

should at once comply with Principal Tulloch's request, and appoint the friend whom he had named to act so long as he was a member of the House; but it might be a question whether the House should not reconsider the paragraph in the report which he had read with the view of making some modification in its terms. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. PIRIE, said that, after what Mr. Smith had read, the Assembly must of course comply with Principal Tulloch's request, which was quite in order. But it was a serious question to consider whether, year after year, they should have only one clerk at the table. (Hear, hear.) It appeared impossible that they should continue under such a system as this. Mr. Gordon proposed that something should be done to remedy that evil. They were all at one as to what should be done at present; but he thought that in order to put the matter on a proper footing, they should refer the subject to a committee to consider and report as to what change should be made upon the rule. He thought Mr. Smith had stated exactly what the House might accede to—viz., that the clerks should be returned according to the usual order of rotation—about once in four or five years; but it was not right that they should continue time after time to be returned to the House as members and leave their work to be done by substitute clerks, over whom the House, to say the best of it, had only an indirect control. Dr. Pirie concluded by moving that Principal Tulloch's request be acceded to and that the committee be appointed to report to this Assembly any alterations which they might think desirable as to the arrangements under which the clerks should be returned as members to the House.

Mr. STEWART, Liberton—Is Dr. Tulloch to have the nomination of the person who is to assist him?

Dr. PIRIE—It is not in our power to come to any other arrangement on the subject at present, in respect that it is settled in the terms of the report which Mr. Smith has already read to the House.

Mr. STEWART—If former Assemblies have done wrong, that is no reason why this Assembly should go wrong. (Laughter.)

Dr. PIRIE's motion was agreed to unanimously, and Mr. Story was appointed substitute Deputo-Clerk, and took the oaths and his place at the table: and the committee was appointed in terms of Dr. Pirie's motion.

THE QUEEN'S GIFT.

The Assembly authorised the Procurator to draw from the Exchequer the royal gift of £2000.

The usual routine business was proceeded with. In a future number we shall give condensed accounts of the most important debates coming before the Assembly.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE AND THE UNIVERSITY QUESTION.—The following resolutions in reference to University Education were brought up in the Wesleyan Conference and passed unanimously:—

Whereas it is declared in the University Act of 1853 that "former enactments have failed to effect the end proposed by the Legislature in passing them, inasmuch as no college or educa-

tional institution hath under them become affiliated to the University to which they relate, and many parents and others are deterred by the expense and other causes from sending the youth under their charge to be educated in a large city, distant in many cases from their homes;" and whereas it is in the said act further declared that "from these and other causes, many do and will prosecute and complete their studies in other institutions in various parts of the Province, to whom it is just and right to afford facilities for obtaining those scholastic honours and rewards which their diligence and proficiency may deserve, and thereby to encourage them and others to persevere in the pursuit of knowledge and sound learning." Therefore, Resolved, that for these and other weighty considerations it is still more unreasonable now than it was fifteen years ago, to suppose that the collegiate education of Ontario, with its mixed population and diversified predilection, can be adequately and justly provided for by the University of Toronto, consisting of one single college, placed in the city of Toronto.

II. That whereas the several other collegiate institutions referred to in the said Act are still successfully employed in imparting education to large numbers of the youth of the land, and the manifest design of the Act in regard to them has been defeated either by defects in the Act or by the manner in which it has been administered; and whereas these institutions have been in the receipt of legislative aid, continued and increased from time to time for more than twenty-five years, by various decisions of the Legislature; and whereas the great usefulness of these colleges as a part of the educational system of the Province is admitted, and their existence would be jeopardised by the threatened withdrawal of public aid: Therefore, resolved, that it is but just and proper that some measures should be adopted by the Legislature to sustain and improve these colleges by endowing them either as distinct universities according to their present charters, or as affiliated colleges in one national university, with a common senate and a uniform system of instruction, examination, and governmental supervision.

III. That this Conference being deeply impressed with the soundness and importance of the above views, as heretofore enunciated through its memorials to the Legislature and other published documents, pledge itself to employ all the legitimate means for maintaining and giving effect to those views, and hereby earnestly requests the united and cordial co-operation of the Wesleyan people and the public at large in a general movement for the establishment of a comprehensive and liberal system of collegiate education.

IV. That it is desirable to raise by voluntary subscriptions the sum of \$100,000 as a part of an endowment for Victoria College, with special provision for the general and theological training of candidates for the Christian ministry, and that the Rev. William Morley Punshon, M.A., President of the Conference, be requested to devote to this work so much of his time and attention as his health may allow, and as may be consistent with his other duties.