

26 MINUTES OF SYNOD, KINGSTON, JUNE 6TH., 1864.

to adjourn from time to time, should they see meet, and proceed to license their students without delaying for an ordinary meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

It having been stated that only two members of the Presbytery of London were present at the Synod, Mr. George Bell was appointed to join with them in forming a meeting of Presbytery, to attend to competent business.

FOREIGN MISSION.*

The Committee on documents from the Foreign Mission Committee, reported the following recommendations:—That instead of instituting a Mission of our own to Beyrout, Ceylon, or British Columbia, this Church should circumscribe its energies to existing schemes, namely, the Home Mission, French Mission, and Bursary Scheme, which require a larger support than they have yet received; that the funds now on hand, applicable to a Jewish Mission and a Mission to British Columbia, be transmitted to the Parent Church in aid of their corresponding Schemes, the funds collected by Dr. Aiton to be expended in accordance with his wishes; and that Congregations be earnestly recommended to continue their contributions and prayers in behalf of the above Missions, and thereby show in some measure the gratitude which they feel to the Parent Church for its zeal, liberality, and kindness in times past, and their earnest desire that the bonds of affection between the two Churches may be drawn closer.

It was moved by Mr. Mair, and seconded by Mr. Patterson, That the moneys be in the mean time invested in good securities, to be applied for the respective Schemes for which they were collected, when the Synod shall see fit to enter energetically upon one or another of these Schemes. It was moved in amendment by Mr. K. McLennan, and seconded by Mr. W. C. Clark, That the recommendations of the Report be adopted with this amendment:—that the Synod give the Foreign Mission Committee discretionary power in the transmission of funds to the Mission Committees of the Church of Scotland, and instruct them to solicit information from time to time from these Committees, as to the operations of the Schemes aided; and re-appoint the Committee. The amendment carried, and the Moderator declared accordingly. The Rev. K. McLennan was appointed Convener.

REPORT ON RECORDS.

The Report of Committee appointed to revise Synod and Commission Records was read by Dr. Spence, Convener, bearing that the said Records are carefully and correctly kept. The Report was approved of, and the Moderator was instructed to attest these Records accordingly.

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