

which he has now communicated; which being unanimously agreed to, thanks were given to him by the Moderator from the chair.

The Synod then adjourned till Monday. Closed with the benediction.

Monday, August 25th.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt was on Saturday, with the exception of Messrs. Napier, Girvan and McLeod absent with leave.

Some time was occupied in praise, prayer and reading the Scriptures, which services were conducted by the Rev. William Murray.

DOCUMENTS RESPECTING WIDOW'S FUND.

The Clerk reported that he had received from Hew Ramsay, Esq., of Montreal, a complete set of papers in reference to the Widow's Fund in connection with the Church in Canada, which papers he now laid on the Table. The Synod recommend the respective members to take this subject into their serious consideration but refrain from taking any steps in the matter for the present. The Synod at the same time instructed the Clerk to return their thanks to Mr. Ramsay for his kindness in forwarding the documents referred to.

REPORT OF FULFILMENT OF APPOINTMENTS.

The various members appointed to preach yesterday at the different Churches and Stations reported that they had fulfilled their appointments.

It may be mentioned that, in addition to the appointments made by the Synod, members thereof preached by request in Mr. McCurdy's Church and in the Wesleyan Chapel.

COLLECTIONS ORDERED.

The Synod ordered the annual collection for the Bursary Fund to be made on the last Sabbath of October and the collection for the Home Mission and Synod Fund on the third Sabbath of May, or in either case, as soon thereafter as convenient, in all the churches and preaching-stations within their bounds.

THANKS TO THE QUEEN'S PRINTER.

The Clerk reported that John Simpson, Esq., Queen's Printer, had printed a hundred copies of the Forms ordered for the Returns to be made annually to the Synod, and declined to make any charge for the same; Whereupon the Clerk was instructed to communicate to Mr. Simpson the thanks of the Synod for the kindness.

THANKS TO CONGREGATIONS OF CHATHAM AND NEWCASTLE.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved that the warmest thanks of the Synod are due, and that they be given to the congregations of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, and St. James' church, Newcastle, who have so kindly extended their

hospitality to those members who have come from a distance.

The business of the Synod being now concluded, the next meeting was appointed to be held at Fredericton on the fourth Thursday of July, 1857.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod in a very earnest and impressive manner, and the whole proceedings were closed with praise, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

MODERATOR'S CONCLUDING ADDRESS.

FATHERS AND BROTHEREN,—

Your labours as a Court of the Church of Christ are now brought to a close; and it only remains that I say a few words before we separate. In doing so, I would again thank you for the high honour you have conferred upon me, in appointing me, young and inexperienced as I am, Moderator of this Court; and I entreat your kind forbearance and forgiveness for any remissness or error you may have seen in my conduct, while occupying this place.

Various matters, and some of very great importance, have come under consideration but in all the greatest unanimity and brotherly feeling have been conspicuous. The success of Schemes, into which we in the infant state of our Church in this Province have entered is well calculated to encourage us in our efforts for the good of our Zion, and to fill our hearts with gratitude to the Master whom we serve.

How encouraging, for instance, is the Report of the Bursary Fund Committee. The collections made in different churches have indeed, from various circumstances, been smaller in amount than during the previous year, but we have surely much encouragement to persevere in this Scheme from the fact of our having received so highly satisfactory accounts of these young men who are at present receiving aid from the Fund. The certificates of the Professors, under whom they studied last session, sufficiently attest their diligence, and from personal intercourse with them last winter, as well as from report, their diligence and general conduct were such as in my opinion, to afford ground for great satisfaction to the members of our churches here, by whose liberality they are in a great measure maintained, and to warrant us in entertaining the hope that this our first scheme will be the means, under the blessing of the great Head of the Church, of raising up a native ministry, who shall eventually fill up the waste places of our Zion.

The call, made on our congregations in behalf of the Home Mission and Synod Fund has also been answered with great liberality.

We trust that the proposal made, and agreed to, that queries on the state of each congregation, and the means employed by the Ministers respectively for the advancement of Religion in the different localities, will receive due attention from the members of this Court. It is important that, as a court of the Church of Christ, we should be

fully and accurately acquainted with the spiritual condition of our several congregations.

I am sure it must have been gratifying to all to see among us the Rev. Mr. McKay, the delegate from the Synod of Nova Scotia to cheer and encourage us by his presence, and assist us in our deliberations. We can only express our regret that unusual circumstances have prevented the attendance of the Delegate appointed by our brethren in Canada. Let us hope that this friendly intercourse of the sister Churches in these Provinces will continue, and tend to make us yet closer together.

Nor can I omit to take notice of the very pleasant meeting which took place on Saturday last, when we were considering the overture from the Calcutta Orphanage. I am sure that all must have been highly delighted and edified by the cheering account which was given by the Rev. Mr. McCurdy, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia of a Mission on which that Church entered only a short time ago, and which has been attended with a success beyond their expectation. Was it not the impression on your mind that the feeblest efforts, when aided with earnest prayer and in humble dependence on the Divine blessing, shall not be vain? Let us then take encouragement. Let us never cease to pray, and use our utmost endeavours to advance the Redeemer's cause and kingdom in the World,—remembering that "he that watereth shall be watered himself."

Allusion has already been made to the removal by death of two individuals, one of whom the Rev. Dr. McGill (brought to his presence at our last meeting, as a delegate from the Synod of Canada, and the other, the Hon. Harris Hatch, M.C.) though not present, appointed a member of one of our Committees. What a sad call to each of us! "Be ye also ready."

We are now about to separate. Shall all meet together again on earth? God alone knows. Meantime let us be diligent, let us study to show ourselves approved men, that need not be ashamed, rightly bearing the Word of truth."

We are stewards of the mysteries of God," let us act as stewards that must give account.

Doctor Aiton.

We learn that the Revd. Dr. Aiton, of Quebec, by the Anglo-Saxon, on Saturday, the 25th October, having been to a considerable extent successful in his mission. He has awakened some degree of interest towards the cause he advocated. He has the monies he collected, to be retained in Canada in the meantime, and should our Synod take up the mission to Jerusalem, to be placed at their disposal for that purpose.

Arrival of a Missionary.

We have great pleasure in announcing the arrival, as a Missionary, of the Rev. MacLutichinson, who accompanied the Wm. Snodgrass, the now incumbent of