

## NEW PRESBYTERY.

The Synod took up a petition from members of the Presbytery of London, transmitted unanimously by said Presbytery, asking the Synod to transmit the same to the ensuing General Assembly. The petition asked for the erection of a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Sarnia, to be composed of certain congregations lying within certain bounds of the Presbytery of London.

On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed to transmit the petition to the Assembly.

## APPLICATION FOR THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

A petition from the London Presbytery, asking that the General Assembly place as an annuitant on the widows' and orphans' fund the widow of the late Rev. Robert Scott, formerly of Camlachie, and more recently of New York, was read, and, on motion duly seconded, the Synod agreed to transmit it to the General Assembly.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Convener of the Committee on Temperance, Mr. James Sieveright, M.A., read the report for the year. On motion of Dr. Ben, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, the following resolution was agreed to:—"That the Synod receive and adopt the report, and, regarding intemperance as one of the chief hindrances to the advancement of Christ's cause, recommend their members prayerfully to consider the question of personal abstinence from intoxicating drinks; express their sympathy with the provisions generally of the Permissive Bill now before Parliament as pointing in the right direction, and urge upon all under their jurisdiction to endeavour, both by moral and religious means, to suppress the evils of intemperance."

## MEMORIAL OF REV. JOHN GAULD.

A memorial from the Rev. John Gauld regarding certain