

ous stages of progress—being, as one of the expected fruits of the Union, a considerable increase since last year. The Board further reported that, by the special effort which had been made, the greater part of the sum required to pay off the debt resting on the College building, had been raised and paid over to the parties who held the mortgage, and that, if the congregations which hitherto had remitted nothing to the fund, would each send a moderate contribution, the whole debt would be wiped away. With regard to the ordinary fund, the Board regretted that there was a very considerable deficiency, as would be shown by the published accounts. The Board called attention to the changes sought for in the University of Toronto, in order that the Synod might take such action in reference thereto as in its wisdom might appear proper in the circumstances."

The following resolutions were severally moved, seconded and agreed to, with reference to the report of the College Board:

"That the Synod remit to the Finance Committee to take such steps as it may deem best to secure the regular payment of the Professors' salaries.

"That the cordial thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Alexander Topp for his laborious efforts in devising, and for carrying out the scheme for liquidating the debt on the College building.

"That all proper means be used to secure that those congregations that have not yet contributed to the College Buildings Fund, do their part, so that, if possible, the entire debt may be liquidated this year."

Rev. J. M. King moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Thornton,

"That a special committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of the preparatory and theological education of candidates for the ministry, to consult with the Senate if they deem it necessary, and to report to the meeting of Synod next June."

The motion was carried, and the following members appointed as said committee: The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Thomson, Rev. Messrs. Caven, Dr. Inglis, Gillespie, Scott (London), Proudfoot, and King.

The Synod agreed that the Presbyteries shall not send up students to Knox College, in the theological course, out of the order prescribed in the curriculum enjoined by the Synod.

It was also agreed to recommend to the Board of Management of the College, to take into earnest and careful consideration the rate of charges in the College Boarding House, with the view of having the charges, if possible, reduced.

On the University question the following motion was submitted by Mr. R. F. Burns:

"That the Synod instruct the College Board to watch the proceedings of the Legislature in the matter of the University of Toronto, and if they see fit to petition in the name of the Synod, as well as in their own name, against any partition of the University Fund among the denominational colleges. They farther recommend Presbyteries and Sessions to take similar action in the event of circumstances emerging to render such action necessary."

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Willis:

"That in the present circumstances of the Province and of this Church, the Synod does not deem it expedient to move in this matter."

Mr. Kemp submitted the following amendment:

"That this Synod resolve to petition the Legislature and Governor in Council against any appropriation of the funds of the University of Toronto, or for the appropriation of the public funds for the maintenance or endowment of denominational colleges in Canada West, it being the decided opinion of this Synod that such appropriation would lead to the destruction of our unsectarian system of education in this portion of the Province, and be a grievous injustice to a large and influential portion of the community who cannot conscientiously participate in such grants of money. Appoint also a special committee to watch over any proposed legislation in regard to the above matter,