

of the address which had been presented to the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was now called for and given in. The Rev. Mr. Anderson moved the adoption of the Report, and the discharge of the Committee.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was resolved to defer further consideration of this matter till the afternoon meeting.

On resuming in the afternoon consideration of the subject of *Monthly Record*, the Moderator having reported the results of conference with the Convener, the following Resolution was agreed to:—

“That the Reports of the Convener and Secretary of the *Monthly Record* be approved and the Committee commended for their diligence, the editorial staff continued for the next year, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Convener. The Synod desires to express its satisfaction that the circulation of the *Record* continues to increase, and would earnestly recommend Sessions to take oversight of this matter, that the circulation be increased still further. With reference to the recommendations in the Reports the Synod authorizes the Committee to carry them out when they see fit; and requests Mr. Campbell to accept from the Funds at the credit of the *Record*, fifty dollars, as a small token of appreciation of his services. The Synod appoints the Rev. Mr. Pollok to edit the *Record* during the ensuing year—the Rev. Mr. Grant to manage it in his absence.”

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Statistics was now resumed when it was moved, and seconded, that the Report be received and adopted, the thanks of the Synod given to the Convener for his diligence, and the Committee discharged.

To this it was moved in amendment, that the Report of the Committee be approved, and, as several of the brethren have not received the circulars in time, that further time be granted for completing the Report, in order to be published in the August number of the *Record*. The vote of the Synod being taken, the motion was carried, and the Committee discharged accordingly.

The Report of the Home Mission Board was now called for, and given in by the Rev. G. M. Grant, Convener, as follows:—

Our Report this year is a discouraging one, on almost every side but the financial; and, even on that side, it is only encouraging as showing what we could do. In 1868, when the Board was constituted, the Synod contained 31 ministers. In 1873, it contains 32, showing a rate of progress sufficiently slow to satisfy the most cautious. We have now eight vacancies, besides fields that have never been regularly occupied by us, but that are calling loudly for supply. As one of the vacancies is attended to, for the present, by a Catechist, and we have one Missionary under the authority of the Board, our immediate necessity is for at least six ministers, three Gaelic and three English-speaking.

During the past year, the Board did little, as it had little to do. As bricks cannot be made without straw, neither can Home Missions be carried on without labourers. The labourers needed are of two kinds, Licentiates, and Divinity Students to act for half the year as Catechists. A glance at our present position is enough to show how unlikely we are to get many of either kind. (1) Licentiates will be either Scottish ministers, or our own young men who have studied in Divinity abroad. It is evident that the supply of Scottish ministers for the colonies is well nigh exhausted. It was shown at the last meeting of the General Assembly that the number now in attendance at the various Halls in Scotland is insufficient for home needs. How then can we reasonably hope to levy a contribution for colonies that are known to be old and intelligent enough, and supposed to be religious enough, to educate a native ministry for their own needs. Scottish licentiates, filled with the missionary spirit, will, as a rule, in such circumstances, prefer to go the heathen. Very thankful are we that not a few have come to us in the past. Had they not come, we would not have been in existence as a church. But the times are changing, and wise men should see and prepare for the changed circumstances. Then, as to our own young men who study abroad, we must always expect, in future, a repetition of the mortifying disappointments of the past. At last Synod, the Young Mens' Bursary Committee reported that one, whom they had assisted in his studies, at the rate of \$100 a year,