

Rev. T. Sedgwick moved, "That the report of the committee be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions, with instructions to consider the same and to report to next meeting of Synod, when the subject shall come up for final disposal"

Mr. Sedgwick's amendment was preferred successively to the first amendment, and to the original motion, and was adopted accordingly.

In order to the carrying out of this decision it was agreed, that the committee be re-appointed with additions, to gather information respecting the expense and mode of conducting such institutions in other parts of this Province, and in other lands, to send down the results of their enquiries to Presbyteries and Sessions, to enable them to report intelligently on the whole subject; said report to be furnished to Presbyteries not later than Jan. 1st, 1868. The additions made to the committee were as follows, Rev. Drs. McLeod and Bayne, Rev. Messrs. Duff Bennet, Law, J. Cameron, and Frame, Messrs. K. Henderson and David Blackwood.

Report on Synodical expenses.

Rev. J. Campbell submitted the report of the committee on Synodical Expenses. The report showed that the receipts since the meeting of Synod to date, amounted to \$561.43, that the committee had paid the full charge of travelling expenses, as submitted to them, amounting to \$391.45, shewing a balance of \$169.98, being sufficient to pay the Clerk's fee, and the printing expenditure, expense of attendance, and leaving probably about \$30 to lessen by that amount the debt of \$144.31 which stands against the fund at this date. The report further stated that the charges made were moderate, and that no Minister of Pictou Presbytery had made any demand on the fund, and that Elders generally from Pictou Presbytery, and some from a distance, had made no charge

Motion by Mr. Blair.

The report was received and adopted, when it was moved by Rev. D. B. Blair, "That every congregation in connection with this Synod make a collection for the Synod fund, and pay the full amount into the Treasurer, and the expenses will be paid from the fund."

Current Literature.

The Synod, by vote, determined to pass to the order of the evening the reception of the report of the committee appointed to consider the current literature of the church. The report was read by Rev. Wm. Murray, and contained the following four recommendations:—

"1. That that part of the Overture which refers to Sabbath School Libraries be referred to the committee on Sabbath Schools, with instructions to prepare a list of suitable books for Sabbath School Libraries, and secure a depot of Sabbath Literature if practicable.

"2. That the question as to whether it be practicable to enlarge and improve the Record, be referred to the Record Committee.

"3. In regard to the proposal of the Overture to establish a religious newspaper as the organ of the Synod, the committee doubt the propriety of the Synod's attempting to establish a religious newspaper as contemplated by the Overture.

"4. That the committee feel that the present state of our religious literature is unsatisfactory, but they feel the whole subject is one beset with great difficulty, as the committee are limited in their time, and unable to give the subject sufficient attention, they recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the matter, and to report to the next meeting of Synod."

The first recommendation was adopted, and in connection with the second, the Synod, according to a decision already come to, took up the suggestion of the publication committee, to appoint an Editor in place of Rev. G. Patterson resigned. It was moved that the Agent of the Schemes of the Church be the responsible editor. As the report of the