

continuing Exhibitions to the Students. On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Owen Sound, the Synod agreed that the suggestions of the Committee be adopted, to subject all Students to examination, with a view to testing their attainments, and securing a uniform status among them, such as is usually secured by their passing through a regular University course. With respect to Exhibitions the Synod agreed, on the motion of Rev. Mr. Thornton, that the Rev. Messrs. Dick, Jennings, and Ormiston, be appointed a Committee for maturing a scheme, and that the Committee on Theological Education be authorised, as formerly, to distribute the sum in hand and what may be obtained from the Congregations which have not yet contributed. The Theological Education Committee was re-appointed, with the addition of the Moderator. The Synod entered on the consideration of an Overture from the Presbytery of Durham, respecting the duty of relinquishing all dependence on the Church at home for pecuniary assistance before engaging in a foreign Mission. On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, the Synod agreed on mature consideration of the whole subject of foreign Missions, to rescind the resolution of last year so far as concerns the particular field to be occupied. Further, on the motion of the Rev. Mr. Lawrence, it was agreed that the Synod rejoices in the spirit manifested by the Church with regard to foreign Missions, and that a Committee be appointed to consider in what mode and in what part of the world she shall commence work, and that the said Committee report to next meeting of Synod, and also make arrangements during the current year towards securing the independence of the Church from all foreign aid for the future, and that the Overture from the Durham Presbytery be thus disposed of. The Synod entered on the consideration of an Overture from the Presbytery of London respecting the use of Instrumental Music in public worship. A number of motions were submitted on this subject; that of the Rev. Mr. Thornton, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Coutts, was adopted, to the effect that, in the opinion of the Synod, the introduction of Instrumental Music into public worship is calculated to wound the feelings of many of God's people, is contrary to the well-known and long-established customary law of the British Presbyterian Church in general, and is at variance with that spirituality of worship which is the great characteristic of the Christian dispensation; and the Synod do hereby decide accordingly.

The Rev. Messrs. Ure and Laing, a Deputation from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, were introduced by the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, and addressed the Synod. The Moderator replied, cordially reciprocating the sentiments of the Deputation, and, at his request, the Rev. Mr. Barrie engaged in prayer. The Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor and the Rev. Mr. Ormiston a Deputation to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The Committee on Missions gave in their Report, which was ordered to be printed, and the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee, especially to the Convener—the Rev. Mr. Torrance. The Committee was re-appointed. The Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, moved that a Memorial be presented to the Governor-General, praying him to recommend a day of Thanksgiving to be observed by all denominations, and to nominate the day. The Rev. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Barrie, seconded by Rev. Mr. Gibson, that no such application be made, and the amendment carried. A member thought a day of Humiliation ought to be appointed for the sins of the Government. The thanks of the Synod were then recorded to the Congregation of Bay Street, for the accommodation afforded during the meeting of Synod. After devotional exercises, the Synod adjourned on the evening of Friday, 5th June, to meet in Hamilton on the first Tuesday of June, 1858.

**PRESBYTERIAN STATISTICS—OLD SCHOOL, U. S.—**The net increase over the numbers of last year is as follows:—Synods, 1; Presbyteries, 7; licentiates, 17; ministers, 91; churches, 105; licensures, 13; ordinations, 20; installations, 44; churches organized, 24; members received on examination, 974; on certificate, 453; infants baptised, 1086; adults baptised, 187. It will be understood, of course, that these figures do not represent the total of accessions during the year, but the excess over those reported last year. The amount of moneys contributed exceeded that of last year by \$372,242. Since 1837 the Presbyteries have increased from 108 to 155; the ministers from 1562 to 2411; the churches from 1661 to 3251; and the total of communicants from 141,477 to 244,825; whilst the number of candidates for the sacred office, and the contributions to benevolent objects have been growing in almost an equal ratio.