

The Synod had read a letter from elders and members of the Free Church of Beckwith, complaining of the conduct of the Presbytery of Perth and craving the Synod to send a committee to enquire into the state of the congregation, and give advice in their present circumstances. The members of the Presbytery, although they had not been regularly informed of this complaint, offering no opposition, the Synod took up the case. A committee having been appointed to meet with the parties, in order to promote an adjustment of the questions between them, presented the following report, which was sustained, and cordially approved of by the Synod—

"That having had full conversation with members of the Presbytery of Perth and the Commissioners from the petitioners in Beckwith, they found it an easy matter to adjust the difference between the parties—that difference having originated mainly in mis-understanding; and that both parties had signified their resolution to meet each other's views in amity and mutual confidence."

The Rev. Wm. Lyall, acting Professor of English and Classical Literature, and General Mental Training, in Knox's College, was recognized as a member of the Synod, and invited to take his seat accordingly.

Saturday June 23, a reference was taken up from the Presbytery of Cobourg, asking advice and relief in the weakened state of that Presbytery. After reasoning the following deliverance was adopted:—

"The Synod, without coming to any final deliverance in the matter, and cherishing the confident hope, that some of the vacant charges in the Presbytery of Cobourg will be filled up during the ensuing year, agree that, in the meantime, the Minister of Belleville, and the Minister of Picton, and Mr. Rintoul, of Knox's College, be appointed as Assessors to that Presbytery until next meeting of Synod. Farther, that in order that this provision may be rendered as effectual as possible, the Presbyteries of Kingston and Toronto are enjoined to give all facilities in their power for carrying out the foregoing arrangement, and are empowered to delegate any other of their number to act as Assessors, when on any occasion the Ministers herein specially named, may find it impracticable to attend the meetings of the Presbytery of Cobourg."

The following judgment was given in a case of appeal against a decision of the Presbytery of London, respecting the formation of a new congregation in Woodstock:—

"The Synod sustain the decision of the Presbytery of London, in so far as it authorizes the organization of a Gaelic Congregation in the township of Blandford; but, inasmuch as the Gaelic population in that quarter already is very numerous, and rapidly increasing—and as there does not *in hoc statu* exist sufficient data for determining the most suitable locality for a place of worship for such congregation, remit to the Presbytery to consider the whole matter of such organization, with reference to the accommodation of the whole body of the permanent Gaelic population in the said township, and the adjoining localities—to proceed with all caution and deliberation to any decision in the matter, and not to sanction any site for a Gaelic Church, without consulting the Synod again, unless they be in the meantime required so to do by the prospect of an early settlement of a Gaelic minister, in which case, the Presbytery is instructed to refer the matter to the Commission of Synod, whose decision shall be final."

It was agreed

"That Mr. Robb, Convener of the Home

Mission Committee, be requested to meet with the Missionaries and Catechists of the Church now in Toronto, for conference and counsel, before they return to their several stations."

In consequence of a large number of ministers leaving town to preach in the country on Sabbath, the afternoon was devoted to meetings of Committees.

In the evening there were devotional exercises and addresses on the revival of religion.

On Monday, June 25, the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported. Communications were transmitted by them from Mr. J. Y. Cameron. The Synod having been informed of their tenor, declined to receive them, having already pronounced judgment on the subject to which they refer, and authorized the Presbytery of Perth to deal with Mr. Cameron's case. The Presbytery to meet in Toronto during the session of Synod, and to cite Mr. Cameron to appear before them. Assessors were appointed to act with the Presbytery. Reports on the records of all the Presbyteries, except Perth, were read, sustained, and the Records ordered to be attested agreeably to the reports.

The Presbytery of Kingston was authorized to admit Mr. Harris as a minister of this church, on his subscribing the formula, and on account of the length of time he has been laboring within that Presbytery; it may be competent for him to receive a call within twelve months, notwithstanding the Synod's regulation, requiring twelve months' missionary labour of ministers received into this church.

Leave was granted to several Presbyteries to take on trials for license, certain Students of Divinity, who had finished their course, viz:—
Presbytery of Hamilton—Mr. John Scott.
Presbytery of Toronto—Mr. John Ross, Mr. Andrew Hudson, and Mr. James Nisbet.
Presbytery of Kingston—Mr. Thomas Dickson.
Presbytery of Montreal—Mr. Robert Swinton.

And that they may be settled in pastoral charges within twelve months.

It was agreed that immediately after next session of Knox's College, any Presbytery may take on trials for license the following students of Divinity, viz., Mr. Robert Ure, Mr. Thomas Henning, Mr. W. Troup, and Mr. John Gray.

It was resolved that next meeting of Synod be held in Toronto, on the first Wednesday of June, 1850.

Mr. Robb, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, read the report for last year. We intend to give that interesting document in our next number.

Mr. John Black, Missionary to the French Canadians, on the call of the Synod, gave an account of the state of the mission. Mr. Holmes, Missionary from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, gave an account of the missionary operations of that church. And the Rev. Mr. Mackintosh gave a short account of his missionary travels in Canada East, when the following deliverance was adopted:

"Sustain the Report—approve of the diligence of the Committee, and tendering the thanks of the Synod to the convener and members—would humbly and thankfully acknowledge the goodness of the Great Head of the Church, in the measure of success which has attended their Home Missionary operations—appoint a Committee to superin-

tend the Home Missions of the Synod for the ensuing year—continue the powers of the Committee as during last year—instruct them to use their best exertions to obtain a more adequate supply of effective missionaries, and to secure more regular and liberal contributions to the Presbyterial funds, and to the central synodical fund—approve specially of the efforts of the Committee, in regard to the appointment of an agent or superintendent of Home Missions, and authorize and enjoin them to continue their efforts until they procure one or more ministers of experience in that capacity, as they may find themselves justified by the state of the Synodical Home Mission Fund. The Synod would also earnestly urge it on Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations, to sustain the Committee to the utmost of their power in carrying on this great work, in the success of which the prosperity of the church, and the glory of Christ are so deeply involved."

"The Synod further instruct the Home Mission Committee to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland—tendering to them the thanks of the Synod for the valuable services they have rendered to the home missionary operations of this Church, by the missionaries whom they have sent out and sustained amongst us, and transmit to them a copy of the report on Home Missions, with relative documents."

"The Synod further commend to the Committee the early consideration of the case of Mr. Fettes, the period of whose service has now nearly expired."

"The Synod also instruct the Committee to open up a correspondence with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland—transmitting to them a copy of the report, with such other documents as may put them in possession of full and correct information respecting the religious condition of Canada, and the peculiar qualifications necessary in an efficient missionary labourer in this country—cordially welcoming the more full and systematic co-operation in the work which they have now reason to expect from that Church."

"The Synod also instruct the Committee to inquire into the state of the French Canadian Mission, with a view of ascertaining in what manner this Church may most advantageously and efficiently assist in the work of evangelizing the French population of Lower Canada, especially commending to their immediate consideration the case of Mr. Black, probationer of this Church, with the view of counselling him respecting his connection with that mission, and the propriety of his continuing that connection."

The Synod appointed the following members to be the Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year, viz:—Mr. Robb, Convener; Mr. Cheyne, Secretary; Dr. Burns, Messrs. McKenzie, Stark, Eason, Rintoul, Harris, Wightman, Roger, Reid, R. Reid, Gregg, McMillan, Loyd, Leishman, Wardrope, ministers; Messrs. Redpath, James Fraser, Davidson, McMillan, Jeffrey, Honourable John McDonald, Messrs. McLellan, Emberson, Ferrier, Burns, elders.

The Synod adverting to the Home Mission Report, that several communications from the Committee, to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland had not been answered, agreed to request the Moderator to make a respectful communication on this subject to the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland.

It was agreed that the Committee of Bills and Overtures meet at half-past 9 a. m. The Synod to meet for devotional exercises at 10, to proceed to business immediately hereafter.

Tuesday, June 26.—The thanks of the Synod