

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 its accordance with the ancient legal standards of the Church of Scotland, being further informed, in 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 the consultation of Kirk-Sessions, re-appoints the Committee, with the addition of the following names :—(to be hereafter submitted) :—

#### Leave of Absence.

Rev. Mr. Fraser, and Messrs. Gray and Edwards, elders, craved leave of absence, which was granted.

It was announced that the subject of the Foreign Mission could be taken up at the sederunt on Monday.

Rev. Mr. McDonnell of Toronto was appointed to conduct devotional exercises, when the Synod adjourned to meet at 10.30 A. M. on Monday, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with praise and prayer.

### FIFTH DIET.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, *St. John, N. B.*, July 3rd, 1871.

The Synod met, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Mr. McDonnell, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll having been called, the minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Rev. Thos. Duncan, Convener of Business Committee, reported the order of business for the day.

The Moderator laid on the table a circular from the Secretary of the Temperance organizations of the city in reference to a public meeting.

Rev. Dr. Brooke reported concerning the arrangements for Missionary meeting this evening.

#### Presbytery Records.

Rev. Dr. Brooke reported that all the Presbytery Records had been regularly and accurately kept, but that Session Records had not been attested in any of the Presbyteries but those of Nova Scotia.

The Clerk was instructed to attest Presbytery Records in terms of the report.

#### Committee on Union.

Rev. John Campbell submitted the following names to be added to the Committee on Union, as recommended by the resolution adopted at last sederunt, viz.: *Ministers*,—The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Brooke, Rev. Mr. Brodie; *Elders*,—Dr. Fraser, William Gordon, and John McKay, Esquires. *As Alternates*:—Rev. Mr. Cameron for Dr. Brooke; Rev. Thomas Duncan for the Moderator; Rev. George J. Caie for Mr. Brodie; and R. Munro, Esq., for W. Gordon, Esq. The Synod accepted and approved of the same.

#### Foreign Mission.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee was then called for, and given in by the convener, Rev. A. McLean. (*See Appendix G.*)

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Caie, seconded by the Rev. Mr. McRae, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :—That the Report of the Foreign Mission Board, having been read and laid on the table, be adopted; that the diligence of the convener and committee be approved of; that the thanks of the