

the Presbyterian Churches of the United States be placed on the same footing as the Churches mentioned in the act. It was agreed to express approval of the other paragraphs as they stand.

The Remit of Synod on Board of Examiners was considered at great length. After long reasoning, it was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Murray, and carried by a small majority, "That it shall be the duty of Presbyteries to ascertain the fitness of persons presenting themselves as students with a view to the ministry, and to certify them to the College Board, and that this examination shall assign the candidates their position in the curriculum on entering the College."

The next regular meeting will be held at Cobourg on the first Tuesday of August.

WILLIAM DONALD, *Presb. Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.**—The Presbytery of Guelph, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, met in the basement of Knox's Church. There was a good attendance of members. A large amount of business was transacted, but the greater part of it was not of public interest. Mr. McBain, who some months ago lodged a complaint against the Rev. Mr. McLean, of West Puslinch, for refusing him, on application, his certificate of church membership, appeared, and stated that he was still deprived of it. At the last meeting of the Presbytery in Guelph, the Session of West Puslinch had been instructed to take up the matter at their earliest convenience, and Assessors had been joined with it in disposing of the business; but it appeared on enquiry that no meeting had been held. It was now resolved that the Presbytery express their regret that nine weeks have elapsed, and the session had not been called together to take up the case; that communication be held with the Moderator, and his attention called to the resolution adopted at last meeting, and that he be enjoined to call a meeting of the Session, including the Assessors, before the first day of June, and bring the case to an issue. An Act sent down from the Synod on the reception of Ministers from other Churches and lands was considered, and, after some amendments, was approved. A remit respecting Boards of Examiners of students in their entrance on their studies, both literary and theological, and prosecution of them, was disapproved of, and a resolution adopted unanimously recommending that the examination be restored to the Presbyteries of the Church under such regulations and instructions as the General Assembly may appoint. A letter was read from the Convener of the Committee of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, in reply to one sent by the Presbytery, enquiring why no answer had been returned to their application to have Mr. Duff placed as an annuitant on that Fund. A reply to a letter that had been sent to the Clerk of the Presbytery at Kirkcudbright, Scotland, for information respecting Dr. Freeland, for whose admission as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church application is to be made by the Presbytery of Ottawa to the General Assembly at its meeting in Toronto, was read, and the Clerk was instructed to transmit it to the Clerk of Assembly. A report by Mr. Waters of his visit to congregations within the bounds, to present and enforce the claims of Home Mission work, was read, and the Presbytery agreed to express their deep sense of the valuable service which Mr. Waters had rendered, and their hope that his visit would be truly beneficial. The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Johnstone, who applied to be received as a catechist, reported, when they were thanked for their diligence and re-appointed, with instructions to report at next meeting. An application from Knox's Church, Minto, for permission to sell the old manse property, that the proceeds might be applied to the payment of a new property that had been purchased, was submitted. The permission craved was granted, and the Moderator and Clerk were instructed to certify accordingly. The Clerk reported that statistical reports had been received from all the congregations except that of West Puslinch. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox's Church, Guelph, on the second Tuesday of August.

ROBT. TORRANCE, *Pres. Clerk.*