

members of the Synod to remain during the meetings of the Convention, and a considerable number were able to avail themselves of the invitation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The following Report of the Board of Education was received and approved :

The Board have to report to Synod that since last year, Capital to the extent of four thousand and fifty dollars has been repaid to the Board by parties to whom it had been loaned and of this sum only \$1,600 have been reinvested, leaving \$2,450 of the General Ministerial Education Fund at bank interest or four per cent

The Advisory Committee by whose advice the Treasurer is guided during intervals between the meetings of the Board, have refused all applications where there was the slightest risk, and prefer that the Principal thus returned should remain a short time at bank interest rather than be loaned to parties who might give trouble in reference either to the payment of interest annually or of Principal ultimately.

Of the Professorial Fund on hand in cash, \$800 have been reinvested, leaving only the small cash balance on hand of \$16.83.

So far as investment is concerned the Crerar Fund remains the same as last year. All interest has been paid up and the cash on hand is in Deposit Receipt.

The accounts have been carefully audited and the securities examined, and the following is the state of the Fund :

Professorial Fund.....	\$25,141.83.
General Education Fund (Report of last year).....	\$31,958.40.
Add Bal. College debt.....	1,700. 33,658.40.

Crerar Mission Fund (Report of last year).....	9,723.31.
Less credited by Treasurer in running account.....	1,023.81. 8,700.00.

As the result of the accumulated deficiencies of several years \$1,763.74 were, at the commencement of the financial year of 1869, taken from our Capital fund, and now we notice that a farther debt of \$871.70 has accumulated in two years. The Board would ask the Synod to look at this matter, and to consider in time whether this disintegration of funds which should be held as a sacred trust, is consistent with wisdom and justice, and if not, to devise some course of action which will prevent its farther progress.

Rev. J. L. Murdoch then moved, after notice given "That in all the appointments and arrangements to be made, the Synod will not draw upon its capitalized fund to meet its obligations."

Dr. McCulloch moved in amendment "that this Synod viewing with alarm the yearly drafts upon the funds invested for Educational purposes, resolve that a Committee be appointed to visit the churches, to increase the Endowment funds for such purposes; and further that ministers be enjoined to bring the subject before their Congregations, with a view to sustaining the Professors from the current collections of the Church."

Mr. Murdoch withdrew his resolution in favour of Dr. McCulloch's, which was adopted. It was then agreed that the prosecution of the invested fund be referred to the Board of Superintendence who are authorized to call upon ministers in the different Presbyteries for aid.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read by Mr. Robert Murray, and adopted :

Report on Sabbath Schools.

There are in connection with our church at least 325 Sabbath Schools; and in these there are 13,000 scholars and 1640 teachers. There are libraries in connection with about two-thirds of these Schools. The number of vols. in libraries is about 27,000.

The scheme of lessons issued by the Committee has met an increasing demand, during the past winter, nearly 4000 copies having been sold. Short notes on the lessons have been given from month to month in the *Record*.

The Committee feel the growing importance of Sabbath Schools as a means of affording religious instruction to the young. The legislatures of our several Provinces are making commendable and successful efforts to secure the general diffusion of a secular education. But it must remain for the church (and in a great measure through the agency of Sabbath Schools) to secure the religious training of the young, fitting them for good citizens useful members of the church, active christians, who shall be the salt of society, and preparing them for the rewards of Heaven. Even as supplementary to faithful teaching and training in the Home Circle there is room for the Sabbath School; how much more is there need for its work to supply the sadly prevalent and increasing lack of Home Teaching and the influences of the Christian family!

Our Sabbath Schools are doing a good work, but our great need is a larger supply of good teachers. Normal Schools are required to train teachers for our day-schools.