

their assistance in the mean time, and for this year to give the sum of £400 sterling, which will fall to be allocated on the same principles as formerly". The Synod, on hearing this communication, instructed the College Board to pay the Professors, if necessary this year, the sum of £100 sterling out of the interest of the Professorial Fund. The Synod further resolved in connexion with this matter to open up a correspondence with the Colonial committee, and appointed a committee to consider in what shape this should be done, and to report.

SESSION VII.—The Synod, after due deliberation, again remitted to the College Board the whole matter relating to the Incorporation of the property of the church, and instructed the Board, after taking full legal advice to have one or more forms of deeds of Incorporation prepared, in order to be submitted to the Synod, at its next ordinary meeting.

Professors King and Lyall gave to the Synod an account of the management of their respective classes during the last session of College. It was moved and seconded that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Professors for their unwearied diligence in the discharge of the duties of their office, as well as for their zeal in supplying vacant stations with ordinances, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax.

Professor King brought under the notice of the Synod the propriety of having some definite rules for the whole internal arrangement of the College, the attainments requisite for students on their admission thereto, as well as at subsequent stages of their studies, the course of study to be pursued during the summer vacations, for the guidance of Presbyteries thereanent, &c. The Synod appointed the two Professors to draw out a code of regulations for the above named purpose, and to submit the same to the Synod at its meeting in 1854.

SESSION VIII.—Professor King, Convener of the committee on Missionary Record, gave in the report and tendered his resignation. The Synod sustained the report, returned thanks to Professors King and Lyall for their kindness in conducting the Record, and expressed regret that Professor King had resigned the Convener'ship. The Synod farther resolved to continue, if possible, the periodical, and appointed the following committee to take whatever steps they may deem necessary for this purpose, viz: the Moderator and Clerk, Rev. Mr. Stewart,

Professor Lyall, Messrs. McKinlay, Lidjell, and McIntosh; the Moderator, Convener. The committee on correspondence with the Colonial committee gave in their report, and the Moderator was instructed in terms thereof to write to the Convener of the Colonial committee of the Free Church of Scotland. The Rev. A. Sutherland read the report of the Sabbath Observance committee, which was sustained. This report we shall give in the next number of the *Record*. The Overture anent Intemperance was then taken up, and Mr. Sutherland being heard in support of it, it was agreed that the following committee be appointed to consider the whole subject, and to report at next ordinary meeting of Synod, viz. the members of Synod resident in Prince Edward's Island, the Moderator, and the Rev. Hugh McLeod; Mr. Sutherland, Convener. The Synod farther directed that the ministers of Synod preach on the subject during the year. The Overture anent Union with the various branches of the Free Church in British North America was referred to the committee on Incorporation with the Free Presbytery of New Brunswick. The Synod, on the reports of committees appointed to revise the Presbytery Records, ordered the same to be attested. The Synod, on a review of the whole subject of the Sustentation of the ministry, and taking into account the facts brought out at the conference, instructed the Presbyteries to use all diligence in the prosecution of this matter, and to visit anew those congregations where the greatest deficiency prevails in the support of ordinances.

After some other routine business, the Synod adjourned to meet at New Glasgow on the last Thursday of June, 1854.

#### PROFESSORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

In laying before our readers the transactions of the Synod, in connexion with this important matter, we shall first of all give the report of the College and Academy Board, and then the report of the committee appointed to consider the whole subject of the Professorial Fund, and afterwards make a few remarks.

#### REPORT OF COLLEGE AND ACADEMY BOARD.

"On referring to the different statements placed before the Synod at their several meetings since the establishing the Free Church College scheme, the friends of the College and Church generally will