

Providence, appoint, prospectively, exercises of thanksgiving to the bountiful giver of all good for the fruits of the field; empower the Moderator, when it shall appear seasonable, to call on the congregations of this church to engage in such exercises, or to aid by correspondence with others concerned, in securing a general recognition by the community of the good hand of God.

RECEPTION OF REV. C. CHINIQUEY.—One of the most important and interesting subjects before the Synod was the report of the committee appointed to consider the application made last year by Mr. Chiniquy and his people at St. Ann's, Illinois, for admission to this church. The report of the committee was given by Mr. Kemp, Convener, and supplementary statements were made by Messrs. J. Scott, of London, and W. Caven, of St. Mary's, the other members of the committee. The subject was discussed at great length. There were five motions brought forward. No motion expressed any feeling adverse ultimately to the reception of Mr. Chiniquy, but several of them were in favour of delay. Ultimately, on the motion of the Rev. J. Mitchell, the deliverance of the committee was adopted. It was in the following terms:—The Synod finding from the report of their committee, that in the year 1861 the Synod of Chicago, O. S., had vindicated Mr. Chiniquy from accusations then brought against him, and that nothing had emerged in subsequent proceedings that might not be accounted for by the feelings of parties in the case, and nothing on account of which they should withhold their fraternal recognition of Mr. Chiniquy, agree, that, considering the interests of religion involved, they receive Mr. Chiniquy as a minister, he disclaiming that in any of his proceedings he designed any disrespect to the Presbytery of Chicago, place him and his congregation as a mission station of the church under the spiritual care of the Presbytery of London; appoint also a committee to advise Mr. Chiniquy in all matters which may be of general interest to the cause of religion among the people associated with him in Illinois; and that this committee be instructed respectfully to inform the Presbytery of Chicago of their decision, and explain to them that the general interests of religion seemed to warrant this step on the part of the Synod.

Mr. Topp entered his dissent from this finding, in which he was joined by Messrs. Donk, A. Wilson, D. Inglis, Baird, Laing, and Cochrane.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION AT SANDWICH.—The Presbytery of London presented a report on the mission to French Canadians at Sandwich. The Rev. W. Bennett was heard on the subject. The synod received the report, and remitted the matter to the Presbytery of London, renewing the instructions of last year to take such steps in the meantime as they may see fit, in conjunction with the Home Mission Committee, for providing Christian instruction for the French Canadian people in that district.

RIGHT OF PARTIES TO VOTE AT ELECTION OF MINISTERS, &c.—The Presbytery of Cobourg brought before the Synod, by an overture, the propriety of issuing a declaration as to who were entitled to vote at the election of a minister and officers, and at congregational meetings. The matter was referred to a committee, who reported a deliverance, which is to be sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions in terms of the Barrier Act.

SECTION 7TH OF ACT OF UNION WITH REFERENCE TO CONGREGATIONAL PROPERTY.—Various memorials and overtures on the subject of the 7th clause of the Act of Union were referred to a committee. A report was subsequently presented which was received and ordered to be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions, that they may report on the subject to next Synod.

REFERENCE OF PRESBYTERY OF HURON ANENT REV. C. FLETCHER.—The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Huron anent application of Rev. C. Fletcher, to be placed on the same footing as other ministers without charge, and to be admitted to the rights of the Widows' Fund, and the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. Mr. Ure was heard in support of the reference. The Synod, after reasoning, agreed after a vote, that, in consideration of the services of the Rev. C. Fletcher, and of the cause by which he was laid aside from pastoral work, the Presbytery of Huron have leave to place his name in their role, it being understood that his status as a minister should be the same as that accorded on special grounds to certain ordained missionaries of their church.

It was also agreed that the question as to Mr. Fletcher's connexion with the Widows' Fund and the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, should be referred to