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FREE CHURCH COLLEGE, HALIFAX.

[The following notice of the Free Church College, Halifax, should have appeared sooner.—Ed.]

The Session 1854-5 of this institution closed on Friday evening, 13th inst. It was a very laborious session to the Professors, and a very profitable one to the students. Five of the students have finished their college course and will shortly be licensed. Of these Mr. N. McKay goes to P. E. Island, Mr. K. Kenzie to the County of Pictou, and Mr. A. Mackintosh to Cape Breton. The places where Messrs. A. McKay and J. Fowler are to labour have not as yet been indicated. Others of the students who have not finished their theological studies are to proceed during the vacation to various localities in Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton, and in the county of Halifax, to labour as Catechists.

We remarked that this Session was a very laborious one to the Professors. The truth of this remark will be perceived when we state that Rev. Professor King taught daily (Saturday excepted) three theological classes, one class in Church History, and in the earlier part of the session a class in Hermeneutics, and a class in Hebrew. Latterly he was relieved from teaching Hebrew by Rev. Mr. McKnight. A full hour was generally appropriated to each class. Rev. Professor Lyall, beside his daily lectures on Moral and Mental Philosophy, taught classes in Logic, Greek and Latin.

The proceedings of the Sessions were brought to a close by a general meeting of the Students, at which, after an hour had been spent in devotional exercises, appropriate and very impressive addresses were delivered by the two Professors and Mr. McKnight the Hebrew Teacher. Altogether we think that the Free Church has much reason to thank God and take courage, because of the men that are placed over it as Professors, and of the success with which their labours have already been crowned. 15 students have already finished both their Philosophical and Theological curriculum there, and nearly all of them are at present labouring within the bounds of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

SYNOD OF THE U. P. CHURCH IN CANADA.

In our last number we gave the divergence of the Synod of the U. P. Church, on the subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. We copy from the *U. P. Magazine* the following synopsis of the Synod's proceedings, omitting what we gave last month.

The Synod met in Toronto on Tuesday, 5th June. The Rev. James Dick, last Moderator, preached an appropriate and excellent sermon from 2 Cor. iv. 1, 2. On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Duff, seconded by the Rev. Dr. John Taylor, the Rev. R. Torrance was unanimously elected Moderator; and the Rev. Archibald Cross, and Rev. Joseph Scott were appointed to conduct devotional exercises next morning; the Synod at the same time agreeing that, in these exercises, there should be special reference to the state of the country, and of a large portion of the civilised world as engaged in war, and that the gracious interposition of Divine Providence, at so momentous a juncture, should be earnestly implored. The Synod on proceeding to business, entered on a question which had been raised,—whether, when one minister has a plurality of congregations, the Session of each should be allowed to send an Elder to the Superior Courts? The decision was in the affirmative.

The Committee on Theological Education gave in the Report. The Synod agreed that the session of the Divinity Hall should hereafter be held during winter; that an Address, prepared by the Committee relative to the raising of a Fund for aiding Students be printed and circulated; that as many of the congregations as conveniently may, be visited by a Deputation, with the view of interesting them in the Fund; and that the Committee be authorized to receive and disburse the money that may be raised. The Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Kennedy and Ormiston were added to the Committee. The Rev. Mr. Jennings moved the following resolutions:

1. That the most grateful thanks of this Church be, and hereby are given to the parent Church, the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, for great and long continued pecuniary liberality for the support and extension of our denominational interests in this Province.

2. That it is the duty of every Church to be most conscientious in calling out all its own energies to be self-supporting, and until these fail it ought not to seek or accept of aid from any other quarter.

3. That this Church, having reached much strength, and the material interests of the country being so prosperous, we are, therefore, well assured this Church can be entirely self-supporting; and, in duty, ought no longer to accept any aid from the mission fund in Scotland.

4. That henceforth we shall, with the blessing of our Divine Head, depend, for our entire pecuniary support, on resources solely within the bounds of this church.

The Synod adopted the first three, but instead of the fourth adopted the following, which was moved by Rev. Dr. Fernier:—"That this Synod shall henceforth consider and hereby declare themselves self-sustaining, so far as congregations now settled are concerned, it being understood that such congregations as need the stipends of their ministers supplemented, shall receive what is necessary from our own funds, and that whatever is received from the Church at home shall, in future, be applied solely to the extension of their mission-field in this country, it being understood that this shall not interfere with existing arrangements between the Synod at home and ministers or preachers in this country." The evening of Thursday, agreeable to a standing rule of Synod, was devoted to the business of Missions. The Committee read their report, which will be printed with the Minutes. The Rev. Thomas Christie, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer; and able and eloquent addresses were delivered by the Revs. Dr. W. Taylor and W. Ormiston. An overture was presented by the Presbytery of London, proposing that the Synod should make an effort to obtain an increase of stipends, and should declare the minimum to be £100 cy. It was admitted on all hands, that £150 at present is not equal to £100, when that was declared to be the minimum. The overture was referred to a committee, which recommended that the Presbyteries should endeavour, by all proper means, to obtain the object contemplated, but that such congregations as raise £100 should have no claim on the Synod's fund, the Synod continuing to supplement only up to the latter sum. A Committee was appointed to propose some scheme for providing, by annuities, or otherwise, for the widows and families of ministers. An overture was presented from the Presbytery of Toronto, requesting the Synod to use its influence to obtain a Prohibitory Liquor Law. The Synod unanimously adopted the overture, and recommended that all legitimate means be used for the object proposed. On an overture from the Presbytery of London respecting the reception of ministers and preachers not sent by the Mission Board, the Synod agreed that they shall be received either by the Synod, or by any of the Presbyteries after obtaining the consent of all the other Presbyteries. The Synod also took into consideration the propriety of allowing Probationers due opportunities for observing the Lord's Supper, and directed Presbyteries to make arrangements accordingly. The Treasurer, Robert Christie, Esq., gave in a report respecting the Funds, which were in a prosperous condition, except the Synod Fund, which is considerably in arrear. With reference to union with the Free Church, the Rev. Mr. Jennings moved, and the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor seconded the following resolution:—"That, inasmuch as it is alleged there is a discrepancy between the statements of the first Committee of this Synod on Union with the Free Church, in their Report dated Hamilton, 9th May, 1848, marked section 1, page 53, and the declaration in the Testimony, and objection taken to the same, and inasmuch also