

The mover of the Resolution on the Foreign Mission Committee's Report stated that he had made no reference to the Rev. J. F. Campbell's application because he thought the subject should be dealt with separately, and that Mr. Campbell should be heard on the subject. The Moderator accordingly called upon Mr. Campbell to state his views, which he did, stating that while not conscious of any special fitness for that work he was impressed with the great need of labourers in the foreign field which he regarded as the chief work and therefore offered his services to the Synod leaving the disposal of the matter to them as the supreme court of this branch of the Church of Christ.

The Convener then read a letter just placed in his hands from the Secretary of the Home Indian Mission Committee, strongly urging the claims of Madras, and expressing a very earnest desire that Mr. Campbell's services might be secured for that important field, and explaining that the services required, more especially there, were those of a preacher or evangelist, and that thus his labours could at once be entered on.

Anent which it was resolved that with reference to the placing of his services at the disposal of the Synod for Christian work among the heathen by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, the Synod would express its thankfulness to the Head of the Church, that He should have again honored us by leading another of our brothers to offer himself so unreservedly to Foreign Mission work. The Synod also rejoices to learn that in addition to an offer from the Canada Presbyterian Church to Mr. Campbell, to labour in one of its foreign mission fields, a distinct proposal has been made to Mr. Campbell by the Convener of the India Mission of the Church of Scotland, to enter upon a most desirable field of labour in Madras; this offer of the India Mission the Synod cordially accepts, and remits the matter to F. M. Committee, with the view of entering into all needful arrangements, in terms of the communication from the Convener of the Church of Scotland Indian Mission to secure Mr. Campbell's transfer to the Madras field of labour as soon as practicable, and that in the meantime Mr. Campbell be engaged in visiting our congregations.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG MEN'S BURSARY COMMITTEE.

The Rev. J. F. Campbell, Convener, read and submitted the following Report on the Y. M. B. Scheme:

"As your Committee in their last Report gave a summary of the work done by the Scheme since its inception, it will now be necessary only to state briefly what has been done during the past year.

"Two new Bursars were admitted to the benefits of the Fund, Messrs. J. R. Fitzpatrick and W. E. Archibald. The whole number aided during the year was eight. Of former bursars Mr. George Murray has completed his studies and returned to Nova Scotia. He has intimated to the Convener that he has promised Rev. Simon McGregor to labour in Vancouver's Island, but the Committee believe that he has entered into that engagement without realising that to fulfil it would involve a breach of faith with this Synod, and as the Convener has already written him, setting this plainly before him, they hope he will at once put himself under the direction of the Home Mission Board, and will soon be the pastor of one of the charges at present vacant. Mr. John Smith though not desiring a bursary this year, has continued his studies in Dalhousie College. Mr. Daniel Sutherland has a second session been absent from college, and has not sent the Convener any explanation of his absence. No word as yet has been received from Mr. Hector Campbell.

"Three former Bursars who are labouring beyond the bounds of Synod, have promised to refund as early as possible the amounts in which they are respectively indebted to the Fund.

"Four of our present Bursars are this summer labouring efficiently as Catechists, within the bounds of the Synod, and a fifth as a Colporteur in the city of Halifax, under the British American Book and Tract Society.

"The Committee have this year made a regulation that in future all Bursars in Arts, who are not undergraduates, shall be required after every session to submit for the Committee's inspection their class tickets, showing their progress during the session. It is not intended of course to refuse a bursary to any student who fails to pass the examinations necessary for graduation, but only to obtain satisfactory evidence that all bursars are making fair progress.