

Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries in Nova Scotia proper. Mr. Sutherland, Convener.

Rev. Messrs. J. Stewart, Alexander Campbell, and Mr. John Fraser, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, and of the three Presbyteries in Cape Breton. Mr. Stewart, Convener.

Rev. Messrs. Roy, McGillivray, and Mr. Charles Robson, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the different Boards of the Synod. Mr. Roy, Convener.

Com of Reports  
of Presbytrs

Rev. Messrs. J. Campbell, Walker, and Mr. Henry Archibald, were appointed a Committee to receive and classify the Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions, on the matters remitted to them by Synod last year. Mr. Campbell, Convener.

Dr. Forrester  
and Common  
School Edu-  
cation.

Rev. Dr. Forrester being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member. The Dr. on acknowledging the courtesy, intimated his intention of asking the Synod to hear him on the subject of Common School Education. The Committee of Bills and Overtures were directed to select a suitable time for the Synod to hear the Dr. on this important subject.

Corresponding  
Members

Rev. Professor Lyall and all Ordained Missionaries present, viz: Rev. Messrs. Darragh, A. W. McKay and Morrison, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Report of Com.  
on Colportage

The Report of the Committee on Colportage was then read by the Rev. John I. Baxter, shewing that 60,000 volumes had been sold and circulated at a cost of £5000. since the commencement of this effort, ten years ago, but that little had been done during the past year, owing to the dulness of the times and the scarcity of money; and that the work, as at present conducted, must either cease or receive pecuniary support. The Report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved, when the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

### THIRD SEDERUNT.

*Same Day, and Place, half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and after the singing of praise and reading the Word of God, was constituted by the Moderator.

Pretest of Prof.  
King

The Rev. Professor King being present for the first time, called attention to a resolution of Synod which was passed last year, when he happened to be absent, in which the right to a seat in Synod by Professors of Theology was ignored; and read and laid on the table a Protest against any legislation which should deny or call in question the right of the Professors of Theology to a seat in the higher Church Courts, as a violation of the constitution of this Church as expressed in the Basis of Union.

Devotional ex-  
ercises

A portion of time was then occupied in devotional services, the Rev. George Patterson leading in prayer, after the reading of the Word and praise.

Colportage 1st  
motion

Resumed the consideration of Colportage. It was then moved by the Rev. E. Ross, "That the scheme be closed and the books sold to pay the debt."

2nd motion

Rev. G. Sutherland moved as follows: "*Resolved*, That the Synod