

Presbyteries for the time being, together with the Ministers of Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal, and Quebec, to be a Committee to take charge of this matter.

The Examining Committee gave in a Report to the Synod, in regard to the case of Dr. Skinner, which was read, and is as follows:—"It is hereby certified that the Rev. Dr. Skinner compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Ministers from other Churches; that the Committee were satisfied with his knowledge and acquirements, and sustained his examination accordingly; that they likewise examined his certificates of character, and of Literary and Theological curriculum, and were satisfied with the same." ALEXANDER SPENCE, *Convener*.

The Synod, having heard this Report, agreed to receive and approve the same,—and instructed the Presbytery of Hamilton to proceed in Dr. Skinner's case, according to the Laws of the Church,—authorizing them, in the event of his receiving a call, to proceed to his settlement at the expiry of the prescribed period of probation, without again reporting to the Synod, or even within that period, should the circumstances of the case appear to them, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to warrant that step;—and in the meantime to employ him as a Missionary in such congregation or congregations as may appear to the Presbytery to be desirable and necessary.

The Examining Committee also reported the following certificate in favour of Mr. Peter Lindsay, A.B.:—"It is hereby certified that Mr. Peter Lindsay, Student in Divinity, compeared before the Examining Committee in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Students, and, having been examined on the several branches of education required by this Church, the Committee were well satisfied with his knowledge and acquirements, and sustained his examination accordingly. ALEXANDER SPENCE, *Convener of Committee*.

The Synod, having heard and approved the same, agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Kingston, to take Mr. Lindsay on trials for license.

The Examining Committee, further, reported the following certificate in favour of Mr. John Hugh McKerras, A.M., and Mr. David Watson, A.B.:—"It is hereby certified that Mr. John H. McKerras and Mr. David Watson, Students in Divinity, compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Students, and having been examined on the several branches of education required by this Church, the Committee were well satisfied with their knowledge and acquirements, and recommended that the respec-

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