

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Examining Committee was read by Mr. Nicol, Convener, bearing that the Committee have carefully examined the Students referred to them on the prescribed subjects of examination, and that they have been highly satisfied with the proficiency of Messrs. William Maclellan, Samuel Macmorine, James Fraser, John R. Thompson, and Donald Strachan. In terms of its recommendations the Synod granted leave to the Presbyteries of Guelph, Perth, Quebec, Kingston, and Toronto to take Messrs. Maclellan, Macmorine, Fraser, Thompson, and Strachan on public probationary trials for License. With reference to Mr. Donald Macaulay, the Synod, as recommended by the Committee, remitted him to the newly-formed Presbytery of Victoria in order that he may labour for a year under their supervision, with a view to his application being taken up by the Synod at next meeting, if deemed desirable.

The Committee further reported that Mr. Yeomans had produced testimonials, including a diploma of the Degree of B.A. from Queen's College, a certificate of attendance during a full course of Theology at Princeton, an Extract of License from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, which were deemed satisfactory; and that after examination they were satisfied with his attainments and views. Agreeably to the tenor of the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod resolved to admit Mr. Yeomans as a Probationer;—it being understood that this case is not to form a precedent.

ADDRESSES TO THE QUEEN* AND GOVERNOR GENERAL.†

Draft Addresses to the Queen and Governor General were read, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted in the usual way.

SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

The Synod heard and adopted the Report of their Committee appointed to revise the Synod and Commission Records, bearing that the same have been very carefully and correctly kept, and instructed their Moderator to attest them accordingly.

FORM OF POLITY.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Form of Church Polity. After full deliberation upon the several matters submitted therein as well as in the Committee's report, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, That the report of the Committee be received; that Mr. George Bell and the other members of the Committee be thanked for their great diligence in the matter intrusted to them, and the Committee be continued; that Book I., thus amended, be sent down to Presbyteries for consideration, and in the meantime have the force of

*Appendix M.

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