

## THE PRESBYTERIAN.

of Synod, and to confirm the appointment of Mr. Haig to Beauharnois."

The following Examining Committee for the year was appointed, viz: the Moderator and Clerk, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. King, Mr. Mowat, Mr. McNee, Mr. Bain, Mr. McMorine, Mr. Spence, Dr. Maclachlan, Professor Williamson, Mr. George, Mr. Barclay, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Mr. McGill, and Mr. Mair.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Alexander Simpson, and Hew Ramsay, Esquires, were re-elected Members of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' Fund.

Applications were brought before the Synod in regard to the cases of Mr. William Ferguson and Mr. William Brown; but the Synod declined taking any action in either case.

On Friday on an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal a Committee was appointed to draft a set of Resolutions, expressive of the views of the Synod in regard to matters connected with the Clergy Reserves, and to report on Monday.

The Synod gave somewhat lengthened and earnest consideration to several matters in regard to young men studying for the Ministry. Presbyteries and Ministers are recommended to look out for suitable youths, to superintend and assist them in their earlier studies, to watch over them generally; and on their removing to College to commend them to the pastoral superintendence of the Minister there. Students of Divinity are to appear before their Presbyteries at least once during the Summer Recess to be examined, and on their return to College to produce a certificate that they have done so. It was also agreed that, hereafter, young men, on being licensed to preach, and before being settled in a pastoral charge, shall be employed for one year as assistants to such experienced Ministers as may be agreed on, for the purpose of being trained to the practical part of the Pastoral work.

Further steps were agreed to be taken to procure a supply of preachers from Scotland; and it was resolved to request the co-operation and assistance of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners in this matter.

The Synod, also, the same day passed a Resolution as to the desirableness of appointing a Synodical Visitor or Visitors, to visit all the congregations, and report to the Synod. But on a subsequent day the Synod deferred the appointment, owing to the difficulty felt in getting any Minister to leave his congregation so long without another to supply his place.

On Saturday the Synod authorized Professor Smith, at present in Britain, to proceed to London, and watch over and take all necessary steps to guard the in-

terests of this Church as they may be affected by any new legislation in regard to the Clergy Reserves.

Applications from Eldon, Three Rivers, and Stratford, for aid from the Colonial Committee in building or finishing Churches, were brought forward. The first and second were approved of, and the last was deferred till the necessary evidence is laid before the Presbytery that the property is securely deeded to the Church of Scotland.

Memorials from Amherstburgh and Williamsburgh in regard to their destitute condition were presented. The Synod directed the Presbyteries, to which they belong, to take the necessary steps to assist in procuring them Ministers.

Several other matters were partly considered, to be taken up again the following week.

On Monday the statement of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners was read, and the Synod declared their satisfaction therewith.

The Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' Fund was then considered and approved of. A fuller account of the deliverance may be given hereafter.

The Synod had next before them all matters connected with the French Mission in Lower Canada. The Mission is still to be carried on, and efforts are to be made to procure a further supply of Missionaries.

On Tuesday the Synod had under their consideration the draft of Resolutions, setting forth the views of this Church in regard to the Clergy Reserves, which were finally adopted as follows: [See Resolutions and Declaration at page 127.]

The Examining Committee reported favourably in regard to Mr. Kenneth McLennan and Mr. John Campbell, Students of Divinity, whom they had examined; and the Synod authorized their respective Presbyteries to take them on trials for license.

The scheme, proposed last year, for the better carrying out of the Government of this Church, was again recommended to the consideration of Presbyteries.

Presbytery Records were reported on and ordered to be attested.

On Wednesday Addresses to the Queen and the Governor General were adopted and signed by the Moderator.

There was presented a Report of the Collections made during last year for Queen's College, and the Synod recommended increased diligence in this matter on the part of Ministers and congregations.

The Form of Procedure in the Calling and Settling of Ministers was referred to the Presbytery of Montreal.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Ministers and Members of the Church in Montreal for the hospitality extended to the Members of Synod.

The Commission of Synod was appointed to meet in Kingston on the First Wednesday in October; at Montreal on the day before the Presbytery, in February; and at Toronto on the day after the Presbytery, in May.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in the Church at Williamsburgh on the First Wednesday in July, 1852, at Twelve o'clock, noon.

The Synod was then closed with an Address from the Moderator, prayer, praise, and the blessing.

## THE MODERATOR'S CLOSING ADDRESS

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—The time has come when we must separate, and return again to our several fields of labour. Ere we part, I beg leave to thank you for the courtesy and forbearance which you have shown towards me while discharging so imperfectly the duties to which you have called me. Allow me, also, to congratulate you on the kindly and Christian spirit which has characterized your discussions, the unanimity which has marked your decisions, and the evidence you have given of earnestness and zeal, and determination, not only to extend, if possible, our sphere of action as a Church, and increase the number of our Ministers, but at the same time to maintain their independence and secure their being men of holy lives, not bringing discredit on their office, but being examples to their flocks.

Fathers and Brethren,—Our Synodical Meetings, while necessary for transacting the public business of the Church, are likewise good and pleasant inasmuch as they bring us acquainted with each other and with the circumstances of each other's flocks, forming and strengthening between us the ties of kindly brotherhood. They are profitable too, inasmuch as what has been advanced by different members, in expressing their opinions on the various subjects under consideration, will furnish matter for after thought, resolve, and action.

You are about to return to your separate and insulated fields of labour. See to it, that you there remember each other, and participate in each other's sympathy and prayers. Be careful there to carry out the principles which we have here maintained—there to cultivate and exemplify that holiness of character which we have declared to be becoming in a Minister of the Gospel—and there to seek the doctrine and holy discipline to which the purity of the Church's membership which is so needful if she would be a golden candlestick," "the light of the world," "the glory of all nations."

For, however necessary, pleasant and profitable, our Synodical and Presbytery meetings may be, we must never forget that it is in the midst of our own congregations that our main field of labour lies.