

renew the expression of their high approbation of the work prosecuted by the Colportage Committee—authorize the Committee to procure books from the Presbyterian Board or other sources, not as an actual purchase, but as depositaries for their dissemination, and direct them to employ if possible, suitable persons in suitable localities for the sale of the books on hand, and such as may be received, the Colporteurs to be paid a percentage on their sales."

Rev. James Bayne moved, "That under present circumstances, the 3d motion Committee be directed to continue their operations as during the past year."

The vote being taken, the third motion was preferred to either of the other two, and the Committee were re-appointed and authorized to proceed as during the past year.—Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, Thursday 26th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after praise and the reading of the Word, was constituted by the Moderator, when the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Currie, Morton, A. Cameron, and Mr. Lawrence Miller, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of two, out of the four Presbyteries in Nova Scotia proper. Another Com.
on Presbytery
Minutes

The Report of the Committee on title deeds was read by Rev. George Patterson, the Convener, narrating the steps taken in procuring an Act of the Legislature, for giving greater security to the property of our congregations, and giving an account of its leading provisions. The Report of the Committee was received and their diligence approved, and they were directed to lay before the Synod a copy of the Bill as soon as received. Report of Com.
on Title deeds

The Rev. James Bayne then read the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, giving full details of a succession of calamities, which during the past year, have befallen the islands of the New Hebrides, from hurricanes and infectious disease, and of the exasperating effects of these on the native mind, leading to the death of Mr. Johnston on Tana, and to the barbarous murder of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon by the savages of Erromanga, and to the expulsion of Messrs. Paton and Matheson from the island of Tana. The Report being heard with feelings of deep sorrow, was received, and the diligence of the Committee approved. Rept. of Board
of Foreign
Missions

At the request of Synod, the Rev. Professor King offered special prayer, acknowledging the hand of God in the recent trials which have befallen the Mission, with confession of sin, acknowledgment of past mercies, and earnest prayer for farther direction and blessing. Special Prayer

Rev. Messrs. McCurdy, Bayne, and G. Patterson, were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable statement respecting these trials to be entered on the Minutes. Mr. McCurdy, Convener. Statement to be
prepared

The suggestions of the Board were then taken up in detail. First, Shall the request of the Missionaries for a larger vessel be granted by this Synod, undertaking to bear one fourth of the cost, and similar pro- Missionary
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