

had a Revenue of £9,659 6s. 3d.; the India Mission committee £7,153 12s. 9d.; the Home Mission committee £8,892 10s. 2d.; the Colonial committee £11,569 5s. 10d.; the Jews Conversion committee £5,995 15s. 1d.; and the Endowment committee £14,403 17s. 6d. We record these important facts attested by the General Auditor and Accountant for the Church, not certainly in a vainglorious and arrogant spirit, but with sincere and ardent gratitude to the giver of all good. Much as has already been done, and is now doing by our beloved Church for the intellectual and spiritual improvement of her people at home, in the Colonies, and in foreign countries, much yet remains to be accomplished. A beginning has been made for evangelizing the world in our own and other churches; may the work be successfully carried on till all nations call the Saviour blessed.

### Meeting of the Synod of Nova Scotia.

The Synod of our Church commenced its meetings this year in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Thursday the third day of last month. Divine service was conducted by the Rev. John Martin, of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, the retiring Moderator, who preached a very suitable discourse from Eph. ch. iii, v. 8, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." The meeting having been constituted, the clerk produced the roll of all the ministers bearing charges within the bounds of the Synod, which was read. The elders present produced their commissions from their respective sessions. Correspondents from other Synods having been called there was produced a commission from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in favour of the Rev. Professor George, D. D. of Queen's College, Kingston, and a commission from the Synod of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland, in favour of the Rev. Wm. Henderson, A.M. of St. James' Church, Newcastle, Miramichi, each having been read were sustained. The following sat down as members of Court—Rev. William Snodgrass, Rev. Alexander Mackay, Rev. John Martin, Rev. Alexander Macgillivray, Rev. Andrew W. Herdman, Rev. Allan Pollok, Rev. Alexander Macdonald, Rev. James George, D. D. and Rev. William Henderson, Ministers; Messrs. Thomson, William Macdonald, William Gordon, Robert Cullen and Roderick Maclellan, Elders.

A letter of apology from the Rev. John Martin, Halifax, for absence from this meeting was read and sustained. The clerk was directed to write the Rev. Francis Nicol on his continued non-attendance.

### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Rev. Andrew W. Herdman was unanimously chosen Moderator for the en-

suing year. Mr. Martin, before vacating the chair, said, he felt that the Synod had conferred upon him a very high honor when they elected him Moderator for the second time. During his occupancy of this position, for the last year, he had endeavoured to discharge his duty to the best of his ability and he now craved the indulgence of the Court towards his imperfections. He referred to certain cheering and encouraging tokens, which convinced him that the Church of Scotland is now thoroughly aroused and alive to the interests of these Colonies. He alluded more especially to the appointment of Dr. Fowler to the Conventership of the General Assembly's Committee on Colonial Churches. He was sure that gentleman would discharge his duty with fidelity; and he had this decided advantage, that he had travelled in these Provinces and knew every vacancy within our bounds. Hoping that the God of Jacob, who had been with us so long would not now leave us or forsake us, he retired from the chair.

Mr. Herdman, on taking the chair spoke as follows:—

*Fathers and Brethren*,—Your indulgence has placed me in this chair, and I have to request that you would extend it to my conduct in this comparatively new and untried position. This is the third session of our Synod, but that is not all its history. Twenty years ago this court consisted of four Presbyteries and upwards of twenty ministers, some of whom were men of first-rate ability and influence. Our day of small things yet continues, and since last meeting we have to deplore the withdrawal of one efficient member, and the absence, at this meeting, of another—great losses in a small body. Still their want is temporarily supplied by delegates from Canada and New Brunswick, who will interest and instruct our meetings.

Fathers and brethren,—Important business is to come before us: let no time be lost in making speeches. I trust that mutual forbearance and love will characterize our proceedings. We are asked to unite with others, but what is the value of such union compared with that of the brethren? "It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that run down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments: as the dew of Herman and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion." May its spirit be largely diffused among the members, and remember that the talents of ministers are for the service of the Church. Whosoever is greatest among you therefore, let him be your minister, for so has the Lord commanded. May this session be none of the least interesting and useful, and may the blessing of God overrule all our proceedings for the good of his Son's Church and the glory of his name.

The moderator, on motion made by Mr. Pollok and unanimously agreed to, renounced to the ex-moderator, the thanks of the Synod

for his able conduct in the chair and the excellent sermon delivered by him this day—which was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Martin.

### COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were then appointed with instructions as to place and time of meeting:—

Messrs. Martin, Mackay, Maclean and Gordon, a committee to revise the Records of the Presbyteries of Pictou and Prince Edward Island which were laid on the table.

Dr. George, Messrs. Macgillivray and Thomson, with the moderator and clerk, ex-officio, a committee on Overtures.

Messrs. Henderson, Pollok and Macdonald, a committee on Bills, References and Appeals.

The members of the Presbytery of Pictou, a committee to make arrangements for the supply of pulpits on Sabbath first and to report the same to the Synod at half-past three. At half-past three this committee reported the following arrangements:

The Rev. Prof. George to preach at Maclellan's Mountain	
Rev. Wm. Henderson, "	St. Michaels
Rev. Alex. Mackay, "	Hogershall
Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, "	New Glasgow
Rev. John Martin, "	Pictou
Rev. Allan Pollok, "	West Branch, F. B.
Rev. Andrew Herdman, "	Cape John

It was understood that Mr. Macgillivray and Mr. Maclean were to preach in Gaelic to their own congregations.

The minutes of the closing sederunt of last year were read, approved of, and ordered to be engrossed; and the Synod then entered upon matters in the minutes of last annual meeting.

### CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER PRESBYTERIAN BODIES.

A letter from the Rev. John Scott was read, intimating that, in consequence of not being able to obtain a full meeting of the Committee on Co-operation, he had no report to submit to the Synod from the said Committee, and enclosing (1st) a letter from the Rev. James Ross, Convener of the Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and (2nd) an attested copy of the minutes of the joint meeting of the Committees on Co-operation. These documents having been read, it was moved by Mr. Mackay, seconded by Dr. George, and unanimously agreed to,—that the Synod commend the diligence of their Committee, and re-appoint the same, adding the Moderator, substituting Mr. Gordon for Dr. Avery, who is not a member of court this year, and appointing the Moderator to be Convener for the sake of convenience.

### CLAIMS ON SYNOD FUND.

Messrs. Maclean, Martin, Mackay, and Gordon were appointed a committee to receive and report on all claims upon the Synod Fund—and all claims were required to be lodged in the hands of this committee as soon as possible.