

ken by the Legislature during last session, and their services were not therefore called into requisition. The Synod re-appointed the Committee, consisting of Messrs. Brooke and Donald, with the addition of Messrs. Henderson and Hutchison, instructing them to put themselves in communication with George Kerr, Esq., M. P. P., with the view of preparing a suitable bill for the object contemplated to be brought before the Legislature next session.

The Presbytery of Miramichi were authorised to hold a meeting during the interval between this and next sederunt; and the Clerk of the Presbytery of St. John, which had become defunct by failure of the meeting appointed to be held on the last Wednesday of October, requested permission and authority for that Presbytery to hold a meeting during the sitting of the Synod. The request was granted and the meeting appointed to be held at 4 P. M. this day, of which public notice was given.

Thereafter a discussion arose in reference to the state of education in the Province, especially connected with the state of King's College, Fredericton. The several members of Court, though differing on minor points, all agreed that the College should be liberalised in its board of administration to such a degree that all parties might have confidence in its management, and avail themselves of its advantages. And, as a Committee was appointed last winter by the House of Assembly to inquire into its state and devise means for remedying its defects, the Synod appointed a Committee to watch over the proceedings of the Legislature, to take such steps as they may deem necessary, and either to promote or oppose these proceedings as they may seem favourable or otherwise for the advancement of the cause of sound education in the Province. The following were appointed the Committee:—The Moderator; Messrs. Donald, Ross and Brooke, Ministers, with the Hon. John Robertson, Messrs. Hutchison and Napier, Elders. And the Moderator was instructed to call a *pro re nata* meeting of Synod, should the Committee deem it necessary or desirable.

Mr. Napier asked leave of absence from the remaining sederunts, as he had to return home on pressing business; leave granted.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow for devotional exercises. Closed with prayer.

At St. James's Church, Newcastle, the 7th day of July, 1854. The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer. Sederunt, &c.

Devotional exercises were then conducted by the Moderator, Messrs. Donald and Ross in absence of Mr. Forbes.

Thereafter the minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee on bills and overtures then reported their having received two overtures, of which the following is a copy, namely—

1. It is respectfully overtured to the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the late Moderator, the Rev. John Hunter, for his appropriate and practical sermon.

2. Whereas much difficulty has been experienced by this Church in obtaining the service of Missionaries and Ministers from the Church at Home to supply the wants of the Synod, it is humbly overtured to the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick that, with a view to remedy this evil, and to encourage young men, natives of the Province or resident therein, to give themselves to the work of the Ministry, a general Fund be formed by the Synod for the purpose of furnishing one or more bursaries of scholarships to aid such young men in the prosecution of their studies with this view.

The Synod resolved to take up these overtures in their order, after concluding the business already on the minutes.

It was reported by Mr. Henderson on behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a memorial to the General Assembly respecting the education of young men for the Ministry, that in consequence of the proceedings of the Legislature in reference to King's College, Fredericton, they did not think it advisable to move in the matter. The Committee was re-appointed, consisting of the Moderator, Messrs. Stewart, Brooke and Donald, the Moderator, Convener, with instructions to memorialize the General Assembly on the subject, provided the state of King's College is such as would give them confidence in placing young men there for their preliminary education.

The Committee appointed to correspond with Ministers of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, in reference to a union with this Synod, reported that no correspondence had taken place since last meeting of Synod. The Committee consisting of Messrs. Donald, Brooke, Ross and Murray was re-appointed with instructions to keep the matter in view and report.

The Committee on Churches and Church Lands stated that they had no report, nothing having occurred since last meeting of Synod to call for their interference.

The Committee on union with other Presbyterian bodies in the Province reported that a letter from the Rev. Wm. Elder, Convener of a Committee of "The Presbytery of New Brunswick, adhering to the Westminster Standards," had been received, requesting information, "first, as to the fact of a union with the Synod and the Presbytery, (embracing the great bulk of the Presbyterians in the Province.)" "being desired by the former; and, second, "as to the basis on which it was deemed

"desirable and possible that such union "could be realised."

The Synod re-appointed the Committee, consisting of Messrs. Henderson, Ross, Donald and Murray, Ministers; William Napier, Richard Hutchison and John Gillies, Esqs., Elders, with the addition of Mr. Brooke, who is appointed Convener, instructing them to furnish Mr. Elder with all the proceedings of the Synod on the subject; to receive any proposals that may be made to them by the Committee, of which Mr. Elder is Convener; to meet with said Committee to discuss the question if desired, and to report to next meeting of Synod.

The several Ministers reported their diligence in complying with the injunctions of the Synod.

The Synod next called for returns of Marriages, Baptisms, Deaths, &c., when Messrs. Brooke, Donald, Henderson and Stewart gave in their reports. The other Ministers were enjoined to furnish the Clerk with their returns as soon as possible.

The Synod then took up the overture and vote of thanks to the late Moderator, the Rev. John Hunter, "for the appropriate and practical sermon" delivered by him at the opening of the Synod; and, Mr. Ross having been heard thereon, it was unanimously adopted, and the Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Hunter accordingly.

The overture anent forming a Synod Fund for the purpose of furnishing one or more bursaries or scholarships to assist young men in prosecuting their studies towards the Ministry, was then taken into consideration, and the Moderator, after having obtained permission to leave the Chair, and the late Moderator having taken it, was heard thereon. The several members of Court expressed their opinions favourable to the object, and the overture was unanimously adopted.

Whereupon it was resolved:—

1. That, in order to raise such a Fund, an annual collection shall be made in all the Churches and preaching stations within the bounds of the Synod, of which due notice shall be given on the Sabbath preceding the day of collection when the object for which the collection is required shall be explained to the congregation by the officiating clergyman.

2. That the collection for this year shall be made on the last Sabbath in October, or as soon thereafter as possible.

3. That the Moderator with Messrs. Donald, Ross and Brooke, Ministers, and Messrs. Richard Hutchison and William Girvan, Elders, be appointed a Committee to manage the business of the Fund, of which Committee Mr. Donald shall be Convener, and Mr. Girvan, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Synod, having heard the reports of the Committees appointed to revise Pres-