

The Synod, finding that the regular steps had been taken in an orderly manner by the Presbytery of Cobourg, granted leave to receive Mr. McAleese.

Dr. Burns, in behalf of the Committee appointed in the case of Mr. Clark and the Congregation of Indian Lands, reported that they had conferred with the Presbytery of Montreal, on the subject referred to them by the Synod, and that Mr. Clark had given in his resignation of the pastoral charge of Indian Lands and Kenyon.—The Synod sustained the Report, and agreed to remit to the Presbytery of Montreal Mr. Clark's resignation.

Dr. Burns gave in the following draft of a minute, regarding the late Mr. Rintoul, which was read, and unanimously adopted by the Synod :—

The members of Synod, bowing to the will of the great Disposer of events, in the sudden and lamented removal of their late respected brother, Mr. Rintoul, desire to record their sympathy with his bereaved family and flock, and to commend them to the gracious care of the Chief Shepherd. They see in the event so painful the sovereignty of Jehovah. They thank God that he was pleased to spare the life of their departed brother for so many years of labor and of usefulness; and now that he is removed, they feel a deeper sense than ever of their own responsibility, and their desire that grace may be given in larger and larger measure to every office-bearer in the Church, that he may be enabled to discharge his duties with increasing fidelity.

The members of Synod look back with affectionate interest on the lengthened period of their intercourse with Mr. Rintoul, and now that the stamp of death has been set on his character and labors, they do cordially concur in entering on record their high estimate of both. His piety was genuine and unaffected; his judgment was sound, and his prudence, meekness, and unostentatious benevolence, endeared him unto all. As a pastor, in different stations of the Church at home, and in this colony, he was faithful and conscientious. As a teacher in the literary and biblical departments of our college, he was most indefatigable in his efforts for the benefit of the young men, to whom he endeared himself by his devotedness, assiduity, and friendly disinterestedness. In his relation to the Synod as their clerk, he was ever characterised by accuracy and faithfulness. As a friend and Christian brother, his disinterested services on all occasions were invaluable, and they were ever most cheerfully rendered.

The Synod authorise their Moderator and Clerks to transmit a copy of this minute to the family of Mr. Rintoul, and to the kirk session of the congregation of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Scheme. The report was given in and read by Mr. A. D. Ferrier, in the absence of Mr. Fisher, Convener.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the report, and tender the cordial thanks of the Synod to the Convener and Committee, for their disinterested zeal and diligence in the important matter entrusted to them.

It was also agreed to express the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Burns and others, who had devoted their time and attention to this