

Appointment of Synod Clerk.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for securing the services of a clerk, reported, that as many moderators of Presbyteries as were present at last sederunt, were convened, and resolved to recommend that Mr. Pender continue his services in that capacity for the present session until permanent arrangements can be made.

The Synod then called for the Report of the

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Rev. Mr. Grant reported verbally that there was no committee, but that the late Dr. Donald had been appointed to take charge of a small sum forming such fund, that he had published, as requested, a statement thereof in the *Monthly Record*, and that there were now invested for this fund, in the Savings' Bank, \$229.81.

Mr. Donaldson, who had shown great interest in the furtherance of the scheme, was heard in its support.

On motion by Dr. Brooke, seconded by Rev. A. W. Herdman, the thanks of the Synod were conveyed to Mr. Donaldson for the interest he has taken in the advocacy of this scheme.

After some deliberation on the subject of this Fund by the Synod, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Pollok, seconded, and agreed to, that a committee be appointed to prepare a resolution on the subject, and to report as soon as possible. Rev. D. McRae and J. J. Bremner, Esq., were appointed such committee.

The Synod then called for the Report of the committee on

The "Monthly Record,"

which was read by the Rev. J. Campbell, convener, showing (as will be seen by a reference to this report) an increased circulation over last year of 150 copies, and a probable balance at the end of 1871, of \$135. (*See Appendix A.*) Mr. Campbell complained of the difficulty he had experienced in the discharge of his duties as editor of the *Record*, owing to the fact that items of intelligence as to their doings had been sent him from but a few of the congregations of the church, some clerks of Presbyteries having failed, though once and again requested, to forward minutes of their proceedings for publication.

On submitting the report, he therefore tendered with it his resignation as convener of the committee and editor of the *Record*.

It was moved by Rev. Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Rev. Dr. Brooke, and unanimously resolved, that the Report be received, the thanks of the Synod be given to the committee, and especially to the convener, that the committee be re-appointed, and the convener requested to continue his services for another year.

The thanks of the Synod were conveyed to the committee and Mr. Campbell, who expressed his willingness to accede to the Synod's request and continue to act as editor for another year.

On motion by Rev. Mr. Grant, seconded by Dr. Brooke, the Synod enjoined upon clerks of Presbyteries to send reports of every meeting held, for publication in the *Record*.

The Rev. A. Pollok moved, that, as there was a surplus fund remaining after paying expenses of publication of *Record*, the sum of £12 be paid to Mr. Campbell as a slight acknowledgment of his services as editor for the past year. This being seconded, was carried unanimously.

Commissions.

The Rev. G. M. Grant then laid on the table commissions from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America in favour of Rev. Messrs. James B. Dunn and Charles S. Durfee, of the Presbytery of Boston, and Reuben Crooke, Esq., elder, who were appointed by that body to represent it at the present meeting of this Synod. The moderator ordered