

session, for an act to abolish all Sabbath labour in connexion with the Post Office Department.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance consists of the following members, viz., Mr. R. F. Burns, (Convener,) Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Messrs. Gale, Gordon, Boyd, Gregg, Reid, Lowry, D. Fraser, and J. Gray, Ministers; and Dr. Dickson, Messrs. Redpath, Davidson, Webster, Robertson, Rankin and McMurrich, Elders.

The Synod appointed the College Committee for the year, as follows, viz.:—the Moderator, Messrs. D. McKenzie, Scott, Bayne, Young, Lowry, Ure, McLeod, W. J. McKenzie, Reid, Gregg, Boyd, Geggie, Wardrope, Duncan, Henry, Fraser, and Irvine, Ministers; and Messrs. Mair, McMurrich, Shaw, Jeffrey, Tully, Anderson, Dr. Dickson, Messrs. Breakenridge, Kennedy, Redpath, Gunn, Gibb, and Henning, Elders; together with the Professors of Knox's College, and Messrs. John Shaw, Samuel Spreull, and Alexander McGlashan, of Toronto,—Dr. Willis, Convener.

The Synod then took up the subject of the Revival of Religion, when it was found that no written reports had been given in by Presbyteries, in accordance with the instructions of last Synod, and no Pastoral Address prepared: whereupon, it was unanimously agreed

That Presbyteries be again enjoined to take up this subject, and present written reports at the next meeting of Synod: and further, that the first Wednesday of October be set apart by this Church as a day of humiliation, confession of sin, and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: and further, that a Committee, consisting of Messrs. McLeod (Convener), D. Fraser, Gregg, Burns and John Gray, be appointed to issue a circular, through the medium of the *Record*, suggesting particular grounds of humiliation.

The Synod then called for the draft of a minute expressive of the feelings of the Synod, in view of the removal by death of three esteemed office-bearers of this Church, viz., Professor Esson and Mr. John Burns, of Toronto, and Mr. John Fraser, of London. The same was given in and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed in the Synod Record, and the Clerk was ordered to forward a copy to each of the widowed partners of our late respected and beloved brethren.

The Synod, while deeply sensible of the many tokens of the Divine favor, which, as a Church, they have enjoyed, feel especially called upon to acknowledge the hand of God in recent trials; and more particularly in the sudden removal, by death, and within a short period of each other, of three distinguished fellow-laborers, whose gifts and graces eminently fitted them for usefulness; and the loss of whose presence, and labors, and prayers, is felt to be a heavy blow by the Church at large. It seems meet to them, also, that a testimony should be put on record, of the esteem in which those for whose removal from amongst them they mourn, were held while they lived, and of the reverence and affection with which their memories are cherished.

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