

for with Mr. Geddie, ascertain all particulars, and report as soon as possible.

Mr. Duncan read the Report of the Deputation to the Synod of New Brunswick, which was to the following effect:—

"Your Deputation proceeded, according to the injunction of Synod, to Chatham, New Brunswick, to attend the meeting of Synod held in that place, and, having produced their commission, were admitted to the usual privileges of Corresponding Members.

In accordance with the request of this Synod, your Deputation took an early opportunity of bringing under the notice of the sister Synod the special subjects committed to them, viz.: Union, Dalhousie College, and the present state of the *Monthly Record*.

The subject of forming one Synod with the Synod of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island was very fully discussed and warmly advocated by many members present, the only objection being the long distance many of the brethren would be obliged to travel, and the difficulty caused by the imperfect mode of conveyance at present existing. These difficulties, they hoped, would soon be removed.

The Church in New Brunswick takes a deep interest in the *Monthly Record*, and resolved to do all in their power to increase its circulation, to contribute articles, and otherwise to advance its interests. They must content themselves with wishing us God-speed in our efforts to sustain the efficiency of Dalhousie College, and, having a Provincial University at Fredericton, do not see their way to assist us in the meantime, do not doubt, however, but that some united action might possibly be taken between the two Synods in sustaining a Hall of Divinity for students intending to qualify for the ministry in these Provinces—a suggestion which your Deputation consider as exceedingly well-timed, and would respectfully recommend to the consideration of this venerable Court.

In conclusion, your Deputation desire to record here the pleasure they experienced in these deliberations with the Fathers and Brethren of the Synod of New Brunswick, and would recommend earnestly the continuance of such Deputations, as tending greatly to the promotion of brotherly feeling among the brethren of the Church in these Provinces.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) THOMAS DUNCAN,
JOHN HOLMES."

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the conduct of the deputation be approved of, and that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the members thereof, Mr. Duncan and Hon. J. Holmes.

The thanks of the Synod were also conveyed to the Rev. Charles S. Ogg, the Synod expressing the great pleasure it afforded them to have in their midst a representative from the Synod of New Brunswick.

The annual Report on the state of the *Monthly Record* was tabled and read by the Clerk, by which it appeared that there were considerable arrears due the Committee of Management. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Philip (convener), McCunn, Brodie, Fleming and Thompson, were appointed to go over the whole subject of the *Record*, and report in the afternoon.

Messrs. McGregor and McDonald, the

committee appointed to confer with Mr. Geddie, reported to the following effect:—

"Your Committee having waited upon Mr. Geddie, Foreign Missionary of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces to the Islands of the South Sea, to obtain information and request advice in establishing a mission in one of these Islands, beg to report that during the interview the following points of information were gained:

(a.) That Mr. Geddie considered one of the Islands of the New Hebrides group as the most suitable mission field for our Church.

(b.) That until the Church can secure the services of an ordained missionary, native teachers may be advantageously employed.

(c.) That the expense of maintaining such an agency will amount to about £5 sterling per annum for each teacher.

(d.) That Mr. Geddie kindly consented to recommend an Island for our mission work, to select suitable teachers, and to assign to each of them his sphere of labour.

(e.) That he has also kindly consented to furnish this Church with an annual account of the labours of our teachers and the success of their work.

(f.) That Mr. Geddie very courteously expressed his readiness at any time to afford the Committee of the Foreign Mission any aid in his power in carrying out their missionary operations.

Respectfully submitted.
(Signed) S. MCGREGOR,
JAMES McDONALD."

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"The Synod having long entertained the project of entering the Foreign Mission Field as soon as their circumstances and resources would permit, and having by subscriptions already tested with success the willingness of the people to support such a mission, if it were undertaken, and being delayed only by the want at present of a suitable missionary, resolve to avail themselves in the meantime of the valuable suggestion made by the Rev. John Geddie—the experienced and successful missionary to the South Seas of the other Presbyterian body in this Province—and with the view of making a commencement in this important cause and opening up the way for future operations, also enjoin that a collection be made throughout the bounds for the support of native agents to labour in a particular Island to be selected as the field of our future missionary operations, that ministers be enjoined to bring the matter zealously before their congregations, that the whole cause be recommended to the prayers of the people for the blessing of God and to the liberality of the Church, that to the names of Mr. McLean, Convener, Mr. McGregor and Hon. John Holmes, be added the names of Mr. Duncan and James Thompson, Esq., to form a Committee on Foreign Mission, and that the committee be enjoined to request the Rev. John Geddie, whose presence and address have been so pleasing and instructive to the Synod, and whose experience and success in missions in the South Seas would render his co-operation most invaluable, to be our corresponding member, and act for us in directing the affairs of our mission in the meantime."

There was read the report of the Treasurer against the Widow's and Orphan's Scheme, now discontinued. It was resolved that the Treasurer be requested to invest the funds now in his hands to the best advantage.

Anent the removal by death, since last meeting, of the Rev. John Martin, the venge-