

ing and consideration of which occupied the Synod a considerable length of time. The Minutes finally agreed to, in regard to them respectively, which are somewhat lengthy, will be given in full in a future number. In the meantime, it may be briefly stated in regard to the French Mission, that the Synod recorded their thanks to the members of the Committees,—directed some parts of the Reports to be printed,—re-appointed the Committees,—and passed some very decided Resolutions, as to the duty of carrying on the enterprise, and the duty of increased diligence and liberality on the part of Ministers and Congregations, (and especially those in arrears,) in regard to raising funds for the support of the Mission.—And in regard to the Report on the Widows' and Orphans Fund, the Synod recorded their thanks to the Managers,—ordered the Report to be printed,—adopted a minute containing an appeal to Sessions and Congregations,—and gave directions to Presbyteries in regard to giving vacant congregations an opportunity of contributing, and dealing with Ministers who neglect the injunctions of the Synod in this matter.

On Friday, after the opening of the Court, and the usual devotional exercises, the Synod was for a length of time occupied in considering the Act of last year anent the Examination and Reception of Students of Divinity, and Ministers and Probationers coming from other Churches not in connection with this Church; and in discussing several amendments which had been proposed. The Act, embodying those amendments which had been agreed to, was then adopted as an Interim Act for one year, and ordered to be transmitted to Presbyteries that their opinions may be sent up to next meeting of Synod. A large Examining Committee was then appointed, consisting of several members from each Presbytery, the Moderator of Synod Convener; and it was agreed that the Committee should meet on the following day, for the examination of such candidates as might appear.

The Presbytery of Bathurst then brought forward the application of Mr. Solomon Mylne, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Belfast, to be received into this Church,—also his presbyterial certificate of licence, and certificates in his favour from several Ministers in Ireland,—together with the Presbytery's favourable deliverance on the same—all which having been considered, the Synod agreed to remit Mr. Mylne to the Examining Committee.

The Bathurst Presbytery also brought forward a similar application for admission, on the part of the Rev. Alexander Luke, lately of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. His certificates and papers were read, and he was heard at length. The Synod deferred coming to a decision until further information was obtained in

regard to his separation from the Body with which he had been connected;—and the commission of Synod, to be appointed, was fully empowered to decide finally in his case.

Mr. Joseph Lowry, Student of Divinity, from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, also appeared, on the ground of the application made on his behalf last year;—and was, by the Synod, remitted to the Examining Committee.

On an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, the Synod gave instructions to the Clerk in regard to the early printing and distribution of the Minutes.

On Saturday, the first business was the consideration of an application from the congregation of Brock, Reach, and Mariposa to the General Assembly's Colonial Committee for aid towards completing their new Church—together with the necessary papers from the Presbytery of Toronto. The Synod agreed to sanction the same, to the extent of a grant of £20.

The Synod was next occupied with an application from the Rev. Alexander Lewis, of Mono, in regard to his Clergy Reserve allowance. From the representations made to the Synod, in the course of the discussion, it appeared that, in consequence of some former proceedings in regard to the state of his congregation and his discharge of pastoral duty, he had been in the receipt of only a missionary allowance, being somewhat less than that usually allotted to settled Pastors,—and that on an application to the Clergy Reserves Commissioners for the full allowance, he had been, by them, referred to the Synod. The result of the discussion was, that the Presbytery of Toronto, together with three members of the Hamilton Presbytery, as assessors with them, viz. Rev. W. King, Rev. A. Bell, and Rev. J. M. Smith, were enjoined to hold a visitation meeting in Mono, and enquire into the whole state of the congregation there, and report to the Commission of Synod;—and it was agreed that the case of Mr. Lewis lie over until the Report of the Presbytery be received, and the Commission of Synod shall have decided thereon.

The Synod adjourned at an early hour to allow of a full meeting of the Examining Committee.

On Sabbath, according to the appointments made on a former day, the Rev. Alexander Spence, of Bytown, preached in St. Andrew's Church in the forenoon, the Rev. John Malcolm Smith, of Galt, in the afternoon, and the Rev. Thomas Haig, of Brockville, in the evening. The Rev. John M'Laurin, of Martintown, and the Rev. Peter Ferguson, of Esquesing, also preached, in Gaelic and English, at two different places on Wolfe Island.

On Monday, the Synod had under their consideration the Act, of last year,

anent the Course of Study to be pursued by Students for the Holy Ministry,—as also an amendment to the same proposed by the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, to the effect that a departure from the established Curriculum of Queen's College, by shortening the length of the Sessions and increasing their number, as contemplated by the Synod's Act of last year, should take place only in the case of such Students, as were specially recommended thereto by their respective Presbyteries. The Synod, without adopting the proposed amendment in the meantime, agreed again to adopt the Act of last year as an Interim Act for one year, and ordered it to be transmitted to Presbyteries, that they may send up their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod next had before them an Overture anent devising and recommending some uniform mode of raising funds for various purposes, especially the stipends of Ministers, in all our congregations. The Synod remitted this matter to Presbyteries for their consideration, with instructions to report fully to next meeting of Synod on several points specified in the Minute, which also sets forth the duty, in regard to this matter, of all who are connected with the Church and deriving privileges therefrom.

The Synod appointed Dr. Mathieson and Dr. Cook, to correspond with the Brethren of the Synod of New Brunswick in regard to a closer connection and correspondence between the two Churches,—if practicable, to attend the next meeting of the Synod of New Brunswick, as a Deputation from this Church,—and to invite some of the said Brethren to attend the next meeting of this Synod.

A considerable portion of this day was also occupied with a meeting of the Examining Committee, who at length reported, that, on all the subjects appointed for examination by the Synod, they were satisfied with the appearances made by Mr. Mylne;—when the Synod instructed the Presbytery of Bathurst to proceed in his case, in regard to his admission as a licentiate, according to the laws of this Church.

On Tuesday, "An Overture anent the encouragement given to Popery by the Legislature," was introduced, and, after some consideration, withdrawn.

A copy of the Bill introduced into Parliament at last Session, anent a Corporation for holding Church Property, was laid before the Synod. After some discussion, the Synod agreed to instruct the Commission of Synod, in conjunction with the Managers of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, to get a Bill for a similar purpose introduced into Parliament at its next Session,—and in the meantime Ministers are to make themselves acquainted with the views of their Congregations in regard to the said Bill,—and Presbyteries