

been thus brought before the Synod, moved, that the Synod having considered the verbal statements made before them by members from different parts of the country with respect to the state of religion, the amount of ordinances enjoyed, and the efforts made for supporting these ordinances; and having considered the matter brought before them in the Presbytery Records which have been examined particularly with regard to their financial affairs, find that the means at present in operation have been hitherto very inefficient for securing an adequate support for the ministry; find that it is necessary for them to consider what may be the most advisable means for increasing the amount provided for this support; and, in the consideration of this subject agree to take up the Overture on their table with respect to the sustentation of the ministry. This motion being agreed to, the Overture was read and Mr. Forrester was heard in support of it. After reasoning, the Synod, adopting the Overture, agreed in terms thereof "that a Committee be appointed for taking the whole subject into consideration, and reporting at next meeting of Synod," and farther, in the mean time, instruct the Presbyteries within whose bounds cases of particular deficiency may exist, to deal with these cases with all tenderness and carefulness, and to enter the result in the Records.

The Report of the Committee on the Missionary Record was given in and approved of. The Committee was re-appointed with the addition of Professor Lyall; and it was agreed that as the Record is the recognised organ of this Church, official notices be made through its pages, and that meetings of Committees &c. shall be held as regularly summoned when duly advertised through the same channel.

The Rev. Mr. Forrester gave in a report of the proceedings of the Home Mission Committee, which was approved of. The Committee was re-appointed with the addition of the Rev. Alexr Romans, and Mr. George McLeod, Ruling Elder.

Mr. James Liddell gave in a report in reference to the Professorial Fund, and the Current Expenses of the College and Academy, which was approved of; and the Clerk was instructed to record the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Liddell for his valuable and efficient services as Clerk of the College Board. The amount as yet received of last year's col-

lection for the Professorial Fund is only about £460.

Professor King reported that in fulfilment of the appointment of last Synod he had gone to the United States, but that, in consequence of a particular concurrence of circumstances, he had not succeeded in obtaining any aid, towards the securing of premises for the College and Academy. Communications, however, were read from the Rev John Stewart, now in Scotland, showing that he had already secured a considerable amount towards the accomplishment of that object.

The Rev. Mr. Duff gave in the Report of the Synod Fund Committee, which was approved of. The Committee was re-appointed, Professor King, Convener.

Professor King gave in a Report in reference to the collection for the Current Expenses of the College and the Academy, which was approved of.

The Rev. Mr. Forrester gave in a report of the proceedings of the Bursary and Library Committee which was approved of. The Committee was re-appointed, Professor Lyall, Convener.

The Rev. Mr. Sutherland gave in the Report of the Sabbath Observance Committee, which was approved of; and the Synod agreed to send a Letter of thanks to the Administrator of the Government, for certain changes in the postal arrangements by which the conveyance of the Mail on Sabbath has been discontinued in the county of Pictou. The Committee was re-appointed.

Professor King, in a verbal statement, detailed the proceedings in the College during the session of last winter.

Mr. Forrester gave in the Report of the Tract and Cheap Publication Committee, which was approved of and the Committee was re-appointed.

The Synod appointed that the collections for the different schemes of the Church be made respectively on the same days as formerly, viz., for the Synod Fund, on the first Sabbath of August; for the Current Expenses of the College and Academy, on the first Sabbath of December; and for the Home Mission, on the first Sabbath of May.

Owing to the absence of the Rev. John Stewart, now in Scotland, no Report was given in from the Widow's Fund Committee; but the Committee was continued.

Inconvenience having been felt from the multiplicity of Committees, and these composed very much of the same persons, the Synod appointed one College and