

On Friday morning the Synod took up an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the subject of the employment of Ministers from other churches before they shall have been formally received into this church. The Synod, on a division, appointed a committee to consider the subject of the employment of Ministers duly certified by other churches prior to the period when the laws of the Church permit their formal reception. The Committee at a subsequent diet, reported the following regulations which were sanctioned by the Synod:—

1. That in all cases, when applicants for admission do not come to us, in the way of "orderly translation, or express designation as ministers or missionaries," as pointed out in the amended Act for the admission of ministers, of the Synod of 1847, but with private Certificates only, no connexion with this Church shall be recognised but with the express sanction of the Synod.

2. That in the case of Ministers provided with testimonials regularly granted by the ecclesiastical body with which they are connected, applying for employment in connexion with this Church, previous to a meeting of Synod, these testimonials shall be tabled at an ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

3. That these testimonials must lie on the table till the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, occurring at an interval of not less than two months from the period of their presentation.

4. That unless the Presbytery at this second meeting be unanimous, no such applicant shall be employed in connection with this Church, previous to his case being brought before the Synod; but, that, in the event of unanimity, it shall be competent for the Presbytery to avail themselves of his services.

The Synod also sanctioned the change of the designation of the Presbytery of Perth into the Presbytery of Ottawa. At a subsequent diet, the Presbytery of Brockville and that of Ottawa were united under the name of the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa.

In the afternoon of Friday, the Synod took up an overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, on the subject of the examination of students. The Synod agreed to send down for the consideration of Presbyteries, the whole subject of examination of students, instructing them to report their views to next Synod.

On Friday evening, the Synod took up the Home Mission Report, which was given in by Mr. Reid.

The report having been read, it was, after lengthened deliberation, unanimously resolved, that the report be gratefully received; that the Home Mission Committee be re-appointed, and that while they renew their efforts in giving effect to the laudable scheme already in operation for obtaining Ministers and Missionaries from the mother country, this court would specially urge upon the Ministers and Elders within its bounds, to increase their efforts in seeking out young men who may give themselves to the work of the Ministry, and, further that each Presbytery be enjoined to recommend its settled Ministers to share a portion of their labour with the vacant congregations and Mission Stations within its bounds; and that each Presbytery be advised to hold Missionary Meetings annually in all the congregations within its bounds, in order to stir up and increase the spirit of Missions amongst the people.

The Synod further resolved that Dr. Bayne, Messrs. Gordon and Ure, who have either gone to Britain or are about to do so, be requested, while at home, to

bring the claims of the Canadian Mission field before the Churches, with a view to the securing of additional labourers.

Dr. Burns gave some interesting information in regard to the Red River Mission, and its progress under the charge of the Rev. John Black.

Thereafter Mr. King submitted a report of the Buxton Mission. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to receive the Report, and to direct that it be printed and circulated in the *Record*.

When the Synod assembled on Saturday morning, Rev. Dr. Fraser, laid on the table a donation from Alexander Gillespie, Esquire, of London, of one hundred pounds in aid of the Home Missions of the Church. The Synod unanimously agreed to tender to Mr. Gillespie their cordial thanks for his munificent gift.

The Synod then took up the College Report.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the Report of the College Committee be received and approved. And the Synod express the satisfaction and thankfulness with which they have learned the harmony and prosperity of the Institution during the year.

That the Synod accept and adopt the curriculum of study submitted in the Report, but expressing their strong opinion of the desirableness of bringing the Hebrew classes at as early a date as possible under the direct care of the College, call the serious attention of the College Committee to this subject, and empower the Committee, if they shall see fit, to make arrangements for having the Hebrew taught by any of the Professors or of the Ministers of the Church.

That the Synod appoint the Professors with S. Spreull, Esq., and G. Brown, Esq., M. P. P., to be a Committee to confer with the authorities of the University College, with a view to have the classes of that Institution made more available than at present to the students of this Church.

The Synod farther appointed the Committee for the superintendence of the College during the year.

The Synod then took up two appeals from a sentence of the Presbytery of Toronto, in regard to the election to the office of the Eldership of Mr. G. A. Pyper, and Mr. J. M. Campbell. The Synod at a subsequent diet, divided on the two following motions:—

1st. That the Synod having heard the papers read, and the pleadings at the bar, in this case, sustain the finding of the Presbytery, dismiss the appeal, and recommend the Ministers and members of Knox's Congregation to cultivate a spirit of mutual forbearance and love.

2nd. That the Synod waive the merits of the appeal, find nothing proven against Messrs. Pyper and Campbell, to disqualify them for the office of Eldership, but in consequence of the painful state of things which, from the evidence elicited in this case, appears to exist in Knox's Church, Toronto, appoint commissioners to visit that congregation, confer with parties with a view to bring about a state of greater harmony, and tender to them such counsel as in the circumstances may seem fit.

The roll was called and votes marked, when 40 voted for the first motion and 12 for the second. The first motion was declared to be carried. Parties were recalled and the finding of Synod intimated.

At the afternoon diet of Saturday, Mr. Gillespie addressed the Synod; communicating many interesting facts with reference to the progress of the state