

Blenheim; that there had been 13 translations; 10 inductions; 11 ordinations; and 11 students licensed.

We may mention here that on application made, the Synod granted leave to Presbyteries to license five students from Knox College, viz., Messrs. J. Munroe, D. McDonald, G. Crystal, A. Urquhart, and J. A. G. Calder; one from the Presbyterian College, Montreal,—Mr. C. C. Stewart; and also Mr. P. McLaren, whose case was presented as a special one by the Presbytery of London; also Mr. A. Rowat, formerly of Knox College, but who had studied during last winter in Scotland. Leave was also granted to receive four ministers, viz., Rev. W. McConnell, Rev. Jos. Lowry and Mr. Jas. Robertson, from Presbyterian Churches in the United States, and Rev. R. Stevenson, from the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

#### REPRESENTATION OF KIRK SESSIONS.

The Synod had before it an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton with reference to the representation of sessions, setting forth that in 1867 the privilege of representation in the Church Courts where two or more congregations under one minister have separate sessions was accorded to each of such sessions as enjoyed the same before the union; that certain of the sessions referred to avail themselves of this privilege as well in appointing elders to the Church Courts as in making returns to remits, while others do not, and praying that, in order to a fair representation in the Courts of the Church, such steps be taken by the Synod as may be necessary to bring the congregations now enjoying such special privilege as afore-mentioned into conformity with the general law and practice of the Church. Several motions were submitted on the point brought before the Synod, but on a division, the Synod, by a large majority, decided to dismiss the overture and leave the present arrangement to remain unaltered.

#### OATHS OF TESTIMONY.

The Synod had before it an overture from the Presbytery of Montreal with reference to Oaths of Testimony, setting forth that it is necessary in judicial cases set before the courts to examine witnesses on oath; that hitherto the right to do so had been taken for granted, and that it is embodied in the Book of Forms of Process; that doubts had arisen as to the practice being in accordance with the laws of the land, and that eminent counsel had given it as their opinion that the practice is doubtful if not illegal, and praying the Synod to have the question set at rest. The subject was fully discussed, and several motions were proposed, but that which carried by a large majority was to dismiss the overture.

#### DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

On the evening of Wednesday, 9th, the first deputation was received,—that from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, consisting of Rev. K. Maclellan, Rev. D. J. Macdonell and Mr. James Croil. After the reading of an extract from the Minutes of the Synod of that Church, referring to the appearance of Dr. Ormiston before them as the representative of this Church, and also of the commission in favor of the deputies named, the members of the Deputation were introduced to the Synod by Dr. Ormiston, and severally addressed the Synod, conveying in very cordial terms the Christian and brotherly salutations of the Church represented by the deputation. On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, duly seconded, the Synod adopted the following deliverance: