

On motion of Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Baird, it was agreed,—That the Synod having read the petition of certain students of Theology, find that the objects prayed for in said petition have been attained by previous decisions of Synod; therefore resolve that the petition be dismissed.

Petition dismissed.

Took up a petition from James Milligan, student of Divinity, stating that he intended to attend a Session of the Divinity Hall in Scotland, and praying that in the event of his bringing a certificate to the effect of his having attended there as a fourth year's student, the Presbytery of Toronto be authorised to take him on trials for license, and if he should give satisfaction, to grant him a license.

Mr. Milligan's petition.

On motion, it was resolved,—That in view of all the consequences involved, it is deemed inexpedient to grant the prayer of this petition.

Not granted.

Read and received, an overture from the Presbytery of London, proposing that henceforth one-third of the members of all Standing Committees retire each year, and not to be re-eligible for at least one year thereafter, and that the only exceptions shall be in the case of such as may be permanent officials, and whose presence in committee, connected with their offices, may be desirable, if not absolutely necessary; and further, that the Synod do, in appointing said Committee this year, in the first place determine how many members each shall consist of, and thereafter choose, without regard to whether they may have been on the Committee before or not, *first*,—The third part whose term of office shall expire in *three years*; *secondly*—The third who are to serve *two years*; *thirdly*,—The third part who are to serve *one year*.

Standing committees, overture on.

Moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Aitken, and agreed to, —That having considered this overture, the Synod resolve, that the present rules respecting the appointment of Standing Committees be repealed; that the principle contained in the overture respecting the retirement of members of Committees be adopted; and that in addition to the part of the overture re-

Standing committees, resolution on. Existing law repealed—new model adopted.