

The Synod sympathise also with the afflicted and bereaved flock, and assure them of their interest in their spiritual welfare: And, delighted to recognise the liberality with which they have already provided against the worldly inconveniences that might have followed from the death of their beloved Pastor to his suddenly bereaved family,—the Synod pledge themselves to forward the laudable design of increasing the provision so far already made with this view, by all the means in their power. It is a pleasing and interesting proof of the more than ordinary fidelity and affectionate care of their spiritual interests manifested by their late Pastor, that, in the course of so brief a ministry he had secured such a place in their hearts; and the Synod fondly hope that the remembrance of his ways in Christ, and of the good word of God spoken by him, may subserve a valuable practical effect in all the families of the congregation—inducing them to follow his faith, and to seek in saving union and communion with the Master whom he served, what will be their only effectual support and solace in life and death, as it also constitutes the fruit which every faithful servant of the Lord most of all would desire, as the recompence of his labours and sacrifices.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed,

That contributions should be made throughout all the congregations of the Synod, in aid of the family of the late Mr. Harris, and that Dr. Burns, Mr. Robb, ministers; Mr. McLellan, Mr. Elder, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Blain, elders, be a Committee for attending to this matter, with instructions to co-operate with the Committee already formed in the town of Niagara, for the aid of the family of the late Mr. Harris—Dr. Burns to be Convener, and Mr. Blain, Treasurer.

The Synod took up an application in behalf of Mr. McConechy, from elders, deacons, and members of the congregations of North Georgetown and English River, for consideration of his case, with a view to his being eventually reponed in the office of the Holy ministry.

The Synod agreed to refer the case to the following Committee, with instructions to examine into the same, and report at a future Session, viz:—

Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Macalister, ministers; Mr. Alexander Gibb, and Mr. Thomas Nicol, elders.

The Synod had read a draft of a Bill of Incorporation for Knox's College.

It was agreed that said draft should lie on the table, to be taken up in connection with the Report of the College Committee at a future Session.

There was read a letter from the Secretaries of the French Canadian Missionary Society, tendering the thanks of the Committee of said Society to the Synod, for the interest heretofore taken by this Church, in the prosperity of that Society, and requesting a continuance of the Synod's friendly co-operation. Several brethren addressed the House in behalf of the Society; and it was agreed that a collection in behalf of