

general approval in its main features, by the lower courts, and it was now adopted *ad interim* by the Assembly. This fixes the representation in the Assembly at one fourth the number of the ministers and Elders on the rolls of Presbyteries. It is understood that Presbyteries may appoint Elders to sit in the Assembly, whether they have been elected as representative Elders by their kirk-sessions or not, and whether resident within the bounds or otherwise.

#### ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN, &c.

An address to Her Majesty the Queen was read by Dr. Topp and adopted by the Assembly; also, replies to congratulatory letters on the Union of the Churches in Canada from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and the Synod of the Church of England in Canada.

#### FIFTEENTH DAY.—Friday.

The Assembly met at nine o'clock A. M., and proceeded to take up the business remaining on the docket.

#### COLLEGE REPORTS.

**KNOX COLLEGE.**—The Board of Management reported 42 students in theology; being 10 more than the previous year. There were 17 in the preparatory department. Seventy-two students, lodged in the college, were prosecuting their studies for the ministry. The ordinary income of the year was \$8,171; the expenditure \$13,931. The ordinary expense fund carries a debt of \$9,531. The endowment fund amounts to \$6,292; the bursary fund to \$3,836. The amount subscribed to the building fund is \$122,000. Every thing connected with the college was deemed highly satisfactory, with the exception of the ordinary fund, the remedy for which, it was believed, is to be sought in, at least, "partial endowment."

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**—The report stated that the number of students was larger last year than during any previous session. 69 had been registered in Arts and Theology. Of these 34 profess to have the ministry in view; ten being students in divinity. The treasurer's statement shewed a deficiency of revenue of \$3,330. The Library now contains 11,000 volumes. The report recommended the appointment of an additional professor in the theological faculty. This gave rise to some discussion, and on motion of Professor McLaren, seconded by Dr. Jobb, the report was adopted leaving the appointment of an additional professor, awhile, in a *bevyance*.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.**—The

report of this college indicated continued prosperity in respect of the number of students and equipment. The ordinary revenue, however, like that of the other colleges, was inadequate to meet the expenditure by the sum of \$3,196, of which \$1,153 was carried from last year. There remains a debt of \$10,410 on the building fund. The Board recommended that Mr. Scrimger be re-appointed exegetical lecturer, and that Mr. Doudiet be appointed professor of French sacred literature in place of Mr. Coussirat, resigned. The report of the senate shewed that 54 students were in the college preparing for the ministry. The report was adopted with the exception that Mr. Doudiet was appointed lecturer instead of professor.

#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

The report of the committee on the reception of ministers from other churches was adopted, one name being dropped from the list of applicants. Professor Mackerras remarked that if so many applications were annually received, the colleges would become almost unnecessary. Dr. Waters thought the door of the church was now too wide open, and that stricter requirements should be laid down for the future in cases of ministers of other churches seeking application.

#### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The committee entrusted with the consideration of the report on this subject, in terms thereof, recommended the re-appointment of Rev. C. A. Tanner as travelling agent, and the appointment of Rev. R. H. Warden as an additional agent at a salary of \$1,600.

#### FINANCE.

Dr. Reid, the senior clerk of Assembly and business Agent for the Western Section of the church, submitted a detailed financial report, shewing the position of all the funds of the church, together with a balance sheet prepared by the Auditors.

#### BUSINESS POSTPONED.

Several overtures from Presbyteries, and a large amount of other business, were unavoidably consigned to the limbo of "*in retentis*," and this session of the General Assembly was closed with devotional exercises.

We have prepared the foregoing account of the proceedings of the General Assembly with the very full and accurate reports of