

The roll having been called, sederunt as before.

The Synod proceeded to consider the overture relating to the duties of the Superintendent of Missions, and appointed the Committee for the allocation of Missionaries to draw up a Report, defining the duties of the Superintendent of Missions, and bring it under the notice of the court, at a subsequent sederunt.

With reference to the overture anent statistical tables, the Synod appointed Messrs. McKae, McGillivray, Mair and Holmes, a Committee to draft tables, and submit the same for the consideration of the Synod on the following day, and, at the same time, to report upon the most desirable mode of collecting statistics.

The Synod then considered the overture anent union with the Synod of New-Brunswick, when it was unanimously resolved :

"That the Synod, having heard the overture, and being apprised by the Corresponding Member from the Synod of Canada, that the foresaid Synod had, at its last meeting, appointed a Committee on the formation of the General Assembly in British America, to appoint a Committee consisting of Messrs. McKay, Duncan and McDougall, to correspond with the Committee appointed by the Synod of Canada, and also with any Committee that may be appointed by the Synod of New-Brunswick, on the formation of a General Assembly, or on the union of the two Synods of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick."

The Synod then proceeded to consider the overture anent securing the services of Gaelic Missionaries, when it was unanimously resolved :

That the Synod, having heard the overture, and having learnt that the Rev. Allan McKel is about to visit Scotland, he be requested to embrace any opportunity that may offer of communicating with the Colonial Committee, and with any other persons that may be of service in securing Gaelic Missionaries, during his stay in Scotland, further, the Synod request the Rev. John McKae, Minister of Stornoway, whom the Synod have had the happiness of welcoming among them this session, to use his endeavors for the accomplishment of the object, and instruct the Clerk to furnish these gentlemen with the necessary essentials.

The Synod next proceeded to consider the overture anent Collegiate education, when it was resolved to entrust the foresaid overture to the care of a committee, to be afterwards appointed, for the management of the Young Men's Scheme.

The Synod then entered upon the consideration of a dissent and complaint transmitted to the Committee for Bills, from the Rev. John Martin, against a decision of the Presbytery of Halifax, and also an extract-minute of the records of that Presbytery, proposing a decision to remove Mr. Martin's name from the Presbytery roll; whereupon it was resolved :

That the Synod dismiss the dissent and complaint, sustain the action of the Presbytery of Halifax as being in accordance with the laws of the church, and declare that Mr. Martin will be entitled to sit and deliberate with the Presbytery of Halifax.

A statement from the Committee of Management of the *Monthly Record*, was brought under the notice of the Synod, when it was resolved :

That the Synod record their great obligations to the Committee of the *Monthly Record*, for their disinterested zeal and diligence, and to Mr. Martin, for his efficient editorial management, during the past year: instruct the Clerk to write to the Secretary, asking for the account of the Publishing Committee against the Synod, for copies sent to Ministers during the current year, and pay the same, when rendered, out of the Synod Fund, and also to order six copies to be sent to each Minister connected with the Synod, for the next year, and earnestly recommend every member of Synod to use his utmost endeavors to aid the members of the committee, and increase the circulation of this useful periodical.

The Committee on the constitution of Churches sent in a Report as enjoined, and recommended that the subject being so important, the Synod should appoint a committee to report on the matter at next annual meeting. The Report of the Committee was sustained—the recommendation adopted—and the committee were appointed in terms of the same.

[Committee consists of Messrs. Steven, Scott, McKae, Lochhead, Snodgrass, McDougall and Holmes, and Dr. Barclay, Mr. McKae, convener.]

The Report of the Committee for examination of Presbytery Records was received, specifying certain inaccuracies in the Records of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Pictou; stating, also, that the Records of the Presbytery of P. E. Island were correctly kept, and recommending to all the Presbyteries the following improvements, viz., that the authority by which the Presbytery is convened be always entered; that the dates be, in every case, given in common words; that marginal references be introduced, and that new subjects be introduced, with new paragraphs. The Synod ordered the Records to be attested.

The Court adjourned to meet next day.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT.

The Synod met on Saturday, the 11th of July, and after devotional exercises, conducted by Messrs. Scott and Martin, was constituted. Sederunt as before, with the exception of Messrs. Fraser, Matheson, Holmes and McGregor, who were absent.

The Report of the Committee on Statistical Tables was read, and a draft schedule submitted, which were both agreed to; copies of the same were ordered to be printed for distribution, and Presbyteries were enjoined to send annually an attested return, according to the headings of the schedule,

from each Minister within their bounds, to the Synod Clerk, within one month of the annual meeting of the Synod.

The Report of the Committee on the Allocation of Missionaries, was read and adopted, and a copy of it, attested by the Clerk, was instructed to be put into the hands of the Convener of the Home Mission Committee. The Report was as follows :

Mr. Wilson to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax, with the understanding that his attention be specially directed to Musquodoboit; Messrs. Christie and Talloch within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou; Mr. McLaren, who is expected to arrive, within the bounds of the Presbytery of P. E. Island. It is also recommended that, if no Missionary arrives for P. E. Island, the Presbytery of Pictou send one of their Missionaries to labor there. It is also recommended that Missionaries send in reports regularly, to the Presbytery of the bounds."

And it having been reported to the Synod that the Rev. Thomas Jardine, an ordained Missionary sent out by the Colonial Committee, to be under the direction of this Court, is employed as assistant to the Rev. John Scott, Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, for twelve months, certain Members of the Congregation of St. Matthew's Church agreeing to relieve the Colonial Committee of Mr. Jardine's salary, for the time being, the Synod confirmed this arrangement for the time being.

The report of the same committee, on the duty of the Superintendent of Missions, was also submitted, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed. The Report is as follows :

"The duties of the Superintendent of Missions shall be such as the following: To attend to the different fields of labor and vacant stations, as his strength and opportunities admit, visiting the bounds of the different Presbyteries at least once a-year; to report to the Presbyteries as to the state of these fields; to communicate the arrival of Missionaries to the Moderator of the Synod that he may convene the members of the Committee appointed to allocate Missionaries, and arrange the duties of Missionaries until such meeting shall have been held; and to lay his official correspondence before the Presbytery of the bounds, before transmitting it to the Colonial Committee."

As requested, leave was given to Mr. Snodgrass to make some statements to the Synod, upon which he brought forward some facts relating to the *Montreal Juvenile Presbyterian*, and submitted the following deliverance, which was passed :

The Synod, having had their attention called to the *Juvenile Presbyterian*, published in Montreal, and being sensible of the good which has been accomplished by its introduction into many of the Sabbath Schools in the lower Provinces, record their unfeigned satisfaction at the existence of so excellent a periodical—their desire to encourage the Editor of it in his labor of love for the benefit of the children of the Church,—