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seconded by Mr. Mann, That the Act, as reported by the Committee, be adopted. It was then moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Muir, in amendment—

That a Committee be named at every meeting of Synod, for the purpose of licensing Students and receiving Preachers or Ministers coming from other Churches not in connection with this Church, which Committee shall meet quarterly, and exercise all powers, in regard of licensing Students and receiving Preachers and Ministers, which are now exercised by Presbyteries: it being understood that no Preacher or Minister thus licensed or received, shall exercise his gifts within the bounds of any Presbytery till received by such Presbytery as a Preacher or Minister within their bounds, and that all parties have the right of appeal to the Synod from the decision of this Committee.

It was also moved in amendment, by Mr. George, and seconded by Mr. Evans,—That a Committee be appointed by the Synod, to be known as the Examining Committee,—that said Committee shall be empowered to meet with all Students of Theology applying for license, and shall examine said Students; and to examine the certificates of all Ministers and Preachers coming from other Churches, and also examine said Ministers and Preachers as to their Literary and Theological attainments,—and as to their possessing suitable gifts for the work of the Holy Ministry in this Church; and that, on the Committee being satisfied with the qualifications of the Students, and as to the qualifications of the Ministers and Preachers on the points referred to, said Student, Minister, or Preacher shall be recommended to any Presbytery to which he may wish to be recommended:—And that it shall not be advisable for any Presbytery to receive any one of the above persons without such recommendation. But nevertheless, he may, on his own responsibility go forward to the Presbytery.

The votes were then taken on the motions of Dr. Cook and Mr. George, when Mr. George's motion was carried by a majority of votes. The votes were next taken on the original motion and Mr. George's, when the original motion was carried by a large majority, and the Act was accordingly adopted as an Interim Act, and is as follows:—

Whereas the prosperity and efficiency of a Church as an Institution for carrying forward the work of Christ in the world, depends, with the blessing of God, in a great measure, on the high literary and theological attainments and devoted piety of her Ministers:—And whereas it is the duty of those who have rule to take especial care that no one shall be admitted into the sacred office of the Ministry, but after the most faithful and searching examination into their ministerial gifts and qualifications:—And whereas it is desirable and necessary to the carry-