

in the highest terms of Mr. Epstein, as also did all the members who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The moderator accordingly, in the most kindly terms, in name of the Court, welcomed Mr. Epstein, who thanked the Synod for the kind reception he had met with. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that on the important occasion of the presence of a convert from the house of Israel, about to devote himself to the conversion of his brethren, the Synod engage in prayer; when, at the request of the Synod, Mr. Herdman led the devotions.

On the subject of the position of the Superintendent of Missions, it was moved by Mr. Jardine, and seconded by Mr. Herdman, that Mr. Martin, when he reports officially concerning any Presbytery, apply to the Clerk of Presbytery for information; and the clerks of Presbytery are enjoined to furnish information on or before the first of April. Agreed to.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer. JAMES MAIR, *Synod Clerk*.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, the thirtieth day of June, 1859:

Which day and place the Synod met according to adjournment; and after devotional exercises conducted by Mr. Keay, was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

Leave was asked by the Presbytery of Pictou, and granted by the Synod, to meet at ten o'clock this forenoon. The roll was called, and the sederunt continued as before.

The minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read, and after corrections, sustained.

The different members appointed to advocate the various schemes of the Church in the pages of the *Monthly Record*, reported they had done so as far as lay in their power.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Rev. Alexr. Spence, corresponding member from the Synod of Canada, appeared, produced his commission, was gladly welcomed by the Court, and his name added to the Roll.

The Presbytery of Halifax reported that they had attended to the instructions of Synod in supplying services at Truro.

The Rev. James Mair, corresponding member to New Brunswick, laid on the table a written report of his visit to that Synod. It was moved by Mr. Herdman, seconded by Mr. Pollok, and unanimously agreed to, that the report be adopted, and that the Synod record their approbation of the conduct of Mr. Mair in presenting a written report to the Court, and that the report be published.

The Rev. Thomas Jardine, corresponding member to the Synod of Canada, reported orally. It was moved by Mr. Duncan, and seconded by Mr. Boyd, that this report be adopted.

Mr. Pollok reported that he fulfilled the requi-

sition of the Synod in thanking the Colonial Committee for their fostering care.

Mr. Jardine reported that he had brought the Indian scheme under the notice of the public in the *Record*, as directed by last Synod.

The report of the Committee on Overtures was then laid on the table, and was read as follows:

In St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, the 30th day of June, 1859, the Committee on Overtures met according to appointment by Synod Sederunt. Moderator, Revds. D. McGillivray, George Boyd, Peter Kay, James Mair.

The following Overtures were presented:—

1. An Overture anent meetings of session in vacant congregations.
2. Overture anent Church Incorporation.
3. Overture anent settlement of ministers.
4. Overture anent Representative Elders.
5. Overture anent unanimity of action.
6. Overture anent Statistical Returns.
7. Overture anent Psalmody.
8. Overture anent Resolution with reference to the Colonial Committee.
9. Overture anent Resolution concerning Dr. Fowler.
10. Overture anent Bursary Scheme.
11. Overture anent Jewish Mission.
12. Overture anent young men studying in Scotland.

All which are respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Synod.

ALEXR. MCGILLIVRAY, D. D., *Convenor*.

OVERTURE I. Overture anent meetings of session in vacant congregations.

Whereas it is of the utmost importance for cases of discipline and other ecclesiastical matters that vacant congregations be enabled to hold meetings of session otherwise than when a settled minister may find it convenient to be present. It is humbly overtured by the undersigned that this Synod give a special deliverance in reference to the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, Gaelic Missionary, now commencing his labors amongst us, enabling him, under the guidance and direction of the Presbytery of Pictou, to constitute meetings of session in those vacant congregations, which he may visit in the course of his labors.

JAMES MAIR.

On this Overture it was moved by Mr. Mair, seconded by Mr. Boyd, and unanimously agreed to, that the Overture be adopted, and the spirit of it carried out in giving authority to Presbyteries to empower missionaries, when they see fit to moderate in kirk-session in vacant congregations.

On 2nd Overture, which is as follows:—

OVERTURE ANENT CHURCH INCORPORATION.—Whereas past experience has shown to be of the utmost importance to the prosperity of the Church of Scotland in this colony that it, being a legally constituted body, may be able to hold property in its own name, independent of individuals and individual congregations, and may otherwise be able to possess invested rights. It is humbly overtured by this Court that they take such steps as