

trials for License by a Presbytery of this Church, and the following members adhered to the dissent for the reason stated in the minutes of the previous Diet, viz.:—Alex. Mackid, Peter Macvicar, Thomas Macpherson, George Thomson, Peter Watson, Donald McDonald, William E. McKay, Frederick P. Sym, W. Simpson, W. Snodgrass, and John Davidson.

BURSARY FUND.

Dr. Cook laid upon the table a statement by Andrew Drummond, Esq., Kingston, the Treasurer of the Bursary Fund, showing the receipts and disbursements from Dec. 24th, 1857, to May 22nd, 1858, and made some observations upon the importance of the object. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Barclay,—That the Synod, recognizing the importance and the duty of enabling the Senatus of Queen's College to award Bursaries of a sufficient amount to deserving students pursuing their studies with a view to the Ministry in that Institution, earnestly recommend the Bursary Fund to the attention of congregations, and express their confident trust that they will liberally support the effort;—which motion being put is unanimously agreed to.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

The Clerk read a statement by Mr. John Mowat, showing that the sum of £40 7s. 3d., belonging to the Synod's Jewish and Foreign Mission Fund, is in his hands. Mr. Mowat is requested to expend the same for the purposes of the Jewish and Foreign Mission of the Synod, under the direction of the Convener of that Committee.

SYNOD RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to revise the Synod Records reported, that they found those of Synods 1856, and 1857, and of the Commission of Synod for 1856-57, carefully and correctly kept, but the minutes of Synod 1856 not signed in consequence of the death of the late Clerk. The Moderator is instructed to attest the said minutes, and the Clerk to sign those of 1856, with a note of the cause.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to revise Presbytery Records reported that the Records of all the Presbyteries, except the Presbytery of London, were examined and found to be carefully and correctly kept; that the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengarry, Kingston, Toronto and Quebec bear no evidence of the revision of Session Records; that the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal is not inserted at length in the minutes of the meeting of that Presbytery immediately previous to Synod 1857, and that in page 271 of the Records of Hamilton Presbytery it is stated that Paisley is within the bounds of the Presbytery of London, and yet it appears that the Induction of Mr. McLennan to that charge was conducted by the Presbytery of Hamilton. Members of the several Presbyteries were heard in reference to the matters noted in the Report, and the Moderator having inquired if any other member had any remarks to make upon any of the records, the records of the several Presbyteries are ordered to be attested in accordance with the Report of the Committee, and Mr. Mackerras and Mr. Neilson are appointed a Committee to report on the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Hamilton and London.

REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERSHIP IN SYNOD.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Quebec was introduced by Dr. Cook:—Whereas, the Synod is in this Church, the Superior Court, Legislative and Judicial, corresponding in its powers to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and it is in the highest degree desirable that the Eldership should be justly represented in it, not only theoretically and in point of right, but really and in point of fact, both in regard of number and in respect of opinion on any matter occupying the attention, or affecting the interests of the Church; and whereas a larger and more influential representation of the Eldership would be secured, if Sessions were permitted to choose Representative Elders not merely from their own body but from the general Eldership of the Church; and whereas a more just representation of the mind of the Eldership on any matter of interest in the Church, would be better obtained if the Representative Elder for the Synod were chosen as in Scotland is the case with the Representatives of Presbyteries for the General Assembly, a short period before the meeting of Synod, it is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Quebec that the Synod do ordain each Session, at or within some certain time in each year to be fixed by the Synod, to appoint an Elder to represent it for that year in all meetings of Presbytery; and within a certain time not more than two months, or

less than one month, from the meeting of Synod, to appoint an Elder to represent it in Synod, and in all meetings of the Commission of Synod, throughout the year; and that in the choice of such Representative Elder for the Synod and the Commission, the Session shall not be restricted to choose from their own body, but may select from the Eldership of the Church generally; and further that Sessions be enjoined in the selection of Representative Elders for the Synod to be at pains to appoint such only, either from their own body, or from other Sessions as will consider it their duty to attend the meetings of Synod.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Mair,—That this Overture be transmitted to Presbyteries for consideration, but be not in force as an Interim Act. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Mann,—That the Overture be rejected. The question was put and votes were taken, when twenty-six appeared for the motion and fourteen for the amendment, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

According to appointment, a Devotional and Missionary Meeting was held this evening under the auspices of the Synod.

DIET VI.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the First Day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John Campbell of Brock; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

NATURE AND POWERS OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

There was read a Report from the Committee appointed to inquire into the nature and powers of the Commission of Synod. It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and it is agreed,—That the Report be received and transmitted to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report thereon to next Synod, and the Synod re-appoint the Committee to prepare a draft of instructions for the Commission of Synod according to the recommendation in the Report.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

There was read by Dr. Mathieson a Report from the Committee on the formation of a General Assembly. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and it is unanimously resolved,—That the Synod receive the Report; order it to be printed with the Synod Minutes; re-appoint the Committee with instructions to mature their views as to the formation of a General Assembly of the Church in this Province as proposed in the Report, and to report a plan for the formation and constitution thereof, to be submitted to next Session of the Court for consideration.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Rev. William Bain, Convener of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath Observance, read the Report of the Committee for the past year. On motion of Mr. McMorine, seconded by Mr. Burnet, the Synod unanimously resolve as follows:—Adopt the Report; order its suggestions to be carried out; and continue the Committee, instructing them to give their best attention to the important matter intrusted to them. There was also read a Bill for the better observance of the Sabbath at present before the Legislative Council, and the Synod agree to petition the Legislature to pass this Bill. Mr. Bain is instructed to prepare a petition for this purpose.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.

Dr. Cook reported on behalf of the Temporalities Board that the estimated revenue of the year is £9006, and the charges on it £8805, leaving a balance in favour of the Fund of £201; but that as it is probable that during the current year sixteen ministers will be added to the Church, the Board would require an addition of £600 to their Funds to enable it to pay £50 a-year to each. It was moved by Alexander Logie, seconded by George Neilson, and it is agreed, That the matter be remitted to the Temporalities Board, with instructions to call in the assistance of the members and friends of the