a regular course of training for the Ministry, that they have been regularly authorized to preach the Gospel, and that they are of good Christian character, and in proper standing as ministers or preachers of the Gospel.

2 That the Presbytery to whom they apply shall at first receive the applicants on trial for at least the term of six months, until it has been ascertained whether their ministrations are acceptable or not to the congregations among whom they are appointed to labour.

3. That during the period of trial, the sum of £1 10s. be allowed each probationer or minister as stipend, for each Sabbath on which he ministers in any congregation or station under the inspection of the Presbytery.

On motion, the Committee of Missions of last year, composed of Messrs. T. Christie, Porteous, Roy and Drummond, Ministers, and Messrs. P. Thornton, Chisholm and Sandilands, Elders, was re-appointed. Mr. T. Christie Convener.

Mr. Skinner moved, seconded by Mr Thornton, that it be Resolved, and it was accordingly Resolved,

1. That it shall be a law of this Church that under the direction of their respective Presbyteries, Ministers whose congregations receive aid from the Synod's funds, shall perform missionary labour in the various vacancies and stations in their Presbyteries in some proportion to the amount received from the funds, at the discretion and on the call of the several Presbyteries, and that they report the amount of such Missionary labour to their Presbyteries in detail, and that the Presbyteries report the same to the Synod at their Annual Meeting.

2. That Probationers under the inspection of this Synod be, so far as practicable, appointed by Presbyteries to officiate in the same locality not less than two Sabbaths: that during the intervening week they shall be expected to visit ministerially on two or three days; that one probationer begin his visitation where the former one terminated his; that the Elders or managers keep in view the arrangements, and that in all cases, the Minister or Preacher respect the arrangement and abide by it.

Entered on the consideration of the question how the Students of Theology shall be disposed of during the vacancy in the Theological Professorship.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr Barrie, it was Resolved, that until a Theological Professor be appointed, the Presbyteries be enjoined to take charge of the Students in their bounds, and that such inspection shall be held equivalent to a regular session of the Hall, and further that Presbyteries shall report to the Synod at its next meeting.

The Synod took up the question relating to the appointment of a Professor of Theology.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Skinner, that whereas at last pro re nata meeting of Synod it was resolved that the Church in Scotland through the Board of Missions be requested to recommend for the choice of this Synod a list of names of ministers qualified for the Professorship in this Synod; and whereas in consequence of information lately received, it is expedient to rescind that procedure, be it now therefore resolved, that that decision is rescinded, and that the Synod in Scotland, through the Board of Missions, be authorized to make the Selection of such Professor.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Christie, that the case be for the present left precisely in the position in which it was placed by the pro re nata meeting of Synod.

The amendment and the motion being seconded, the amendment was carried by a majority.

On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Roy, it was resolved in case of a communication in reference to the appointment of a Professor of Theology being received from the Board of Missions in Scotland, either nominating a person or persons in their judgment fit to fill that office, or stating difficulties in their opinion in the present state of the reference to them insurmountable, that the moderator be instructed to call a pro re nata meeting as soon as possible, to take the whole case into consideration.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Skinner, it was unanimously Resolved,

1. That the Committee on Missions be enjoined to convey to the Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and through them to the Church in general the unanimous and cordial thanks of this Synod for all their past kindness in contributing so liberally to the support of our weak congregations and stations, and also for their kindness in sending out so many men for the work of the ministry in this Country

2. That the Committee be enjoined to request the continuance of this kindness as to the aid of the weak congregations, and also to request the Board of Missions to endeavor to obtain the services of such ministers or preachers as in their judgment may be suitable for the Church in Canada, the necessities of which are very great.

3. That in order to the Committee's furnishing the Board with full particulars as to the wants of the Church here, the Presbyteries be enjoined to state to Mission Committee,

1s. How many organized congregations they have within their bounds which are prepared to receive ministers.

2nd. To state the probable amount of annual stipend each congregation of this class may be expected to give in the event of obtaining a minister.

3. To state the number of unorganized stations which might be occupied with advantage to the Church.

Mr. Jennings reported from the Committee appointed at the 4th Sederunt to draft Synodical Memorials to be presented to the Government and Legislature.

It was moved by Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, that the memorial reported by Mr. Jennings, be not received, but laid on the table.

It was moved by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Dick, that the report be received and considered.

The vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority of 11 to 5.

The Memorial was then considered by paragraphs, and with certain alterations was adopted, as follows:—

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada:

The memorial of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, sheweth,

That the Synod regard the Sabbath as a Divine Institution, given to man while in a state of primeval perfection; that its sanctions are permanent, and the full observance of it is an express command of the Almighty, for in the Decalogue containing the grand epitome of all moral duty, it is authoritatively declared, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy;" and though it has been considered by some to be only a Jewish Institution, yet, being given substantially to Adam, the head and representative of the race, and incorporated by our Lord Jesus Christ, along with the whole Moral law, into the Christian system, it becomes a Law for mankind, and is, therefore, alike old as the creation of man, and modern and universal as Christianity itself.

That, regarding the Sabbath as intended for, and essential to man's spiritual, physical, and social well-being, and considering that its violation is followed by the penalty of transgression in respect to all his interests; indeed, regarding the institution as of supreme importance to the very existence of Christianity, and to the welfare of mankind, it is the unanimous sentiment of the Synod that it is the duty and for the interests of all, both in their individual and collective capacities, to observe it faithfully, and, as they love God, the Bible, their species and themselves, to use every right means to maintain it, in its full integrity, with all its high, holy, and beneficient designs and uses.

That, while there is an almost unanimous acknowledgment of the obligation to keep the Sabbath as a day of rest from all secular avocations, by persons in their private, professional, and commercial relations, it cannot be consistent for them in their aggregate character to demand, that they have public servants employed in any public work on that day, when they practically declare it be wrong in their individual capacities and circumstances.

Your memorialists therefore regard the transaction of business in any of the *Public Departments*, on the Sabbath, as sinful as it relates to God, unjust as it relates to man, and as setting a bad example to the whole community; and they assert and declare that, for the glory of God, and the honor of our common Christianity, for man's spiritual and physical good, and for our Country's reputation and prosperity, that all business under Governmental control ought to cease on that day.

That with regard, especially to the Postal Department in which public service is exacted on the Sabbath, your memorialists affirm that the several mail routes by land and water, ought to be so arranged that there shall be no conveyance of mails and no Post office labor on that day.

On taking the subject, and these truths, into your early and earnest consideration, the Synod respectfully maintain, that your Honorable House ought to take all legitimate steps to remove all obstructions and abuses, in any of the Public Departments which prevent the proper observance of that most blessed day, which God made for man, and which he has commanded all men to hallow.

Signed in name and in the presence of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, met in the City of Hamilton, on the 10th day of June, One Thousand eight hundred and Fifty-One.

(Signed,) W. TAYLOR, *Moderator.*
W. FRASER, *Synod Clerk.*

The following reasons for dissent from the resolutions regarding memorials on Sabbath observance passed at the fourth Sederunt of this Session of Synod were given in, viz:

REASONS FOR DISSENT.

1. That the object desired in the petition or memorial to Parliament is a thing, which, in our civil capacity, we are entitled to demand from the Government of our country.

2 That we are decidedly opposed to confounding things civil and ecclesiastical, and consider that our legitimate and consistent course of conduct as a voluntary Church, to obtain for our people their civil rights which have a religious aspect, is to enlighten the people themselves, and to stimulate them to use all constitutional means to obtain such rights; inasmuch as we, as a Church Court, acknowledge no superior, nor even equal in any civil power in the world; and inasmuch as we have avowed this principle openly, as a Synod, by making it the basis of the views expressed in the proceedings of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

(Signed,) JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT.
WM BARRIE.
ROBT. CHRISTIE.
THOS. CHRISTIE.
JAMES ROY.
WM. M. CHRISTIE.
WILLIAM AITKEN.