

tained.—Mr. A. Campbell's bill, intended to secure the better observance of the Sabbath, was treated with respect though not passed. The Report will be printed.

Rev. Mr. McGregor gave in the Report of the Committee on Incorporation. Owing to Mr. Steele's absence from the city, the work had fallen to Professor King and himself and he now read the Act of Incorporation which was passed last winter in the Legislature. He made special mention of the valuable services rendered to the Committee by the Chief Justice in the preparation of Act. The Report of the Committee was received and their diligence approved. The following members were added to the Board :—Revs. Professor Ross, Bayne, A. Ross, (Pictou) J. Stewart, Dr McLeod, and R. P. Grant, A. James, W. Gammell, T. Bearisto and D. McCallum Esquires. It is provided by law that no one *can be appointed* a member of the Board, who is not a member in full communion of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. This has only a prospective operation. Parties mentioned in the bill, though not members in full communion of said Church, are still members of the Board.

The Rev Mr McGregor submitted report of Committee to prepare Questions for Presbyterial Visitation, to be answered by the minister, the session and the congregation. The report was received; the Questions were ordered to be sent down to Presbyteries for approval.

Professor Lyall reported from the Bursary Committee that he had no money to disburse, and that nothing had been done to aid poor students. The committee was discharged.

The following arrangements were made for the supply of Dr Smith's Pulpit during his term in College. The Presbytery of Truro to supply it for the month of December; Pictou for January, and Halifax for February.

In the absence of the General Treasurer the Rev George Patterson submitted the following balances, as in the Treasurer's books: Synod Fund £69 11s. 9d. General Foreign Mission Fund £657 14s. To pay expenses of Mr Geddie's children £15. Support of children £6. Turkish Mission £253. Buildings at Demir-desh £145 Total for Missionary objects £1073 7s. 10d. Home Missions £193. Matheson Bequest for Home Missions £136. For expenses of Seminary £89. Special effort £19. Previous balances were audited in May and the statement will be given at length in the *Record*.

Rev W. Murray then supported the overture, transmitted unanimously by the Presbytery of Halifax with reference to the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, in case of the ordination of elders and deacons. He stated that this was the scriptural mode and the mode recommended in the second Book of Discipline and in the Directory. Mr James and Mr Sudgewick also supported the overture. It was agreed to send it to the Presbyteries of the Church to consider and decide.

The memorial of Dr Smith urging the establishing of a Preliminary School in connexion with the Truro Seminary was read. After discussion, in which it appeared that the Synod was by no means clear as to the necessity for such an institution, or as to the means for sustaining it, it was agreed to refer the matter to the Seminary Board, to do what they would judge best in the circumstances.

Rev George Patterson moved a resolution to the effect that the Synod record its sense of the munificence of the late W. Matheson Esq., towards this Church and other religious societies. The Synod agreed cordially to this resolution.

On motion of Rev W. Murray it was resolved unanimously to tender the thanks of the Synod to the congregations of Chalmers Church, Poplar Grove Church, and St. James's Church, Dartmouth, for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of Synod. Mention was also made of the gentlemen who had arranged the Excursion on Monday afternoon.

Professor Ross thanked the Synod for their kindness and liberality in making an addition to his salary.

On motion of the Rev. John Stewart it was agreed unanimously to hold the next meeting of Synod in St. James's Church, New Glasgow, at 11 o'clock A. M., on the fourth Wednesday of June 1862.—The proceedings of the Synod were closed by singing the last two verses of the 72nd Psalm followed by Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.