

A commission from the Home Mission appointed the Rev. John Laing to address the Court in reference to the operations of the Committee. Mr. Laing was introduced and addressed the Synod. He explained the various departments of the Synod's work, and gave much interesting information in reference to the mission field, especially showing the great need of an increase of missionaries and ministers, and urged the necessity of increased liberality.

On motion duly made, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Laing.

Rev. Dr. Ormiston addressed the Synod in reference to Knox's College.

On motion made, the Synod expressed their cordial approval of taking immediate action for the endowment of Knox's College.

The next meeting was appointed to take place in Central Church, Hamilton. It may be stated that ninety-six ministers and elders were in attendance.

SYNOD OF LONDON.—This Synod met at London, on the evening of Tuesday, 12th October, and after sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Donald McKenzie, on John XXI. 15-17, and 1 Pet. v. 1, 2, was duly constituted. There were present forty-seven Ministers and twenty Elders.

Mr. McKenzie having declined re-election, the Reverend Thos. McPherson, of Stratford, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year, and Mr. D. Waters, St. Mary's was appointed permanent Clerk.

Mr. McKenzie received the thanks of the Synod for his sermon and services as Moderator.

The Rev. Wm. Gregg, the Deputy of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, was heard in support of the *Home Missions of the Church*. *On motion made*, it was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Gregg for his address.

Leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet during the Session of Synod.

The Synod adjourned at ten o'clock, p.m.

13th October, 11 a.m.

The first hour was spent in devotional exercises, the following members taking part: Messrs. John Ross, John Thompson, A. A. Drummond and Jas. W. Chesnut.

The Synod proceeded to consider the state of religion within the bounds. Messrs. Kemp, McKenzie, Allan, Walker, Thompson, Scott, (L.) and Ross took part in the conference. Special reference was made to the evil effects of Sabbath desecration by railways and steamboats. A committee was appointed to prepare a minute on the state of religion, for the consideration of the Synod.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of Synod at London, in the First Presbyterian Church, on the first Tuesday of May, at half-past seven, p.m.

A committee was appointed to consider the subject of Synod Finance.—Mr. Thompson Convener. At a subsequent stage of the proceedings the Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

(1.) The Committee agree to recommend that the Synod Clerk's Salary be \$50, exclusive of expenses.

(2.) For the purpose of meeting the Synod's expenses, that it be raised by a collection, combined with the collection for the General Assembly, and one-third retained for the Synod.

(3.) And to meet the expenses of the present year, that congregations having a membership of one hundred be asked to contribute \$2, and those under that membership, only \$1, to be taken up forthwith.

(4.) That a Treasurer be appointed.

The Hon. A. Vidal was appointed to act as Treasurer of Synod.

Read and proceeded to consider an overture from the Presbytery of Chatham anent the examination of students.