

dures. Let us imitate his example. Instead of being discouraged by the disappointment of one short year, let that disappointment increase the earnestness of our prayers. Our Master tells us what to do: 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth labourers to His harvest.' If our disappointment will lead to more earnest prayer, then will that disappointment prove a blessing to us, as individuals and as a Church. We have the assurance that while labouring and praying for others, we are pursuing the most direct course to secure the richest blessing for ourselves. He who directed us to pray for laborers will not deny our request. And will it be considered as presuming too far to suggest that this matter should be made, by our people and our ministers, the object of special prayer? We have in all our congregations stated prayer meetings; but at these solemn meetings there has been but seldom, hitherto, any mention of the poor perishing heathen. Surely it is unnecessary to say that this neglect was sinful. We look to God alone to provide the servant who shall go to the dark places of the earth, bearing in his hands the blessings we would wish our brethren and sisters there to enjoy. We must ask Him to do it. Let us do this; let us continue in prayer; and we have to encourage us the assurance from the Lord our Master, that 'they serve who wait.' A. McLEAN."

It was moved by Mr. Herdman, seconded by the Hon. John Holmes, and agreed to, that the Report now read be adopted, the committee re-appointed, and the zeal and diligence of the Convener approved of.

The subject of the Home Mission was again taken into consideration, when it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that with reference to the Report of the Lay Association in Pictou, the Synod approve of the diligence of the congregations of New Glasgow, W. B. E. River, Salt Springs, W. B. River John, and Earltown, in maintaining the Lay Associations in these congregations; regret very much that Lay Associations have not been formed in the vast majority of the Pictou congregations; order the Clerk to write to the office-bearers of the Lay Association in the County of Pictou, recommending that steps be taken for the formation of a Lay Association in each congregation, and that annual lists be published containing the names of all subscribers, their subscriptions, and the objects to which they are applied; and, considering the large sum of money which the Presbytery of Pictou will this year draw for its missionaries, enjoin that Presbytery to co-operate with that body without delay.

With reference to the Home Mission Report from P. E. Island, the Synod regrets that no formal Report has been received, but, understanding that a Lay Association has been formed in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, direct the Clerk to write to the Clerk of Presbytery, stating that no funds have been reported from P. E. Island, and directing the attention of that Lay Association to the necessity of making some exertions to defray a portion of the expenditure of the

Colonial Committee for Home Missions on the Island.

The Synod having heard the Report of the Home Mission Association of Halifax, directs that the thanks of the Synod be given to the office-bearers and collectors of that Association for their exertions, and the extent to which they are endeavoring to meet the expenditure of the Colonial Committee for missionaries.

The Synod, having learned that since last meeting, Principal Leitch, of Queen's College, Canada, has been called away from this world, cannot allow this session to pass without expressing its deep sorrow at the loss which the Church in British North America has sustained by his death; its gratitude to God for the great privilege of having formed an acquaintance with that excellent man—an acquaintance so valuable to this Synod from his excellent counsel last year, and the influence of his benign and Christian intercourse with his brethren; their sincere concern at the loss science has sustained in the removal of one who enriched its treasures by many valuable contributions; their heartfelt sympathy with the Canadian Church and the University of Queen's College, in being deprived of the services of so amiable a man, so ripe a scholar, so accomplished a theologian, and so valuable a councillor, as the late Principal Leitch; and sincerely condole with his young family in their bereavement.

It was resolved to hold a Missionary Meeting on Monday evening, and Messrs. McKay and Herdman, and Alex. K. Doull, Esq., were appointed a committee to arrange a programme of the proceedings.

Adjourned to meet on Monday at 11 A. M. Closed with prayer.

FIFTH DIET.

*St. Andrew's Church, Pictou,
July 4, 1864.*

The Synod met, after devotional exercises, and was constituted. Rev. Daniel McCurdy, Moderator.

It was moved by John McKay, Esq., seconded by Mr. Pollok, and unanimously agreed to, that £10 be granted to Mr. Gunn, Broad Cove, from the Home Mission Fund; £10 from the funds of the Lay Association; and that £10 be recommended to be given from the funds of the Home Mission Association of Halifax.

The committee appointed to examine Presbytery Records reported that they had examined the Records of the several Presbyteries—that they found them correctly kept, nothing objectionable appearing therein, and all meetings regularly held. It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Report be adopted, and the Clerk instructed to attest the Records in the usual form.

The Statistical Committee had still no Report. It was moved, seconded, and agreed