

The report concluded with several recommendations as to the best means of sustaining all the interests of the institution. After reasoning, it was, on motion of Rev. J. Laing, seconded by Hon. J. McMurrich, resolved, That the report of the College be received, its recommendations adopted, and that it be printed as an appendix to the minutes, and with the view of meeting the great deficiency in the income of the ordinary College fund, that the Synod instruct the Board to prepare and remit to Presbyteries a statement of the amount which they may be expected to contribute within their respective bounds—in the preparation of such statement having regard to the numbers and circumstances of the congregations concerned, and instruct Presbyteries to transmit a similar statement to Kirk Sessions, and to visit by reputation any congregations which may not be doing their duty towards the Fund; further, that the last week in February be appointed as the time, on or before which all contributions shall be remitted,—at the same time that congregations that can do so be urged to remit the money as much earlier as possible. It was also agreed that, as in former years, the first Sabbath of October be appointed as a day of special prayer in all the congregations of the church in behalf of Knox College.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS OF MR. W. KENNEDY AND OTHERS.—The Synod had transmitted by the committee on bills and overtures, three protests and appeals by Mr. W. Kennedy and others, against the Presbytery of Hamilton, with reference to certain matters connected with Knox's Church, Hamilton. These cases having been called, Mr. Kennedy appeared, and asked leave, for reasons, to withdraw the appeals. Leave was granted. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton, on behalf of the Presbytery, appeared, and took protestation that the appeals in the cases before named were fallen from, and craved extracts, which were granted.

The Synod then took up a protest and appeal of Rev. Dr. Irvine against action of Presbytery of Hamilton, deciding to hear parties in the case of memorial of Mr. Jas. Walker. The papers were read, and parties heard. After full discussion the following motion was adopted: Dismiss the appeal, so far as the entertaining of the memorial by the Presbytery is concerned, but with regard to the subsequent steps taken by the Presbytery, in seeking information by treating the congregation and Session of Knox's church as parties, and citing them to the bar of the Presbytery without specifying in what capacity they were to appear, or on what matter they were to be examined, find their course so far irregular, sustain the protest and appeal to this extent, and send back the matter to the Presbytery, to proceed according to the laws of the church. From this finding Mr. Kemp, for himself and others who might adhere to him, entered his dissent.

REFERENCE FROM PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Guelph, in the matter of arrears of stipend claimed by Mr. T. J. Hodgskin from Hespeler, and a protest of said congregation against a deed of the Presbytery in this case. After hearing papers and parties, the following motion was adopted. "Sustain the reference, and reverse the decision of the Presbytery of Guelph, declaring that \$80 were due Mr. Hodgskin as arrears of stipend by the Hespeler congregation.

PROTEST AND APPEAL OF REV. D. CAMERON.—The Synod took up a protest and appeal of Rev. D. Cameron, against Presbytery of Montreal, in reversing a decision of the Session of Lochiel, in the matter of Mr. Malcolm McGillivray's application for a certificate of membership. After a full hearing of the case, two motions were submitted. One, proposed by Rev. J. Mitchell, was to the effect that the Synod dismiss the protest and appeal, and sustain the action of the Presbytery. The other, moved by Rev. A. Wilson was to the effect that the appeal be sustained, and the action of the Presbytery be reversed. Mr. Wilson's amendment was carried on a division. From this finding, Messrs. Kemp, McVicar and Watson dissented.

REFERENCE IN WINSLOW CASE.—The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, in the case of certain parties in the congregation of Winslow, and of Rev. E. McLean. Papers having been read, it was agreed to send the reference and relative documents to the committee on causes. At a subsequent diet the committee reported a deliverance, which was agreed to. The deliverance was to the effect that it would not be for edification that the Presbytery of Montreal should proceed to grant moderation in a call, and instruct the Presbytery accordingly.

DAY OF THANK-GIVING.—On motion of Principal Willis, the Synod adopted the following minute.—The Synod impressed with the duty of recognizing the God of