

sen. and the synod orders that collections be taken on that month as soon after as practicable.

A second recommendation was also adopted, viz.: that the Treasurer directed to give no small sums in loan, and that no sums whatever loaned on personal security or note of hand.

Rev. John I. Baxter then read the report of the committee on Colportage. After discussion the report was recommitted for amendment, and to come up at a subsequent sederunt. Report of Committee on Colportage.

Rev. Robert Laird read the report on Sabbath observance, noticing among other things the gratifying fact that recently the Halifax Fish Market has been closed on the Lord's day. The report touched on various prevalent forms of desecration. Report on Sabbath Observance.

The report was received, the diligence of the committee approved, the committee reappointed. Closed with prayer.

EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

After notice previously given, the following resolution, moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Rev. J. L. Murdoch, passed unanimously:— Resolution on U S. affairs.

This synod thankfully recognize the mercy of Almighty God in the restoration of peace in the United States, and adore the heavenly wisdom which has so controlled and restrained the wrath of man and the horrors of war, as to furnish the occasion for the abolition of African slavery, and for most noble manifestations of christianity and beneficence. The synod express their profound sympathy with their christian brethren in their sorrow over the death of President Lincoln, and their deep remembrance of the atrocious crime which caused it; and it is their hope and earnest prayer that the great and sore trials of the last few years, culminating in this deplorable war, may lead to the establishment of true liberty and order, and to the glory of God in the furtherance of the gospel of his Son. This synod rejoice in the friendly relations existing between Great Britain and the United States, and fervently pray for the continuance of such relations. Acknowledging with gratitude to the Head of the Church the high attainments in love and good works of sister churches in the United States, this synod implore for them the continued grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit in going forth to occupy the vast fields of usefulness now open before them.

Rev. John I. Baxter read the amended report of the committee on Colportage. Colportage.

which showed that new energy had been infused recently into the operations of the Board, and several colporteurs engaged in the work of evangelical works and copies of the Bible and metrical Psalms. It was agreed that the report be received, the committee reappointed, Mr. James Farquhar in place of Isaac Logan, Esq., who wishes to resign, and the accounts sent to the auditing committee.

It was agreed that the thanks of synod be communicated to Mr. Logan for his services during many years.

The committee of publication reported that the circulation of the Publication Committee. Record now amounted to 3200, and that if ministers and agents would be more punctual in paying up the amounts due, the committee would be able to have over a balance to next synod. The accounts were laid on the table.

It was agreed that in future the accounts be sent to the auditing committee. Five pounds per annum additional were voted as a remuneration to R. Murray, one of the editors.