

titled to a representation in the corporation of the University ; its curriculum of study, which embraces the sacred languages, is well adapted to supply such a course of instruction as this Church requires for its ministers, and renders unnecessary any other chairs than those for theological education ; while many scholarships are held by gentlemen in Montreal, who would willingly bestow them on theological students.

‘ It is therefore respectfully overtured to the Synod that a Theological College be forthwith instituted at Montreal, under the authority and care of this Synod, to consist of two professors, one of whom shall be appointed at once, and the other at such a time as may be found necessary.’

It was supported by Rev. Dr. Taylor, and Rev. D. H. McVicar of Montreal and other members of the Presbytery. After a full discussion two motions were proposed with reference to the disposal of the Overture from Montreal. The first was to the following effect, viz. That the Synod sanction the formation of a Theological College, as craved by the Presbytery of Montreal, and that for this purpose that Presbytery be authorized to obtain a charter similar (*mutatis mutandis*) to that of Knox College, and report to next Synod. The second motion was : That the Synod express approval of the object contemplated, at the same time holding in view the important interests involved, and desiring to obtain full expression of the mind of the Church thereon, remit the Overture to Presbyteries for consideration instructing them to report to next Synod.

The former of these motions was carried by a majority.

HOME MISSION REGULATIONS.

The important subject of Home Mission Regulations engaged a large share of the attention of the Synod. Several diets were occupied with the discussion of the subject in a Committee of the whole, the chief point being whether there should be a Central Fund and a General Committee, or whether each Presbytery should have the management of its own Home Mission work. The subject having been fully discussed, three motions were proposed.

1. It was moved by Rev. D. H. McVicar, seconded by the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, (1.) That a Committee be appointed to receive grants of money from Foreign Bodies, and from Presbyteries that may have a surplus, and distribute the same, together with Probationers, according to the requirements of Presbyteries. (2.) That Presbyteries be authorized to carry on the Home Mission work by themselves, or in conjunction with neighbouring Presbyteries, and to report annually to the above committee, which report shall be transmitted to Synod.

2. It was moved by Rev. J. M. King, seconded by the Rev. A. D. McDonald, that as it seems impossible to mature during the present meeting of Synod, a plan for the efficient working of the mission field of the Church, that will be satisfactory to all parties, the Synod constitute the Conveners of Home Missions in the various Presbyteries, together with Messrs. W. Clark, T. Mair, D. McLellan, Hon. J. McMurrich, Dr. Holden, and Mr. Warden King, its Committee on Home Missions for the ensuing year, to carry on its missionary operations in the Church in whatever manner shall prove to be most effective, and be at the same time consistent with the full control which the constitution of the Church gives to Presbyteries over the congregations and stations within their bounds, and that this committee shall draw up such a plan for the working of the mission field as the experience of the year may suggest, to be submitted for the approval of the Synod at its next meeting, and that the present regulations be re-enacted for another year, with the exception of the regulation referring to the remuneration of preachers.

3. It was moved by Mr. W. McKenzie, seconded by Hon. J. McMurrich, That the Synod re-affirm the principle of a central fund, re-enact the *ad interim* regulations, re-appoint the special committee on Home Missions, remitting to them the scheme which they have presented to the Synod, in order to modify