

The Synod Roll being made up from Presbytery Rolls, was read.

CORRESPONDENTS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Allan Pollock, Clerk of the Synod of Nova Scotia, apologising with expressions of regret for the absence of the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, the Correspondent appointed by that Synod to attend this meeting, on the ground of ill health, and for the absence of the Rev. Allan Pollock, appointed to take the place of Mr. McGillivray, on the ground of a long continued absence from his congregation. The Synod sympathise with these brethren, and deeply regret that they have not an opportunity this year of welcoming amongst them a Representative of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod, on motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Dr. Machar, unanimously elected the Rev. George Bell, B.A., Minister at Clifton, to be their Moderator for the ensuing year, and he being present, took the chair accordingly.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Mann, the Synod unanimously agreed to give a vote of thanks to the ex-Moderator, Rev. George Macdonnell, for his conduct while in the chair, and for the appropriate sermon preached by him this day, and he is requested to take his own way of publishing his sermon.

CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Barclay, Correspondent from this Synod to the Synods in the Lower Provinces, reported his attendance at the meetings of these Synods last summer. The Synod approved of his fidelity and diligence.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elected Dr. Cook, Thomas Peck, and Archibald Ferguson, to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, their names are directed to be placed at the head of the list of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board, and the Clerk is instructed to intimate their election to the Board.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

The Synod appointed Rev. Dr. Cook, Minister, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Ruling Elder, Correspondents to the Synods of the Church in the Lower Provinces, the Rev. Thomas Macpherson being appointed Dr. Cook's Alternate.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

It is unanimously agreed on motion of the Clerk to adopt the following Overture:—That a Select Committee on Standing Orders be appointed and charged with the duty of considerably and deliberately forming a series of laws regarding the Annual Meeting of Synod, the appointment and duties of Committees, the preparation and presentations of papers, the

conducting of debates, the adjudication of causes, the taking of votes, the duties and privileges of the Moderator and members respectively, and generally all matters affecting Synodical practice, that the same

may be pursued and maintained with as much dignity, order, and edification as possible; and further that this Committee be a permanent one, though subject to such changes as the Synod may find it necessary to make, and be required to report from time to time such suggestions and recommendations as they may consider serviceable in promoting the efficiency, comfort, and success of the meetings of Synod. In terms of this Overture the following Committee is appointed:—The Clerk, *Courvenor*, the Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Morris.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Report of the Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee was read. It was moved by Mr. McMorine, seconded by Dr. Urquhart, and it is agreed. That the Synod having heard and considered the Report of the Jewish and Foreign Missions' Committee, approve and adopt the same; thank the Committee for their diligence, prudence and judicious conduct of the important interests confided to them; express their hearty gratitude for the Providential offer of the services of so competent a Missionary; commend him and the effort to the prayers and sympathies of the Church; instruct Presbyteries to see that a collection is taken up as ordered last year in all the congregations of the bounds for the Mission; and remit the whole matter to the Committee, authorizing them to take such further steps in the institution and prosecution of the Mission as may be found necessary and desirable; instruct them also by correspondence and otherwise to mature their views as to the future conduct of the Mission, and re-appoint the Committee with the addition of the Revds. Dr. Machar, Duncan Morrison, and Mr. John Paton; and further continue Mr. Morris as Treasurer to the Scheme.

The same Committee then presented a supplementary Report setting forth that they have engaged Mr. Ephraim M. Epstein, a Licentiate of the Old School Presbytery of New York, in whose character, attainments, piety, and fitness for the work they repose confidence, and preferring their request that the Synod authorise Mr. Epstein to appear before the Examining Committee in order to his admission as a Licentiate of this Church.

There was also read Mr. Epstein's Presbyterial Certificate, signed by the Rev. John M. Krebs, Clerk of the Presbytery of New York, who affectionately recommends Mr. Epstein to the care of this Synod. On motion of Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. William Bain, this Report is adopted, and Mr. Epstein is instructed to appear before the Examining

Committee. The Moderator then conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Burnet, Convener, and the other members of the Committee.

PRESBYTERY ROLLS.

The following Overture, ancient instructions to Presbytery Clerks in making up Presbytery Rolls for transmission to Synod, was introduced by the Clerk, who moved, seconded by Mr. Kay, That the Overture be adopted; and the Synod unanimously resolve,—

That Presbytery Clerks furnish full and accurate particulars under the following order, viz.: *Ministers, Dates of Appointment*, (that is, of Ministers to their first charges in this Church), *Post Office Addresses* (that is, of Ministers), *Elders, Charges*; that they fill up these columns in a clear and distinct handwriting, being careful to spell the names of persons as the persons themselves do, and the names of places as the inhabitants and Post Office authorities are accustomed to spell them, and to affix marks of degrees where they are due; that they designate as *Vacancies* only such charges as have once had Ministers regularly settled, and return as *Mission Stations* all other places receiving Presbyterial supplies with the view of being ultimately erected into distinct charges; that they furnish regularly and correctly the information conveyed along with the Synod Roll usually prefixed to the printed minutes of Synod in reference to the time and place of the stated meetings of Presbyteries, to Clerks, Retired Ministers, and Missionaries within the bounds; that they submit the Rolls to their several Presbyteries for revision previous to transmission to Synod, and attest them as revised and order to be transmitted; and that they forward them so prepared to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands at least four day before the Annual Meeting of Synod; further that Presbytery Clerks be enjoined to forward the Presbyterial Reports required by Act of Synod, 1844, along with their Presbytery Rolls, so that they may be read to the Synod.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, together with the Treasurer's Statement, was read, and the following deliverance moved by Mr. Mackid, seconded by Mr. Neilson, is given unanimously: The Synod having heard the Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the past year, and also the Treasurer's Statement, record their profound gratitude to Divine Providence for the continued prosperity of this valuable Fund and their thanks to the Managers for the new proofs they afford of their interest and industry; deeply regret that there is so great a deficiency in the gross revenue for the past year from congregational collections, but con-