

The Rev. Dr. Barclay, Messrs. Scott, McGillivray, Holmes, McDougall and McRae, were appointed a Committee for bills, references and appeals.

Mr. Herdman reported, as Convener of the Committee on co-operation with other Presbyterian bodies, that, as no occasion for calling the members together had arisen, no meetings had been held.

The following arrangements were made for the supply of neighboring pulpits, during the sitting of the Synod:

New-Glasgow—Rev. Dr. Barclay and Rev. Wm. Snodgrass.

Pictou.—Town—Rev. John Scott.

East Branch—Rev. J. McRae and Rev. Donald McRae.

Gairloch—Rev. Geo. Boyd.

Roger's-Hill—Rev. Jas. Duff.

McLennan's Mountain—Rev. Messrs. Steven and McGillivray.

West Branch and River John—Messrs. McKay and Duncan.

Barney's River—Rev. James Wilson and Rev. J. Mair.

Cape John—Rev. Andrew W. Herdman.

Salt Springs—Rev. Messrs. Lochhead and McLean.

and the Rev. Donald McRae was appointed to send notices of these arrangements as early as possible.

Messrs. Scott, Herdman, Lochhead and McDonald, were appointed a Committee to examine into the state of the Synod Fund, to consider claims, and report upon Friday.

It was agreed that henceforth it shall be the duty of the Synod Clerk to send, each year, a correct list of vacancies and fixed charges within the bounds of this Synod, to Oliver and Boyd's and Wilson's Clerical Almanacs, and Clerks of Presbyteries were enjoined to transmit to the Synod Clerk a correct and truthful list of vacancies and fixed charges within the bounds of each Presbytery, as soon after the session of Synod as convenient.

The members of the Presbytery of Pictou and Mr. Martin were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for holding a public meeting in New-Glasgow, in connection with the session of Synod this year, to advocate the interests and schemes of the Church.

Mr. Snodgrass, Clerk of the previous year, reported that, as instructed, he had sent an extract of the Minutes to the Colonial Committee, expressing the extreme satisfaction and deep gratitude of this Synod to the Committee, for the liberality of the Committee to the Synod, and the interest taken by them in the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions.

The Moderator of the Presbytery of Pictou, reported that, on account of peculiar circumstances, that Presbytery had not been able to send one of their number, as requested, at last meeting of the Synod, on a mission to Cape Breton.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the

same place, next day at nine o'clock, and the sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

The Synod met in the same place on Thursday, the ninth of July, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. McRae and Dr. Barclay, was constituted.

In addition to those present at the preceding sederunt, Mr. McLean, of Gairloch, and Mr. Duncan Matheson, were also present.

Messrs. Martin, McGillivray, Holmes and Dr. Barclay, were appointed a Committee to draft an Address to his Excellency the Lieut-Governor. Mr. Martin, Convener.

The Committee appointed to prepare and forward petitions to the Legislature, with reference to Dalhousie College, reported that they had held no meetings.

A Committee consisting of Dr. Barclay, Messrs. Steven, Scott, McRae, Lochhead, Snodgrass, McDougall and Holmes, were appointed to consider the subject of an overture transmitted last year, referring to the indefinite position of certain Churches within the bounds of this Synod, as to their connection with the Church of Scotland, and report at a subsequent sederunt.

The Committee for Overtures reported that they had agreed to transmit the following overtures:

First. Overture anent participation in the Synod of Canada's Widow's Fund.

Second. Overture anent Reports of Presbytery proceedings.

Third and Fourth. Two overtures anent the appointment of a Committee to receive and give instructions to Missionaries sent out by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland.

Fifth. Overture anent the office of Superintendent of Missions.

Sixth. Overture anent statistical tables.

Seventh. Overture anent membership of Church Courts.

Eighth. Overture anent the union of the two Synods of Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick.

Ninth. Overture anent the securing of Gaelic Missionaries.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the overture anent the membership of Church Courts, which was the following:

Whereas, since the revival of the Church Courts in 1853, the Synod has, in several instances, permitted an infringement of the constitutional procedure of the Church of Scotland, by the admission into Presbytery and Synod of Missionaries not being *bona fide* Ministers, within the bounds of this Court; and *whereas*, the same is in danger of becoming a precedent, and likely to prejudice the best interests of the Church, it is humbly overtured that the Synod take the matter into most serious consideration, and declare definitely and distinctly what constitutes a member of Presbytery and Synod.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the overture, and the Synod enjoin Presbyteries to adhere strictly to the laws of the Church,

in making up their rolls, but, at the same time, empower them to admit ordained Missionaries to sit and deliberate without voting, when they shall see proper.

The Synod then entered upon the consideration of an overture anent participation in the Widow's and Orphan's Fund of the Synod of Canada, which was as follows:

"Whereas, at its last session the Synod of Canada expressed its willingness to extend the benefit of their Widows' and Orphans' Fund, as far as practicable, to the Church in the lower Provinces, it is humbly overtured to the venerable Synod to take into their serious consideration so excellent a proposal, and adopt such measures, with a view to accepting the same, as may to it seem best."

The Synod unanimously agreed to adopt the overture, expressed its gratification that the Synod of Canada has given instructions to their Board of Managers for their Widows and Orphans' Fund, to consult legal counsel as to the feasibility of extending the benefits of the said Fund to the lower Provinces, and the hope that a way in the good Providence of God may be opened up for this Synod partaking in the benefits which the Synod of Canada is apparently desirous of extending to us, and appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Scott, McGillivray, McKay, Lochhead, Herdman, McDougall, McDonald and Dr. Barclay, to consider the whole subject, and report at a subsequent sederunt, Mr. Scott, convener.

The Synod then considered the overture relating to annual reports of Presbytery proceedings, which was as follows:

"Whereas, it is desirable for the promotion of the interests of religion and the encouragement of the Church, that the state and prospects of each Presbytery should be publicly known; it is humbly overtured that the various Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod be enjoined annually to prepare a report of such proceedings as may be deemed important, to be submitted to the Synod, and to be published in the *Monthly Record*, in whole or in part, as may be deemed expedient."

The Synod agreed to adopt the overture, and enjoined Presbyteries to proceed in accordance with the same.

The Synod next proceeded to consider two overtures anent the allocation of Missionaries sent out by the Colonial Committee, and appointed the following Members of Court Board to direct the allocation of Missionaries within the bounds, and report annually—the Moderators of the different Presbyteries and the Moderator of Synod—the last named being convener.

The Synod adjourned to meet next day, at the same hour, and in the same place.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

The Synod met on Friday, the 10th of July, in the same place and at the same hour, and after devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Steven and Snodgrass, was constituted.