

The decided steps taken with a view to the removal of the arrears of stipend which had been allowed in many quarters to accumulate, will meet with universal approbation. We trust that the effort will be successfully carried out.

The Home Mission Regulations were very fully discussed. It will be seen that the Synod again decided in favour of a central fund, and committee. The regulations are remitted to the special committee to amend and modify them, in the light of the suggestions made by the several Presbyteries. If a really good plan, suitable to the circumstances of the whole Church can be secured, the delay will not be found fault with.

Important changes have taken place in regard to Knox College. We doubt not suitable arrangements will be made for the efficient and vigorous conducting of the classes during the ensuing session, and that due wisdom will mark all the steps that may be taken for filling up permanently the vacant chair in that Institution. The Church owes much to Knox College for what it has done in the past, and we doubt not this Seminary will, by the blessing of God, still maintain its position in the confidence of the Church, and be the means of training and sending forth many who shall prove able ministers of the New Testament.

PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

The Synod met according to appointment on the evening of Tuesday, 14th ult, and was opened with sermon from the retiring Moderator, the Rev. J. Dick, from 2 Cor. iv. 1-2. "Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not," &c. The sermon presented in a very impressive manner, the duties, difficulties, and encouragements of the Christian ministry. Mr. Dick, at a subsequent sederunt, received the thanks of the Synod for his sermon, and for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The Rev. John McTavish was elected by the Synod to succeed Mr. Dick as Moderator.

The Rev. William Johnston, of Belfast, deputy from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland was invited by the Synod to sit as a corresponding member. At a subsequent diet, Mr. Johnston was invited to address the Synod, which he accordingly did at some length, in a most interesting and impressive speech; setting forth the state and progress of the Church with which he was connected, and the various means adopted by that Church for extending the interests of Christ's kingdom at home, as well as in foreign fields, and in the various British Colonies. Mr. Johnston also expressed the great satisfaction he had experienced in visiting the various localities within the bounds of this Church which he had been able to reach.

The following motion was unanimously agreed to: "That the Synod having heard the Rev. Mr. Johnston, Deputy of the Irish Presbyterian Church in Ireland, would express their sincere pleasure at having the opportunity of hearing his statements of the prosperity of the Church which he represents, convey to him through the Moderator the assurances of our affection for the Church in Ireland, our gratitude for the deep interest she has ever taken in the welfare of the Church in this Province, and our desire that God may continue to crown with success her labours for the advancement of the Gospel both at home and abroad; trusting also that Mr. Johnston may experience the Divine protection in his return to his home and flock.

On meeting on Wednesday morning, the Synod spent the principal part of the diet in devotional services. These were conducted by Principal Willis, Mr. Dick, and Mr. D. Inglis. Thereafter various Committees were appointed, and the Synod on the motion of Mr. Topp, seconded by Principal Willis, agreed