

in connexion with the mission, at which 120 pupils are receiving education. A school has also been established about four miles from the mission, attended by forty-five pupils. Seven hundred Bibles have been distributed among the settlers. The library contains six hundred volumes. The mission is out of debt, and there is \$4000 in hand for the erection of new buildings. In addition to the usual expenses of the past year, the sum of \$200 has been expended for repairs; and for providing materials for a new building, \$327. The report concluded by stating that a large portion of the missionary expenditure had been borne by the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church."

RESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL WILLIS.

On the evening of Thursday 12th, Principal Willis tendered the resignation of his position in the Synod, and his connexion with Knox College. After some conversation, the Synod appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Willis, and to report the same evening. The committee accordingly reported to the effect that they had met in conference with Principal Willis, but that he still considered it better to tender his resignation. The Synod appointed a committee to confer further with Dr. Willis, empowering them, if he shall adhere to his resignation, to request the Moderator to call a special meeting of Synod, for the purpose of taking necessary action in the matter.

We may here state that Dr. Willis subsequently intimated to the Committee his withdrawal of his resignation on certain grounds stated to the Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

A Committee appointed previously for the purpose of nominating members for the Standing Committees presented a report embodying the names of members of Synod for the Standing Committees. The Committees were nominated accordingly.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was presented by Mr. J. Gray before the close of the Synod. The Report was received and sustained, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the care and labour expended upon the Report.

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

The Report on the *Record* was presented by Dr. Jennings, Convener. It stated the circulation was nearly 6900, while the receipts from 6th June, 1861 to 30th April, 1862, had been \$2,137 02. The Report was received and sustained.

OVERTURE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Synod took up an overture signed by a number of the ministers and elders of the Synod, proposing to divide the Synod into three Synods and to form a General Assembly composed of one-fourth of the members of the several Presbyteries. The overture having been read, it was moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. T. Wardrope, that the overture be received, and sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions, to be reported on at next meeting of Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Ross, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the overture be rejected as premature. The motion of Mr. Cross was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided accordingly.

MEMORIAL FROM RED RIVER.

A memorial from Red River on the subject of dancing was brought before the Synod. It was referred to the Presbytery of Toronto.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

The stated Synodical Collections were appointed to be taken up as last year.