

pointed, after which the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was read and adopted, and the Synod proceeded to take up the subjects in the order in which they were arranged on the docket.

The Report of the Committee on Colportage was read by the Rev John I. Baxter, giving an outline of the operations of the committee during the past year, during which time 8457 volumes valued at £601 8 shillings, have been imported and for the most part circulated, making since the commencement of the committee's operations, a diffusion of 44,036 volumes, valued at £3558 1s. During the year the Colporteurs visited 200 families and united in prayer with them in many instances, the full results of which can be known only at the last day when the Great Head of the Church, will take an account of all his servants. The report gave a statement of difficulties which met the committee in prosecuting their operations and referred to the Synod for advice.

The Report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved. The Rev Messrs. Murdoch, Christie and Samuel Creelman, Esq., Ruling Elder, were then appointed a committee to take the whole matter of the report into consideration particularly as regards the further management of the business, and to report to a future sederunt.

The third sederunt was taken up in the discussion of a memorial from Rev James Waddell, asking the Synod to review decisions come to last year as regards the mode of procedure which the Synod intended should be pursued in disjoining from West River congregation the parties now constituting the central congregation of West River. Memorialist had objected to the procedure of Presbytery, but was overruled,—the majority of Presbytery maintaining that whether the course pursued was strictly in order or otherwise, it was that which the Synod had directed them to follow. After deliberation, the Synod approved of the steps which the Presbytery had taken, and raised that these were according to Synodical appointment, and being adopted in very peculiar circumstances were not to be taken as a precedent to be followed in ordinary circumstances.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH.

MORNING SESSION.—Rev Messrs. Sedgewick and McKay were appointed a

committee to receive and to arrange Sessional returns on the subject of temperance, as remitted by last Synod.

The committee of correspondence with Evangelical Churches submitted their Report, from which it appeared that during the past year a very interesting and affectionate letter had been received from the U. P. Church in Jamaica, and that a similar communication had been received from the U. P. Church in Canada, addressed to the Moderator of this Synod. The reading of these communications was deferred, but the Synod directed the Clerk to send a copy of the Synod Minutes regularly in future to the Synod Clerks of these Churches, and a copy of the *Missionary Register* to each minister of the Jamaica Synod, as it is now done to the Canadian ministers. The committee was then discharged, and the prosecution of the correspondence entrusted to the different Boards of the Church.

The remainder of the sitting was devoted to the preparation of Rules and Forms of Procedure,—a work which the Synod commenced a few years ago, and which it is slowly but steadily prosecuting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—On opening the Synod, the Moderator stated that he had, during the recess, received a telegraphic despatch informing the Synod that a deputation from the Free Church would be in attendance in the evening. It was then unanimously agreed that no other business should be taken up in the evening. This being the most appropriate time the Committee of Co-operation with Committees of other Presbyterian bodies was then asked to report. Professor Ross stated verbally that no formal meeting of the three committees had been held. He stated however that Rev Mr Bayne and he had last year waited upon the Synod of the Church of Scotland, at their meeting in Pictou, and had been respectfully received. He farther stated that during the past week a deputation had waited upon the Free Church Synod sitting at Halifax, and that members of that deputation were present. Rev Messrs Bayne and McGregor gave a brief account of their interview with the Free Synod, stating that they had spoken on the different subjects of co-operation and christian union, and had met with a very friendly and free expression of brotherly feeling from members of that Court, and found them favourably disposed to