

Rev. Robert Campbell said that if twenty of the non-privileged ministers would give up their claim upon the fund the difficulty would be overcome, and he was willing to be one.

Six students applied for leave to be taken on trial for licence, and their class tickets were laid upon the table. They were enjoined to appear before the Examining Committee.

An Overture was presented from the Presbytery of Glengary, anent the propriety of a Synodical observance annually of the Lord's Supper.

The Overture was supported by Mr. Croil, Dr. Urquhart, Mr. McKay, and Mr. McPherson, members of the Presbytery.

Mr. Clarke moved the adoption of the Overture, which was seconded by Rev. Robert Campbell, who stated that although the Parent Church has not followed this practice, other Christian bodies have.

Dr. Barclay stated that he would prefer that time should be given for consideration to so important a change in the practice of the Church.

On the suggestion of Mr. Morris, the motion was withdrawn, and the Overture laid on the table till next year.

In reference to Morrin College, Dr. Cook reported verbally, that this being the statutory day for making up the report, he was not prepared with a written one. He might say that they were going on about the same as formerly. The whole number of students was thirty, of whom three were Divinity students. They were now engaged in building a spacious edifice. They had been fortunate enough to have placed under their charge a valuable library, containing 19,000 works, chiefly historical and scientific. They expected a grant of £500 from the Quebec Legislature, and hoped to be in a better position this time next year.

The Rev. D. Anderson and Rev. G. Evans were elected governors of Morrin College.

4th June.

#### THURSDAY—MORNING SEDERUNT.

The Synod met at 10.45 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. James C. Smith, of Buckingham and Cumberland.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and sustained.

Dr. Jenkins, the convener of the committee on the Croil Testimonial, gave in a verbal report of the action of the committee. He stated that contributions had been sent in by all the Presbyteries except one. He explained that he made a verbal report because he thought it desirable that a report of this kind should not appear in the minutes of the Synod. He suggested that the presentation to Mr. Croil should be made this evening at 8 o'clock, through the Moderator.

The report was adopted.

#### TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Ottawa, Perth, Cornwall, Hamilton, and Toronto, were severally suggested by different members. After a brief discussion, the vote lay between Hamilton and Toronto—45 voting in favour of holding it in the former, and 38 in favour of holding in the latter. The time of meeting was fixed for the first Tuesday in June, 1869, at 7 o'clock p.m.

#### ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF THE TEMPORALITIES FUND.

The retiring managers, viz., Rev. Dr. Urquhart, Rev. J. H. McKerras, James Michie, Esq., and Alexander Morris, Esq., M.P., were unanimously re-elected.

#### COMPLAINT AND APPEAL: MALCOLM GALBRAITH VS. THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Moderator read the law of the church bearing upon the manner in which this subject should be discussed, viz., "In no case shall more than two speeches be allowed for each party at the bar, besides the reply, to which the appellant or complainer shall be entitled."

Mr. Livingstone suggested that as the Moderator is a member of the Presbytery of Toronto, it might be proper for him to vacate the chair, and allow Principal Snodgrass to occupy it. Agreed.

The clerk then read all the documents laid before the Synod bearing upon this case.

Mr. Galbraith then addressed the Synod on behalf of the congregation of Bowmanville as follows: The papers which have been read set forth almost the whole facts of this case. I do not intend to go back in the history of the case farther than the election of October last. When the requisition was forwarded to the Presbytery, there were only five individuals who declined to vote for the settlement of Mr. Spencer over the congregation of Bowmanville. Instead of rejecting the memorial, the Presbytery should have laid it upon the table. But the Presbytery refused to do so. They made several appointments to preach in the church, and an opportunity was given to those opposed to Mr. Spencer to choose another candidate if they were inclined to do so. But they never did this. No preaching took place in the church since the 17th November last. Mr. Macdonnell, of Peterboro', preached once since that, but only one family attended. The friends of Mr. Spencer did not appear at the service just to show how anxious they were to have Mr. Spencer as their minister. These are the facts of the case, and I have nothing more to say now until I hear what the Presbytery have to say in defence of their action. I have no further information to lay before you.

The Synod agreed that Mr. Mylne of Bowmanville should be heard on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. Mylne: This is a case which has created considerable interest in the minds of the congregation of Bowmanville. Mr. Galbraith has sent a circular to most of the members of this Court, setting forth the facts of the case; but if any of the members have not received a copy of this circular, it will be necessary for me to recapitulate the circumstances of the case to the Court.

A Voice—I have not seen the circular.

Mr. Mylne—From the reading of the extracts you will see that this is not the first application of the congregation of Bowmanville to the Presbytery for the moderation of a call to Mr. Spencer. The first application was made in April, 1867, and the Presbytery at that time complied with the request for the moderation of a call. They met at Bowmanville to take into consideration the propriety of moderating in a