

the said Records as carefully and correctly kept, the Synod ordered their Clerk to attest said Records accordingly. The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst reported that they were satisfied with the care and attention bestowed upon the Records, with the exception that in a minute on page 224, they found a want of order and perspicuity, the conclusion drawn by the Presbytery and the action taken by them in a certain case being minuted, without the premises from which the conclusion was drawn or the grounds on which the action was taken, being alluded to in the preamble to the minute. The said minute having been read over in the hearing of the Synod, it was moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Ross, that notwithstanding a certain want of fullness, in the minute, alluded to by the Committee, the Clerk be instructed nevertheless to attest the Records as carefully and correctly kept. It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. McLaurin, that the Records be attested *cum nota*. The first motion was carried by a majority of votes, and the Clerk was instructed to attest the Records accordingly. Against this decision Dr. Mathieson entered his dissent, and there adhered to him Mr. McKid, Mr. McKerras, Mr. McMurchy, Mr. McLaurin, and Mr. Colquhoun.

The following Report from the Examining Committee was given into the Synod, and read:—"It is hereby certified that the Rev. James Bain and the Rev. William Cleland compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Ministers from other Churches; that the Committee were satisfied with their knowledge and acquirements, and sustained their examination; that they likewise examined their certificates of character and of Literary and Theological Curriculum, and were satisfied with the same, and recommend that they be received as Ministers of this Church—James Williamson, *Convener*." The Synod, having heard this Report, agreed to receive and approve the same,—and instructed the Presbytery of Toronto to proceed, in the case of Mr. Bain and Mr. Cleland according to the laws of the Church,—authorizing them, in the event of their receiving calls, to proceed to their settlement at the expiry of the prescribed period of probation, without again reporting to the Synod, or even within that period, should the circumstances of the case appear to them, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to warrant that step; and, in the meantime, to employ them as missionaries in such congregations as may appear to the Presbytery to be desirable and necessary.

The following Report was also given in to the Synod by the Examining Committee, and read:—"It is hereby certified that Mr. George Weir, Mr. John Lindsay, Mr. George D. Ferguson, Mr. James Gordon, Mr. Donald McLennan, and Mr. James McEwen, Students in Divinity, compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the