreed that hereafter sessions be required to have their returns forwarded to the clerks of their respective Presbyteries, on or before the 1st. of May in each year, and that Presbytery clerks be required to use diligence in having the returns completed before the meeting of synod.

After consultation with brethren from the P. E. Island Presbytery, respecting the state of the congregations there, more especially in reference to financial affairs, it was agreed, that a deputation be appointed to proceed to the Island, and assist the Presbytery in the more complete organization of the congregations there. Revs. Messrs. Walker and G. Patterson were appointed on that mission.

The next subject of consideration was an application from Mr. McCurdy of Miramichi, to send a Missionary to labour in New Brunswick. After much deliberation it was agreed to appoint the Rev. Isaac Murray of Cavendish to assist the Rev. John McCurdy in the dispensation of the sacrament of the Lords Supper, and while there to consult with Mr. McCurdy, and they to present a conjoint report of the destitution in that neighbourhood and the prospect of Missionary success, to the synod at its next meeting. And the question of a mission to New Brunswick was deferred till that time.

The synod then entered upon the consideration of the diversity of action in the administration of Baptism, existing in the church. A long conversation ensued.—Two motions were made, not differing in substance. The first, moved by the Rev. James Ross, was as follows.

"That this synod declare that it is in accordance with the standards of this church that Baptism is to be administered to the children of those only, one or both of whom are members of the church, understanding by that expression in this case