

the connection between the Students of these Provinces and the College at Kingston; and while reserving the formation of a scheme for that purpose until occasion for it arise, in the meantime record their earnest hope that many young men belonging to these Provinces, and having the Ministry in view, will repair to Kingston, to prosecute their Studies in Divinity.

The thanks of the Synod were then conveyed to the Correspondents from the Synod of Canada and New Brunswick.

The Rev. Alex. McWilliam and John A. McLean, Esq., were then appointed Correspondents to the Synod of New Brunswick.

A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to the members of the Church in Charlottetown, for their hospitality extended to the members of Synod on this occasion; and to the members of the Choir for their assistance in the devotional exercises of the Synod; and to the Railway and Steam Boat authorities for the reduction of travelling expenses kindly made by them in behalf of the members of Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Duncan and McLean were appointed a Committee to revise the minutes for publication.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on the last Tuesday of June, 1868, at half-past seven, of which intimation was given, and this Session was closed with praise and prayer.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM,
Synod Clerk.

SYNODICAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPUTED CASES OF CHURCH PROPERTY IN CAPE BRETON.

Your Committee in reporting on the matter entrusted to them by the Synod beg leave to state, that they delayed taking any steps until the month of October, being of the opinion, that as the proposals for accommodation had unsolicited by us came from the other Presbyterian body, it was both more courteous, and more regular that the latter should initiate the correspondence. Having waited for them for some time, our convener addressed to the convener of the other body a letter, the tenor of which is as follows.

BARNEY'S RIVER, Oct. 10, 1866.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—As I suppose that you are Convener of the "Committee on Correspondence with other churches" appointed by your Synod at its last meeting, I would beg leave, after consulting with the members of our Committee appointed for a similar purpose, to ask if it would not be desirable, that we should have a conference with reference to matters in dispute in Cape Breton. We are exceedingly desirous, that causes of dissension between the Churches should be removed.

If your Committee think proper, I shall be ready in company with another member of our Committee, to meet your Committee in Halifax on Wednesday the 24th current, at any place and hour you may decide upon. I have been thus specific in order to save time and trouble. I am yours truly

(Signed) JAMES McDONALD,

Convener of Committee on
Cape Breton Mission.

A few days after writing the convener received a letter from Mr. Murray, the other convener, which had crossed his own, the tenor where of is as follows.

CORNWALLIS, Oct. 13, 1866.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—It is only last week since I learned that you were the convener of the committee appointed by the Presbyterian Synod in this Province, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, to correspond and co-operate with a similar committee of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, on matters of common interest. I have not been able to learn the terms of the appointment of your committee, but I presume that it is substantially the same as ours. The state of Presbyterianism in Cape Breton demands the prompt attention of both our Synods, and it has been urged on me by members of both our Synods, that our committees should lose no time in having a joint meeting. Will you be so kind as to say whether Truro or Halifax will suit you best, and what day in the last week of this month or the first or second week of November will suit you? The Rev. Mr. McGregor has had some consultation with the Rev. Mr. Pollok on this matter, and they suggest that Truro will be the most suitable. Two of our committee are in Cape Breton, but I suppose we shall have to meet without them.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. Yours most truly,

(Signed) WILLIAM MURRAY.

REV. MR. McDONALD.

P. S. After we settle on a day and place for the meeting, you and I, as conveners, will I suppose, have to write to each of the members of Committee—may be a note in the *Witness and Standard* would be sufficient.

(Signed) W. M.

Mr. Murray wrote immediately on receipt of our letter, referred to, accepting the time and place of meeting therein mentioned. Mr. McKay being unable from weak health to attend, only two members of Committee Messrs. McDonald and Pollok repaired to Halifax.

The joint committee accordingly held there somewhat protracted conferences of which the following are the minutes agreed upon by both parties.

HALIFAX, 24th Oct. 1866, 8 p. m.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland, to adjudicate on disputes respecting Church Property in Cape Breton,