

year, and the Rev. W. Snodgrass was appointed Clerk.

The peculiar circumstances under which the Brethren met occasioned the transaction of a less amount of public business than usually occupies the attention of a Synod, while they required a considerable time to be spent in completing the necessary arrangements for the expediting of such business as might come before the Synod as well at future meetings as at the present one. The following matters distinct from these may not be uninteresting to the friends of the Church.

A petition from the Kirk-session of St. James's Church, Charlottetown, was read, setting forth the great destitution in the public means of grace, to which the numerous members and adherents of the Church of Scotland in the Island are subjected from the want of ministers, and praying the Synod to render such assistance as they may have at their disposal. In reference to this petition the Presbyteries were enjoined to grant the occasional services of such of their ministers as they can most conveniently spare from time to time while the navigation continues open. The want of a Court of Presbytery in the Island in connection with the Church was also taken into consideration, and the Minister of St. James's Church, Charlottetown, was ordered to avail himself of such visits of the Brethren as he may find convenient for the presbyterial transaction of any business that may require attention.

The propriety and practicability of establishing a Collegiate Institution for the instruction of young men in the several branches of study required by the Church previous to their entering upon the study of Divinity with a view to the sacred ministry, occupied some time in discussion; and ultimately a Committee was appointed with power to confer with other Presbyterian denominations with a view to the establishment of a united institution for the attainment of this object. Of this Committee the Moderator was appointed Convener, and instructions were given to report to next Meeting of Synod.

The following resolution called forth the warmest approbation of the exertions made in the cause of Religion and of the Church by the Lay Association of Halifax in connection with the Church of Scotland, and passed unanimously and most cordially.

At Pictou the 5th day of July, 1854, which day and place the Synod of Nova Scotia, in connection with the Church of Scotland, having met and been constituted.—*Inter alia*

It was "resolved unanimously that the cordial thanks of the Synod be and are now given to the Office-bearers and Members of the Lay Association of Nova Scotia for the very valuable assistance which that Institution has rendered in the cause of Religion since its formation in Halifax by procuring and expending funds for the support of Missions, by countenancing and directing the movements and operations of the different depu-

tations from the Mother Country which have visited the Provinces, by the purchase and circulation of a great number of useful tracts, pamphlets and periodical publications, and by every other available means in their power; and the Synod place implicit confidence upon the continued co-operation and increased exertions of that excellent Institution in aiding them in promoting the extension and efficiency of the Church in this Province, and they direct a copy of this resolution to be transmitted without delay to the Hon. Alexander Keith, President, and Archibald Scott, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, as an expression of their views and feelings."

Extracted from the Records of the Synod of Nova Scotia by W. Snodgrass, Synod Clerk.

The Presbyteries were enjoined to take immediate and active steps for the protection of such Church property as may be in danger of alienation, and for the recovery as far as possible of property now in the hands of other parties, and to report thereon to the next meeting of Synod.

The great and urgent demands existing within the bounds of the Synod for additional labourers in the ministry formed a subject of anxious deliberation, and a Committee was appointed to draw up with all convenient speed an account of the present state of the Church in these Provinces, to be transmitted to the Parent Church, accompanied by a strong remonstrance to licentiates in Scotland to bethink themselves of their countrymen in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, so destitute of the public means of grace.

After the appointment of the Rev. W. Snodgrass to be corresponding member of the Synod of New-Brunswick, the Synod adjourned, to meet at Halifax on the first Tuesday of July; 1855, whereof public intimation being made, the present meeting was closed with prayer.

W. SNODGRASS, *Synod Clerk.*

From a communication from Archibald Scott, "sq., Halifax, of date July 19, we extract the following:

"Since the meeting of Synod an exchange of pulpits by some of our Clergymen has taken place. The Rev. Mr. Scott, of St. Matthew's in this city, has been two Sabbaths at Wallace, and was last Sabbath to dispense the sacrament, assisted by the Rev. Mr. McKay of River John; the Rev. Mr. Martin of St. Andrew's Church of this city, preaching at New Glasgow and McLennan's Mountain, the Rev. Messrs. Sprot and Pollok officiating in St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's churches here.

The collection in St. Matthew's Church for aid to the Wives and Children of the Sailors and Soldiers engaged in the Russian War amounted to £30 currency, which we are to transmit to W. Young, Esq., Secretary to the Committee of the Church for the Colonies, as the General Assembly has appointed Mr. Young to receive the collections."

MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

At St. James's Church, Newcastle, Miramichi, the sixth day of July, 1854, The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to appointment.

After Sermon by the Rev. John Hunter, Moderator, on this text, SONG OF SOL., I. 6, "They made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept," the Synod was constituted by prayer by the said Mr. Hunter.

The Moderator then read a communication from the Rev. John M. Brooke, Synod Clerk, intimating that in consequence of family and congregational sickness it was impossible for him to attend this meeting. The Synod sympathise with Mr. Brooke in these circumstances, sustain his reasons of absence, and appoint the Rev. Wm. Donald, Clerk *pro tem.*

The roll of all the Ministers having charges within the bounds of the Synod having been produced, it was intimated by the Clerk that since last meeting of Synod the Rev. Alexander Forbes, having been sent out by the Colonial Committee as an ordained Missionary in connexion with the Presbytery of Miramichi, was now labouring within the bounds of said Presbytery. The Synod ordered his name to be added to the roll, and he, being present, took his seat as a member of Court.

The roll being then called, and Elders' commissions received, the sederunt was made up.

Thereafter the Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. William Henderson, A. M., was chosen, and took the Chair accordingly.

Messrs. Ross, Stewart, Forbes, Hutchison and Napier were appointed a Committee on bills and overtures, and were instructed to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow, Rev. Mr. Ross, Convener.

Records of Presbyteries were then called for, when those of St. John and Miramichi were laid on the Table, and Committees were appointed to examine them and report.

The Synod appointed a diet for devotional exercises to be held at 10 A. M. tomorrow, and the Moderator with Messrs. Donald and Forbes were appointed to conduct the same.

The Clerk was instructed to renew his application for the Acts of the General Assembly, which have not yet been received.

The several Ministers then reported what is doing in their respective congregations for benevolent and missionary purposes.

It was reported by the Committee on registration of marriages, births and deaths, that no action on the subject had been ta-