

withdrawing his resignation. Several motions were submitted. That which ultimately was agreed to, was proposed by the Rev. J. Gillespie, seconded by the Rev. W. S. Ball, to the following effect, viz.: That the report of the committee on the resignation of Principal Willis be received and approved; that the diligence of the committee be commended; and that the Synod record their satisfaction in learning that Dr. Willis has agreed to withdraw his resignation.

HOME MISSION REPORT.—The report of the committee on Home Missions was called for on the evening of Friday, 5th, and was given in and read by Dr. Thornton, Convener. The report set forth the proceedings of the committee in distributing the missionaries on their list, and the amount received for the Central Fund, with the appropriation of these moneys. The following motion was adapted with reference to this report: "Receive and adopt the report; commend the diligence of the committee; but inasmuch as this report does not embrace the mission work undertaken by Presbyteries distinct from that which comes legitimately before the Central H. M. Committee, instruct Presbyteries, within six weeks from this date, to forward special reports of their Home Mission proceedings for the past year, to a committee consisting of Dr. Thornton, Convener, Mr. McTavish, and Mr. Baird; that from said reports a full statement of the Home Mission work may be prepared, and presented to the church through the *Record* on as early a day as possible. Further, the Synod express their sincere thanks to the sister church in Ireland, for their liberal grant for Home Mission purposes in Canada, and instruct the Moderator to communicate said thanks with a suitable letter to the Chairman of the Mission Board." The report of the Buxton mission was subsequently read. It was received, and referred to a select committee to report a deliverance at a future diet.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT OF REV. D. CAW.—The Synod took up a dissent and complaint of Rev. D. Caw, against action of Presbytery of Paris, ordering Session of Dumfries-street church, Paris, to grant a certificate of membership. The papers were read, and parties fully heard. After discussion, the Synod agreed to dismiss the dissent and complaint, and confirm the action of the Presbytery in so far as it declares that there was no ground why the party referred to should be refused a certificate of church membership, and instruct the Presbytery to furnish the party with the certificate to which he is entitled.

ST. MARY'S CASE.—There was a reference from the Presbytery of Stratford, in the matter of the St. Mary's case, which was before the Synod in Toronto, 1862. The case grew out of arrears of stipend to the Rev. D. Beattie, the former minister. The Presbytery having met with difficulties in carrying out the deliverance of last Synod, again referred the matter to the Synod. The deliverance come to was: Sustain the reference; approve the conduct of the Presbytery; reaffirm the principle of moral obligation, and declare that inasmuch as the congregation is in a disorganized state, and has virtually ceased to exist, the Synod find that it is impracticable further to deal with this matter as a congregational liability, and instruct the Presbytery of Stratford to grant certificates to former members of Chalmers' church who, in the judgment of the Presbytery, have done their duty in this matter.

UNIVERSITY QUESTION.—The Rev. A. F. Kemp, on the part of the committee appointed at last Synod, reported what had been done in the matter, and the steps taken to have petitions forwarded from all the congregations of the church. In connexion with this report, the Synod considered an overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg on the subject of public education. Principal Willis briefly explained his views, to the effect that, while he held the principle that secular and religious education could not safely be disunited, he was quite at one with his brethren on the subject of the University endowment. The Synod unanimously agreed to receive the report, and to appoint anew a committee to watch over any legislative action; the committee being authorized to petition against any attempt that may be made to interfere with the endowment of the Provincial University, or further to foster, by the aid of other public funds denominational institutions.

REPORT OF COLLEGE BOARD.—On the evening of Monday, 8th, the important subject of the College was taken up. The report of the Board was read by the Rev. R. Ure, Chairman. The report gave full information as to the number of students, viz., 34, in the theological department, and 26 in the preparatory—total, 60, the state of the funds; the disbursements from the Bursary fund; the amount expended on the library, and the satisfactory management of the boarding-house during the past year.