There was read and referred to the Committee on applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry a Petition from the Rev. John Whyte, of Arthur.

#### REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

There was read a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General, intimating that the Synod's Address of last year to Her Majesty the Queen had been received, and would be laid at the foot of the Throne. There was also read an acknowledgment of the receipt of the Synod's Address of last year to His Excellency the Governor General.

The minutes of the Commission of Synod were read and sustained.

## EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR 1868-'69.

The Synod appointed the Examining Committee for the ensuing year, as follows, viz.:—Mr. Nicol, Convener; Mr. G. D. Ferguson, Secretary; The Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Muir,  $Dr_{\gamma}$ Jenkins, Messrs. George Bell, Mann, George Macdonnell, William Bain, Rannie, Lindsay, Morrison, Burnet, Inglis, Wilson, Kenneth Maclennan, Carmichael, D. J. Macdonnell, Ross (Chatham), Robert Campbell, Evans, Daniel M. Gordon.

## RETURNS ON ACT ANENT STUDENTS.

The Clerk produced and read Returns on the Act anent the examination of Students and Candidates for the Holy Ministry, sent down by Synod at last meeting to Presbyteries for consideration, from the Presbyteries of Toronto, Kingston, London, and Ottawa, approving of the same, and from the Presbyteries of Montreal, Guelph, and Niagara, approving of the same generally, but suggesting emendations thereof in some particulars. It was moved by Principal Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Mann, and unanimously agreed to, That the Returns now read be referred to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. George Bell, Robert Campbell, Alexander Morris, and the mover, with instructions to compare the same with the terms of the Act itself, and report to the Synod at a subsequent Diet;—Dr. Snodgrass to be Convener.

### REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER SYNODS.\*

The Reports of Correspondents to the Synods of the Lower Provinces having been called for, Principal Snodgrass read a full and interesting report of his attendance at the last annual meetings of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, late Moderator, stated verbally that he had been present as a Commissioner at the meeting of the Synod of Nova Scotia—that he had met

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