

year, and to report to next meeting of Synod the result of their labours. In accordance with the foregoing resolutions a committee was appointed by the Synod. The Synod further agreed to express satisfaction with the greatly diminished arrears in the payment of ministers' salaries; and believing that it is possible with the blessing of God to liquidate the entire amount during the present year, express a hope that Presbyteries will exert themselves to this end and empower the Home Mission committee if it sees fit to co-operate with the Presbytery of Grey in this movement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Reports of various standing Committees in addition to those already mentioned were presented. The reports from the Committees on Widows' Fund and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund were highly satisfactory. The report of the Committee on Returns of Presbyteries to Remits was considered. In accordance with it, the Synod agreed as to representations of Sessions in Presbyteries, &c., that the decision of the majority of Presbyteries be adopted by this Synod as the law of the church (viz. that there should not be more than one representative elder for each pastoral charge); but that the privilege of representation in the church courts be accorded to such congregations as enjoyed it before the union, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to take action, as soon as they can hope to do so with effect, for bringing the representation of these congregations into conformity with the law and practice of the church. The act regarding General Assembly was again remitted to Presbyteries.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

During the meeting of Synod a deputation appointed by the French Canadian Missionary Society including Rev. Dr. Taylor, Rev. D. H. Mc Vicar, and Mr. James Court, addressed the Synod on the encouraging state of the Mission. The Rev. M. Cousserat afterwards addressed briefly in French, Mr. Chiniquy acting as interpreter. An overture on the subject of the evangelization of the French Canadians was brought forward and referred to a committee to consider and report to next Synod.

DEFERRED BUSINESS.

Several matters were left over for consideration at next Synod, viz., Report of the Committee on Psalmody; an overture on purity of worship; an overture with reference to marriage with a deceased wife's sister; and some matters of minor importance.

SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS.

The stated Synodical collections were appointed as follows:—

1. For the Synod Fund on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Widows' Fund on the 3rd Sabbath of September.
3. For the Kankakee Mission on the 1st Sabbath of November.
4. For the Home Mission Scheme on 3rd Sabbath of December.
5. For Foreign Missions on 3rd Sabbath of March.

For Knox College the Synod appointed the contributions to be made not later than 31st December.

The Synod also recommended that a collection be made during the year for the French Canadian Missionary Society.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Synod were recorded to the accommodation committee; to the Trustees of Gould Street Church; to the members of the church in the city, and other friends for their generous hospitality; and to the Directors of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railways for their kindness in granting reduced fares to members of Synod.