

report be printed. It was agreed also, "That the Synod place on its Minutes a grateful acknowledgement of its obligations to Ministers and Members of the U. P. Church in Canada for the contributions received from that quarter." The Synod then examined the report of the contributions by Congregations to the different schemes of the Church, and finding some deficiencies, the Moderator inquired the causes, when the Ministers and Elders present explained, and, in general, satisfactorily. The subject of Temperance was then taken up. A motion that Sessions should use diligence in urging their members to refrain from intoxicating liquors and to abandon traffic therein, was made. It was also moved,—“That the Synod reaffirm the resolution of 1853, That as the ordinary traffic in intoxicating drinks is one involving the most destructive consequences, the Synod are of opinion in these days of light, those who follow it pursue a course inconsistent with the solemn engagements and important ends of a Christian profession, and that Sessions be directed to use diligence in bringing the Church to a higher state of purity in this respect, and whereas doubts have been expressed as to the extent to which Sessions under this resolution are authorized to exercise their power, it is declared that the Synod recognize it to be the right and duty of Sessions to exclude from Church fellowship those who after faithful dealing persist in the practice.” This amendment was carried by 22 to 14, and by request the names were taken down. A dissent also was entered. From the Treasurer's report it appeared that there was £400 in the Foreign Mission Fund; £40 in the Home Mission Fund, and £90 in the Seminary Fund. After the transaction of a good deal of business of less public importance, the Synod adjourned, to meet at Pictou on the 3rd Wednesday of June, 1860.

THEOLOGICAL DEGREE.

The College of New Jersey (Princeton.) at their Commencement in the end of June, conferred the Honorary Degree of D.D. on the Rev. R. H. Thornton, U. P. minister, Whitby, C. W. The pre-eminence of Princeton among the Presbyterian Colleges of the States is well known. Their Degrees are, in general, judiciously bestowed, and in this case, public opinion fully sanctions their procedure. Long may our excellent friend continue worthily to wear his well acquired honours.

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery held its usual quarterly meeting in London on Tuesday, the 5th of July. Nothing of any special interest came up for consideration. Resignations from all the Elders in Detroit Congregation were laid upon the table, and accepted by the Presbytery. Rev. Wm. Walker, of Chatham, was appointed to preside in the election of six elders at Detroit on as early a day as possible, and to take all the other necessary steps to the ordination of such as might be elected and led to accept office.

Rev. Walter Scott was appointed for twelve weeks to the Congregation of

Grant County, Wisconsin, beginning with the second Sabbath of August.

Several Reports of Preachers were read, and, with one or two exceptions, passed.

Mr. Irving, student, was transferred to the Presbytery of Toronto. And Mr. Malcolm, student of the first year, forwarded a letter of transfer to the Presbytery from that of Toronto.

Mr. Fraser, Cathechist, handed in his half-yearly Report, which was read and passed, and Mr. Fraser was instructed to make exploratory journeys into some of the newly settled townships to the West.

It was reported by Mr. Skinner that, according to appointment, he had preached at Fish Creek and Nissouri on the 29th of June, but had found afterwards that the Congregations were not in the mean time prepared to call.

A considerable time was spent in friendly conference with the Presbytery of the Free Church, and, to allow similar intercourse to be held at next quarterly meeting, it was agreed to change the time from the first Tuesday of October, to the last Tuesday of September.—*Com.*

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In the beginning of June, the U. P. Congregation here presented to their