

and sustained. The Synod now took up the question of union with the Synod of Nova Scotia, when, after much consideration, Dr. Inglis moved, Mr. Keay seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to, "That the members of this Synod bring under the consideration of their Kirk Sessions and Congregations the subject of union with the Synod of Nova Scotia, and that a Committee be now appointed to make the requisite preliminary arrangements affecting the civil relations of this Synod, with the advice of Counsel, if necessary; and within six months from this date, to open a correspondence with the Synod of Nova Scotia, with a view of effecting a union of the two Bodies, at next meeting of Synod, unless a majority of Kirk Sessions, within three months, make returns to the Convener of Committee, opposed to the union."

The Synod appointed, as a Committee for this purpose, the Moderator, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Brooke, Mr. Ogg, and Mr. Caie; Dr. Henderson, Convener.

The Synod proceeded to consider the proposal of establishing a Divinity Hall at Halifax, when the Convener of the Committee on this subject reported that nothing had been done in the matter during the past year, and asked the Committee to be re-appointed, consisting of Dr. Donald, Dr. Brooke, Dr. Henderson, Mr. Ogg, and Mr. Kidd; Dr. Donald, Convener.

The Synod now engaged in the consideration of "The Foreign Mission to the Islands of the South Seas," and called for the report of the Committee appointed last year on this subject, when the Convener, Dr. Henderson, reported. (Appendix A.)

A collection was ordered to be made in aid of the funds of this Mission, and the following members were appointed a Committee:—The Moderator, Dr. Henderson, and Dr. Brooke; Dr. Henderson, Convener.

With respect to the Jewish Mission Fund of this Synod, amounting to twenty-five dollars, the Rev. Dr. Donald moved "That the only sum at the credit of this Fund being a contribution from St. James' Church, Newcastle, this scheme having been discontinued, the Synod authorise the Rev. Dr. Henderson to withdraw the same from the Synod Treasurer, and place it at the disposal of the Kirk Session of Saint James' Church." This was unanimously agreed to, and an extract of this Minute was ordered to be sent to Dr. Henderson for that purpose.

Dr. Inglis, as Convener of the Committee appointed on the overture from the Presbytery of St. John, on the mode of procedure in settling Ministers who have been appointed by the Colonial Committee to particular charges in this Province, gave in their Report, which was approved of, and ordered to be kept *in retentis*, and printed in the Appendix. (B.)

Mr. Ogg, Convener of the Committee on the Synod Fund, gave in their Report, which

was approved of, and ordered to be kept *in retentis*, and printed in the Appendix. (C.)

The Synod now called for the Report of the Home Mission Fund, when Dr. Donald, in absence of the Rev. Dr. Brooke, Convener of the Committee on this Fund, gave in the Report, which was approved of, and ordered to be kept *in retentis* and printed in the Appendix. (D.)

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Donald, and seconded by Mr. R. Robertson, "That, after the claim against the Home Mission Fund has been discharged, this Fund be discontinued, and Presbyteries be authorised to establish Presbyterial Home Mission Funds, which shall be under the direction of Presbyteries, and be wholly at their disposal." After discussion, this motion was adopted.

The Synod now called for the Report of the Bursary Fund, when Dr. Donald, Convener of the Committee on this Fund, gave in their Report, which was approved of, and ordered to be kept *in retentis*, and printed in the Appendix. (E.)

The Committee was re-appointed, consisting of Dr. Donald, Dr. Brooke, Mr. Caie, Mr. Keay, and the Honble. John Robertson; Dr. Donald, Convener, and Honble. John Robertson, Treasurer.

Collections for the Funds appointed by the Synod were enjoined to be made on the day deemed most suitable by the Kirk Sessions of the respective Churches, and that the Collection for the Foreign Mission be in the hands of the Treasurer before the 1st of May, 1867, and that for the Synod Fund by the 1st of August, 1867.

The Report on the Orphanage Scheme was next called for by the Synod, when the Rev. Dr. Henderson, Convener, gave in the Report of the Committee on this Scheme, which was approved of, and ordered to be kept *in retentis* and printed in the Appendix. (F.) It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Dr. Henderson, Convener, for his continued, diligent, and successful labors in favor of this Scheme; and that the Committee consist of Dr. Henderson and Daniel Ferguson, Esq., Chatham, Treasurer. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod to the Rev. Dr. Henderson, who briefly replied.

Mr. Caie requested leave of absence to-morrow, to go to Bathurst, which was granted. Mr. Logie, Elder, also requested leave of absence to-morrow, which was granted.

The Rev. Frederick Home was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning. The Synod now adjourned, to meet to-morrow at ten, A. M. Closed with the Benediction.

DIET IV.

At St. James' Church, Newcastle,
11th August, 1866.

WHICH day the Synod met pursuant to adjournment. Some portion of the time was