

2. "That the Synod authorize the Committee, to pay Mr. Paradis, now licensed, at the rate of \$600 per annum—Mr. Paradis to pay his own board and travelling expenses, with the exception of railroad, stage, and steambot fare, outside of his special district, when incurred in their service; and that the salary of Mr. Paradis be, for one year from the date of his ordination, at the rate of \$500, to be paid by the Committee in addition to what may be contributed by the people among whom he may be appointed to labor."

3. "That the Committee be empowered to take such additional steps, as may be necessary, to carry on, in an efficient manner, the work of evangelizing the French Acadians, upon which the Church has already entered."

Memorial.

We quote from the Minutes :—

Took up the memorial of the Rev. D. B. Blair, and others, as to the present position of Professor McKnight, in relation to the standards of the Church. The memorial having been read, it was moved by the Rev. J. K. Smith, and seconded by Rev. T. Cumming, to

"Dismiss the memorial on the ground that the proper Court, in which to initiate any procedure against a minister or professor, is not the Supreme Court of our Church, but the Presbytery of which he is a member."

It was moved in amendment, by Rev. R. Laird,

"That the Synod proceed to hear the memorialists."

On a division the motion was preferred. The Revd. T. Sedgwick, D. B. Blair, H. B. McKay, James Thompson, John Munro, James Watson, Dr. McCulloch, and R. Laird, ministers, and Messrs. Isaac Fleming, and Robert J. Mitchell, elders, entered dissent against this finding, for reasons afterwards to be given in.

Prof. McKnight claimed the right of being heard in regard to a certain statement contained in the memorial. It was moved that Professor McKnight be heard. It was moved in amendment, that the Synod proceed to the next item of business. The amendment carried.

Chalmers Church.

Read the petition of the Session and Congregation of Chalmers Church, asking this Synod to relinquish certain interests,

which it, under certain contingencies, possesses by an act of the Legislature, in their Church property. It was moved by the Rev. Geo. Patterson, and seconded by Rev. L. G. McNeill, that the request be granted. It was moved in amendment, by Dr. Waters, and seconded by Rev. R. Wilson, that the matter be remitted to a Committee to consider the whole case, and report to the adjourned meeting of Synod. The motion was preferred, by a large majority.

Aged and Infirm Ministers.

Rev. G. Patterson reported that there are now in funds about \$4,700. The report was received and adopted, and the recommendation of last year year reaffirmed, viz: That those congregations which have not contributed to this schemes, do so as early as possible, authorize the Agent of the schemes of the Church, to give his aid as far as convenient, direct the attention of Presbyteries to the subject, and remit the matter to the Committee to prosecute the work of collecting.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Report on this subject, prepared by Rev. Robert Laird, was read and approved.

REPORT.

The longer spiritual blessings are enjoyed by rightly constituted minds the more highly are they valued. This principle has a direct application to the 'keeping holy one day in seven to be a holy Sabbath to the Lord.' The benefits received in connection with this practice, are adapted to stimulate the desire to be filled with the "fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ." As these are of an inexhaustible character, the recipient becomes ambitious to extend to others the knowledge and blessedness enjoyed by himself. Under the operation of this great law of the christian life, every member of the Christian church, should become, as time rolls on, more fervent in prayer, and more unreservedly consecrated to zealous efforts for the spiritual welfare of his fellowmen. On the supposition that this has been the experience of all the members of Synod during the past year, the subject of Sabbath observance, though annually before them, cannot fail to awaken in their minds a lively interest, and animate to corresponding efforts for the scriptural sanctification of the Lord's Day.