

Would that our Sabbath School Teachers could have the benefit of similar training! It will no doubt rest chiefly with ministers to train the men and women who shall impart religious instruction to the young of our families.

Sister Churches in the United States, in Canada and in the Mother country are devoting special attention to Sabbath Schools. One whole Sederunt of the Canada Assembly is henceforth to be devoted to the consideration of Sabbath School work. The American Church is prepared to give the work still greater prominence. The same necessity presses upon us. Our Schools need to be increased in number and improved in quality, and to be more closely identified with the Church's regular work. A closer supervision over the Books and papers circulating in our Schools is desirable. We need also a higher ideal of the office and qualifications of the Sabbath School Teacher.

Synod Sermons.

The Committee on Synod sermons reported unfavourably to the continuance of the practice of publishing such sermons. The report was approved to this extent.

Insurance of Churches.

Rev. George Patterson called attention to the expense connected with the Insurance of many of our churches against fire, and the great loss caused by churches being in some instances burnt without being insured. He proposed a cheap and safe scheme for the insuring of all the churches connected with the Synod, somewhat in the way the Church buildings of the Free Church of Scotland are insured. It would be comparatively inexpensive, advantageous and safe. As the scheme was not matured, the Synod appointed the following Committee to mature a scheme to be submitted to next Synod; Rev. George Patterson, C. Primrose, Esq., Pictou, and J. W. Carmichael, Esq., New Glasgow.

Publication Committee.

Mr. Robson submitted the Report of the Publication Committee. The *Record* has now a circulation of 4000 copies, being 400 in advance of last year, and of any previous year. The Committee had published 1600 copies of the Synod Minutes last year, and an extra half-number in August in order to lay Reports &c., at once before the church. The Financial state of the *Record* is satis-

factory. The Committee spoke commendingly of the practice followed by the Presbytery of St. John, of asking at Presbyterial Visitations, how many copies of the *Record* are taken in the congregations.

Maitland and Noel.

The Presbytery of Truro was authorized to take the necessary steps to release Rev. John Currie from his charge in view of his acceptance of the Professorship to which he has been elected; and also, should the step appear desirable, to disjoin Maitland and Noel from the Truro Presbytery to become connected with that of Halifax.

Rev. Dr. Clarke.

Rev. Dr. A. Clarke of Amherst, appeared before the Synod as a delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. He conveyed fraternal greetings to the Synod in a very suitable and impressive address. Suitable replies were made, and the following resolution adopted:

"The Synod having heard with satisfaction the sound and important statements of Dr. Clarke respecting the unity of the Church, and the duty of Christian love and co-operation between the followers of Jesus and the Churches of Christ, would heartily reciprocate the sentiments and the feelings of Christian brotherhood expressed by the Delegate, and trust that next year we may be able by a Deputation to return fraternal greetings to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America."

Next Meeting of Synod.

Proceeded to determine the place of next meeting of Synod, when New Glasgow, Halifax and Truro were successively moved and seconded, and when voted on, Halifax was chosen, and the Synod decided to meet in Poplar Grove church on the last Tuesday of June, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Rev. J. Home.

Rev. N. McKay read the Report of the Presbytery of St. John on J. Home's application to be received as a minister of this Church. The Report was received, and the following Resolution adopted:

"That the Synod continue Mr. Home under the supervision of the Presbytery of St. John, and leave the further consider-