

After due deliberation, it was moved by Rev. John McMillan, seconded by Rev. W. Wilson, and *Resolved*, "That the Report be received and adopted, the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the zealous manner in which they have discharged the duties entrusted to them. The Synod desires to express their thanks to God that so many young men have sought the aid of this fund during the past year, and pray that many more may be lead by the spirit's influence to dedicate themselves to the work of the ministry, and if needed by them cheerfully seek the assistance offered by the Committee.

The Synod approves of the regulation of the Committee to inspect the college certificates of students aided by the scheme, in order to ascertain that they are making satisfactory progress in their studies.

The Synod regrets that the collections of the past year have not been so liberal as formerly, and also that to many of those aided by the Fund have gone to labour in other fields without discharging their indebtedness.

The Synod deeply regrets the resignation of the Treasurer, as his labours in connection with this scheme have been very faithful, instructs the Clerk to convey to Mr. Menzies, late Treasurer, the hearty thanks of the Synod, and its earnest prayers that he may soon, by the blessing of God, be enabled to return home with restored health; and re-appoints the Committee, with Rev. J. F. Campbell as Convener, and Wm. F. Knight as Treasurer in the meantime; the Committee having power to appoint a successor to Mr. Campbell should he leave the country before next meeting of Synod. The Synod rejoices that the Rev. Geo. Murray, who successfully completed his studies in Scotland, has returned to his native land, and hopes that he may soon become the pastor of one of our vacant charges, and also that four of our Bursars are labouring efficiently as Catechists in different parts of our Synod, and that one is doing good work as a Colporteur in Halifax city.

The Synod instructs the Committee to collect the money left by the Rev. G. W. Stewart to the Fund.

The Revds. A. and C. J. Cameron entered at this stage of the proceedings, and were invited to sit and deliberate.

The Moderator read a letter from the Rev. Mr. McCunn, of River John, with reference to the steps contemplated in the matter of Union.

Anent which, it was moved by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Waddell, "That Rev. T. Duncan be requested to write the Rev. R. McCunn, acknowledging receipt of his letter, stating that it had been read to Synod, and expressing the great pain with which the Synod contemplates the possibility, that in going forward in the course toward Union which they have felt it their duty to adopt, and to which they are fully engaged, they may not be accompanied by some of their beloved brethren, and at the same time, expressing their earnest desire and hope, that these brethren may yet see their way clear to enter the Union along with them, and so prevent a separation, the very thought of which affords them so much distress, and the effect of which, they believe, would be exceedingly injurious to the cause of Christ."

It was moved by Rev. John McMillan, seconded by Rev. James Murray, and *Resolved*, "That the Committee of re-organization be instructed to confer with the similar Committee of the Sister Church as to what should be the relation of the several schemes of the different churches to the Synods and Assembly."

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Rev. W. Wilson was appointed to conduct devotional exercises on Monday morning, at 11 a. m., to which hour the Synod adjourned.

Closed with praise and prayer.