

The Presbytery of Sydney obtained leave to retire and endeavor to secure an amicable settlement in regard to the second protest and appeal.

Mr. D. McDonald called the attention of Synod to the subject of the Insurance of Church. It was agreed to postpone the decision of this question till next meeting of Synod and instruct the Committee to report.

The Presbytery of Sydney having returned, reported that they had come to the following decision, viz.,

"Mr. McLean had agreed to withdraw the charge of slander against Mr. Drummond and Dr. McLeod, and to express regret for having uttered the same; and with this understanding the Presbytery agreed to withdraw the censure of Mr. McLean, and expunge the same from the records of Presbytery;" which thereupon Mr. Drummond declared had been done.

The Synod expressed itself as pleased with this harmonious termination of the case.

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting of Synod be held in Halifax, on the 1st Tuesday of October, 1876, in St. Matthew's Church, at 7½ o'clock.

Took up the reference from St. John Presbytery, with regard to Mr. R. H. Taylor. After discussion, it was moved by Rev. G. M. Grant and seconded by Rev. P. G. McGregor,

"That the examination of Mr. Taylor be considered sufficient to entitle him to admission to the Theological Hall, and that the Presbytery of St. John be accordingly empowered to certify him for admission."

It was moved in amendment by Professor McKnight, and seconded by Dr. McLise,

"That the prayer of the Presbytery of St. John, in the case of Mr. Taylor, be granted, in so far as that the Presbytery be empowered to receive Mr. Taylor as a student Catechist, superintend his studies, employ him in the mission field, and report the whole case to the General Assembly."

On a division the amendment was preferred.

Dr. McCulloch entered his protest against this finding.

The Rev. G. M. Grant, as Convener of the Board of Superintendence, brought before the Synod the cases of Messrs. Stewart and Carruthers, Catechists from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and of Mr. Dawson, Catechist from the Free Church of Scotland, requesting permission for them to study their Divinity Course, coterminously with necessary study in Arts. On motion of Mr. Grant it was agreed to refer the matter to the Board of Superintendence, that it may advise them as to the course of study they are to pursue.

The Rev. J. Fraser Campbell having called attention to the Bursary Fund, it was, on motion of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, agreed,

"That the Synod record their sense of the importance of the object, recommend it to the favourable consideration of the congregations, and request collections."

The Rev. H. B. McKay, on behalf of the Wallace Presbytery, asked for advice in reference to a certain case, when it was agreed to refer the matter back to the Presbytery to be dealt with, according to the laws of the Church.