

the same time do not assume any right to give any direction as to the transfer of Mr. Blair's services, which by the terms of his appointment were for the City of Toronto, and not therefore subject to the general powers of the Presbytery. They desire, also, that it may be understood that, in assenting to the transfer, they make no admission of liability for the remuneration of services confined to the City of Toronto. Mr. Barclay at the same time intimated, on the part of his congregation, that they would make a collection towards the object of providing for the portion of Mr. Blair's salary, during the period of his residence in Toronto, not provided for by the Colonial Committee or by the Clergy Reserve Commissioners.

(A true Copy.)  
ALEX. WALLACE, Clerk.

The Synod had transmitted to them an Overture from Mr. McGill anent the necessity of making greater exertions to bring forward young men to study for the Ministry, together with certain suggestions in regard to the same.

The Overture was given in our July No.

After lengthened discussion the Synod resolved "that the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, the Rev. Dr. Cook, John Smith, Esq., Hugh Allan, Esq., John Greenshields, Esq., William Edmonstone, Esq., and Hew Ramsay, Esq., be a Committee to correspond with all the Ministers of this Church on the subject of obtaining Students for the Holy Ministry, and to devise means, as far as may be in their power, to enable deserving young men to attend Queen's College, or Grammar Schools preparatory to such attendance; and Ministers are hereby strictly enjoined to communicate with the said Committee without delay, and make them aware from time to time of the efforts which they are making in this matter, and the measures of success which is attending them: the said Committee to report to the Synod: Mr. McGill to be Convener."

The Committee, appointed to prepare a draft of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, gave in the same, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

The Synod had transmitted to them an Overture from Mr. Charles P. Treadwell, Elder, anent the importance and necessity of authorizing the Elders in vacant congregations to conduct public worship in the same on the Lord's Day. The Synod, having taken this matter into their serious consideration, agreed to recommend, as they hereby earnestly and affectionately do recommend, to all their congregations destitute of fixed Pastors, and where the charge of the flock necessarily devolves upon the resident Elders, that, bearing in mind that the Sabbath is Divinely commanded to be a holy convocation unto the Lord, they should assemble together for the worship of God upon the Lord's Day, and that their Elders should lead them in their devotional exercises and read to them the Scriptures and such Evangelical discourses as may be recommended for this purpose by the Presbytery of the bounds.

The Synod had transmitted to them a Paper anent the necessity for making every exertion to promote the better observance of the Sabbath Day throughout this land; when it was unanimously resolved—"That all the Ministers of this Synod be specially enjoined frequently to enforce the observance of the Fourth Commandment on their people, as essential not less to their individual improvement than to the maintenance and extension of pure religion throughout this land,—to observe a firm and prudent exercise of discipline on this head,—and, in particular, to use all zeal and diligence to secure regular attendance on both diets of public worship:—and, further, that Sessions be instructed to report to this Synod at next meeting on the manner in which the Lord's Day is observed within their bounds, and to point out the remedies which they may deem most expedient and effectual to correct the ser-

al forms of Sabbath desecration which prevail within their respective localities."

The Synod had transmitted to them an Overture from the Rev. Professor Smith in regard to making another effort to procure Preachers from Scotland. After mature deliberation it was unanimously resolved—"That, in the present great spiritual destitution unhappily still existing among the adherents of this Church in many parts of the country, the Synod do make another strenuous effort to secure Licentiates from Scotland, as Missionaries to labour under the direction of the respective Presbyteries of the Church, with a view to their settlement in some of the vacant Congregations within the bounds of such Presbyteries: that the Synod make another application to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, requesting them to make a provision for the number of Missionaries who may be obtained in consequence of this new effort similar to that which they agreed to at the request of the Synod at its meeting last year: that the desirableness of increasing the number of six Missionaries, agreed upon at last Synod, to Eighteen or Twenty, be stated to these Commissioners: and that in order to carry out this object, so desirable and so essential in the present state of this Church, the Synod do appoint a Deputy to proceed to Scotland, as early as possible, to co-operate with the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, now in Scotland, to visit the several Presbyteries of the Church, and, on learning the names of suitable and available Preachers, to enter into correspondence with them, and meet with them, and make every effort to induce them to place their services at the disposal of this Church, to fill up the waste places in our Spiritual Zion. And the Synod, having every confidence in the zeal, discretion, and discrimination of the Rev. Dr. Cook, of Quebec, did and hereby do appoint him as their Deputy for carrying out, in concurrence with the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, the object of this Resolution." The Synod, further, recommended to Dr. Mathieson and Dr. Cook to use every endeavour to secure the services of as many Licentiates as possible, capable of preaching in the Gaelic language, and at least one or two capable of preaching in the French language. And the Synod request the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to provide for the expenses of the Rev. Dr. Cook in this mission for increasing the means of Religious Instruction in Canada, and also for such expenses as may be incurred by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson while engaged in this particular service in Scotland?

Saturday, 10th July.

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Professor Williamson conducted the devotional exercises in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The Examining Committee reported that Mr. William Johnson, A. M., and Student of Divinity of Queen's College, recommended for license by the Presbytery of Hamilton, and Mr. Frederick Petrie Sim, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, recommended for license by the Presbytery of Kingston, had laid before them their certificates of attendance in the classes at Queen's College; that they had been examined in all the branches of Education specified in the Act anent the Examination of Students, Preachers, &c.; and that the Committee were fully satisfied with them.—Whereupon the Synod granted leave to take Mr. William Johnson and Mr. Frederick P. Sim on trials for license.

The Hon. Mr. Justice McLean reported the Draft of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen against the alienation of the Clergy Reserves, which, having been read and considered, was adopted by the Synod, who at the same time expressed to Mr. McLean their thanks for the interest he has always taken in the affairs of this Church and the assistance he has so frequently rendered to this Synod in the transaction of business.

The Synod, having understood that the present

Theological Professors of Queen's College are about to retire, agreed\* to tender to them the thanks of the Synod for the readiness with which they consented to fill the situations, now occupied by them, at a time of difficulty, and for the care and attention which, amidst many difficulties resulting from various circumstances, and during the short time they were able to spare from their own Pastoral labours, they bestowed on the Education of the young men preparing for the Holy Ministry,—which was accordingly done by the Moderator in name of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned until Noon on Monday next, and was closed with prayer.

Monday, 12th July.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Duncan Morrison conducted the devotional exercises in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The Synod called for the Draft of the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, which was given in, read, and adopted.

The Synod called for the Report of the French Mission Committee, which was given in, and read by Mr. McGill on behalf of the Committee, to the effect that Mons. Louis Baridon had been the only agent in the employment of the Committee during the past year, being, as the Committee have every reason to believe, a pious man, of good judgement and sound discretion, and well instructed in those questions on which Protestants differ from Roman Catholics: that he had been chiefly employed in circulating religious books and tracts, and in exhorting, conversing and praying with French Canadians on religious subjects, as he had opportunity: that monthly Reports are given in by him to the Committee, giving an account of his labours, and detailing at length the most striking occurrences of the month: that from these Reports there is encouraging reason to believe that Sacred Truth is being widely disseminated among the Roman Catholics of Lower Canada by M. Baridon and other similar agents, and, though they do not testify to numerous conversions, they plainly testify to the advancement of Scriptural knowledge within the sphere of their labours; and that some of the instructions, given by the Synod last year respecting the Property of the Mission, had not yet, from various circumstances, been fulfilled, but that it was hoped they would be attended to soon. The Treasurer's Report and Accounts were also laid before the Synod and read, showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the year, and the present state of the Fund, from which it appeared that several Congregations had failed to remit collections during the past year. The Synod agreed to receive and approve of this Report, and re-appointed the Committee, viz.—Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, and Dr. Cook, Ministers, and one Elder from each of their Sessions respectively, together with Hugh Allan, Esq., Treasurer. The Synod further agreed, that it be made a part of the instructions to Dr. Cook, as their Deputy to Scotland, and also to Dr. Mathieson, that they use their best endeavours to procure towards this work the services of at least one or two Licentiates of the Church of Scotland capable of preaching in the French language. And the Synod, finding that several Congregations have made no contribution during the past year, enjoin the Ministers of all Congregations who are in arrears to make collections in aid of the Mission Fund without delay, and transmit the same to the Treasurer. And the Synod, with the view of obtaining the services of additional Missionaries, and putting the Mission into a state of greater efficiency, and on a broader basis, do strictly enjoin all Ministers at the appointed time to bring the claims of this Mission before their Congregations, advocate the same, and allow the Christian people an opportunity to contribute to the support of the Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a Minute expressive