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OF

NOVA-SCOTIA.

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Board of Home Missions.—Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, Smith, McCulloch, Christie, Bayne, McGregor, Cameron, Watson and Allan, with the Presbytery Elder of their respective Sessions. Secretary—Rev. W. McCulloch. Treasurer—Mr. James McGregor, New Glasgow.

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Committee of Superintendance of Educational Seminary.—Rev. Messrs. J. Ross, McCulloch, Bayne, Christie, McGilivray, Watson and G. Patterson, and Messrs. Daniel Cameron, and James McGregor. Mr. McCulloch, Convener.

Committee of Correspondence with United Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Messrs. Trotter and Campbell. Mr. Trotter, Convener.

Treasurer of Fund for Widows of Ministers.—James Primrose, Esqr., Pictou.

Treasurer of Synod.—Mr. J. W. Dawson, Pictou.

Treasurer of Educational Board.—Mr. James Dawson, Pictou.

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JUNE--JULY, 1850.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

PRINCE STREET CHURCH,

Pictou, June 25th, 1850, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia met, after a sermon from the Rev. James Ross, the Moderator, from Daniel 6th chap. and verse 3rd, "an excellent spirit was in him." and was constituted.

Were present the Rev. Messrs. Robert Blackwood, William Miller, John McKinlay, John L. Murdoch, James Smith, David Roy, James Ross, John Campbell, Peter G. McGregor, George Christie, James Bayne, and James Waddell, Ministers, and Messrs. John Fraser from the Congregation of Pictou, Robert Stewart from the Congregation of West River, James McGregor, from the Congregation of New Glasgow, James McCurdy from the Congregation of Musquodoboit, and John Brown from the Congregation of Upper Londonderry, Ruling Elders.

The Presbytery of Truro reported that since last meeting of Synod, the Rev. George Christie had been loosed from the Congregation of Shubenacadie, Gay's River and Lower Stewiacke, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Yarmouth, now in connexion with this Synod; that the Rev. Robert Sedgewick, had been inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Musquodoboit, and that Mr. Ebenezer E. Ross had been ordained to the pastoral oversight of the Congregation of Upper Londonderry, and that the names of the two last mentioned had been added to the Roll of Presbytery. Ordered that they be added to the Synod Roll.

The Presbytery of Pictou reported that Mr. George Patterson had been ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Salem Church, Green Hill, and that his name had been added to the roll of Presbytery. Ordered that it be added to the Synod roll, and the names of these brethren being called they were all present.

The Rev. James Bayne was unanimously chosen Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

The Rev. Messrs. Murdoch and Waddell, and Mr. John Brown, were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurers of the different funds.—Mr. Murdoch, Convener.

The Rev. Messrs. Christie and Byers, and Mr. James McGregor were appointed a Committee to examine Presbytery minutes.—Mr. Christie, Convener.

The Rev. Messrs. Smith and Roy, and Mr. James McCurdy, were appointed a Committee to receive and arrange statistical returns.—Mr. Smith, Convener.

The Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was then read by the Rev. D. Roy, recommending that the hours of meeting and of adjournment be the same as last year, and giving a list, carefully arranged of the different subjects forwarded for the consideration of Synod. The Report of the Committee was received, and the diligence of the Committee highly approved.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. John McCurdy explaining that he was prevented from attending Synod

by severe indisposition and soliciting ministerial aid. Ordered that this subject be added to the previous list.

It was agreed to adjourn to meet again at 8 o'clock for devotional exercises. The Moderator to commence constituting the Synod, to be succeeded by the Rev. Messrs Sedgewick and Ebenezer E. Ross, with the singing of Psalms at intervals. Concluded with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted, by the Rev. James Bayne, the Moderator, who was succeeded in prayer by the Rev. Messrs. Sedgewick and Ebenezer E. Ross, with the singing of Psalms during the intervals.

Present as at last sederunt, with the Rev. Messrs. John I. Baxter and John Cameron and Mr. William Cutton from the congregation of Onslow, Ruling Elder.

Read the minutes of last sederunt. At the request of the Rev. James Waddell, the Rev. John Campbell was appointed to fill his place on the Committee for auditing the accounts of Treasurers. Agreed to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to afford Presbyteries and Committees time to mature their business. Concluded with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 26, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator. Present as at last sederunt, with the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Trotter, Angus McGilvray, James Byers and George Walker, Ministers, and Messrs. Irvine Bell from the congregation of Tatamagouche, Roderick McKay from the congregation of James' Church E. River, and Ebenezer McLeod from the congregation of Salem Church, Ruling Elders.

The Rev. James Ross, Moderator of last Synod, laid on the table a communication, signed by Andrew King, Moderator of the Synod of the Free Church of Nova Scotia and addressed to the Moderator and members of this Synod, which he had received last year a few days after the adjournment of this Court, accompanied by a letter to himself signed also by the Rev. Mr. King. These papers having been read by the Clerk, it was agreed that the consideration of them be deferred until the report of the Committee on Union shall be received.

Mr. Ross farther laid on the table a letter from the Rev. Messrs Henry Nisbet and George Turner, dated Upolu, Samoa, 28th April 1848 giving an interesting account of the commencement of our Foreign Missionary operations at Aneiteum, in the New Hebrides Group, South Pacific Ocean, and of the kindly and active cooperation of these Brethren with our Missionaries. The Synod having with

Synod Constituted.

Members present.

Reports of Presbyteries.

Moderator chosen.

Com. to audit accounts.

Com. on Phy. Minutes.

Com. on Statistics.

Report of Com. of Bills & Ov.

Letter from Rev. J. McCurdy.

Attendance.

Letter from the Free Church.

Letter from Messrs. Nisbet and Turner.

much satisfaction heard the letter, found upon inquiry that it had had been already acknowledged by the Board of Foreign Missions and left the matter in their hands.

The Synod next called for the returns of the Financial Secretaries appointed by the different Presbyteries. The returns from the Presbyteries of Truro and Pictou were laid on the table. These were referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Campbell, and Watson and Mr. Jas. McGregor, with directions to examine them carefully, and to report to Synod, as soon after receiving the return of the P. E. Island Presbytery as possible, making such suggestions as they may think necessary to carry out the objects contemplated by this measure.—Mr. Campbell, Convener.

Called upon the Committee appointed last year to prepare petitions on Collegiate Education to be presented to the Houses of Legislature for a report of their proceedings. The Convener having given a statement of their procedure, it was considered satisfactory and the diligence of the Committee approved.

The Convener of the Committee of correspondence with the United Presbyterian Church, being called upon reported, that the Committee had applied to the Church in Scotland for another preacher, and that no reply had yet been received. The diligence of the Committee was approved, and they were reappointed.

The Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Forms of Procedure with a view to facilitate business in Church Courts, were next called upon for their report, which having been submitted, was read. The Committee reported that after carefully considering the subject, they had agreed to recommend the Synod to postpone action in the matter, until the amended Rules of the United Presbyterian Church shall be received, when the object could in their opinion, be not only more easily but more successfully accomplished. The Report was received, the suggestions approved and the Committee with Rev. D. Roy, reappointed, with directions to carry their suggestions into effect as soon as practicable.—Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day, and Place, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted, when the minutes of the last sederunt were read.

Entered upon the business of Home and Foreign Missions.

The Rev. James Waddell, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions read the report of the proceedings of the Board and a summary of the intelligence received from our Foreign Missionaries, during the past year. The Synod entered upon the consideration of the Report when a long and interesting discussion followed chiefly in reference to the publication of the Missionary Register, the propriety of its continuance, and the best means of rendering it self-sustaining, which continued up to the hour of adjournment.—Closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day, and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at the two last sederunts with the exception of Rev. Messrs. Trotter and McKinlay, and with Rev. Messrs. John Keir and James Allan now present for the first time.

Mr. Keir reported that the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island had ordained Mr. Isaac Murray, Preacher to the Pastoral charge of the congregation of Cavendish and New London and that his name had been added to the Roll of Presbytery. Ordered that his name be added to the Synod Roll, and being called Mr. Murray was present.

The minutes of last sederunt being read, the Synod resumed the consideration of the business of the Foreign Mission Board, when the report after further discussion was received, and the measures of the Board approved. The Report was remitted to be prepared for publication. Adjourned till to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Foreign Mission business.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, June 29th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last sederunt with the Rev. Messrs. Trotter and McKinlay, and Mr. Charles Robson, from the congregation of Halifax, Ruling Elder.

Called for the Report of the Home Mission Board, which was read by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, Secretary *pro tempore*. The Synod entered upon the consideration of the Report. It was moved and seconded that the report be received, adopted, and when revised printed for circulation. A lengthy discussion followed respecting the expenditure of the Board, and the objects to which, according to the constitution of the Board, their funds should be applied, at the termination of which the motion passed and the measures of the Board were approved. The minutes of the Board were then read and ordered to be countersigned by the Moderator.

Home Missions Report.

Discussion.

On motion, it was agreed that the memorial from Prince Street Congregation, be taken up to-morrow morning. The Synod then adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Memorial.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Were present as at last sederunt, except the Rev. Robert Sedgewick, and Mr. Irvine Bell, who were absent with leave.

Read and approved the minutes of last sederunt.

The Board of Home Missions was re-appointed, and Rev. James Allan added to their number.

Home Mission business.

Mr. James Dawson tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. His resignation was accepted, and Mr. James McGregor of New Glasgow, appointed to that office.

Treasurer ap.

The Board having inquired whether Missionary labour in Prince Edward Island, was to be paid in the current money of the Island or Nova Scotia, it was on motion of Rev. R. Blackwood, seconded by Rev. J. Campbell, agreed that it be paid in Nova Scotia currency.

Payment of Missionaries.

Resumed the consideration of the Foreign Mission business. The minutes of the Board were read so far as engrossed and ordered to be countersigned by the Moderator. The Board was re-appointed and authorised to procure the services of a competent Treasurer, and to report if possible before the Synod rises.

Foreign Missions Business.

The Committee appointed to correspond with the United Presbyterian Church, asked for instructions, and were directed to solicit two preachers from the Parent Church.

Com of Correspondence.

The Report of the Board of Education was then read, and the papers of the Board laid upon the table, when it was agreed to adjourn till to-morrow morning, that time may be afforded this evening for holding the annual Synodical Missionary meeting.

Board of Education.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Same place, June 28th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Were present as at last sederunt, with Rev. Robert Sedgewick, except Rev. John McKinlay who was absent.

Returns of Financial Secretaries.

Report of Com. on Collegiate Education.

Report of Com. of Correspond.

Report of Com. on Rules of Procedure.

Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

Attendance.

Report of P. E. Island Pby.

The minutes having been read and approved, it was on motion, agreed unanimously "That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed by the Clerk to Mr. James Dawson, for his services as Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions." It was also agreed that the valuable services of Mr. John W. Dawson, as Recording Secretary, and for a short time acting Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, and also one of the Editors of the *Missionary Register*, be thankfully acknowledged by the Synod.

Votes of thanks.

It was further agreed with the same unanimity, that the cordial thanks of this Synod be communicated to Dr. John Waddell, formerly of Truro, now of St. John, N. B., for his very efficient and valuable services as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, the duties of which office he discharged, until his departure from Nova Scotia.

Memorial from Prince Street Cong.

Proceeded to the order of the day which was to consider the memorial from Prince Street Congregation. The memorial was read, praying the Synod to reconsider its decisions in reference to the philosophical classes recently established at West River, with a view to the discontinuance of these and the maintenance of a Seminary, strictly and exclusively theological in its character, and expressing regret that the Synod should have appealed to the Parent Church in Scotland, before soliciting aid from the Church in this Province.

Questions. Reply.

Questions having been asked by the Rev. J. L. Murdoch and others, relative to the way in which the meeting from which said memorial emanated, was called, and the number in attendance, another paper was handed in and read, giving an account of the whole proceedings in reference to the meeting and the resolutions on which the memorial was founded.

Address by Mr. J. W. Dawson.

An opportunity having been afforded to the memorialists or any of their number delegated for that purpose, to state their views more fully and to bring forward any evidence or reasoning, in support of the memorial Mr. John W. Dawson and James Primrose, Esq., addressed the Synod and stated their views at length.

By J. Primrose, Esq.

Parties being removed, various members of Synod expressed their sentiments up to the usual hour of adjournment. Mr. John W. Dawson requested an opportunity of making a few explanations, before the adjournment as he could not be present at the next sederunt. Leave was granted accordingly, Mr. Dawson made some explanations and the Synod adjourned. Closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Discussions on Memorial continued.

The Synod met and was constituted. Were present as at last sederunt. Read the minutes of last sederunt.

Discussion Mr. Dawson explains.

Resumed the consideration of the memorial from the congregation of Prince Street. Members having freely expressed their sentiments on the whole subject, the following Resolution was moved by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, and seconded by the Rev. James Watson:—

Resolution.

"That this Synod having attentively considered the reasons urged in the Memorial, and by the Commissioners of the Congregation, against the establishment of Philosophical Classes in connection with the Synod's Theological Seminary, see no sufficient reason at present, to abandon a measure adopted after long and anxious deliberation, and forced upon the Synod by the pressing exigencies of its situation; but on the contrary, in the general sympathy which the measure has excited throughout the Church—in the past success and cheering prospects of the effort—in the increasing and urgent calls upon our Church for ministerial labour, and more particularly in the present unsettled state of the Education of the Province, the strongest motives and encouragements to more vigorous efforts, in providing the means of instruction to those looking forward to the office of the holy ministry."

A sufficient time having been given for a general ex-

pression of opinion, the Moderator inquired if there were any objections to the passing of the motion, and none being offered, he declared it carried.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at the close of the lecture. Concluded with prayer.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, 9 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met after a lecture had been read by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, on the "Results of Layard's Excavations at Nimroud," and was constituted.

Were present as at last sederunt with the Rev. John McKinlay, except Rev. Messrs. Ebenezer E. Ross and Murray, and Messrs. James McGregor, John McLean and Roderick McKay.

Absence.

Read and approved the minutes of last sederunt.

The Rev. Messrs. Sedgewick and Campbell, and Messrs. McCurdy and Robson, obtained leave of absence during the subsequent sittings of the present Synod.

Leave of absence

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the same place on Monday next at 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Same place, Monday, 1st July, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Rev. James Bayne, the Moderator.

Meeting.

Were present besides the Moderator the Rev. Messrs. John Kier, Robert Blackwood, Thomas Trotter, William Miller, John McKinlay, John L. Murdoch, James Smith, John J. Paxter, James Ross, Peter G. McGregor, George Christie, James Bayne, John Cameron, James Byers, James Allan, George Walker, Ebenezer E. Ross, and George Patterson, Ministers, and Messrs. John Fraser, William Cutten, Robert Stewart and Ebenezer McLeod, Ruling Elders.

Members present.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The Report of the Educational Board was again read with the view of entering upon the consideration of its recommendations. Took up the first which was to give their Secretary the sum of seven pounds ten shillings annually for his services, exclusive of expenses. Agreed that that sum be granted for the past year and five pounds exclusive of expenses in future. Mr. James McGregor was appointed a member of the Board in the room of Mr. Roderick McGregor, resigned. On the third recommendation, no action was deemed necessary.

Report of Board of Education.

Recommendations.

The Report of the Committee appointed to superintend the Classical and Philosophical department of the Synods Theological Seminary, was then called for and read. It gave an encouraging account of the number of students, the state of the classes, and other particulars. The Report was received and approved and the Committee directed to prepare and publish along with it a statement of their receipts and expenditure. The Committee was reappointed with the addition of Rev. George Patterson.

Report of Com. of Superintend. since.

A memorial from the West River congregation was read, expressing their satisfaction with the measures which the Synod had adopted, and were carrying into effect for educating young men for the ministry, and offering the sum of two hundred pounds toward the erection of a suitable building, should the Synod decide on making the West River permanently as it is now provisionally the site of their Seminary. Whereupon it was on motion of Rev. John Cameron, seconded by Rev. Robert Blackwood, agreed—"That while the Synod feel and would hereby express their gratitude, for the liberal offer of the West River Congregation, they do not deem it expedient to take any action upon the matter at present."

Memorial from W. River Cong.

Acknowledgement.

It was agreed that the arrangements respecting the payment of the Professor's salary, made last year, be continued.

Phil. classes.

The Synod farther expressed its opinion, that no class in Natural Philosophy should be opened during the ensuing session.

The propriety of opening the Divinity Hall, and the best time for so doing were then considered. It was agreed that the Hall shall be opened during the present autumn. On motion it was agreed that it shall be opened at West River on the 14th day of October, and to continue in Session for six weeks. Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, ½ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last sederunt, except the Rev. Thomas Trotter who obtained leave of absence, and with the addition of Rev. Messrs. McGilvray, Roy, Waddell, and Watson:

The Minutes having been read, the subject under consideration of Synod at last sederunt was resumed. On motion of Rev. James Ross, seconded by the Rev. John McKinlay, it was agreed unanimously that the Rev. James Smith be appointed Professor of Biblical Literature.

Proceeded to make arrangements for supplying the pulpits of the Theological Professors, while in attendance upon the Hall. The Presbytery of Pictou were appointed to supply Mr. Keir's congregation for two Sabbaths, the remaining portion to be supplied by the P. E. Island Presbytery. The Presbytery of Truro were appointed to provide two days supply for Mr. Smith's congregation with the understanding that another portion of the time can be supplied by arrangements between Mr. Smith and Rev. James Ross.

The account of the Committee appointed to manage the fund to aid the Widows of Ministers was called for and read. It appeared that the balance in fund is three pounds five shillings and three pence.

Agreed that a Committee be appointed consisting of Rev. Messrs. Walker, Roy and Patterson to devise a comprehensive measure on this subject and to report to Synod next year the existing scheme to be continued until that time.

Agreed that the Report of the Committee on Union with the Free Church be called for to-morrow.

Received the reports of Sessions on Sabbath School Education, given in through their respective Presbyteries. These were all in favour of Sabbath Schools being under the inspection of Sessions. On nearly every other particular some diversity of opinion existed. Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. George Christie and seconded by Rev. J. L. Murdoch that "inasmuch as the opinions of Sessions are so conflicting on the subject remitted to them for consideration, the matter be here allowed to drop." It was moved in amendment by Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by Rev. James Allan, "that the Synod having heard the reports of Sessions agree to express their mind on the subject thus far.

1st. That it is the duty of the Session to take a special superintendance of the Sabbath School or Schools in the congregation under its charge, a superintendance extending to the appointment, the character, and qualifications of teachers for imparting sound religious instruction to youth.

2nd. That it shall be considered the duty of Presbyteries in their visitation of congregations to inquire into the number, condition, management and Sessional superintendance of the Sabbath Schools in the congregation so visited." The question being taken between the motion and amendment, the latter was carried. The Committee were reappointed and encouraged to prosecute their labours.

On Motion it was agreed that the Rev. Messrs. Murdoch and McGregor, be a Committee to prepare a form of bequest which may be used by persons desirous of bequeathing money or property to any of the schemes of this Church, and to report at next meeting of Synod. Adjourned. Concluded with paayer.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same place, 2 July, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last Sederunt, with Rev. Isaac Murray and Messrs. James McGregor, and John J. Archibald from the congregation of Truro, Ruling Elders.

The minutes of last sederunt having been read, the report of the Committee on Union with the Free Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was called for. The Convener stated that soon after the transmission of the letter from this Synod to the Synod of the Free Church, he learned that a letter in reply had been received by the Moderator of this Synod, of such a character as prevented this Committee from taking any farther steps in the matter. The following resolution was adopted on motion of the Rev. James Ross:—"The Synod agreed to enter upon their minutes an expression of regret at the failure of their attempts to form a Union with the Free Church, approve of the conduct of the Committee and discharge them."

It was then moved by the Rev. James Allan, and seconded by Rev. George Patterson—"That it be remitted to a Committee to draw up an answer to the farewell letter of the Free Church in reference to union." Moved in amendment by Rev. James Smith, seconded by Rev. George Christie, "That a Committee be appointed to prepare and publish a reply to the letter of the Free Church on union, and such other statements as they may deem necessary; and that the letter and reply be published in an appendix to the Synod minutes, or in such other way as the Committee may decide." And the question being taken, the amendment passed. The following Committee were appointed Rev. Messrs. Trotter, Jas. Ross, Roy and George Patterson and Mr. James McGregor, Mr. Trotter Convener.

Mr. Trotter asked and obtained leave of absence. Mr. Keir inquired respecting the time of opening the Divinity Hall, stating objections to the time agreed upon. It was agreed to reconsider that decision, and cause being shewn the time was changed to the first Thursday in October.

Called for the Report of the deputation appointed at last meeting of Synod to proceed to Noel, to carry into effect the views of Synod. The Report of the deputation was then read, giving an account of their proceedings and the results, when it was agreed that though the object for which they were appointed has not yet been accomplished yet the deputation have used all due diligence in the matter. On motion of Rev. James Ross, seconded by Rev. John McKinlay, it was agreed "That the whole matter be referred to the Truro Presbytery to be disposed of according to the laws of the Church, and that the synodical deputation of last year be re-appointed to co-operate with the Truro Presbytery, in endeavouring to bring the business to a final adjustment." Agreed farther that the expenses of the deputation be paid and that Presbytery of Truro be directed to meet in Noel Church, on the first Tuesday of September at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that Mr. Crow shall be informed of these arrangements by the Synod Clerk, and directed to give public intimation to that effect to his congregation.

On application, leave was granted to the Pictou Presbytery to meet at the call of the Moderator, to attend to business which had been omitted prior to their adjournment. Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Div. Hall.

Professor of B. Literature.

Supply of Pulpits.

Widows Fund.

Com. appointed.

Sabbath School Education.

Motion.

Amendment.

Amendment passed.

Form of Bequest.

Report of Com. on Union.

Resolution.

Motion.

Amendment.

The letter taken, the amendment passed.

Report of Deputation to Noel.

Decision of Synod.

Meeting at Noel.

Pictou Presb'y.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Were present as formerly, except Rev. T. Trotter. Present also the Rev. W. McCulloch who during the last sederunt had arrived from Scotland, and was cordially welcomed by the Moderator and other members of Synod.

Mr. Jennings. On motion it was agreed, that the Rev. Mr. Jennings of Toronto, be appointed an honorary member of the Board of Foreign Missions, and notified by the Synod Clerk.

Mr. McCulloch's Report of Mission. Results. The Synod then called upon Rev. Mr. McCulloch for an account of his mission to Scotland. Mr. McCulloch then gave an interesting account of the manner in which he prosecuted his mission, of the kindly reception which he met with, and of the amount of money and books received, from which it appeared that the results of the mission already received, amounted to £780 Nova Scotia currency, in cash, apparatus and books, the amount in cash being about £610, and the value of books not less than £100, and that other sums were promised.

Thanks. The following resolution, submitted by Rev. J. L. Murdoch, was adopted unanimously, as expressive of the mind of the Synod, both in reference to Mr. McCulloch's diligence, and the liberality of the Church in Scotland:—

"That the Synod having heard with delight the cheering account which the Rev. Mr. McCulloch has given of the success of his Mission to Scotland, agree to express their thanks to Mr. McCulloch for the zeal and diligence with which he has prosecuted the object of his mission; and also agree to return their cordial thanks to the Synod and people of the United Presbyterian Church, for the timely aid which they have given us." It was further agreed that the thanks of this Synod be conveyed to J. Young, Esq. of Edinburgh, for a copy of McKerrow on the Eldership, sent to each session of this church; to W. Oliphant, Esq. of Edinburgh, and Mr. Middleton of Dundee and others, whose names have been mentioned for their kindly aid in books.

Mr. McCulloch's expenses. Correspondence. The Synod appointed the Presbytery of Truro to enquire into Mr. McCulloch's expenses, and the circumstances connected with the supply of his congregation, so that he may not be a loser in pecuniary matters, by his efforts during the past year to serve the Synod. Mr. McCulloch was authorized to continue a correspondence with the friends in Scotland, who have given or who have promised yet to give contributions.

Supply to Miramichi. Letter from A.P. Ross, Esq. Read again the letter from Rev. John McCurdy requesting that a brother be deputed to proceed to his assistance for a few Sabbaths, requesting also a testimonial of his official standing, to be used should he find it necessary to leave home. The Synod sympathised with Mr. McCurdy, in his illness, and appointed the Rev. Ebenezer E. Ross to proceed to Miramichi, without delay, the Presbyteries of Pictou and Truro supplying his congregation one day each, and to remain with Mr. McCurdy for three Sabbaths. The Pictou Presbytery were directed to prepare and forward by Mr. Ross a suitable testimonial.

Motion withdrawn. The next subject on the docket was a letter for warded by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and signed by A. P. Ross, Esq. as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Pictou Academy. Mr. McCulloch protested against the reading of the document as irregular in itself, and consequently unjust to him; when it was moved by the Rev. George Christie and seconded by the Rev. Angus McGilivray, "That the Committee of Bills and Overtures be directed to reconsider said letter, and examine whether it ought to have been or can be transmitted, in consistency with the Rules of this Church." After reasoning, this motion was withdrawn.

Motion. It was then moved by the Rev. James Watson, and seconded by Rev. John Cameron, "That the Synod decline reading the letter signed by A. P. Ross, Esq., on account of its informality."

Amendment.

The Rev. George Patterson moved in amendment, the Rev. James Allan seconding, "That the letter having been transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, be read," when the question being taken and votes marked, there appeared for the motion eleven, for the amendment seven, so the motion carried and the letter was not read.

Mr. Alexander Fraser, Merchant, New Glasgow, was Treasurer of F. Missions. Appointed Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

LAST SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, 4 past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Present as at last sederunt. Read minutes of last sederunt. On motion it was agreed that Mr. Patterson be directed to publish in the Register, the Constitution of the Home Mission Board, and also the scheme for working out the same, published by Synodical authority in 1847.

Constitution of Board of Home Missions.

The Committee on Presbytery minutes now reported, from which it appeared that with the exception of a few verbal errors the minutes were accurately and carefully kept. The Committee took exception to the regularity of the proceedings in two specified cases, the one by the Presbytery of Truro, the other by the Presbytery of Pictou. The first was not sustained. The other was remitted for correction to the Presbytery of Pictou.

Report on Pby. minutes.

The Committee on Statistical Returns gave in their Report, and presented an arranged table. The Returns from fourteen congregations were wanting, for the absence of some of which good reasons were known. The Clerks of Presbyteries were directed to use diligence to have the returns forwarded from all, and sent to the Clerk of Synod for publication.

Statistical Returns.

The Report of the Committee on Financial Returns was read giving an analysis of all the information furnished. Agreed, for the present year, that the tables be returned to the respective Presbyteries, to take such action in reference to the matters therein contained as they may think proper.

Financial Returns.

The Committee for auditing accounts gave in their Report, from which it appeared that there is in

Committee for Auditing accounts.

The Synod Fund	the Sum of	£75	15	5
Home Mission Fund,	-	-	61	3 24
Foreign Mission Fund,	£250	425	0	0
Money for Boat, about	175			
FUNDS OF THE EDUCATIONAL BOARD.				
Theological Professorship Fund,		£442	11	2
The Dick Bequest,	-	-	162	15 3
McCara, do.	-	-	427	3 5
Mrs. Matheson's Bequest,	-	-	250	0 0

In all £1282 9 10

It appeared farther that the accounts were carefully kept, but owing to the absence of the recent Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, the amount could not be stated with precision.

Called upon the Rev. James Smith for the statement which the Synod last year appointed him to prepare, descriptive of the labours and character of the late Rev. John Brown of Londonderry. The following statement prepared by Mr. Smith was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Statement respecting Rev. J. Brown.

"The Synod readily embrace this opportunity, in accordance with a resolution that passed at last meeting, of recording the following expression of their high respect and esteem for the memory of the late Rev. John Brown of Londonderry.

Mr. Brown was long spared as a faithful labourer in his Masters service, having survived the fiftieth year of his ministry in this province. Honourable mention is made of him in a former minute of this Synod, as then labouring at the close of life with great acceptance, and his name

associated with those venerable and faithful men, who contributed by their labours, to lay the foundation of this Church, and to strengthen and extend her footing in the Province. He was a man of fervent piety, very sincere and devout, richly endowed with the spirit of his office, and beloved and admired for his many virtues. He was eminently distinguished for the graces of contentment and self denial;—from tender love for his flock, he spared even more than was meet. As a minister of peace, he was very successful in promoting and maintaining peace and harmony among his people. He lived on terms of uninterrupted peace and happiness among them during the lengthened period of his ministry, and largely and deservedly shared their confidence, their affections and high esteem. He was faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his ministerial duties.—devoted to the spiritual welfare of his flock, he laboured faithfully and zealously among them, teaching them publicly and from house to house, and was spared to be cheered by the happy prospect of a large and growing congregation rising up and extending around him, as the successful fruits of his lengthened ministry. He was equally punctual and faithful in his attendance on Church Courts, ever ready to take a share in the public business of the Church, and to help forward by his counsels, her order and prosperity, in all which he ever felt a lively interest. With calm serenity of mind, full of faith and triumphant hope he closed his earthly labours and fell asleep in Jesus. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

Sunday Mails.

Read an Overture from the Presbytery of Pictou, based on the following Resolutions, passed by that body:—"1st.

That the transmission and delivery of mails on the Sabbath day are a gross infringement of the unrepealed divine statute, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' 2nd. That the Synod be overtured to adopt measures to direct the attention of the powers that be to this subject, with a view to the entire discontinuance of Sabbath Mails, throughout these provinces." The Synod adopted the overture and appointed a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Waddell, Roy and Walker, and Mr. James McGregor, to watch over the subject and act as circumstances may require. Mr. Waddell, Convener.

Agreed that the salaries of the Professors of Theology be paid. Also that Five Pounds be paid to the Clerk. Agreed that the expense of printing be paid, also the expense of lighting the Church, and twenty shillings to the door-keeper, and farther that the expences of Financial Secretaries be paid.

The Rev. Messrs. Waddell and Christie were appointed to lecture at next meeting of Synod.

The Boards of Missions were directed to make provision for next Synodical Missionary meeting, by each appointing two speakers and providing them with their subjects at least two weeks before the Synod meeting.

The Rev. Angus McGilivray and Mr. James McGregor, were added to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Agreed that the next meeting of Synod be held in Pictou on the fourth Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Read the minutes of the present sederunt. The Roll was then called, when it appeared that none were absent without leave. Concluded with praise, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

Salaries and expenses.

Lectures at next Synod.

Provision for next Synodical Missionary meeting.

Addition to Com. on Bills and Overtures.

Next meeting.

True Copy
J. M. McGregor
Synod Clerk

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in Account with the Treasurer.

RECEIVED.		£	s.	d.
1849.	Aug. 17. By Balance on hand	28	8	7
1850.	Sept. 25. From Rev. Mr. Crox	2	0	0
June 26.	New Glasgow Congregation	2	0	0
	Money returned by Com. to Noel	2	15	0
	St. Mary's Congregation	2	0	0
	Musquodouit	2	0	0
	Nine Mile River	2	0	0
	Upper Londonderry	1	2	3½
	Lower Londonderry	2	0	0
	Stewiacke	4	0	0
	Upper Set. East River	2	0	0
	Economy	2	0	0
	Halifax	4	0	0
	Onslow	2	0	0
	Pictou	6	0	0
	West River	2	1	5
	Windsor and Newport	2	4	0
	Bedeque	1	8	1½
	Salem Church	2	10	0
	Truro	2	10	0
	Shelburne	1	15	0
	James' Church	2	10	0
		£79	14	5

PAID.		£	s.	d.
1849.	Sept. 14. Printing Statistical Tables 550 copies,	2	0	0
	26. Printing of 200 circulars, for Financial Secretaries,	1	10	0
	Extra copies of Synod minutes,	0	2	6
	Pasting statistical tables to minutes,	0	5	0
	Transmitting minutes to Pictou,	0	1	6
1850.	July 4. Paid Rev. John Kerr,	30	0	0
	Paid the Clerk,	5	0	0
	Paid Doorkeeper,	1	0	0
	Paid Bill for Printing	4	10	0
	Rev. James Smith,	30	0	0
	Postage 5s.	0	5	0
	Balance in hand	5	0	5
		£79	14	5

J. W. DAWSON, Treasurer.