

an adjustment is at least uncertain, and therefore the Committee considering the difficulties on the subject which seem to press both on their countrymen in Canada and on the government of the country, beg leave to suggest for the consideration of the General Assembly, the expediency of Petitioning both Houses of Parliament as the most effectual means of strengthening the hands of their friends at home, and encouraging their brethren abroad.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson has laid before the Committee certain propositions from the Presbytery of Quebec, for facilitating the education of young men, natives of America, intended for the work of the Ministry. These have been referred to a Sub-Committee, who have fully considered the subject, and made out a report suggesting the method in which it is conceived that the views of the Presbytery of Quebec can be promoted consistently with the complete education and standard of literary qualifications which must ever be held essential to the Ministry of the Gospel, which Report has been sanctioned and adopted by the General Committee.

The Committee have further to report that they have received a reference from the Synod of Nova Scotia, respecting the suspension of a Missionary, on which they have agreed to express an opinion approving of the zeal for the purity of the clerical character evinced by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and of the steps which they have taken to promote this most important object. They have also had the honour of a communication from Lord Glenelg, requesting their opinion on a question arising from the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the colony of the Cape of Good Hope. As this Church appears to have been formed on the constitution of the Reformed Church in Holland, your Committee have found it difficult to form a correct judgment on the point thus submitted to them; but following the great principles of a Presbyterian Establishment, have instructed their Convener to return such an answer to His Lordship's communication, as they trust will be not only satisfactory, but calculated to uphold the spiritual independence of the Church, and to advance the religious interests of that Colony.