

lege had been admitted to affiliation with that institution. With reference to the funds, the report stated that the amount received from the endowment fund during the year was \$8,776.85; for the ordinary fund \$1,215.14; and for the Bursary fund \$242.45; and that through the liberality of friends in Montreal eleven bursaries had been secured and one offered for competition at the opening of next session. A paper transmitted with the report communicated to the Synod the fact that at a meeting of the Board held on the 13th, it had been agreed to recommend to the Synod that the Rev. D. H. McVicar, of Cote Street Church, Montreal, be appointed Professor of Theology,—Dr. Taylor and Dr. Irvine dissenting from that recommendation. The report of the College Senate was also read.

The Synod received the report.

It was then, on the motion of Mr. Clark, of Quebec, seconded by Principal Willis,—That the recommendation of the College Board that the Rev. D. H. McVicar be appointed Professor of Divinity in the Presbyterian College of Montreal be accepted, and that the Synod do now appoint the said Rev. D. H. McVicar.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Irvine—That the Synod cause notices to be published in the organs of the Free Church of Scotland and of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, inviting applications to be made for the chair of Theological Professor in this College by ministers of these Churches, or of the sister Churches in England and Ireland, setting forth at the same time the peculiar claims of the College, and the salary attached to the above office; such application to be made in the first place to Professors Fairbairn and Eadie, and by them transmitted to such persons in this country as the Synod may appoint.

It was moved further in amendment by Rev. J. L. Gourly, seconded by Rev. R. McKenzie, that the Rev. W. Aitken, of Smiths' Falls, be appointed Professor for the College in Montreal.

On a division the motion of Mr. Clark was carried by a large majority, and in accordance with the said motion the Synod appointed Mr. McVicar, of Cote Street, Montreal, to be Professor of Divinity in the Presbyterian College of Montreal.

Dr. Taylor, Dr. Irvine, and Dr. Edmondson wished to have their dissent marked in the minutes.

At a subsequent diet the Synod decided that the stipend of Mr. McVicar should be \$2000 per annum. A committee was appointed to communicate with Mr. McVicar as to his acceptance of the office. The committee afterwards reported that they had conferred with Mr. McVicar on the matter of his acceptance of office; but that he craved time for consideration. The Synod authorized the Presbytery of Montreal to take the necessary steps for loosing Mr. McVicar from his charge and inducting him as Professor of Divinity in the event of his acceptance of office; and in the event of his declining, the Synod authorized the Board of Management to make necessary arrangements for conducting the classes during the ensuing session. (Mr. McVicar has intimated his acceptance of the Professorship.)

PSALMODY.

The Report of the Committee on Psalmody which was laid over from the previous meeting of Synod was taken up, and occupied at different sederunts a considerable share of the attention of the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, that the Synod having considered the report and having had their attention directed to the Book of Psalms and Hymns for public worship, sanctioned by the Synod of the English Presbyterian Church, agree to send this Book