

The Clerk reported that he had transmitted the letter of Synod in answer to the communication from the Committee on "Union" of the Presbyterian Church.

The convener of the Committee on Presbyterian Records reported as follows:

"*St. Matthew's Church,* }
27th June, 1861. }

The Committee on Presbyterian Records, consisting of Mr. Duncan, Convener; Messrs. Jardine and Christie, examined the Records, and found the Records of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Pietou carefully kept. Find the Records of the Presbytery of P. E. I. carefully kept, with the exception of the minutes of the year previous to this having no marginal references, that in examining these last records there is a reference at page 45 to the affair of Malcolm Martin, concerning which the Synod came to a finding, and which might lead them to reconsider the matter.

(Signed) THOMAS DUNCAN, Convener.

The minute referred to is to the following effect:

"*St. David's Church, Georgetown,*
24th, February, 1858.

Which day the Presbytery of P. E. Island met and was constituted.
Inter Alia.

The Presbytery also instruct the Clerk to write to Mr. Gordon, Synod Treasurer, respectfully requesting him to assist our students, Messrs. Ross and Malcolm Martin, at Queen's College, Canada, in the sum of at least £6, Nova Scotia currency, each in terms of, and accordance with, the original conditions of the projection of said scheme, viz., That congregations contributing to the original scheme or general fund should receive aid for students from their locality when required."

Owing to the information thrown on the subject of Malcolm Martin by this minute of P. E. Island Presbytery, it was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Christie, and agreed to, that the whole matter be remitted to the Presbytery of P. E. Island to deal with.

Messrs. Scott, Jardine, Boyd, Duncan, Grant, Cameron, were appointed a committee to arrange a missionary meeting for Monday night in St. Andrew's Church. Mr. Scott Convener.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the petition from the Building Committee of Truro congregation.

It was moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bremner, and agreed to, that the Synod having heard the petition from the Truro Church Building Committee, instruct the Clerk to acknowledge its receipt, and to express their approval of the great efforts made by Mr. Stewart and the committee; and also to communicate on the subject with the various Presbyteries, recommending them to assist as much as they possibly can in this object.

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of Overture II. on Prince of Wales College, the tenor whereof is as follows:

"That whereas it has long been a felt want of the Church in these Provinces that there is no institution within the bounds of the Synod, where our students can be educated in Literary or Theological studies, and our only resource in the meantime is attended with considerable expense: And whereas there has been an institution of the kind opened in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, under the designation of "Prince of Wales College," equipped at present to instruct students in the Classics, Mathematics, Logic and Moral Philosophy, and taught by a Professor of undoubted ability: It is humbly overtured the Reverend the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that such steps should be taken as in the wisdom of the Court may seem meet.

(Signed) THOMAS DUNCAN."

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that in the meantime students of our Church in P. E. Island be allowed to attend the Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown for one session, viz., for instruction in Latin and Greek, on condition that the tickets received for those classes in the College be sustained by the Presbytery of Glasgow as sufficient, and that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the said Synod to ascertain their mind on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Tallach, and seconded by Mr. Martin, that the Presbytery of Pietou be appointed to draw out a form of statistical return. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Christie, and seconded by Mr. Macmillan, that Messrs. Martin, Tallach and Jardine be appointed a committee to draw up the required form—the committee to meet this afternoon and report on Monday. On the vote being taken, there voted for the motion 2, and for the amendment 6. The Moderator declared accordingly.

The Clerk laid on the table the Report of the Committee on the *Monthly Record* through their Secretary. (The Report will be given elsewhere.)

The Synod having heard the Secretary's Report, resolve, in addition to their former deliverance, to the following effect: They express their high satisfaction with the clear statements made to them agent the financial position of the *Record*, instruct the Clerk to pay the exchanges, and the *Records* sent to ministers of this Court, and that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Editor and Secretary for their very efficient services.

The Synod then adjourned to meet on Monday morning at half-past 9 o'clock for devotional exercises, of which public intimation was given, and this sederunt was closed with prayer.

JAMES CHRISTIE, Synod Clerk.