

that he adhere strictly to these as assigned by the committee appointed to define them during the last session of Synod.

A letter was read from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, Newfoundland, requesting supply for the pulpit there for a few months, during the vacancy about to occur on the anticipated departure of Mr. Nicol; whereupon the Synod instructed the Presbytery of Pictou to arrange for that purpose.

A letter from the President and Secretaries of the Protestant Alliance of Nova-Scotia was read, as also documents connected with said alliance, requesting the co-operation of this Synod. Thereafter it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that while this court most cordially sympathize with every effort made by Presbyteries of other Protestant denominations for the enlightenment of their Popish fellow-subjects, and are ready at any time heartily to co-operate with them in such efforts so far as these are consistent with the duties of ministers of the Gospel, they feel that the objects of this alliance, if not purely political, are at least political to such an extent as to preclude any co-operation on such a basis; and therefore they are not prepared to take any action in reference to the communications addressed to them. At the same time, they hold themselves open to take into their most serious consideration any scheme proposed, which shall comprehend—and only comprehend—the religious objects which, as ministers of the Gospel, they are bound to adhere to.

A communication in reference to the Indian Orphanage Scheme was read from John Paton, Esq., Treasurer; when the Synod resolved to record that they receive with delight this pleasing communication; express their gratitude to Almighty God for the existence of this door of usefulness, whereby the sympathies of children are enlisted so powerfully in the cause of the great Head of the Church; and strongly recommend the Hindoo Orphanage Scheme to the Sabbath schools within their bounds.

The Synod also record their sense of Mr. Paton's considerate kindness in communicating on this important subject, and instruct the Clerk to convey to Mr. Paton the thanks of the court.

The Rev. Messrs. Murray and McGillivray were appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow (Friday) at 9 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES MAIR, Synod Clerk.

THIRD SIDERUNT.

At St. James' Church, Charlottetown, the Second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight;

Which day the Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises, conducted by Messrs. Murray and McGillivray, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Sederunt as before, with the addition of the Rev. Geo. Boyd.

The minutes of yesterday's Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Rev. Donald McDonald having presented to the Court several volumes of his books, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to him, which the Moderator did accordingly.

Mr. Martin reported that the Presbytery of Halifax presented the address passed at last Session of Synod to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, and laid on the table a reply which was read and ordered to be kept in retentia.

The report of the Committee on the Home Mission scheme was laid on the table—

When it was moved by the Rev. Mr. McKay and seconded by John McKay, Esq., that the sum of the Home Mission Fund, now in hand, be transmitted to the Colonial Committee, in accordance with the original design of that scheme, and that the treasurer be instructed to send it home immediately.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. McKae, that the money of the Home Mission Fund be entrusted to the Committee appointed to confer with the Lay Association that it may be applied by them to Home Mission purposes.

On the vote being taken—eight members voted for the motion, and four for the amendment. The Moderator accordingly declared the motion carried. Messrs. Duncan, Mair, and those who adhere to them, dissented for reasons to be afterwards given.

The Rev'd. Thomas Duncan, corresponding member to the Synod of New Brunswick reported that he had attended that Synod, and that they bore as ever the most kindly feelings toward this Court.

Messrs. McGillivray and Pollok reported that they had been unable to attend the Synod of Canada, for reasons given and considered satisfactory.

The Committee appointed to examine Presbytery Records reported that the Records of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Pictou were correctly kept; that no Records were produced from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island. The Synod sustained the report, and ordered the Presbytery minutes of Halifax and Pictou to be attested.

The Treasurer's accounts were submitted and sustained.

In reference to the Bursary Fund it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that the Synod, having heard the report of the Bursary Fund, appoint a committee, consisting of the Rev'd. Messrs. Pollok and Herdman, John McKay and Wm. Gordon, Esqrs., to manage the fund, and to assist young men studying for the Ministry, upon condition of receiving from them a written promise that, on being licensed, they will labour at least for two years within the bounds of the Synod.

The Home Mission scheme showed a balance in the hands of the treasurer of £163 cy.

The Widows and Orphans scheme showed, in fund, the sum of £23 4s. 6d. cy.

The Committee on Overtures reported that they had transmitted, for the consideration of the Synod, the following overtures:

1. Overture anent payment of the Synod Clerk.
2. Overture anent the moderating in of calls.
3. Overture anent the publication of the minutes of Synod.
4. Overture on psalmody.
5. Overture on colportage.
6. Overture on Synod fund.
7. Overture anent the position of the Superintendent of Missions in reference to the Church Courts.

In reference to overture anent payment of Synod Clerk, the Synod agreed to adopt the overture and fix the sum of £10 cy. for the Synod Clerk's salary, and that this sum be taken in equal parts from the several Synod schemes. Also, that the Clerk of the past year shall be paid this sum for his services.

The second overture was, with the consent of Committee and Synod, withdrawn.

In reference to overture anent publication of Synod minutes, the Synod agreed to adopt the overture, and instructed the Clerk to carry it out, in providing for the publication of 500 copies of the Synod minutes in pamphlet form, and also to add to said pamphlet an appendix of standing orders.

On the overture on psalmody, it was moved by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that the Synod recommend the several congrega-

tions within their bounds to employ a precentor below the pulpit, according to the good old Scotch practice, as it is believed that this will serve to lead the congregations to unite more generally in the praise of God.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Nicol and seconded by Mr. Jardine, that the Synod adopt the overture, and enjoin upon ministers to draw the attention of their congregations to this subject, impressing on them the duty of personally engaging in this part of public worship, and of taking steps by congregational means and otherwise to improve their psalmody.

The roll was called—when three voted for the motion, and eight for the amendment. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

On the overture anent colportage, it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that the Synod adopt the overture, and appoint a committee to prepare a plan for carrying the proposal into effect, and to report at next session of Synod. The committee to consist of the Rev'd. Messrs. Duncan and McKay.

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Pictou to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon.

The Rev'd. Mr. Herdman was appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow (Saturday).

Closed with prayer.

JAMES MAIR, Synod Clerk.

FOURTH SIDERUNT.

At St. James' Church, Charlottetown, the Third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight;

The minutes of yesterday's Sederunt were read and sustained.

In reference to amendment on overture No. 5, it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that the name of Col. Gray be added to the Committee already named.

On overture on Synod fund it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that the Synod adopt the overture, and appoint the collection for the Synod fund to be made on the first Sabbath of May, as also that collections for the other schemes be made as follows: for the Home Mission on the third Sabbath of July, for the Bursary fund on the first Sabbath of October, for the Widows and Orphans fund on the second Sabbath of January.

On overture anent the position of the Superintendent of Missions, it was moved, seconded and agreed to, that the Synod adopt the overture, add his name to the roll of the Presbytery of Halifax, and enjoin him, when he reports officially concerning any Presbytery, to submit copies of such report to that Presbytery before the same is transmitted to the Colonial Committee.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the same members as were last year appointed to advocate the several schemes in the pages of the *Monthly Record* be re-appointed for the same purpose, viz.:

For the Home Mission Scheme . . . Mr. Martin
Synod Fund Mr. McKae
Bursary Fund Mr. Pollok
Widows and Orphans Fund . Mr. McKay

The committee on bills, references and appeals reported a reference from the Presbytery of Pictou in re Truro, on which the Synod unanimously agree to the request made by the Presbytery of Pictou to the Presbytery of Halifax, and to join the Presbytery of Halifax to supply services at Truro, as contained in said request, viz. on the first Sabbath of the last month of each quarter.

The committee appointed to adjudicate on the Synod fund reported that the funds on hand amounted to £23 17s. 2d., and the claims against the fund to £32 4s. 7d. The claims made by the different members were sustained and ordered to be paid. The report was adopted.