

Presbytery, unless these sums be placed at the Home Mission Board's disposal.

The Home Mission Board in 1869 collected \$256; in 1870, \$437; in 1871, \$73.

It was strongly recommended that the Presbytery of St. John should adopt the two plans of instituting a local Home Mission Scheme for their own weak congregations, and send supplemented ministers for a time to supply other charges, and get aid in this manner from the remuneration for their services there, and not depend on the Colonial Committee.

The question of Union occupied the whole of Saturday's sederunt. The report submitted provided that before Synod would take any definite action in the matter, the subject would be brought before Kirk-Sessions for their decision, and afterwards before the people of the Church for their concurrence. A large number of the ministers present, and nearly all the lay members, gave their hearty support to the measure; after which the subjoined resolution was unanimously carried:—

Resolved,—That the Synod having read the Report of the Union Committee, approves of the same, expresses its great thankfulness to God for the harmony which has characterized the meetings of the Joint Committee, records its approbation of the manner in which its committee has conducted the important business entrusted to it, is pleased to observe the simplicity and comprehensiveness of the proposed basis, and in accordance with the ancient legal standards of the Church, being further informed by the appended Report that the majority of the negotiating bodies are disposed to adhere to the basis as agreed upon, expresses the hope that, in all future deliberations, endeavors be made to retain it in its present form, approves of the arranged plan for their consultation of Kirk-Sessions, re-appoints the Committee with the addition of the following names (not yet appointed by Synod), and with instructions to confer with other Committees that have been or may be appointed by other Churches, provided the answers received to the Circulars shall justify them in going forwards with this important business, and would express its warmest hope and prayer that God would so terminate their deliberations as to lead to a firm, friendly, and permanent Union of all Presbyterians in British North America."

Reports were also submitted from committees on Young Men's Bursary

Fund, the Foreign Mission. Sabbath Schools, Dalhousie College Endowment Fund, Synod Fund, &c., all of which will appear in the Minutes to be published in a short time.

The Rev. George J. Caie sailed on board the Anchor Line S. S. *Darian* on the 8th inst. from New York, on a visit to friends in Great Britain. We understand that Mr. Caie has received an invitation from the Argyle family to be present at the reception of Lorne and the Princess on their arrival at Inverary Castle. Mr. Caie, who is Chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society of St. John, will be present at the Scot Centenary Celebration in Edinburgh. On the eve of his departure, the young men of the St. Stephen's congregation presented him with a purse of over one hundred sovereigns as a mark of their esteem, wishing him a pleasant visit and a safe return. In this wish the young men of St. Stephen's have our hearty concurrence. We pray that God may preserve him by sea and by land, and bring him back strengthened in body, rested in mind, and blessed in spirit, to resume the labours of his now important charge in the city of St. John.

A very pleasing and appropriate service was held in St. David's Church, St. John, on the evening of the Synod Sunday. The members of the two Synods in session at the time sat down, together with other communicants, at the Lord's table. The Moderator of the Synod presided, and part of the services were taken by one of the Canadian Delegates and partly by the Delegates from the United States. The service was a very imposing one, and was, we are sure, the means of causing many to remember a fact too often forgotten, that all who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ are brethren.

Young Men's Bursary Fund.

The annual election for the above Scheme is appointed by Synod to be made on the last Sabbath of July. As the future supply of ordinances depends largely upon the support given to this Scheme, we trust the expense from congregations will be liberal.

St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N.B., is undergoing repairs, painting, &c.

Obituary.

Died, at Milton, Canada West, on 25th April, after a short illness, the Rev. George MacDonnell, M.A., aged 59.