

Sieveright had visited several of the shanties on the tributaries of the Ottawa, and had both conducted religious services and distributed periodicals and tracts of a religious character to the men engaged in them. On motion made by Mr. J. B. Mullan, and seconded by Mr. Mann, the Synod unanimously resolved, That the report be sustained; that thanks be given to the Committee; and that the Presbyteries of Perth, Ottawa, and Renfrew be instructed at their first ordinary meeting, each to elect two or more members to form a joint Committee, to employ a Missionary to attend to the spiritual interests of the Lumbermen in the valley of the Ottawa, or to adopt such other measures as to them may appear expedient and practicable; and for the better carrying out of the end contemplated it is suggested by the Synod that, instead of supplying the field with Catechists or inexperienced Probationers, it would be desirable in the first place to secure the services of an ordained Minister, whose place should meanwhile be supplied by these Presbyteries; and that this subject be brought under the notice of the Committee on correspondence with the Colonial Committee, with power to represent this matter as one of a strictly Missionary character and of great importance.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Professor Mowat, Convener of the Committee appointed to revise Presbytery Records, gave in a report, which was read. Said report is of the following tenor:—

The Committee on Presbytery Records beg leave to report that the Record of the Presbytery of Quebec was not laid before them; that the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengary, Perth, Ottawa, Renfrew, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, and Guelph have been carefully and correctly kept; and that the Records of the Presbyteries of London and Niagara have been carefully and correctly kept *cum his notis*;—in the Record of the Presbytery of London the signature of the Moderator has not been appended to the minutes on pages 215, 216, 219, 221, 222, 224, 225, 226, and 227; in the Record of the Presbytery of Niagara on page 39 it appears that the Rev. Hugh Niven was released from his charge without his congregation being summoned, and on page 41 Mr. Herald reports that he failed to proclaim the church of Saltfleet vacant, but does not explain why he so failed. The Committee further beg leave to suggest that the following instructions be issued by the Synod:—

1. That Presbytery Clerks write on the margin of their Records the date and notes of the principal proceedings of each meeting.

2. That Presbytery Clerks engross the minutes of each meeting as soon as possible after they have been sustained.

3. That the Synod Clerk prepare a memorandum of the principal matters to which Presbyteries are required by the Synod to attend annually; and that a printed copy of this memorandum be furnished to each Presbytery Clerk and affixed by him to the inside of the cover of the Presbytery Record.

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