

The report of the Committee on the Mission to the Coloured population, was given in and read by Mr. King. It was agreed to receive and approve of the report, and express the high sense entertained by the Synod of Mr. King's faithful and disinterested services in superintending the Mission.

The Moderator accordingly tendered the thanks of the Synod to Mr. King.

The Synod resolved that henceforth the Mission to the Coloured population be under the charge of the Home Mission Committee, whose duty it shall be to provide and apportion the necessary funds for the Mission by the assistance and co-operation of the various Presbyteries.

Dr. Willis brought before the Synod an Overture on the subject of Slavery in the United States, and was heard in support of it. It was agreed to sustain the Overture, and a Committee was appointed to carry out the views indicated in certain resolutions, which were adopted on the subject.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by Dr. Burns, Convener, when it was unanimously agreed

That the Report be received and approved of; and in respect, at once to the vast importance to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the community, of Sabbath sanctification, the need of greatly increased exertions for promoting this object and the special encouragement found at present for labouring in this cause, as these have been detailed in the Report; the Synod renew the appointment of the Committee with instructions to them to continue to direct their attention to the various forms of Sabbath desecration prevalent in the Province; and prosecute every competent measure for the removal of these; specially to call forth the sentiments of congregations in the way of petitioning the Legislature for the repression of Sabbath desecration in the Post Office and Canal departments; and also as they shall see fit, to correspond and co-operate with the Associations happily formed in some of the principal cities of the Province, for promoting the sanctification of the Sabbath.

The Synod further, always recognising that the Divine Word is the primary fountain of all just views respecting any branch of human obligation, recommend ministers to expound to their people from time to time the doctrine of Scripture respecting the privileges and the obligations of the Lord's Day; and the Synod also recommend sessions to be faithful and astute in applying the discipline of the Church, in any case in which the members of the church may be found violating the Lord's Day or countenancing the violation of it. The committee is as follows:

Robt. F. Burns, Convener, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gale, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gordon, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Reid, ministers; Dr. Dickson, Mr. Redpath, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Keith, Mr. Gibson, elders.

Mr. Gale, Convener, gave in the report of the Agency Committee. The Synod having considered this report and the reports of Presbyteries on the sustentation of the ministry, *Resolved*,

1st That there do not appear at present any grounds of encouragement for this Synod to renew the proposal of a scheme for the common support of the ministry of this Church.

2nd. That this important subject be committed again to Presbyteries with an earnest recommendation that if they have not already done so, they forthwith take effective steps to obtain regular periodical returns (quarterly if possible) of the amounts of stipend paid to the several ministers, together with annual returns of the number of

members and stated adherents in each congregation within their bounds.

3rd. That for the more efficient management of this business, it is recommended that each Presbytery at their first meeting after the close of Synod, nominate a Presbyterial Sustentation Board, consisting of seven members residing at or near the Presbytery seat, not more than two of whom shall be ministers, the rest being either elders, deacons, or members of the church, together with a representative from each congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery, and that this Board, under the inspection of the Presbytery, shall be charged with the care of the sustentation of the ministry, and of seeing that the engagements of congregations for the support of their ministers be duly implemented, reporting their proceedings from time to time to the Presbytery.

4th. That the General Agency Committee be re-appointed with instructions and authority to superintend and direct the services of the Agent of the Church, to correspond with Presbyteries and the Presbyterial Boards, aforesaid, in all matters pertaining to the sustentation of the ministry, and the schemes of the Church, and to obtain from them full reports on all the points heretofore specified, as also with respect to the pecuniary support of the schemes of the Church generally.

5th. That the Agency Committee be instructed to continue to direct their special attention to the subject of the sustentation of the ministry, and having due regard to the reports and suggestions which may be communicated to them as before provided, to mature their views on this subject, and to submit them to the Synod at its next meeting.

Agency Committee, the Moderator, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Young, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Wigham, Mr. Ure, ministers; Mr. McMurray, James Shaw, Mr. Spreull, Mr. Leask, Mr. John Kay, Mr. Fisher, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Brodie, John Laidlaw, Andrew McGlashan; Mr. Gale, Convener.

The Report of the Committee on the case of the congregation at Caledonia, was given in, read and adopted. Messrs. Esson, Rintoul, Gordon, and Quin, ministers; and Mr. Duff, elder, dissented; as also Messrs. Wardrope, Duncan, and Scott.

STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics, (Rev. W. Gregg Convener,) reported that the Presbyteries of Montreal, Perth, and Colborne had given in reports very fully and carefully drawn up.

Kingston and Hamilton Presbyteries sent similar returns, only one congregation in each having failed to report, viz., Brock-street Church, Kingston, and Knox's Church, Galt.

In the Presbytery of Toronto, three congregations had neglected to send returns, viz., Barrie, Caledon and Chinguacousy.

In the Presbytery of London, no returns appeared from North Easthope, Tuckersmith, and Stratford.

In the Presbytery of Brockville, the congregation of Prescott alone reported. There were no returns from Brockville, Spencerville, and South Gower, nor any of the vacant congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Committee recommend the publication of the Statistical Table, as drawn up by Mr. Burns, Agent for the Church.

The Synod unanimously agreed to record their thanks to the Office-bearers and Trustees of the Brock Street Church, Kingston, for the accommodation kindly afforded to the Synod during the

present session; and, to the friends in Kingston, for the hospitality received by the ministers and elders during the present session.

The business being finished, the Moderator briefly addressed the Synod, and after prayer and singing the 133rd Psalm, announced that the Synod would meet in Kingston, and within Chalmers Church there, on the second Wednesday of June, 1852, at eleven o'clock, A. M. The Synod was then closed with the blessing.

THE REV. GEORGE PAXTON YOUNG, HAMILTON.

We have great pleasure in copying the following certificate, affording as it does, an additional evidence of the respect and esteem in which this deservedly popular and gifted minister, is held by those who know him best.

The lady who conferred this token of regard upon Mr. Young, has been removed from the scenes of time, and no doubt took this method of testifying her appreciation of one, by whose prayers and counsel she had profited in the prospect of dissolution, as one most agreeable to him.

"This is to certify that Rev. George Paxton Young, Hamilton, U. C., has been constituted, by the contribution of One Hundred Dollars, by request of Mrs. McQuestion, an Honorary Director for life of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S."

(Signed)

WALTER LOWRIE, Sec'y.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CALVIN THE GREAT REFORMER: By PAUL HENRY, D.D., of Berlin—translated by Dr. Stebbing—2 vols., vol. 1, pp. 519. CARTER & BROTHERS, New York, and D. McLELLAN, Hamilton.

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LAYS OF THE KIRK AND COVENANT: By Mrs. MENTEATH. CARTER & BROTHERS, New York, and D. McLELLAN, Hamilton; pp. 245.

LETTERS TO MY PUPILS: By Mrs. SIGOURNEY. CARTER & BROTHERS, New York, and D. McLELLAN, Hamilton; pp. 341.

MIDNIGHT MELODIES: By REV. OCTAVIUS WINSLOW. CARTER & BROTHERS, New York, and D. McLELLAN, Hamilton.

Our space does not allow us to do more than acknowledge the receipt of these interesting volumes, to which we shall have pleasure in referring more particularly in another number.