

ture, at the date above mentioned, from the city which for seven years had been the scene of his labors, by the ship Anne Johnson.

Owing to the sailing arrangements made, in the absence of Mr. Nicol, at the meeting of Synod in Charlottetown, the final separation between his congregation and himself was more sudden and abrupt than could be wished, a single day being all the time given for intimation to the people of the intentions of their pastor. Nevertheless, a meeting of the congregation was held on the evening of the 20th, at which an address embodying the warmest sentiments of attachment to Mr. Nicol, deep regret at his departure, gratitude for his usefulness among them, and prayers that such usefulness might long be continued elsewhere, was unanimously passed, numerously signed, and presented to him by a deputation of the more influential members of the congregation on the following morning. To this address Mr. Nicol made a suitable reply.

Thereafter, he and his lady were accompanied to the vessel and some distance to sea by several friends, not only of the Established but of other Churches, among many of whose members much esteem and respect prevailed for him. During his residence in St. John's, Mr. Nicol succeeded so effectually in endearing himself to his people, that his absence has occasioned a blank which cannot be easily filled.—*Communicated.*

Minutes of Synod.

At St. James' Church, Charlottetown, the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight years;

Which day the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met; and after public worship, conducted by the Rev. A. McKay, Moderator, who preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from 1 Tim. v. xvii.:—"Let the elders that rule," &c., was constituted with prayer.

Presbytery rolls were given in, and the roll of Synod having been made up, stood as follows:

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

Alexander McGillivray, McLennan's Mountain,	Minister.
William Cameron, do,	Elder.
Andrew W. Herdman, St. Andrew's Ch., Pictou,	Minister.
James Fraser, do, do,	Elder.
Allan Pollok, St. Andrew's Church, N. Glasgow,	Minister.
John McKay, do, do,	Elder.
Donald McRae, E. and W. Branches, East River,	Minister.
John Holmes, do, do,	Elder.
JAMES MAIR, Barney's River,	Minister.
Simon Hammerman, do,	Elder.
Alexander McLean, St. Matthew's Ch., Pugwash,	Minister.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

John Scott, St. Matthew's Church, Halifax,	Minister.
Thomas Jardine, do, do,	Minister.
James F. Avery, do, do,	Elder.
George Boyd, St. Andrew's Church, Halifax,	Minister.
Robert McDonald, do, do,	Elder.
Francis Nicol, St. Andrew's Ch., St. John's, Nfld,	Minister.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Alexander McKay, St. John's Church, Belfast,	Minister.
Allan McDougall, do, do,	Elder.
Thomas Duncan, St. James' Ch., Charlottetown,	Minister.
J. H. Gray, do, do,	Elder.
Andrew Lechead, St. David's Ch., Georgetown,	Minister.
Magnus Mair, do, do,	Elder.

The roll of Synod having been called, and the elders present having produced their commissions, the following sat down as members of court:

Rev. Messrs. McKay, McGillivray, Herdman, Pollok, McRae, Mair, Jardine, Nicol, Duncan, Lechead, ministers; Messrs. Cameron, Fraser, McKay, Holmes, Gray, McDougall, and Mair, elders.

Mr. Pollok resigned the office of Clerk, and Mr. Mair was unanimously appointed in his place.

The Synod unanimously chose Mr. Pollok to be Moderator for the ensuing year, in room of Mr. McKay, the retiring Moderator.

The thanks of the Synod were conveyed to the retiring Moderator for his courteous conduct towards the court, as also for the excellent and appropriate sermon he had preached this forenoon.

The Synod, in accepting, as they did with extreme regret, the resignation by Mr. Pollok of the office of Synod Clerk, unanimously agreed to record their sense of the high value of his services, and the unwearied diligence with which he fulfilled every duty devolving on him while in that office.

Leave was asked and granted to the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island to meet this afternoon at five o'clock.

The following were appointed a committee to examine Presbytery Records: The Rev. Messrs. Jardine, Herdman, Duncan, and Mr. Cameron; Mr. Duncan, Convener.

The following were appointed a committee on overtures: Rev. Messrs. McRae, McKay, Lechead, Hon. John Holmes, John McKay, Esq., and Mr. McDougall; Rev. Mr. McKay, Convener,—to meet at half-past eight o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Letters of apology for absence from the Rev. John Scott and Dr. Avery of Halifax were read, and their apologies considered satisfactory.

The Rev. Donald McDonald, P. E. I., was introduced to the Court and addressed them at some length as to his own position and that of his congregations in respect to the Church of Scotland.

Thereupon it was unanimously agreed to record that the Synod have heard with much pleasure and thankfulness to God the statements made by the Rev. D. McDonald, cordially welcome him among them, invite him to sit and deliberate with the brethren, and unanimously greet his resolution on all occasions to co-operate with the members of this court.

John McKay, Esq., asked, on behalf of the Lay Association, an interview with the Synod, when it was agreed to receive him to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Rev. Messrs. McGillivray, Martin, Wilson, Colonel Gray, and Wm. Cameron, (Mr. Martin, Convener,) were appointed a committee on bills, references, and appeals.

The Rev. Messrs. Jardine, McRae, Colonel Gray, and John McKay, Esq., (Mr. Jardine, Convener,) were appointed a committee to adjudicate concerning the Synod Fund.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, with Messrs. McGillivray and Pollok, were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the Sabbath day services.

The minutes of last session of Synod were then read, and taken up *seriatim*.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and of the formation of a General Assembly in British North America, until the representatives from the Canadian Synod arrive.

No annual reports from Presbyteries were produced.

Mr. Pollok reported that he had used all the means in his power, while in Scotland, to induce Gaelic missionaries to visit this country,—for which the thanks of the Synod were conveyed to him.

The Rev. J. Martin was appointed to conduct devotional exercises to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES MAIR, Synod Clerk.

SECOND SABBATH.

At St. James' Church, Charlottetown, the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight years;

Which day the Synod met pursuant to adjournment; and after devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. John Martin, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and sustained.

A deputation of the Lay Association was introduced to the Synod, when the Court was addressed by John McKay, Esq., Convener, and James McDonald, Esq., Secretary, as also by several members of the Synod; whereupon it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod welcome with feelings of the highest satisfaction the deputation from the Lay Association of the Church of Scotland in Nova-Scotia and Prince Edward Island, warmly approve of the objects of the Association, and express their willingness to co-operate with them in their most laudable attempt to render our Church here self-sustaining; that a standing committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Pollok, Jardine, McKay, McGillivray, and Hon. John Holmes, (Mr. Pollok, Convener,) be appointed to co-operate with them, and deliberate as to the application of the funds.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Rev. William Murray, corresponding member from the Synod of New Brunswick, arrived, was gladly welcomed by the court, and his name added to the roll.

A report from the committee conducting the *Monthly Record* was laid on the table by Mr. Jardine: when it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the committee already appointed to co-operate with the Lay Association be empowered to confer with said Association in regard to the future publication of the *Record*, and the best means of discharging the liabilities connected therewith.

Thereafter, a vote of thanks was passed to the committee, managers, and editor of the *Monthly Record*, for the trouble they have taken and the interest they have shown in its prosperity;

From which, as respects the committee and managers, Col. Gray dissented.

In reference to statistical tables, it was unanimously resolved that those Presbyteries who have not sent in returns be enjoined to forward to the Moderator of Synod the same, made up for the year ending the first of June last, on or before the first day of September next; and that the Moderator and the Rev. D. McRae be entrusted with their publication.

Presbyteries are enjoined to be more punctual in their return of statistical tables for the future.

In reference to the duties of the Superintendent of Missions, it was enjoined on him