

They were followed by Joseph McKay, Esq., of Montreal, an elder of Côté Street Church, who gave incidents of travel in Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land, and the state of Protestant Christianity in Jerusalem, Rome, Florence and other places. He also touched upon a work naturally devolving upon the men of business and means, within the Church, the work of improving the Church in her efforts for the maintenance of her Pastorate.

Mr. McKay's remarks were out of the usual track, and on this account all the more pleasing to his audience.

Rev. Messrs. R. Sedgewick, Fowler, Roy, Drs. King and McLeod, and Rev. G. Christie responded, and a suitable minute being recorded the meeting closed.

The Tuesday evening meeting was on the "State of Religion." Some reports of Presbyteries were read. In other cases the Clerks gave oral statements. The proceedings were thus happily varied, and the interest of a protracted meeting kept up till a late hour. The report from Prince Edward Island stood No. 1, and the speeches generally were highly appreciated.

Not the least interesting feature of this meeting was the reception of a Deputation from the Young Men's Christian Association, consisting of Messrs. Beckwith, Morrow and Blackwood. Mr. Beckwith read the address, after which came excellent remarks in succession by the other members of the deputation. They explained some of the modes of their operation in seeking to promote the spiritual welfare of young men, and requested the ministers present, when young men from their respective charges were coming to reside in the city, to give notice and introduction to a city pastor and to the managers of their institution, so that they may help to shield them against the temptations of the city. In this case also, some short responses were made, and a minute adopted expressive of the Synod's pleasure in meeting the deputation, and their desire to aid them in their work.

With this meeting, from its commencement to its close, our brethren of the deputation were highly pleased.

Among other incidents of interest Dr.

Smith's resignation of the Chair of Biblical Literature ought to be named. The Drs. object in placing his resignation in the hands of the Synodical Committee on the Hall, was to open up their way to make any change which they might consider desirable in the way of introducing a new man in the vigour of youth, or what is now a days called "fresh blood," into the Hall. While still quite capable of conducting his classes, he would not stand in the way of any reconstruction, no not for an hour, and by his action in this matter has added to the obligations of the Church to him. The Synod placed on their minutes a suitable testimonial to the value of his services in the past, but did not find it an easy matter to fill up the blank, and finally decided on a temporary arrangement for the next Session, leaving a year for Presbyteries to deliberate and prepare for completing the appointment next year.

The discussion on *Temperance* was decidedly the most exciting of the Session. The report came up first with pretty sharp angular points, designed, we suspect, to strike fire, and the effect was at once produced. A lively debate issued in the recommitting of the report, that some strong statements might be removed or modified. When again presented it passed after an animated debate, the convictions of nearly the whole Synod being expressed in favour of total abstinence as the safe, wise and Christian course, required by the great New Testament principle of self-denial for others.

The determination of the new committee on Popery to initiate missionary effort among the French population in some part of Acadia, is a fact which will be interesting to our people.

The *falling off* in the funds for Home Missions and Education is a fact to be remembered, that increased attention be directed to these two important schemes.

*This meeting had its defects*, and we may name them that they may be avoided in future. Time was wasted in discussing points of order, which the moderator should have decided, and members submitted to, gracefully. It is better that a point of order should be occasionally decided wrong