

their Pastors, it was the decided conviction of all present, that on the whole there appeared considerable improvement in this important matter. The examination of the Record of the Presbytery of Cape Breton furnished most satisfactory evidence of the efforts of that Presbytery to bring about a more orderly and systematic arrangement in the support of divine ordinances.

The committee on Overtures reported that they had met according to appointment, and had agreed to transmit the two following overtures:—1. Anent Intemperance; 2. Anent union with the different branches of the Free Church in British North America.

Mr. Forrester, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, read the report of the committee, when it was moved and seconded that the report be sustained, that the recommendations embodied in the report for the future management of this scheme be adopted and published in the printed minutes of Synod, that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Forrester for his diligence in connexion with this matter, and that the committee be re-appointed with the addition of Professor Lyall and the Ruling Elders of Lunenburg, Cornwallis, and Halifax. The following are the regulations above referred to:—1. That after this year, the travelling expenses of ministers in visiting destitute localities, shall not be paid out of this fund, unless these ministers visit these localities by the express appointment of Synod. 2. That each Presbytery Clerk transmit to the Convener of the Home Mission committee annually, on or before the first of March, a list of the stations in the Presbytery standing most in need of catechetical or missionary labourers—the local efforts made by the stations applying for a Catechist or Licentiate, with a view to his support—and the opinion of the Presbytery generally relative to these stations. 3. That the minimum salary of a Catechist be at the rate of £20 per annum, of a Divinity Student of the third or fourth year acting as Catechist at the rate of £50, and of a Preacher at the rate of £60. 4. That the the Presbytery be instructed to form associations in all the preaching stations and vacant congregations for the purpose of collecting contributions either weekly or monthly or quarterly, on behalf of this scheme, in addition to the annual collection.

The case of Mr. Romans was then taken up. Mr. Romans having been fully

heard, and the case carefully considered in connexion with the statements and explanations of various members of Court, it was moved and seconded that the Moderator put to Mr. Romans the following question:—Are you satisfied, from the explanations you have now heard, that the minutes are correctly given, and that the Synod had not committed itself to any such engagement to purchase your property as you had supposed? The Moderator having put the question, Mr. Romans replied in the affirmative, that he was satisfied.

Mr. James Liddell read the report of the College and Academy Board, along with a full financial statement. The Synod sustained the report, tendered their thanks to Mr. Liddell, the Secretary of the Board, and re-appointed the committee. The Synod appointed the following committee to consider the whole matter of the Professorial Fund, and to report, viz., Rev. Messrs. Forrester, McLeod, and Stewart, Professor Lyall, and Mr. John Newcomb, Elder; Mr. Forrester, Convener.

Professor Lyall, Convener of the Bursary and Library Committee, gave in the report. The Synod sustained the report, re-appointed the committee in so far as the Bursary Fund is concerned, and appointed the Professors of the College as the Library committee.

SESSION VI.—Mr. Stewart of New Glasgow stated on the behalf of Dr. Forrest, Convener of the Widow's Fund committee, that there was no report to be given in. Mr. Forrester, Convener of the committee appointed to consider the whole matter of the Professorial Fund, read the report. The Synod sustained the same and appointed the Rev. Messrs. McLeod and Forrester to prosecute the scheme therein propounded. N. B. *The report of the College and Academy Board as well as the scheme proposed for the Professorial Fund, is given under the article headed Professorial Fund, to which we solicit the special attention of all the friends of the Free Church in these Lower Provinces.*

Professor King stated that he had received a communication from the Convener of the Colonial committee, the tenour of which follows: "That the time for which the committee had guaranteed the annual grant of £520 sterling to the College had expired, but that in consideration of the peculiar circumstances and the efforts making in the Colonies to endow the College, they agree to continue