

That Mr. Wm. Gordon, Pieton, be General Treasurer for all the Schemes of the Synod, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Gordon, communicating the desire and general request of this Synod, that he consent to act in this capacity.

In connection with the Home Mission Fund, it was moved by Mr. McRae, and seconded by Mr. McLean :

That the Synod, carrying out the objects of the Home Mission Scheme, appropriate, this year, £80, for assisting weak congregations.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Pollok, and seconded by Mr. Boyd :

"That £50 of this money be transmitted by the Board of Home Missions, to be appointed to the Colonial Committee mainly on account of the aid which has been rendered by the Committee to the Home Mission field, with the understanding that this be no precedent in future appropriations, and also with a view to assist weak congregations belonging to this Synod likewise—empower the Home Mission Board to receive applications from such congregations—assist them according to their discretion, and with a due consideration of the wants of the whole field—and report upon all appropriations at next meeting of Synod."

The vote being taken, the motion was carried by a majority of one, appropriating £80 to assist weak congregations.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet next day.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

The Synod met on Tuesday, the 14th of July, and after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Thomas Duncan, was constituted.

Sederunt as before, with the exception of Mr. Holmes, who was absent.

It was unanimously agreed, for conducting the business of the Home Mission, that to the Moderators of the three Presbyteries, with the Moderator of Synod as Convener, the names of Wm. Gordon, Esq., Jas. Fraser, Esq., John McKay, Esq., and Rev. James Hair, should be added, in order to form a Home Mission Committee, to manage the funds of that Scheme.

The Report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, was read, in which a measure similar to that of the Synod of Canada, was recommended. The Report also advised that steps should be taken for putting the Scheme in operation.

It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, and unanimously agreed to :

That, with regard to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, this Synod highly approve of the objects contemplated by the Scheme, but delay the adoption of any particular plan of operations until the result of the legal opinion about to be taken by the Synod of Canada, with respect to the feasibility of extending the benefits of their measures to

the Lower Provinces be known, and meanwhile recommend that there be an annual collection toward the establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and enjoin the correspondent who may be appointed by this Synod to the Synod of Canada, to report at next annual meeting.

To arrange and settle the account of the Synod with the Committee of Management of the *Monthly Record*, the Clerk is ordered to pay such account, when rendered, out of the balance in hand of the Synod Fund, and appropriate what sum may be further necessary, out of the Home Mission Fund, to the amount of £15, if such sum should be requisite for the continued support of that valuable periodical, so necessary for advocating the claims and interests of the Church.

The Superintendent of Missions moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

I. "That this Synod views with much satisfaction and gratitude the Missionary arrangements which have been lately made by the Colonial Committee, for supplying the vacant congregations in this Colony with suitable Pastors; that it is happy to welcome so many additional Ministers into the Colonial vineyard, and trusts that they will all soon find comfortable settlements among us, and that their labors will be abundantly blessed for the spiritual instruction and improvement of our Provincial population."

II. "That in the opinion of this Synod, the distinguished and continued liberality of the Colonial Committee, in the appointment and support of so many Missionaries within the bounds of this Synod, during the past year, is well fitted to arouse a corresponding spirit of liberality among the wealthy and devoted friends of our Church in this Colony, and that the time has now come when greater exertions should be made amongst our own people, for the encouragement and extension of Home Missions."

With respect to the time and manner of making the collections appointed by the Synod, the following deliverance was come to :

"Whereas great inconvenience has resulted from the irregular manner in which many congregations have contributed to the several Funds for carrying on the Missionary operations of the Church, and whereas, it is desirable that a more regular and uniform mode of raising the said Funds should be observed throughout the Church, the Synod enact that all Ministers of this Church shall annually have collections made in their several congregations on behalf of each of the following objects at the time specified, namely :

First : For the Home Mission Fund, on the 1st Sabbath of November.

Second : For the Bursary Fund, on the first Sabbath of January.

Third : For the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the first Sabbath of April, and

Fourth : For the Synod Fund, on the last Sabbath but one of June.

Provided always that when the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper happens to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or any of the said Sabbaths is otherwise deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then the collection shall be made within four weeks thereafter; and provided, also, that in case of any congregation preferring to raise the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund at their control, they shall be at liberty to do so.

The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain the object for which the collection is to be made upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod also enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of Synod in giving their congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed, unless a sufficient reason be given."

It was resolved that the following Members shall be a Committee to give intimation of and recommend the various Schemes of the Church in the *Monthly Record*, at least a month previous to the day appointed for the collection being made, viz. :

For the Synod Fund, Mr. McRae.
For the Young Men's Scheme, Mr. Pollok.
For the Widows' Fund, the Moderator.
For the Home Mission, Mr. Martin.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay brought under the notice of the Synod the Jewish Scheme of the Synod of Canada, conveying the wish of the brethren in that Synod that, if this Synod should be in a position to enter upon such a Scheme, it should either adopt a similar measure, or assist in that of the Synod of Canada; whereupon it was unanimously resolved :

That this Synod records its sympathy with the efforts made by the Synod of Canada, in behalf of the Jews, and recommend to Ministers of the Church, if they shall see it to be expedient, to assist in promoting the object contemplated by the Jewish Mission undertaken by the Synod of Canada.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Corresponding Members, the Rev. Dr. Barclay and the Rev. James Steven, for their presence at this meeting of Synod, their constant attendance, their valuable assistance in the transaction of business, their excellent counsel and instructive addresses to both Ministers and people; and the Clerk was instructed to furnish these gentlemen with the usual certificates of attendance.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rev. John McRae, Stornoway, Scotland, for his acceptable presence on this occasion, while on a visit to this country; for the kind manner in which, at personal inconvenience, he has constantly attended the different diets of Synod, and for his experienced council and aid in its deliberations.

The Moderator then tendered the thanks of the Synod to these gentlemen.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the friends of the Church in New-Glasgow, for their kindness and hospitality to Members of the Synod, at this meeting.

The Synod having called on the Correspondents appointed at last meeting, to report dili-