

The Synod received their resignation; and it was agreed—

That thanks be tendered, through the Clerk, to those gentlemen; and also to Mr. Spreull, and to Mr. McLellan, Treasurers of the Bursary Fund and Home Mission Fund, respectively, for their past services to the Church.

The Committee on Statistics gave in a report, with an accompanying schedule of returns; the same was sustained; and on motion made and seconded, the Synod adopted the following determination:—

The Synod having considered the whole subject of the finances and statistics of the Church, together with the management of the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, and the various undertakings of the Church, resolve to appoint and constitute, as is hereby done, John Burns, Esq., the General Agent and Treasurer of the Church, charging him with the publication of the *Record*, under the direction of the Record Committee, and with the general superintendence of the schemes of the Church, under the direction of such Agency Committee, as the Synod may appoint from time to time; said Committee and Agent being required to submit to the Synod a full report and financial statement annually; and to use their best endeavours to aid Presbyteries in the efficient prosecution of the various enterprises of the Church; and the Agency Committee is empowered to determine the salary of Mr. Burns, and obtain the accretions, usual in such cases, for his faithful intrusions with the funds entrusted to him as Treasurer of the Church; and also to allocate his salary as a charge on the several funds, according to their judgment.

On Thursday, 29th June, Mr. Gale gave in the report of the Committee on King's College.

After deliberation, the Synod adopted the following resolution:—

Sustain and approve of the report, and adopt its recommendations, and instruct the Committee to put themselves in communication with the commissioners that may be appointed under the amended College Act; and use every proper means to obtain the alterations recommended by the Committee, and the appointment of suitable Professors.

Mr. Reid, on behalf of the Committee for drafting a Constitution for Knox's College, and Mr. Gale, on behalf of the Professors' Court, reported and submitted a draft, when it was agreed:—

That the Synod approve generally of the draft submitted by the Professors' Court, remit the same to them with instructions to put it into proper form, and transmit it forthwith to Presbyteries who are hereby enjoined to report their opinions on the proposals contained in the same, on or before the 1st March, 1850, in order that the Professors' Court may prepare a report, exhibiting the views of the Church, as thus obtained, to be laid before the Synod at the next ordinary meeting.

And further, that in the meantime the Professors' Court be authorised to take the recommendations of the report, for their guidance in conducting the business of next session, so far as they find it practicable and expedient.

Mr. Burns made a report on the funds of Knox's College.

After lengthened reasonings on the subject, the Synod adopted the following resolution:—

That the following Committee be appointed to consider the present and prospective state of the College fund, with authority, after conference with the professors, to determine whether any and what reduction can be effected in the present college expenditure, so as to bring it within the probable annual contributions of the church, consistently with the efficiency of the institution—to meet, and, if

practicable, to come to some final determination on the matter, immediately after the close of the Synod; instructing them also to make an appeal to the church in behalf of the funds of the institution, viz: Dr. Burns, Messrs. Robb, Bayne, Stark, Cheyne, Rogers, Reid, McMurray, Gregg, Boyd, Leishman, Ministers; McLellan, Davidson, Heron, Burns, Elders.

That the Professors' Court be continued; and that the College Committee for the current year shall be: Messrs. McKenzie, Robb, Roger, Gregg, Boyd, Wardrope, Leishman, Stark, Bayne, ministers; Hon. M. Cameron, Hon. J. McDonald, Dr. Dickson, John Fraser, G. Davidson, J. Burns, W. Notman, James Gibb, J. Redpath, J. McMurrich, Samuel Spreull, James Shaw, Esqrs., together with the Professors.

It was agreed—

That with a view to the promotion of the preliminary training of our young men, and in order, also, to advance the interests of Christian Education generally, in connexion therewith, the Synod earnestly recommend to the members of the Church at large, and especially those resident in Toronto, to sustain the Academy—approve generally of the suggestions of the report on the subject—and authorise and request such as may be engaged in conducting the preliminary training in the College to render what aid they can in the superintendence and training of the youth in the Academy—and the College Committee are instructed to bring the suggestions and recommendations of the Report concerning the Academy, before its present directors.

The Synod received an overture for issuing a recommendation to congregations to petition the Legislature to make such an application of the Clergy Reserve Funds, as may promote the general interests of the Province, without occasioning the discords, jealousies and other evils that arise from the present appropriation of them.

It was agreed—

To sustain the overture, and in consideration of the advanced period of the session, to defer the consideration of it till another Synod.

The Synod appointed the following members to be their Commission for the ensuing year, to attend to the matters referred to them, and watch over the general interests of the Church, viz:—

The Moderator and Clerk, Messrs. Bayne, Robb, Stark, Smellie, McGregor, Dr. Burns, Messrs. Eason, Gale, Harris, Gray, Roger, Gordon, Reid, Gregg, Burns, Boyd, McMurray, Lochhead, Wardrope, Duncan, Leishman, McKenzie, Wallace, Sutherland, ministers; and Messrs. McLellan, Davidson, Gibb, Fraser, Hall, McRae, Anderson, Kennedy, Emberson, Durie, Redpath and Ferrier, elders.

The Commission to have two stated meetings, viz., at Toronto, on the third Wednesday of October next; and on the third Wednesday of April, 1850.

The Synod agreed—

To record their thanks to the friends in Toronto, for the Christian hospitality received at their hands by the ministers and elders of the Synod, during the meeting in Toronto, and especially to James Shaw, John Laidlaw, and Walter Macfarlane, Esquires, for their devising and carrying out arrangements by which that hospitality had been made available.

The Synod farther resolved that their cordial thanks be tendered to Dr. Burns, the minister, and to the elders and trustees of Knox's Church, for the comfortable accommodation enjoyed by the Synod, in that church, during the present sessions.

Mr. Holms preached in the evening agreeably

to appointment. The Moderator also delivered his closing address to the Synod.

After devotional exercises the Moderator announced the next ordinary meeting of Synod to be held in Toronto, on the first Wednesday of June, 1850. The Synod was then closed with the benediction.

SOIREE AT DUNDAS.

At Dundas the 5th day of June, a meeting of the Ladies of the congregation of Knox's Church, Dundas, was held, when the Committee appointed to make the arrangements for the Soiree held on the 30th ultimo, reported that the free proceeds amounted to rather more than £30.

The meeting received the report and agreed to tender their thanks to the Ladies of the Committee, for the manner in which they had discharged the duty entrusted to them, for the success with which through their exertions the Soiree had been attended, notwithstanding the many unfavourable circumstances.

The meeting also desired to record their sincere thanks to the Ministers and others, who kindly favoured them with their presence and addressed the meeting,—to the members of the Dundas Band, who gratuitously conducted the music,—to the members of the religious denominations who, so heartily and efficiently gave their co-operation and assistance on the occasion, to Mr. Spence who liberally supplied the tickets and printed notices gratuitously, and also to Mr. Gartsbore and those connected with the foundry, for the use of the rooms, and for the great exertions which they made in arranging for, and in promoting the comfort of the guests.

The meeting resolved to request the insertion of the above in the *Home Missionary Record*, and in the *Dundas Warbler*.

Foreign Missions.

CHINA.

Hong-Kong, Jan. 29, 1849.

MY DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER,—I have now reached a solemn and important turning-point in my path of duty as a missionary to China, having yesterday intimated to the English congregation that my regular services must now be ended among them, and having also decided that it will not be my duty to re-open for another year the Chinese school, which is at present dispersed, according to the Chinese custom on entering on a new year. The reasons which have led me to adopt this course you may probably anticipate. After enjoying a year of quiet study among my Chinese household, and after preaching for fourteen months to my own countrymen, I felt, that, unless it were my duty to form a regular church among my hearers, and thus bind myself down, on the one hand to the English population, and on the other to such a school of Chinese boys as I could superintend, the time had fully come for abandoning my present temporary position, and giving myself undividedly to the work of going to and fro among the Chinese, in order at once to become familiar with their spoken language, and to spread abroad among them that Gospel which it is my arduous but honourable calling to carry to these Gentiles. Towards the end of last year the weight of my responsibility, in regard to China, lay heavy upon me, and I would at that time have discontinued my English services, had it not been that while