

## SYNOD OF LONDON.

This Synod met in Knox Church, Stratford, on the evening of Tuesday, May 6th, and was opened with a suitable and impressive sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, the retiring Moderator, from Genesis xviii, 17-33. The Rev. W. King, of Buxton, was unanimously called to the chair and addressed the Synod in suitable terms. The thanks of the Synod were given to Dr. Proudfoot, for his efficient services as Moderator and for his sermon. Committees were appointed to examine the various Presbytery Records, and on Elders' commissions. A Committee was also appointed on the State of Religion, to consider the various reports from congregations. On the second day of meeting, the subject of the support of the Ministry was considered, Messrs. Dr. Waters and Mr. Ballantyne being appointed to open the subject. Messrs. Scott and Drummond were appointed to introduce the following subject, viz.: "The means by which our people may be made better acquainted with the working of the Church"; and Messrs. McCuaig and McKinnon, the subject of Family Worship and Catechetical Instruction.

There was also a discussion on "the most efficient method of managing congregational affairs.

The Home Mission work of the Church was next considered, Dr. Proudfoot and Rev. Mr. Warden delivering addresses on the subject, as did also Revs. Messrs. Duncan, Dr. Waters, Drummond, Scott, of London; Macpherson, of Stratford; and others.

At the evening session, the first business was the consideration of an Overture from the Presbytery of Huron regarding the examination of students by Presbyteries. Rev. Mr. McCuaig moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. McLean, that the Overture be adopted and transmitted. It was moved in amendment by Rev. Mr. Drummond, seconded by Rev. Dr. Waters, that the Overture be simply transmitted. The amendment was carried.

The Synod then entered into a conference on Sabbath-school work. The Rev. Thos. Macpherson, by appointment of Synod, introduced the subject, and dealt in an effective manner with a variety of useful and important topics, and was followed by several members. The following resolution was adopted by the Synod:—

"1st. The Synod desires to recognize the great importance of Sabbath-school work, and would especially urge upon the office-bearers and members of the Church the necessity of using all right means in order that the Sabbath-school may be made not only attractive to the young, but a true nursery of the Church, so that the children of the Church may pass from the Sabbath-school into the active membership of the Church."

"2nd. The Synod would most respectfully Overture the General Assembly to take steps in order that a Sabbath-school paper may be founded in connection with the Church.

It was resolved that the next meeting of Synod be held at London, on the first Tuesday of May, at half-past seven, p.m.

The report of the Committee on the State of Religion was received and adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Nesbit, of Saskatchewan, being present, was requested to address the Synod. This he did at some length, giving a variety of interesting information regarding the state of the country and the progress of Christianizing the Indians. From the statements made by Mr. Nesbit, it appeared that cheering progress had been made, and that many of the Indians were favorably disposed towards Christianity who had not made any public profession of their faith. They only receive those into the membership of the Church who appeared to be truly Christian. Up to the time when he left, twelve pure Indians and fifteen half-breeds were on the communion roll, and the number in the school was twenty-five. Mr. Nesbit made a strong appeal for more laborers in the mission field.

The Synod re-assembled at 9 o'clock on Thursday, and after devotional exercises, an animated discussion took place regarding evangelistic services, in which