

HOME MISSION AND SYNOD FUND.

Mr. Donald on behalf of the Home Mission and Synod Fund Committee, reported that Collections had been received by the Treasurer to said Fund from the several congregations, as per following statement:

The Synod and Home Mission Fund in Account with Hon. John Robertson Treasurer.

1858.	By Rev. James Murray, Bathurst	£3	12	10
1857.	Wm. Stewart, Chatham	5	4	0
1856.	Wm. Donald, St. John	15	17	4
1855.	J. M. Brooke, D. D., Fredericton	6	0	0
1854.	Wm. Murray, Moncton	1	18	0
1853.	Wm. Henderson, Newcastle	3	10	0
1852.	Alex. Forbes, Dalhousie	2	5	5
1851.	Peter Keay, Nashua, &c.	1	15	6
	02	253	0	0
	Postage &c., Memo. Book &c.	0	1	3
	Nett amount on hand	£233	0	6

The Synod having heard the Report, approve of the same, re-appoint the Committee, and resolve that the Hon. John Robertson be requested to continue his services as Treasurer to the Fund.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A STATEMENT OF OUR POSITION.

The Committee appointed to draw up a statement explaining and defining our position, as in connection with the Church of Scotland, reported that, owing to the distance from one another at which the several Members of this Committee reside, and the consequent impossibility of their meeting to consult and deliberate on the document which they were instructed to prepare, they were not yet prepared to submit to the Synod such a statement as was expected.—The Synod re-appoint the Committee, consisting of Dr. Brooke, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Donald, and Mr. Keay, with power to call for what assistance they may think proper; and instruct them to use all diligence to prepare such a statement as was formerly ordered.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Dr. Brooke and Mr. Henderson reported that they had fulfilled their appointments as Corresponding Members to the Synods of Canada and Nova Scotia respectively; giving an account of the state of our Church in the adjoining Colonies, and of the pleasing impressions produced on their minds by their intercourse with their brethren in the cause of their Mission: whereupon it was read and seconded.

That the Synod approve the diligence of their Corresponding Members to the Synods of Canada and Nova Scotia; and in the prospect of a continuance of their intercourse and even of a closer connection in a General Assembly. And, with a view to such a consummation, they appoint the Moderator, Dr. Brooke, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Donald, a committee to correspond on the subject with any committees that have been or may be appointed by the Synods of Canada and Nova Scotia.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS APPOINTED.

On motion, the Synod appointed the Rev. Wm. Donald, A. M., as their corresponding member to the Synod of Canada at its next meeting in May, and the Rev. James Steven their corresponding member to the Synod of Nova Scotia to meet in July next year; and, in case they, or either of them, should be unable to fulfil the appointment, that the Rev. James Murray, Moderator, should be substituted for Mr. Donald, and the Rev. John Ross for Mr. Steven.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

Saturday, 23rd August.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt as yesterday.

DIET FOR DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Some portion of time was spent in reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, which services were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Mackay.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE CLAIMS ON HOME MISSION AND SYNOD FUND.

Mr. Donald, on behalf of the Committee appointed to receive claims on the Home Mission and Synod Fund, reported that they had attended to that duty; that claims had been put in and allowed for travelling expenses to Members attending this meeting of Synod, and the same had been paid, viz.

	£18	7	6
<i>Expenses of Corr. Members as under.</i>			
Rev. Dr. Brooke to Synod of Canada,	10	10	0
" Wm. Henderson to Synod of Nova Scotia	2	10	0
	£21	7	6

The Synod called for the Historical Account of whatever was memorable in the several Churches and congregations within their bounds as ordered last year. Several members gave a *rita voce* sketch of their own particular Church and Congregation, as it did not seem to be generally understood that a written account was required. The Synod, therefore, renew the order, and enjoin each Minister to be prepared to lay before the Synod, at its next meeting a written Historical Account of whatever may have occurred deserving of notice in connexion with the Church and congregation in which he is now labouring.

OVERTURE FOR ANNEXATION OF WESTMORLAND TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SAINT JOHN.

The Synod then entered upon the consideration of the first overture transmitted to them which was as follows. "It is humbly overtured to the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, that the county of Westmorland be disjoined from the Presbytery of Miramichi and annexed to the Presbytery of Saint John."

After reasoning it was moved and seconded that the Synod adopt the overture, and resolve in terms thereof. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Synod decided accordingly.

OVERTURE FOR THE ERECTION OF ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL PRESBYTERIES.

The Synod then took up the Second Overture transmitted to them, which was as follows:—"It is overtured that the Synod take into consideration the propriety of erecting another Presbytery or two Presbyteries within their bounds." After some consideration it was unanimously agreed to delay the further consideration of this measure till another year.

OVERTURE ON BEHALF OF INDIAN ORPHANAGES.

The Synod then engaged in the consideration of the third overture which was as follows:

"That, as the Scottish Ladies' Association for the Advancement of Female Education in India has established Orphanages at Calcutta and Madras, in which Hindoo-Orphans are supported and receive a Christian Education at the small charge of £4 currency a year; and as many Sabbath Schools in Scotland and America, connected with our Church, are supporting orphans in these schools,—it is humbly overtured that the Synod recommend this undertaking to the attention of all Sabbath School Teachers connected with our Church in this Province, as likely to be very useful in drawing the attention of the young to Missionary objects and training them up to Christian liberality."

Mr. Henderson moved the adoption of the overture, which was seconded by Mr. Donald and unanimously agreed to; wherefore the Synod recommended accordingly.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE ANEITEUM MISSION.

While the Synod were engaged in the discussion of the preceding overture, the Rev. John McCurdy entered the Church, on which Dr. Brooke moved, that he should be invited to take his seat with the members of Synod, which was immediately agreed to, and Mr. McCurdy took his seat accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Donald, Mr. McCurdy was requested to give some account of the Mission of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia to Aneiteum. Mr. McC. then gave a very interesting and pleasing account of the origin, progress and success of said mission.

The Synod having heard with much satisfaction the cheering intelligence which had been given, and feeling much impressed and solemnized thereby, it was unanimously resolved to engage in prayer for the success of that and other Christian Missions throughout the World. The Rev. Mr. Hunter, being called upon by the Moderator, offered up a peculiarly appropriate and impressive prayer.

It was also moved and seconded that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. McCurdy for the very gratifying intelligence