

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), Bondfoot, 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-houses, with a view of having the charges, if possible reduced.

THE UNIVERSITY QUESTION.—Rev. R. F. Burns moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Cross, "That this 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 amongst the denominational colleges. They further recommend Presbyteries and Sessions to take similar action in the event of circumstances emerging to render such action necessary."

Rev. Mr. Kemp then moved in amendment—"That this Synod resolve to petition the Legislature and the 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, and to use their utmost efforts by petition or otherwise, through the Presbyteries and sessions of this church, to prevent any such legislative proceedings."

After a good deal of discussion, Rev. Mr. Burns withdrew his motion in favour of Mr. Kemp's. The vote was then taken on Mr. Burns' amendment to Mr. Kemp's. Yeas, 4; nays, 46.

RESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL WILLIS.—Rev. Dr. Willis rose and said that he wished to tender the resignation of his position in the Synod, and his relation with Knox's College. He had carefully thought over the subject, and he was still of the same mind as he had been in the afternoon. He could not but say that his feelings were hurt by some remarks which had been made in the discussion in the afternoon. He had given the subject due consideration, and the result was that he had come to the resolution to lay his resignation on the table.—Rev. Mr. Lowrie moved that the report of a committee appointed to confer with Dr. Willis in regard to his resignation, be received and adopted, and appoint the committee with the Moderator as convenor, to continue the conference. If Dr. Willis adheres to his resignation, the Moderator to call a special meeting of the Synod on as early a day as possible for the purpose of taking action in the matter. The motion was adopted.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

— **QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.**—The report of the trustees of Queen's College was read. The number of students in the various faculties during the past year was as follows, at the close of the College session:—Arts, 39; Theology, 22; Medicine, 85; Law, 7. This shows an increase of five in the Theological Hall, which gives this department stronger claims upon the attention of the Synod. The number of students in the Arts Faculty who have announced their intention to study for the Ministry is 19, so that the Queen's College is now preparing 41 for the sacred office. Through the munificence of a citizen of Kingston, John Watkins, Esq., who has given £1,000 cy. to add a new wing to the Kingston Hospital, a spacious Clinical Lecture Room and Operating Theatre will be enjoyed by this Institution. An important step, which may be expected to exercise a beneficial influence upon the College, was lately taken in establishing a connection between the magnificent Common School system of Upper Canada and the Grammar School of Kingston, now affiliated to Queen's College. A considerable number of Scholarships are offered for competition among boys in the Kingston Common Schools, tenable during their Grammar School course, and several larger Scholarships have been endowed by private individuals from the Grammar Schools of the district to the College. With the view of aiding this movement, and also of improving both schools, the College Preparatory School was amalgamated with the Kingston Grammar School, the practical control of the latter having been

secured to the College. The result so far has been most encouraging. A full and accomplished staff of masters have been secured, and the increase in the number of boys during the very short period which has intervened since the change was effected, justifies the expectation that this important feeder to the College will occupy a high position among the educational institutions of Upper Canada.

Rev. Mr. Campbell moved that the Report now read should be received, and that the Synod record their high gratification of the many evidences of increased efficiency which it discloses, more especially at the facts that there has been during the past season so marked an increase of students in the Theological Faculty, and that several new scholarships have been founded by the munificence of private benefactors; and resolve to regard these evidences of extended usefulness as a renewed call to a more generous support of and more fervent prayer in behalf of this Institution throughout the Church.

The Committee on the Bursary Scheme, in their report, hoped that the good done by this scheme would stimulate the members of the Synod in their exertions to contribute toward this fund. The fund was instituted for the purpose of giving those who have commenced a theological education, and who have not the means of continuing such, aid in so doing.

Rev. Mr. Morrison moved that the report of the Committee on the Bursary Scheme be received and adopted, and that the thanks of this Synod be voted to the Moderator in advancing the Bursary Scheme, which was unanimously adopted.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.

Much discussion was had in reference to the Congregational College, in consequence of the resignation, by the Rev. Dr. Wickson, of the classical tutorship. The majority of the friends of the institution were evidently disposed to confine the operations of the college to the giving of a theological education only, leaving students to obtain English and classical attainments in the general literary institutions of the country. This course will, doubtless, be ultimately adopted; but in the meantime the College Board is empowered to make interior arrangements, and to report comprehensively at the next annual meeting. Renewed protest and petition were resolved on against the appropriation of University or other public funds to the support of denominational colleges. This topic awakened renewed interest and attention from the recent action of the University Senate, in which Dr. Lillie was said to have concurred, and by which it was proposed that Government aid should be given to sectarian colleges from other than University funds. Allusion having been publicly made to Dr. Lillie's reported concurrence in this scheme, that gentleman entered with some warmth into the subject, but did not disclaim the part attributed to him. It was generally felt that he had not reflected the views of the Congregational body in his action on the University Senate, and much regret was expressed that any seeming compromise should have been made on so important a matter.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE.

— **WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE, HAMILTON.**—The Rev. S. D. Rice introduced the subject of the Wesleyan Female College in Hamilton. The report of the Directors and that of the Governor were read and various information respecting the opening, progress, and present state of the institution was given, from which it appears that though in its infancy it has already attracted a degree of attention, and received a measure of support which augurs well for its future usefulness and success. Such an institution has long been a *desideratum* in the denomination. Ample provision has been made for the education of the Methodist people in the University of Victoria College, but up to the time of the establishment of the Hamilton Female College, though several ineffectual efforts had been made in that direction, sufficient provision had not been made for the education of their daughters. This reproach has at length been taken away, and the Hamilton Institution, it is confidentially believed, will prove all that can be desired in a College for the education of ladies, and a career of usefulness awaits it no less marked than that which has attended Victoria College. For this the character of Principal and teachers, and of the gentlemen entrusted with its management and direction, afford the amplest security. There is a determination to spare no pains or cost that may be necessary to make it at least equal to any institution of the kind on this Continent. The Rev. Mr. Davis having been appointed Moral Governor of the College, made a suitable acknowledgement to the Conference for this mark of their confidence in him.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.—The Rev. Dr. Nelles presented a highly satisfactory