

of the Committee of Bills and Overtures was read, received and adopted, the Moderator, Professor Smith, and the Rev. George Clarke were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises, at the opening Sederunt of Synod next day. On Wednesday the Synod met at 9 o'clock A. M. and after devotional exercises, the report of the Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Forms of procedure in our Church, was submitted by Rev. P. G. McGregor, Convener. The report was printed, and consisted of a recommendation of the Rules of the U. A. Church printed in 1853, with certain additions and alterations prepared for the consideration of Synod. The report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved. It was agreed that the proposed alterations should be sent down to Presbyteries and sessions, and that the Clerks of Presbyteries be directed to report all the proposed alterations by the first of March, and to forward the same to the Committee, who shall review the whole, and prepare it for Synod at its next meeting.—The Report on Colportage was next submitted by the Rev. J. I. Baxter, Convener. This report was interesting, and gave rise to a somewhat animated discussion. From the report it appeared, that several Colporteurs are occupied in disposing of Religious publications in different parts of the Province; that 7279 volumes had been imported during the past year, amounting in value to £665 Os. 7½d. making in all during the last two years 15,487 volumes amounting to £1411 16s. 8½d. The stock in hand amounts to 2200 volumes which just covers the debt due. The following motion was then submitted by the Rev. G. Patterson, "Re-appoint the Committee, encourage them to prosecute their labors now especially in such efforts for the evangelization of the more destitute churches of the Province as may be consistent with the position of the agent employed, and authorize the Committee to receive free contributions, as may be offered, so as to relieve as much as possible, the Philadelphia Board of Publication, of expense incurred in the measure." It was moved in amendment, by the Rev. Wm. McCulloch, that the Report be received and the Committee encouraged to prosecute the work." A second amendment was moved by Rev. J. Watson as follows:—Re-appoint the Committee, approve of their proceedings hitherto, and authorize them

to receive free contributions in behalf of the Philadelphia Board of Publication." The question being taken, the first amendment was adopted by the Synod. The topic on which the discussion principally termed were, the management of the colportage; the mode of transacting business with the Presbyterian Board of Publication in Philadelphia; the localities in which the Colporteur should cheerfully labor; the duties which they should perform; and the manner in which they should perform them.

The Synod met at three o'clock in the afternoon, after having adjourned for two hours, when the Committee of Correspondence with Evangelical Churches, submitted their report. The Committee stated that their letter to Jamaica and to the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, had not yet been answered, and assigned satisfactory reasons for delay in the latter case. The Committee stated that owing to a mistake respecting the time of the meeting of the Canadian Synod, that they had not despatched a letter, as they intended to that Synod. They had written, however, for information respecting the Canadian Missionary Society to the French population in reference to their plan of operation, their success, and prospects, and enquiring whether a missionary could be obtained by this church to labor among the Canadian French, who are in all respects similar in language and manners. To these enquiries they had as yet received no reply. The diligence of the Committee was approved. they were re-appointed and directed to correspond, during the present year, with the Parent Church, and with the United Presbyterian Church in Australia.

Rev. Wm. McCulloch, Secretary, read the report of the Board on Home Missions. The suggestions contained in the report, were taken up in order by the Synod. The first was that the Synod should sympathize with the Congregation of Harvey, who had been most unjustly deprived of their property. The Synod adopted this suggestion, recommended the Congregations under the charge, to give them such assistance in building as they may be able, and the Clerk was directed to communicate this resolution to that Congregation. The second suggestion was, that Probationers should remit all monies received from Mission Stations to the Treasurer, and apply for payment to the Board. This