

penses of members of Synod, and to prepare a scale of payment. Mr. Duff, Convener.

Agreed that the dissent and complaint against a decision of Prince Edward Island Presbytery be taken up on Monday afternoon.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee on rules and forms of procedure, to appoint another committee to revise their work, the Rev. Professors King, and McKnight, and the Clerk were appointed.

Rev. W. McCulloch read the report of the committee on marriage licences, pointing out existing evils and the propriety of Synodical action on the matter, both as respects the Government and the Church, and stating that for reasons given, they had not made application to the Government on the subject.

The committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. Professor King, and Rev. Messrs. Murdoch and Cameron; and directed to bring various abuses under the notice of Government, with a view to their rectification, said committee to correspond with the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, in order that a similar application may be made to the Government of that Island.

Rev. Professor McKnight then submitted the Report of the Publication Committee, shewing that the Record now had a circulation of 2,800 copies, and left after the payment of all expenses a surplus of £35.

The Synod Re-appointed the committee and approve of their diligenced during the past year, and directed them to collect arrears on the periodicals of the two bodies prior to union, and to apply the surplus to the payment of the debt on these.

After notice given, the following motion was moved by Rev. Wm. Murray. "That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the subject of systematic giving, and report to the Synod a method by which it may be secured, that every church member and every adherent give something to the schemes of the Church, regularly, and as far as possible, according to their ability." The motion passed and the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Murray, J. Cameron, J. McLean, McLeod, and McKenzie, and Messrs. C. Robson and Adam Dickie were appointed. Mr. Murray, Convener.

The committee appointed to classify the reports of Presbyteries, on the constituent members of church courts, submitted the following report:—

TRURO PRESBYTERY reports "That the right belongs to ordained Ministers employed as Professors in the Institutions of the Church, and to ordained Ministers employed as Foreign Missionaries, but not to such as are not in the service of the Church, or to such as are labouring as Home Missionaries."

PICTOU PRESBYTERY reports, "That ordained Ministers having pastoral charges, and Elders representing Kirk Sessions, be the only constituent members of Church Courts."

VICTORIA PRESBYTERY reports, "That this Presbytery is of opinion, that all ordained Ministers, Pastors of Congregations, with their representative Elders, together with ordained Foreign Missionaries; and all ordained Professors engaged in the Institutions of the Church, alone are eligible members of the Courts of the Church."

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY reports "That, with respect to Professors of Theology, they find that it is not an open question, as they hold a constitutional right to sit in the higher courts of the Church; it is therefore the opinion of the Presbytery, that the Pastors and representative Elders of Congregations, and the Professors of Theology, and they only, can be recognized as constituent members of the higher Church Courts."

TATAMAGOUCHE PRESBYTERY reports "That the opinion of this Presbytery,

Rules of procedure

Report of Com. on Marriage Licences

Com. enlarged

Report of Publication Com.

Re-appointed

Com. on systematic giving

Report of Com. to classify returns of Presbytery