

ance in the deliberations in which we are now called to engage.

It is my earnest prayer, that the Great Head of the Church may countenance our present meeting, and that He may overrule all our proceedings for the promotion of His own glory and the advancement of His cause.

The Synod then resolved that a diet for devotional exercises should be held to-morrow evening, and appointed the Moderator, Dr. McGill, and Mr. Sprott to conduct the same, various Committees were appointed, and arrangements of business made.

The Committee on the Registration of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, reported that they had put into the hands of a member of the Legislature, the heads of such a Bill as they wished to see passed into a law; but that, owing to the pressure of business during last session, it had not been brought forward. The Committee was re-appointed with renewed instructions.

The Synod resolved to prepare a dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen, in this important crisis of the State of our Country, and also an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on his arrival in the Province; and they appointed the Moderator, Dr. McGill, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Donald to draft the same.

On behalf of the Committee appointed to correspond with the Colonial Committee, with the view of obtaining the sanction of the General Assembly to some plan for providing the means of training young men for the Ministry in the Province, Dr. Brooke, as convener, reported that he had again brought the matter under the notice of the Colonial Committee, with a request that it should be submitted to the General Assembly, and he read a draft of his letter on the subject. He stated besides that he had seen, from the Monthly Record, that the Synod's application had been laid before the General Assembly, as requested, along with a Copy of the Report of the College Commission which had been transmitted with the letter already mentioned, but no official answer had as yet been received. The Synod re-appointed the Committee, consisting of the Moderator, Messrs. Stewart, Henderson, and Donald, instructing them to continue their exertions with a view generally to the education of Theological students.

On motion it was unanimously agreed that the Synod, taking into consideration that there are now in Session with them, corresponding members from the Synods of Canada and Nova Scotia, embrace the present opportunity of putting on record, an expression of their gratitude for the kindness of these Synods, in thus opening up a correspondence with them, and also to state that the Synod will most heartily reciprocate with them. Farther, that the Moderator be requested to convey the thanks of the Synod to the corresponding members now present, and the great delight they have felt in receiving them, to cheer them in the prosecution of their duties, and to encourage them in their weakness; and also that these members be requested to convey to their respective Synods, an assurance of the great delight this Synod have enjoyed in their society.

The thanks of the Synod were accordingly given to the members of the Deputation by the Moderator, who spoke to the following effect:

Dr. McGill, Professor Weir, Mr. Sprott.—It is my pleasing duty, to convey an expression of the thanks of this Synod to yourselves personally, that you have undertaken a long and fatiguing journey to meet with us on this occasion. I am to request you also to communi-

cate to your respective Synods, an assurance of our warmest gratitude that, though we are comparatively few in number, they have "not despised the day of small things," but have generously commissioned you to come over and help us," to encourage us in our labours, and to aid us by your counsel in our deliberations. Your presence with us at this time is very gratifying to us, and we shall be most happy, according to our ability, to reciprocate with you. I trust that this friendly intercourse now begun, will be regularly continued on both sides, that the bond of union may become stronger every year, until the three Synods, forming one united body, extending from the shore of the Atlantic to the far west, shall have their General Assembly, meeting together to consult for the general good. The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, 17th August.

The Synod being met and being constituted with prayer, the Moderator read a letter which he had just received from Mr. Steven of Restigouche apologizing for his absence, and his reasons were sustained. No explanations having been received from Mr. Forbes or Mr. Stevenson, the Clerk was instructed to write to these gentlemen, and admonish them as to their duty, to attend the meetings of Church Courts in all cases, and to assign good and sufficient reasons for their absence.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, that six Overtures had been laid before them, all which they had agreed to transmit, and which they now laid on the table. The Overtures were as follows.—

I. Whereas it is the duty of this Synod to watch over the property of the Church, and to prevent its alienation, it is hereby overtured to the Synod of New Brunswick, to take such steps as may seem most proper for securing this object.

II. Whereas the Commission appointed by the House of Assembly of this Province to enquire into the state of King's College and report, have now reported accordingly; and whereas the right education of youth is an object of vital importance, to the well being of the community in a civil, moral and religious point of view, it is respectfully overtured to the Synod of New Brunswick, that they take the said Report into their serious consideration, and give such a deliverance thereon, as may appear most conducive to the advancement of the cause of sound education in this Province.

III. That the Synod express their sense of the importance of retaining the Bible in our Parish Schools, and apply to the Legislature for the purpose of securing this object.

IV. That the Synod enter into correspondence with the Presbyterian Board of publication, Philadelphia, for the purpose of getting the works published by the Society, disseminated as extensively as possible among the Presbyterians in this Province.

V. Whereas there are several Congregations and Settlements within the bounds of the Synod, that are unable adequately to provide for the proper support of ordinances amongst them; and whereas Ministers are frequently called upon to supply ordinances at a distance, involving very considerable expense. It is hereby overtured to the Synod of New Brunswick, that they devise some method for establishing a Fund for aiding weak Congregations, and for other expenses connected therewith.

VI. Whereas attendance on meetings of Synods and Presbyteries entails on members an amount of expense which many are ill able to

bear. It is hereby overtured to the Synod of New Brunswick, to adopt such means as may to them appear expedient for raising a Synod Fund to pay the expenses of members attending Church Courts, and defray other incidental expenses.

The Overtures having been read, it was agreed that they should be taken up *seriatim*, after the business in the minutes is exhausted.

As convener of the Committee on Union with other Presbyterian bodies, Dr. Brooke reported, that in accordance with the instructions of last Synod, he had furnished Mr. Elder with all the minutes of our Synod in reference to this subject; and that he had in reply received from the Rev. Mr. Ferrie an extract of a "Committee appointed by the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick," which was laid on the table and read. The Synod appointed a Committee consisting of the Moderator, Dr. McGill, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Gillies, to bring before the Synod our position in regard to our connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, and that they report on Monday.

The Synod then called for the returns of Marriages, Baptisms, Deaths, &c., when Messrs. Brooke, Donald, Ross, Henderson, Murray, Stewart, and Steven, gave in their returns. No returns were received from Messrs. Hunter and Forbes, nor from Messrs. Keay and Stevenson, ordained Missionaries. The Moderator, (having requested permission to leave the Chair for a short time and it being occupied by Mr. Donald *pro tem.*) moved that the Synod cry out all the Ministers and Missionaries within their bounds, to produce regularly, at the Annual Meeting of Synod, full and correct returns of all Marriages, Baptisms, Deaths, &c., in their respective Congregations or fields of labour. It was also moved, that to assist them in so doing, Mr. Brooke, Messrs. Donald, and Gillies be a Committee to get printed forms for such returns as are required. The motions being seconded, were unanimously agreed to.

The Synod having called for the Report of the Committee on the Bursary Fund, the Rev. Mr. Donald, convener of said Committee, stated that the amount realized by collections in Churches during the past year was £95 1s. 10d., cy and that, from this sum, Bursars to the amount of £45 7s. 6d. stg., had been transmitted to the Committee on Colonial Churches, to form two Bursaries for two young men from this Province, now in Scotland, one studying in the Literary Classes in Glasgow, the other in the Theological Classes, in Edinburgh; and that there was still a balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounting to £40 7s. 11d. cy. The Synod sustained and approved the Report, and re-appointed the same Committee, with instructions to put themselves in communication with the convener of the Colonial Committee, and of the Home Mission of the Church of Scotland and the Professors of Divinity of the different Colleges, and to authorize them to offer a Bursary from the Synod Bursary Fund, to any deserving young man in Scotland, requiring aid in prosecuting his studies in Divinity, who would be willing to come under obligation to spend not less than three years as a Missionary or Minister in New Brunswick, after receiving licence to preach the gospel.

The Committee appointed to draw up an address to Her Majesty the Queen, and one to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, produced drafts of said addresses, which being read and approved of were ordered to be