

to implement any arrangement which may in accordance with this decision be brought before them by the parties in this case."

The St. Mary's Case — In connection with this case there were: 1. An appeal by Mr. D. Beattie against a decision of the Presbytery of Stratford with reference to a claim of Mr Beattie for arrears of stipend to the amount of \$331 75 due by the congregation of Chalmers' Church, St. Mary's, and 2. A dissent and complaint on the part of Mr Thomas McPherson and others with reference to the same decision. Papers having been read and parties having been heard, several motions were submitted. These were all withdrawn with the exception of one, by Mr. Dick, which was adopted by the Synod as its deliverance in the case. It was in the following terms:

"The Synod sustain the protest and appeal, and find that the congregation of St. Mary's is under moral obligation to pay the arrears of salary due to Mr. Beattie, and instruct the Presbytery of Stratford to use all legitimate means that this obligation be implemented by the congregation; also, disapprove of individual negotiations between ministers and people, irrespective of the action of the Presbytery."

Dissent and Complaint of Mr. D. Inglis — This was a dissent and complaint of Mr. D. Inglis and others against the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton in refusing to examine certain minutes of Kirk Sessions, viz: those entered in the several records from the time of the last attestation by the Presbytery until the time of the Union. Parties having been heard and removed, two motions were submitted. One was by Dr. Thornton to the effect that the Synod dismiss the dissent and complaint and confirm the action of the Presbytery. The other, by Mr. Kemp, was carried. It was to the following effect:

"The Synod having heard parties in the dissent and complaint of Mr. Inglis against the Presbytery of Hamilton refusing to confirm the minutes of Sessions prior to the union of the churches in June last, sustain said dissent and complaint, reverse the decision of the Presbytery and declare that it is in conformity with the final declarations of the two churches at the Union that said minutes should be examined and certified in the usual manner."

We subjoin the other proceedings of Synod as much as possible in the order in which they took place.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A commission was laid on the table appointing Mr. Duclos, with Messrs. Kemp, McVicar and Wallace, to represent the French Canadian Missionary Society before the Synod, to state the present condition and progress of the Missionary work and plead their claims to the increased sympathy and support of the Protestant community, and especially of the congregations of this church. On the evening of Thursday, 5th, Mr. Duclos addressed the Synod in an able and effective manner on the position and prospects of the Society.

At a subsequent sederunt the following resolution was adopted:

"The Synod having, at a former sederunt, heard Mr. Duclos, representing the French Canadian Missionary Society, desire to express their sincere congratulations at the good work conducted with so much effect and promise, pray that the divine blessing may rest upon the various educational and evangelistic labours conducted under the auspices of the Mission, and commend the Mission to the continued aid and sympathy of the members of the church throughout the Province."

In connection with this subject it may be mentioned that at one sederunt there was presented a memorial from French Protestants residing in the neighbourhood of Sandwich, praying for the establishment of an Educational Institute. This memorial was transmitted by the Presbytery of London, and was supported by Mr. Bennett of Windsor. The following was the delivery of Synod with regard to it: