

of the Presbyterian Church of England, and of its missionary efforts.

It was then moved by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Dr. Burns, and unanimously agreed to,

That the Synod having heard the address of Alexander Gillespie, Esq., of London, an honoured Elder of the Presbyterian Church in England, return hearty thanks to Mr. Gillespie for his address, and request him to convey to the Synod of the English Presbyterian Church, the fraternal greetings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, assuring them of the deep interest felt by this Synod in their progress and success at home and abroad.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Widow's Fund.

The report was given in and read by Mr. Reid.

It was moved and seconded, and unanimously agreed,

That the report be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee for their diligence; that the Committee be re-appointed; and that instructions to Presbyteries be renewed to keep before the various congregations of the church the duty of increased liberality, with the view of supporting and augmenting the Fund; and that the advice of the Actuary, in regard to the position and prospects of the Fund, be taken in the course of the ensuing year.

On Monday, the Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Toronto, to take on trials for license, Messrs. Alexander McLean, and John Milloy, Students of Divinity. The Synod also granted leave to the Presbytery of London, to induct the Rev. Mr. Bethune, lately from Prince Edward Island, into a pastoral charge, before the expiry of twelve months. The Synod referred a memorial from Rev. D. Clark to the Presbytery of Toronto, within whose bounds he is now labouring.

The Synod took up an overture on the subject of Manses. The overture was approved and Presbyteries instructed to correspond with congregations, with the view of urging on them the propriety of taking prompt action in the matter.

On Tuesday morning, the Synod called for the reports of the Committee on College Buildings, and of the Committee for drafting a deed for the holding of College property. These were given in and read.

It was moved by Dr. Burns and duly seconded,

That the proceedings at the special meeting in November last, regarding the College, be approved generally, and that the Committee be re-appointed with instructions to obtain a trust deed on the principal of the model deed for congregations; approve of the method proposed in the minutes of the date referred to for the election of Trustees; limit the anticipatory disruption clause to the Ministers and Elders of the whole Church at the time, and the Committee is instructed on obtaining such a deed to proceed forthwith to receive donations and subscriptions to the extent of at least £10,000, and to obtain suitable plans, and estimates, the result to be submitted to next Synod, or if the Committee choose, to a meeting to be specially called.

It was moved by Mr. Archibald Young and duly seconded,

That the College building proposed to be erected in connexion with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada shall be vested in Trustees, chosen by the respective congregations, according to the resolutions passed at the *pro re nata* meeting of Synod, only that those shall be held elected who have the greatest number of votes, to be held for the Synod,

holding the principles recognised in the standard of this Church.

It was moved by Mr. McLaren, and duly seconded,

That the Synod having taken into consideration the subject of Deeding the College property, declare in favour of a deed which secures the property to the principles of our church as at present defined in the Standards of this body, the property to be held by Trustees, elected annually by the Synod.

It was agreed that the two last motions should be put to the house against each other, which having been done, a majority supported the motion made by Mr. McLaren.

The first motion viz: that made by Dr. Burns, and that by Mr. McLaren, were then put to the house, when 39 voted for Mr. McLaren's motion, and 20 for Dr. Burns' motion.

Mr. McLaren's motion was then declared to be carried, and in accordance with it, the Synod re-appointed the Committee, instructing them to obtain a Deed in accordance with the motion now passed, and, on obtaining such a deed, to proceed to receive donations and subscription, and to obtain suitable plans and estimates, the result to be submitted to next Synod, or if the Committee choose, to a meeting to be specially called.

At the following diet, it was, on motion made and seconded, unanimously

*Resolved*,—That in the appointment of Trustees for holding the College property, according to the motion passed at last sederunt, the second resolution adopted at the special meeting in November last be retained, to the extent that each congregation shall elect an individual, being a member of the Church, and transmit the name of such person to the Clerk of Synod, on or before the 1st June, and that from the individuals thus chosen by the congregations the Synod shall appoint Trustees.

On an application from the Presbytery of Toronto, the Synod agreed to sanction the employment of Rev. A. C. Geikie, under the direction of the Home Mission Committee, until he shall be formally received as a minister of this Church.

The Synod entered into a discussion on the subject of Union with the United Presbyterian Church. The Report of the Committee on Union, and various petitions from congregations, on the same subject, were read.

The following motions were submitted:—

It was moved by Mr. John Ross, and duly seconded,

That the Synod believing that it is its duty to welcome a friendly conference with brethren holding forth to us the hand of fellowship, and at one with us regarding the grand truths of the Gospel, and the order of the house of God, although differing from us on other points which we deem of importance as belonging to the constitution of this Church, and believing farther that such conference would tend to remove mutual misapprehension, and to promote that harmony of sentiment and affection which might in due time lead to a lasting union, appoint a Committee to confer with any Committee appointed, or that may be appointed by our brethren of the United Presbyterian Church, on the subject of Union.

It was moved by Mr. Laing, and duly seconded,

That the Synod having heard the report of the Committee on Union, with the United Presbyterian Church, and petitions on the same subject, express their deep regret that owing to a misunderstanding of the deliverance of this Synod last year, the Committee of the two bodies were prevented from meeting, and thus understanding more perfectly the posi-