

Committees.

The following committees were then appointed:—

1. *On Business, Bills and Overtures*:—Rev. Thomas Duncan, *Convener*: Rev R. J. Cameron, and Mr. Munro of Georgetown.
2. *To Examine Presbytery Records*:—Rev. J. Anderson, *Convener*: Rev. Dr. Brooke and Rev. F. R. McDonald.
3. *To draft minute with reference to the late Dr. Donald*:—Rev. Dr. Brooke and Rev. A. W. Herdman.

Hours of Meeting.

The hours of meeting were then fixed:—from half past 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., from 3 to half past 5 P.M., and from half past 7 P.M. *ad libitum*.

Thanks to Retiring Moderator.

On motion by Rev. G. J. Caie, seconded by Rev. Dr. Brooke, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Allan Pollok, retiring moderator, for the efficient manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of last Synod, and also for the discourse delivered by him at the opening of this Synod, which discourse several members of Synod expressed a desire to see published in the *Monthly Record*.

Missionary Meeting.

On motion by Rev. R. J. Cameron, the Presbytery of St. John was entrusted with making arrangements for the supply of Sabbath services during the meeting of Synod, and also for holding a missionary meeting on Monday evening.

The Rev. C. Dunn of Stellarton was then appointed to conduct devotional exercises, and the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10.30, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt closed with prayer.

SECOND DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N.B., June 29th, 1871.*

The Synod met, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev Charles Dunn, was constituted with prayer by the moderator. The roll having been called, the minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Rev. Thomas Duncan, convener of the business committee, reported the order of business for the day; in accordance with which the Synod called for the report of the committee appointed to draw up a minute in reference to the departure from their bounds of the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, late Synod clerk. The following, which was received, and of which the clerk was instructed to forward a copy to the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, was submitted by the Rev. Allan Pollok:—

Minute anent Late Clerk.

The Rev. Alexander McWilliam, who has acted as Clerk of Synod during the last six years, having, on account of his acceptance of a presentation to the Wells of Ythan, resigned the office of clerk; the Synod, while accepting his resignation, cannot allow the event to pass without recording its high sense of the value of his services. His acquaintance with the forms of the church, orderly business habits, accuracy of expression and neatness of penmanship—and, above all, his uniform urbanity of manner and gentleness of disposition, have qualified him for rendering service to the church which cannot readily be forgotten. And, while recording its obligation to him as Clerk, the Synod would also express its exalted opinion of Mr. McWilliam as a scholar, a gentleman and a christian minister—the regret with which its members, in parting from him, break many happy relations and intercourse unembittered by a single unpleasant recollection, and its sincere hope that, in his approaching sphere of labor, he may enjoy every prosperity and happiness, and be rewarded with much success.