Minutes of the Synod of the

Brant Presbytery Read and received a memorial from the Presbytery of Brant, Memorial on Pain reference to the Books and Papers of a Congregation which pers of defunct Congregations. h is ceased to exist, inquiring to whom those books and papers should be delivered, and who should have authority to demand them.

Books &c., to be given to Presby.

The modera'or replied on behall of the Synod, that such books and papers should go into the hands of the Presbytery, and that the Presbytery Clerk is the person who has the right to demand and receive such books.

With reference to a request, in the same memorial, for the em-Murray, Rev. G. employment of. ployment of the Rev. Mr. Murray, in missionary service, it was

> Resolved, - That the Synod authorise the Distribution Committee, at their discretion, to employ Mr. Murray as a preacher.

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Read and received an Overture from the Presbytery of London, respondence with setting forth the desirableness of commencing a correspondence, either by letter or by deputation, with the United Presbyteman Church of North America, United States. It was resolved that Messrs. Skinner and W. Inglis be a Committee to prepare and address a letter to the United Presbyterian Church of North America, in terms of the Overture. Mr. Inglis, Convener.

Circular on religious instruction Chief Supt. of Echools.

Received a Circular from Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada, in relation to religious instruction in the Public Common Schools, and requesting a deliverance of Synod on the subject. It was agreed to refer the circular to the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Ormiston and Dick, and the Rev. Dr. Jennings, who shall report their action in the matter, at next meeting of Synod.

TemperanceP, rohibition.

There were presented to the Synod, several papers on the subject of Intemperance, and the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, namely :- a Memorial from the Grand Division Sons of Temperance :- a Memorial from the Grand Lodge of the Order of Good Templars :- a Memorial, accompanied with a list of Convictions before Justices of Peace, in the County of Perth, from John J. E. Linton, Esq., Clerk of the Peace for the said County :- all praying the Synod to adopt measures to abate the Intemperanee prevaiting throughout the country, and to obtain the enactment of a law prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

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