

After the reading of the Report, Professor King suggested the propriety of engaging in solemn prayer for Divine direction in reference to the whole of this subject. At the request of the Moderator, Professor King led in prayer in reference to this subject.

A special committee was appointed to prepare a minute, expressive of the mind of the Synod regarding the severe calamities which have befallen our Foreign Mission, and also in regard to the beloved ones who have fallen at their post of duty in those far off regions.

One of the suggestions of the Foreign Mission Committee which it was agreed to adopt, is that a *Missionary Schooner* of 100 tons burthen be built for the use of our Missionaries in the South Sea Islands. The vessel to be built in Nova Scotia. The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces to bear one-fourth of the cost and afterwards of the maintenance—the Reformed Presbyterians of Scotland one-fourth, and the churches in New Zealand the remaining *one-half*. The money for this object to be raised by the Sabbath School children of the Church.

The Report of the Home Mission Board was read by Professor McKnight, Conventer. The Board during the last year employed 11 evangelists besides a number of lay catechists in the Gaelic districts of Cape Breton. They have disbursed the sum £395 4s. 0½d. They aim at uniformity in supplements as far as practicable. A set of rules for the guidance of Home Missionaries was submitted. All these rules were adopted by the Synod with one exception, which was left over for further consideration. The committee was reappointed, and all the clerks of Presbyteries appointed as corresponding members.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY.

The Report of the Seminary Board was read by the Rev. Ebenezer Ross.

Forty-two Students attended the Synod's Institution at Truro. Five of these were from New Brunswick, three from Cape Breton, and three from P. E. I., and thirty-one from Nova Scotia proper. Sixteen Students attended the Synod's Theological Hall in Halifax.

The Committee recommend the consolidation of the Synod's Collegiate Institutions. A large committee was appointed to give attention to the whole subject of the Synod's Educational Institutions, and mature a scheme by which some of the most important suggestions of the Committee may be carried out.

The attendance both of ministers and elders was highly respectable, and a good spirit prevailed throughout the proceedings,

JUDGMENT IN THE CASE OF THE ENGLISH ESSAYISTS.

Our readers will remember that charges were preferred by the Bishop of Salisbury against two of the writers of "Essays and Reviews," viz: Rev. Dr. Williams and Rev. Mr. Wilson. These articles were brought before Dr. Lushington, Dean of the Court of Arches. Dr. Lushington has now given a decision in the case, to the effect that, while some of the counts were rejected as irrelevant, and others required to be "reformed," there were several of vital importance to be proved. This is very much tantamount to the finding of a libel relevant, according to the phraseology and procedure of our Presbyterian church courts. The matter, we presume, will now go to proof. The views held by Dr. Williams on the subjects of inspiration and justification, and those held by Mr. Wilson on the subjects of covenanted mercies and everlasting punishment are among those found contrary to the Articles. Dr. Lushington, in giving judgment, stated what he regarded his duty, viz: simply to determine whether the doctrines were in accordance with or in opposition to the Articles of the church. The case of Dr. Williams was somewhat peculiar, inasmuch as his contribution to the "Essays," &c., was a review of a work of Baron Bunsen, and not an original work. Dr. Lushington held that in the case of a clergyman reviewing a work containing unorthodox opinions, if he did not disapprove of these opinions, but declare his general approbation of them, such approbation may be fairly held as including every thing not specially excepted. Were it otherwise a clergyman might, in fact, publish an infidel book. Dr. Lushington held that Dr. Williams' review did give