

OTHER MATTERS.

A petition from Rev. Mr. A. F. Kemp with reference to a debt incurred by the publication of the Digest of the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The petition was favourably received, and it was agreed that the debt be discharged out of the balance of the Synod Fund.

On application made to the Synod the station of Orangerille, within the bounds of Presbytery of Huron, was transferred to the Presbytery of Grey.

It was agreed to present an address to the Governor General of the Province.

Sundry matters were left over till next Synod, viz. two overtures with reference to the Standing Committees of the Synod, their constitution, and the payment of expenses of members; two petitions for transference from the Presbytery of Paris to that of London; the returns of Presbyteries with reference to Home Missions, distribution of Preachers, and Forms of Process, &c., &c., (with the exception of the Formula and Questions which were adopted with the change of the word "never" into "not," and with the exception also of the Standing Orders which were adopted at a previous sederunt.) The regulations in Home Missions, &c. were again enacted *ad interim* until next stated meeting of Synod.

CONCLUSION.

After a cordial vote of thanks had been passed to the Committee of Accommodation, the Trustees of Knox's Church, and the Ladies of the several congregations in Toronto for their kindness in promoting the comfort of the members of the Synod, the Moderator requested Dr. Burns to offer up prayer. Part of the 122nd Psalm was then sung, and the Synod was closed with the apostolic benediction, after a somewhat tedious but not unpleasant meeting.

SYNOD OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

In our last number we referred to the opening of the annual meeting of this court. The whole proceedings were interesting, and the reports in connexion with the missions, both domestic and foreign, were encouraging. At home, there are 145 congregations receiving aid from the Home Mission fund, most of these congregations being missionary congregations. Their Foreign Missions now embrace 26 congregations in Jamaica, three in Trinidad, five stations in Old Calabar, two congregations in South Africa, three stations in India, and four in different parts of Africa and Europe with special reference to the Jews. The sum of £1,300 is also given annually to the Evangelical Societies in France and Belgium. The amount contributed during the year was, for Foreign Missions, £17,578; for Home Missions, £5,810; and for the Gospel Ministry Fund, £1,027; there was also raised for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, £1,225, making the capital now £18,000.

The subject of National Education, with special reference to the Lord Advocate's Bill occupied attention. Resolutions were passed by a large majority, affirming (1) the lawfulness of the civil government providing for the secular education of the people; (2) that religious instruction is the province, not of the civil government, but of parents and of the church; (3) that any system of national instruction should be aided more or less by local assessment, and managed by local boards; (4) approval of the absence of any religious test in the Bill introduced; (5) that the Synod shall seek the removal of certain objectionable features in the Bill, especially the provisions relating to rural schools, and grants to Episcopalians and Roman Catholics; and (6) that grants to denominational schools are peculiarly obnoxious, and that all pretext for such might be avoided.

A Report was received from the Committee on Royal Proclamations of Fasts, Thanksgivings, &c., stating the result of a conference with the Lord Advocate, to the effect that they had submitted to him the importance of removing the language of authority from such edicts, and giving a simple invitation, and that