

Rev. Mr. Duncan then submitted the following resolution:—That, for the further advancement of the objects of the Home Mission, the Convener and one member of the Board be requested to visit the various Presbyteries for the purpose of inciting the supplemented congregations to greater exertions towards self-reliance, and to assist in the formation of Lay Associations in such Congregations as their services may be required.

This being seconded by the Rev. Mr. Herdman, was carried.

At the request of the Rev. Mr. Pollok, the Rev. D. McRae was appointed in his place as a member of the Home Mission Board.

Resignation of Treasurer of Home Mission Board.

Rev. Mr. McRae moved, it was seconded, and resolved, that the resignation of George McLean, Esq., as Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, be accepted; the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to him for his arduous and valuable services; and that Alexander Jardine, Esq., of St. John, be appointed in his place.

The Synod then called for the Report of the

Bursary Fund,

which was given in by the Rev. William McMillan, who submitted his own resignation as well as the resignation of the Treasurer of the scheme. (*See Appendix D.*)

After some discussion on this important scheme of the Synod, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. McCunn, seconded and resolved:—That the Report be adopted, great satisfaction expressed at the prosperous state of the Fund, the names mentioned in the Report added to the Committee; that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to Mr. McMillan for his valuable services as Convener of this scheme, and that he be earnestly requested to continue to act. Further, that, in the prospect of increased liabilities, congregations be desired to make increasingly liberal collections.

Letter from Mr. Duff.

The Moderator read a letter, received by him from Mr. Charles Duff, asking for information as to the diet of Synod when an appeal alleged to have been taken by him on the 9th of last June, from the Presbytery of St. John, was to be taken up, that he might be heard anent the same.

After deliberation, it was moved by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by Hon. J. Holmes. That no reasons of appeal having been lodged against the judgment of the Committee of Presbytery on any point, and all the evidence in the case for the prosecution having been heard, adjudicated on, and the judgment not having been appealed against, it is not in accordance with law or justice now to re-open the case, and review the decision come to.

The motion was carried, Rev. Messrs Brodie and Herdman dissenting, the former expressing his desire to give in reasons of dissent.

The Clerk was instructed to forward to Mr. Duff an extract of the minute containing the decision of Synod.

The Synod then engaged in prayer to Almighty God for His blessing on the congregation whose interests they had just been considering, and were led in their devotions by the Rev. Mr. Grant.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on

Sabbath Schools.

It was given in by Rev. A. W. Herdman, Vice Convener. (*See Appendix E.*)

The Rev. Mr. Duncan moved, it was seconded and resolved:—That this Synod adopt the Report of the Sabbath School Committee, and records its thanks to its Sub-Convener who drew up the Report, and, adopting the suggestion of the Report, the Synod records its sense of the great importance of the Sabbath School, and of obligations under which the Church lies to those