

Dr. McGillivray, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the retiring moderator, for his courteous conduct to this Court while moderator, and for the excellent and appropriate sermon preached this forenoon, and that he be requested to publish the same in the *Monthly Record*.

The hours of meeting during this session of Synod were agreed on as follows:—From 9 A. M., to 12 o'clock noon, and from 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M. Evening sederunt to begin at 7 o'clock.

It was moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Pollok, and agreed to, that the Rev. D. McDonald, of Prince Edward Island, be again welcomed by this Court. From this Messrs. McKay and Nicholson dissented.

A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Rev. John Scott, of Halifax, and considered satisfactory.

The Presbytery of Pictou, with Messrs. Jardine and Duncan, were appointed a committee to arrange the Sabbath-day services—Mr. Herdman, Convener,—to meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Clerk again brought before the Court the matter of false reports of the Synod having been published last year. Whereafter, remarks by various members of Court, it was moved by Mr. Martin, and seconded by Mr. Blair, that it be recorded in the minutes that no report of the business of this Synod be considered authentic, but that given forth by the Clerk.

It was moved by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, ordained missionary, lately arrived from Scotland, be cordially welcomed by this Court, and admitted to have a deliberative voice in the Synod. His commission from the Colonial Committee and certificate of status were laid on the table and read. It was also agreed to that all ordained missionaries in connection with the Court be asked to sit and deliberate in this Synod.

The moderator accordingly welcomed Mr. Sinclair to Nova Scotia, in a few appropriate words, and Mr. Sinclair returned a suitable reply.

The Hon. John Holmes, elder of the East Branch East River congregation, at present vacant, produced a commission from the session of that congregation. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that Mr. Holmes be admitted as a member of Court, but that this shall be no precedent.

The following committees were appointed to examine Presbytery records:—Messrs. Jardine, Convener, Herdman, McKay, Duncan, Thomson.

*On Overtures*—Dr. McGillivray, Convener; Messrs. Boyd, Keay, Pollok and Hon. John Holmes.

*On Bills, References and Appeals*—Messrs. Martin, Convener, Christie, Sinclair, and John McKay, Esq.

*To Adjudicate on the Synod Fund*—Messrs.

Jardine, Convener, Talloch, Christie, and Gordon.

The Rev. Mr. P. Keay was appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

The report of the Committee of the Lay Association was called for, but was not forthcoming. It was agreed to defer it to a future diet, and a promise was given that then it would be produced. The same course was adopted for the same reason in reference to the report on the *Monthly Record*.

A letter from the chairman of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy was read, requesting the presence of the Synod at the public examination of the Academy to-morrow. The Synod agreed to meet in the morning for devotional exercises, and to adjourn till 2 o'clock P. M., to give members an opportunity of visiting the Academy.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to, that Messrs. Pollok and Jardine be a committee to receive, and report on, statistical returns.

The following certificates were produced to the Court by the Rev. D. McDonald:—Extract of baptism certificate of attendance and proficiency at St. Andrew's University; at the Greek class by Henry D. Hill, Professor, bearing date 17th April, 1811; at the Logic and Rhetoric class by James Hunter, Professor, bearing date May, 1809; at the Moral Philosophy class, by John Cook, Professor, bearing date April the 19th, 1810; at the Natural Philosophy class, by Thomas Jackson, Professor, bearing date 17th April, 1811. Also extract of ordination from William Fraser, Clerk of the Presbytery of Abertarff, bearing date 26th April, 1825; as also certificate from Duncan McIntyre, minister of Kilmalie, Joseph Hood, J. P., John Cameron, elder, and Alexander Cameron, bearing that he emigrated to America in the full possession of all the privileges of a minister of the Church of Scotland, and dated the 4th June, 1824. All which were by the Court considered highly satisfactory.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to, that Messrs. Martin, Keay, Pollok and Thomson be appointed a committee to draft an address to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; Mr. Martin, Convener. Also that Messrs. Duncan, McGillivray, D. D., Christie and Nicholson be a committee to draft an address to the Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island.

On the subject of Psalmody, all the ministers, on interrogation, reported that they had given their attention to this subject, and had in different ways endeavored to improve the singing in their congregations. The Synod agreed to renew the injunction of last year.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Rev. Ephraim Epstein, about to proceed to Turkey as missionary under the auspices of the Synods of Canada and New Brunswick, appeared, and was introduced to the Court by Mr. Jardine in the most congratulatory terms. The other members of the Halifax Presbytery spoke