

pastoral duties in the most exemplary manner, but also exerted himself successfully in behalf of Schemes to which the Church attaches the highest importance. The Synod regard with the utmost satisfaction the untiring efforts of Dr. Skinner in promoting the spiritual welfare of his flock, and commend for imitation the spirit of love, harmony, and liberality, displayed by his people. Though no longer enjoying his kind, methodical, and genial pastoral superintendence, his valuable and wise counsel in times of trial, affliction, and bereavement, the Synod trust that, gratefully cherishing his memory, the congregations of Nelson and Waterdown will be followers of him, wherein he was a follower of Christ, and be made to experience that all things work together for good to them that love God. The Clerk is instructed to transmit an extract of this Minute to Mrs. Skinner.

Before retiring from the office of Moderator, Mr. Campbell nominated the Rev. Archibald Walker of Belleville, to be his successor, a nomination which was unanimously accepted, and which proved to be a most excellent one; for we are sure we but express the one feeling of the Synod when we say that Mr. Walker discharged his duties with great dignity and urbanity.

The thanks of the Synod having been conveyed to Mr. Campbell for the efficiency with which he had acted as Moderator, and for the discourse he had preached at the opening of the Court, some time was spent in hearing the Report of a Committee on the business to be brought forward during the session, and in appointing Committees.

A despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies was read, intimating that the Synod's Address of last year to the Queen, "had been submitted to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and was much gratified by the expressions which it contained of loyalty and attachment to Her Throne and Person." An acknowledgment of a similar document presented to the Governor General expressed, in very kindly terms, His Excellency's interest in the work and progress of the Church.

The right of Robert Dennistoun, Esq., to represent the Session of Peterboro' having been brought up by a Dissent and Complaint of the Rev. J. S. Douglas against the Presbytery of Toronto, was decided in his favour on the ground that there was no competent reason for the complaint.

Mr. Snodgrass reported that the late Principal Leitch and himself had obtained commissions to represent the Synod at the meetings last summer of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and while stating the manner in which these commissions had been acted upon, gave some details of the state and progress of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

Passing over some items of routine business, we may notice the report of Judge Malloch, Judge Logie, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Advocate, on the question whether a Professor in Queen's College can legally act as a Trustee

of the Institution. These gentlemen having carefully considered the point submitted to their consideration, gave their opinion unanimously in the negative. The report was ordered to be kept *in retentis*, and the following day Professor Williamson, whose position it affected, gracefully bowed to the opinion reluctantly given against him by intimating his resignation of the office of Trustee.

The election of Trustees of Queen's College in room of the retiring ones, Rev. J. McMorrine, Dr. Mathieson, and Dr. Cook, was the next business in order. The result of several nominations was the re-election of the two former and the appointment of the Moderator in room of Dr. Cook, who declined re-election.

SECOND DIET.—June 2. After the appointment by the Moderator of ministers to preach on Sabbath, the Synod received applications to take Students of Divinity on trials for license—from the Presbytery of Kingston in favour of James McCaul, B.A., James C. Smith, M.A., William Hamilton, and John Gordon, B.A.; Toronto in favour of Hugh Lamont; Guelph in favour of Alexander Hunter, B.A.; and Perth in favour of Thomas Hart, B.A. These students were instructed to appear before the Examining Committee, and at a subsequent Diet the Committee reported in very complimentary terms of the manner in which they had stood their examination both written and oral. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee, Presbyteries obtained permission to proceed to license these gentlemen to preach the gospel.

The Rev. Duncan Anderson of Point Levi, and the Rev. Thomas G. Smith of Melbourne, were elected Governors of Morrin College, with instructions to report to next Synod as to the performance of their duties.

The report and financial statements of the Temporalities Board, which were laid upon the table at the former Diet occupied some time of the Court, their great importance entitling them to much consideration. The managers reported that no change had been made in the investments; that they had passed a by-law in accordance with the recommendation of Synod to the effect that any minister receiving £50 from the Fund must obtain from his congregation or otherwise a subscription to the Fund of \$50. Should the congregations of privileged ministers—which congregations may reasonably be hoped to be in the best condition to subscribe—give as is expected, before the next term of payment, the managers hope to meet all demands. At the date of the report, 26th May, the deficiency was \$1200. The receipts for the year amounted to \$40693.46—the payments to ministers and expenses of management to \$40906.87. The contributions to the Home Mission Fund amounted to only \$936.80, which surely indicates something like a break-down of the machinery employed by the Board a few years ago to obtain and collect subscriptions. The contributions to the Contingent Scheme amounted to \$8467.32, a considerable portion of which, we rather think, came from the pockets of the ministers themselves, and not from their people. A resolution passed unanimously conveying the cordial thanks of the Synod to