

the Lord Advocate had explained himself as favourable to the object they had in view.

The subject of Theological Education engaged a large share of attention. There were several overtures brought forward and discussed at great length. Many were favourable to an extension of the session, which has hitherto been only two months. This change would leave involved the separation of the Professors from Pastoral charges. It has been agreed in the meantime that no change shall take place. A proposal too to have a General Assembly consisting of representatives of the several Presbyteries has not found favour.

A Committee was presented by the Committee on Christian Union. The report stated that the Committee were not prepared to suggest any immediate steps towards union with any of the sister churches; but they recommended certain resolutions referring (1) to the evils of division among those who are agreed in matters of faith and worship; (2) to the progress made of late years in liberality of sentiment and friendly feeling, a change which should call forth deep thankfulness to God; (3) to the importance, as a means of promoting Christian Union, of exercising mutual forbearance in points on which there may be differences. The Report further recommended that the Synod re-appoint the Committee with instructions to report from time to time. The Report was received and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee. It was not deemed necessary, however, to re-appoint the Committee.

Several foreign deputies were present and addressed the Synod, viz. Dr. Revel of Florence, Dr. Monod of Paris, and M. Anet of Belgium. The Synod was addressed by Dr. Ormiston and Messrs. Laing and McLaren, Ministers of our own church. We are glad to say that our brethren were most warmly received, and that the most friendly feelings were expressed towards our Canada Presbyterian Church.

With reference to the Bicentenary of the Ejection of the Nonconforming Ministers in 1662, the Synod recommended that their congregations in England should unite with their brethren there in the commemoration, and that Ministers in Scotland should direct the attention of their people to the subject on the 24th of August.

We should have stated that that Rev. Dr. John Taylor formerly of Toronto, was warmly welcomed and received as a Minister without charge.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England was held in London, in Regent Square Church, beginning on the 12th May. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Islington, was unanimously chosen Moderator. On taking the chair he delivered an able and impressive address, referring to the loss which the church had sustained in the death of one of their members, Mr. Duncan of Newcastle, and especially by the death of Principal Cunningham; and also to the measures which were being adopted with a view to union, and dwelling particularly and at considerable length on the ejection of the non-conforming ministers in 1662.

At the very out-set of the proceedings it seemed as if the harmony of the Synod would be disturbed by the introduction of the organ question. It came up in this way. A petition had been laid before the Committee on Bills and Overtures from members of the congregation in Exeter, praying to be allowed to use an organ. The Committee on Bills, &c., had refused to transmit the petition on the ground that it had not come up through the inferior courts. After some discussion the action of the Committee was sustained by a vote of 74 to 45.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Dr. Hamilton, and was of a very encouraging and gratifying nature. The accounts of the China Missions were particularly gratifying. Connected with the Mission there are now five