

Dundas Street; and Mr. Bell reported that he had done the same in the congregation of Monro. And some time previously Mr. Rintoul, and Mr. Ferguson reported having administered it to the congregation in Nassagaweya.

The Presbytery agreed to recommend the Local Committees, for collecting funds for the University at Kingston, in the several congregations, to use all possible diligence to get their subscription lists filled up.

Some conversation occurred in the Presbytery in regard to the following statement made in a pamphlet by the Rev. Dr. Lang of New South Wales, at present in the United States, endeavoring to collect funds for a seminary in New South Wales, viz:—"As I had no hope, however, of exciting any interest in my native land for so important an object, I confess I did not make the attempt; for while there is an idea prevalent among the Scottish clergy, as I have experienced again and again, 'that a young man who is notoriously destitute of the qualifications held requisite for the ministerial office in the mother country, may nevertheless be fit enough for the colonies;' it is an equally prevalent idea, 'that the colonies constitute a good field for such young men as have been educated for the holy ministry in the mother country; but cannot obtain appointments at home, and that that field ought by no means to be narrowed.'"

This conversation resulted in some of the brethren being recommended to prepare and publish, in the United States, such a statement of facts as the case seems to warrant. The Presbytery felt themselves impelled to this, in justice to the church at home, as such a statement is calculated to mislead, where the real disposition of the Church of Scotland in regard to encouraging ministerial education in the colonies, is not known. That such ideas, as those mentioned by Dr. Lang, are not prevalent in Scotland, is very evident from the simple fact, that when the proposal was made by the Synod of Canada to establish a University at Kingston, partly for the education of young men for the ministry, in consequence of the inadequate supply of preachers from home, it met with the most hearty encouragement in Scotland; and the General Assembly's Colonial Committee have offered, that as soon as one Professorship is endowed in this country, they will endow another. They have besides, offered all the countenance and encouragement that could possibly be expected. And, over and above all this, a number of splendid subscriptions towards

the endowment of the University have been already received from individuals in the mother country. The support which has been given to the Seminary at Calcutta, in connection with the Church of Scotland, proves the same thing.

In the course of this conversation, several members of Presbytery made honorable mention, from personal acquaintance, of the high learning, piety, talents, and devotedness of many of the ministers of the other colonies.

The Presbytery have agreed to found a Presbyterian Library to be kept in Toronto—and to commence it with such books of reference as may be useful at meetings of Presbytery. A yearly subscription is to be paid towards its support by the members of Presbytery—but it is feared that this will be altogether inadequate to make it what it ought to be. The Synod Library, which will probably be henceforth connected with the University at Kingston, for the benefit of the students, has, so far as it has yet gone, been entirely the fruit of christian liberality. It was originally commenced by a very handsome donation of books from the Rev. Dr. Burns of Paisley,—and the few appeals which have been made on its behalf to the christian public, have not been altogether unanswered by contributions in books and money, both from individuals and congregations. And while the Synod Library, connected with the University, ought undoubtedly to be the prime object of this kind, to which christian liberality should be directed, yet it is hoped that an appeal, on behalf of the Toronto Presbytery Library will not be in vain. However well-furnished individual ministers' libraries may be, and generally they are as well furnished as their incomes will allow, every person at all acquainted with literature knows that there are many works which it might be highly desirable for ministers to have occasional access to, which every minister has not the means to purchase for himself; and, moreover, many works of this kind are so scarce, that every minister cannot obtain them for himself, though he had the means of purchasing. Considering then the inestimable benefits that a public Theological Library would confer, not merely on the individual ministers, but through them, on the wide spread population, among whom these ministers are laboring,—that there will be no such library nearer than Kingston—and that Toronto is a grand central point of resort for a most extensive surrounding country—it is most earnestly hoped that the friends of religion and