

the Colonies to the Governor General, intimating that the Synod's Address of last year to the Queen had been laid before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and was much gratified by the expressions it contained of sympathy with Herself and the Royal Family on the occasion of the illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and of loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government.

Mr. Lang, Convener of the Committee appointed at last meeting to prepare and present an Address of Welcome to Lord Dufferin, reported that they had discharged the duty entrusted to them. His Excellency's reply was read.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

There were read and referred to the Committee on applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry petitions from the Rev. John Tawse, M.A., the Rev. William Bell, M.A., the Rev. William Johnson, M.A., and the Rev. James Sinclair.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Montreal, transmitting an application of the Rev. Charles Gordon Glass, M.A., a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and for some time Principal of an Educational Institution in Woodstock, New Brunswick, to be admitted as a Minister of this Church. Mr. Glass' application was referred to the Examining Committee.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE 1873-'74.

The Synod proceeded to appoint the Examining Committee for 1873-'74. It was moved by Mr. Currie, and seconded by Mr. Carmichael (Markham), That it consist of Dr. Hogg, *Convener*; Mr. Ross (Chatham), *Secretary*; Messrs. Muir, D. J. McLean, Walter R. Ross, Walter Ross, J. B. Mullan, Alexander MacLennan, Masson, John S. Burnet, Smith, Peter Watson, Lothead, Cleland, Ross (Dundee), Cochrane, Aitken, Gray, Herald, M. W. McLean, Sieveright, Camelon, William Anderson, John Gordon, Currie, and Carmichael (Markham). To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, and seconded by Dr. Jenkins, That it consist of Dr. Hogg, *Convener*; Mr. Ross (Chatham), *Secretary*; Dr. Bell, Messrs. Rannie, Lindsay, Mylne, Robert Burnet, David Watson, Wilson, James Gordon, Carmichael (West King), Macdonnell, Smith, McNish, Lang, Donald Fraser, William MacLennan, Campbell (Renfrew), Porteous, Clark, Joshua Fraser, Dobie, Murray, Sieveright, D. P. Niven, Cleland. To this it was further moved in amendment by Dr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the Examining Committee for this year be re-appointed for 1873-'74. A vote having been taken, the Second Amendment was carried over the First Amendment by a majority of 41 to 14; and the