

River. The Rev. D. Duff also addressed the Synod with reference to the state of religion in British Columbia.

At a subsequent diet the Synod unanimously agreed to record thanks to Rev. Dr. R. F. Burns, who had for many years discharged the duties of Convener with zeal and fidelity, and to express sympathy with our missionaries in their arduous labours in distant lands, rejoicing in the measure of success with which it has pleased God to crown their labours, and engaging to strengthen their hands by our prayers, and by every means by which the work may be prosecuted with success.

The Synod also agreed to authorize the Foreign Mission Committee to select and designate another missionary to the Red River Settlement, and also to correspond with the Wesleyan Missionary Society in reference to the mission at Edmonton House.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN LOWER PROVINCES.

At an early period of the session the Synod took up overtures on the subject of opening up closer intercourse with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. The Synod appointed a committee to consider and report as to the best way of carrying out this desirable object. The committee, before the close of the Synod, reported a draft of a fraternal letter to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and recommended the appointments of several members as delegates to the Synod of the sister church. The Synod sustained the report, and commissioned Rev. D. H. McVicar, Rev. C. Chiniquy and James Court, Esq., to represent this Synod before the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

In connection with intercourse with other churches, it may be here stated that the Synod heard read a communication from Rev. F. H. Marling of the Congregational Union, who had been appointed to appear before the Synod as a delegate of that Body. They also received a friendly letter from the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church in session in Toronto at the same time. Rev. Mr. King was appointed to express to the Conference the friendly feelings of the Synod, and a deputation was appointed to wait on the next meeting of the Congregational Union.

STATISTICS.

The Report on Statistics and the Finances of the church was given in on the last day of Synod, and was read by Rev. J. Gray, Convener. The report was received and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Convener, and the report ordered to be printed together with the statistical and financial returns. It may be observed that the report of the committee is exceedingly gratifying, showing very large increase in the ministry, membership and finances of the church.

In connexion with the report on statistics and finance the following resolutions were moved by Mr. Topp, seconded and agreed to with reference to—

INCREASE OF STIPEND.

That the Synod impressed with the conviction that the stipends of the ministers of this Church are generally inadequate for their comfortable maintenance, resolve to aim after a minimum stipend of \$600 for each minister, along with a manse. 2. That with a view to the accomplishment of this end, that a general and simultaneous movement be made by means of deputations for the purpose of inviting and conferring with all the congregations of the Church on the subject referred to. 3. That the Synod accordingly, resolve to appoint a committee to arrange with the Presbyteries of the Church for the visit of such deputations during the present