

Minister to preach in Williamsburgh to declare the congregation vacant by the death of the Rev. John Dickey, to direct him to point out to the congregation the consequences of their neglecting to contribute more liberally to the Widows' Fund, in the smallness of the sum allocated to the late Minister's widow from the part of the fund composed of congregational collections.

The Synod then took up the consideration of the several matters connected with the French Mission; and had read the Report of the Financial Committee, giving a statement of the Building Fund, and showing the present state of the Mission Fund, together with the payments made to Mr. Lapelletrie, who had been obliged from impaired health, to leave this Province, and return to his native country, to try if a milder climate would not in some measure, restore his weakened powers. The Synod next took up the Report of the Commission appointed at the last Session to adjudicate on the whole matters in dispute between Mr. Lapelletrie and the Committee who had charge of the French Mission, which being again read, the Synod approved and sustained the judgments delivered by the Commission, the substance of which follows, namely:—

1. In regard of the funds collected in Great Britain, and other parts of Europe, as well as the United States and various parts of the British Provinces, chiefly by Mr. Lapelletrie, as the agent of the French Mission Committee, "that although there is evidence that, in collecting these sums, the general claims of the Mission were urged, as well as the specific object of building a Church in Montreal; yet, inasmuch as that object appears to have been particularly set forth in the credentials given to Mr. Lapelletrie, it is expedient that the sum be exclusively devoted to the building of a Church in Montreal."

2. In regard to the claims of Mr. Lapelletrie for certain arrears of salary, the Commissioners, after a long and minute examination, were of opinion that arrears to a certain extent were due, in which all parties concurring, the Commissioners direct that this sum be paid.

3. In regard to the Deed of the French Mission Church and property in Dorchester Street, Montreal, now held by one single trustee, "that it is expedient to have the deed of the Dorchester Street property now prepared according to the instructions of the Synod in 1845," namely,— "That the French Church property in Montreal be held in trust, on behalf of the Synod, by the Ministers of the several congregations in Montreal, in connection with this Synod, together with an Elder of the French Church to be chosen by the Presbytery of Montreal, and their successors in office; and that in the event of any of the churches in Montreal being without a Minister, the vacancy so caused in the trust be temporarily filled up by an Elder from that church, to be appointed for that purpose by the Presbytery of Montreal."

4. In regard to the character of Mr. Lapelletrie's pamphlet, that "the conduct of Mr. Lapelletrie is declared to be worthy of censure, and it is