3d. CLERICAL EDUCATION.—The scarcity and inadequate supply of Preachers from Scotland—the difficulty of long continuing to draw our ministers from a distant country—the peculiar fitness, for the peculiar duties of the ministry amongst us, which may reasonably be expected in individuals born in the country, acquainted with the habits of the people, and inured to the climate—and farther, the duty we owe to the rising youth of Canada—are all considerations which render it most desirable to have the means of obtaining clerical education within the Province.   You are aware that the usual literary and philosophical education, required by the Church of Scotland of Students of Divinity, may be expected to be given ere long in King's College, Toronto, and in M'Gill College, Montreal.   To a complete course of education for the ministry it seems only further necessary that a Theological Faculty in connection with each of these Universities, if such connection can be obtained, should be appointed by the Synod of Canada;—or if such connection be found impracticable, that professors should be appointed to undertake the instruction of Students in Divinity.   It is desirable that you should make yourself acquainted with the views and sentiments of influential men, in the Church, on the following points, and especially we wish you to consult with the Very Rev. Dr. Duncan Macfarlane, Principal of the University of Glasgow ; Dr. Stevenson Macgill, Professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow; Dr. Thomas Chalmers, Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh: Dr. David Welsh, Professor of Church History in the University of Edinburgh; Dr. Duncan Mearns, Professor of Divinity in the University of Aberdeen; Dr. George Cook, of the University of St. Andrews; The Rev. Dr. Patrick Macfarlane, one of the Ministers of Greenock; and the Rev. Dr. Robert Burns, one of the Ministers of Paisley.

1st. Whether they think it likely that the Assembly would grant to the Canadian Presbyteries the power of giving license to Students of Divinity, on evidence of having received a proper Theological Education : 2d. whether the Assembly would sanction the Canadian Presbyteries in taking certificates of attendance at King's College, Toronto, or M'Gill College, Montreal, as equivalent to certificates of attendance on the Scottish Universities; attendance being required on the same classes: 3d. whether the Assembly would approve of a Theological Education, conducted for the present by two professors, in each Province, one a Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History, another of Hebrew and Biblical criticism: 4th. whether any influence could be used with Government for the endowment of these professorships: 5th. whether the Assembly would allow any modification in the time of attendance on the Theological Professors: 6th. whether in the event of the Canadian Colleges mentioned above, not going speedily into operation, the time of the attendance on Scottish Universities could be shortened to young men sent from this country to be educated for the ministry —say that they should be permitted to attend the Hall, contemporaneously with the literary and philosophical classes!

4th. THE DESTITUTE STATE OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS as respects religious ordinances.—It appears to the Presbytery that not merely in consideration of the destitute state of these Townships, but also for the success of the Missionary cause itself, at least two Missionaries should be sent out to them, who might occasionally meet and confer with each other; that they should have districts assigned them by the Presbytery, to the charge of which they should be ordained; the services of an ordained Minister being found in every case more influential, and that a salary of at least one hundred pounds each, should be secured to them for three years; there being no part of the country in which they are less likely to receive an immediate call from congregations able to support them, though, none from which, in the course of time, a suitable provision might be more reasonably expected.   You will represent the case to the Colonial Society, and ascertain whether they would guarantee salaries