

- (g) Foreign Mission.
- (h) Synod Fund.
- (k) Sabbath Schools.

The Committee express the hope that the Brethren will cordially agree to dispose of the whole of the foregoing, which may be regarded as the formal business of the Synod, before entering upon other questions upon which discussion may be deemed desirable. Of such questions there are some which will demand a free interchange of sentiment; but it must be evident that it cannot be in the power of the Business Committee to indicate beforehand the course which deliberation upon these questions may or should follow. No difficulty, *e. g.*, will arise, it is believed, in connection with the action resolved on, at last meeting of Synod, about the Divinity Hall in Halifax. But it is desirable that the Brethren should have their views matured, as far as possible, upon such matters as the Synodical Arrangements of the future; the Constitution of new Boards; Membership of the General Assembly; Church Agent or Agents; the mode of retaining communication with the Church of Scotland and the Colonial Committee, &c. By the decision that may be arrived at on these and similar points, the harmony and welfare of the united body will be largely determined.

The Committee are heartily thankful that there are good grounds to warrant the belief that very much more unanimity will characterize the Synod's action with reference to Union than was apprehended. It is their fervent prayer that the whole of the Brethren may be enabled, when the time arrives, to act in the spirit of the fullest and most harmonious concord.

D. MACRAE,

*Convener of Committee on Business.*

P. S.—Information has been applied for, and will be circulated as soon as obtained, on the arrangements which may be made for the residence of members of Synod during its season of meeting.

D. M. R.

### COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

By appointment of Synod, this collection falls to be made on the last Sabbath of the present month. The Convener's report of last year showed that the amount contributed by thirty congregations was .....\$369 33 and the amount expended was. 393 03

showing a deficit of.....\$ 23 70 which, had there not been a balance in hand from the previous year, would probably have had to be paid from the private purses of members. The amount given by the thirty congregations to defray the travelling expenses of their representatives, clerk's salary, and other charges, was, on an average, \$12.31 each, while ten congregations, viz., New Glasgow, Musquodoboit, Nashwaak, St. Andrew's, New St. Stephen's (St. John), New Richmond, Dalhousie, Tabusintac, St. Peter's Road and Brackley Point, contributed nothing at all. There must be a certain amount of leniency extended toward those charges which were vacant at the time last year's collection should have been made, viz., St. Andrew's, New St. Stephen's and Dalhousie in New Brunswick, and St. Peter's and Brackley Point in P. E. Island; but we think the Convener's words, when referring to the other delinquents, are not by any means too strong, when he says: "It is not fair that they should fail to contribute to this fund, when the first charge upon it is the unavoidable expenses connected with the business of the Synod." "Even in the case of many of the congregations that *have* contributed," he continues, "their representatives have drawn, for travelling expenses, from the fund, double the amount of their collections; the burden, therefore, is thrown upon a few liberal congregations." It is earnestly to be hoped that *all* will this year attend to the Synod's injunction, especially as the expenses of representatives will be greatly increased by the distance of the place of meeting.

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DR. CUNNINGHAM, of Crieff, is to offer himself as a candidate for the second Clerkship of the General Assembly