

On this question the discussion was animated but desultory,—some having opposed all incorporation for holding church property, while others were opposed to the provisions of the act and to the platform of Rules submitted by the Committee as suitable. This subject is also to come before Sessions, and may be expected next year before Synod for decision, when members are more conversant with the act, and have had time to weigh the Rules which it is proposed to be recommended to congregations.

The evening was occupied by a Lecture by the Moderator, on the "indirect and direct blessings flowing from Christianity" The lecture was well sustained throughout, many portions of it were brilliant, and a crowded house, for more than an hour listened with increasing interest to the close. The large audience relished highly that intellectual repast.

Thursday morning was devoted to business of the Seminary. After the disposal of the Report which presented a highly interesting view of the state of the Seminary, the number of Students being 28, of whom 18 are studying Natural Philosophy &c. The recommendations of the Board of Superintendance were taken up. The discussion on the site, led to the adoption of a Committee of Inquiry into the most suitable locality, who were to bring in a Report to next Synod, when it is anticipated the locality will be determined.

The Synod directed the Board to appeal to the churches in such a way as they may think best for ascertaining to what extent they will support the Synod in the appointment of another professor. The Board were directed to make all necessary arrangements for preparing temporary accommodation, and diminishing, if practicable, Mr Ross's labors in the mean time, and by an *unaninuous* vote directed to increase his salary.

The afternoon was occupied in reading and receiving the Reports of the Boards of Missions, and the evening with the Synodical Missionary Meeting. The house was again crowded in every part. The Reports engrossed a disproportionate share of the evening, and but little time was left for speaking. Rev E. Ross very successfully exhibited the harmony and connection subsisting between the different schemes of the church, and showed the happy results which will accrue to the church when the congregations generally give their support *to them all*, and contri-

bute to them respectively according to the *urgency of their demands*. He was followed by Rev D. Roy, who filled up the time allotted to him to good purpose, setting forth the qualifications of Missionaries, which are essential to success, whether they labor at home or abroad.

The Rules for Probationers submitted by the Domestic Board and passed by Synod, are worthy of the attention of the Church; and it is hoped that the *whole church* will act upon the Resolution which the Synod passed after considering Mr Geddies's appeal for another laborer.

"That the Synod express their deep sympathy for the mission family in their solitary situation, that they habitually commend them to the guidance of their Heavenly Father; and though at present, unable to comply with the wishes of their brother, by sending a fellow laborer to his assistance, yet they consider themselves pledged by the most solemn obligations, to strengthen and uphold his hands amid all his perils and privations, and to use their utmost diligence to secure a coadjutor as soon as possible."

Mr Baxter's proposals about Colportage were taken up with readiness, and the offers which he had to submit from the P. esbyterian Board of publication of the United States, were so advantageous and involved so little risk, that they were accepted unanimously and a committee appointed to carry the proposals into effect as soon as possible.

The Report of Deputation appointed at last Synod to pay a fraternal visit to the brethren and congregations in P. E. Island, was listened to with great interest. We wish our brethren of the Island Pby. were so reinforced as to be able to return the compliment. Much good may result from such interchanges where they are pursued with a desire to promote Christ's cause and to rouse up congregations to the work to which they are called by their Great Master. The deputation in this case worked hard and effectually.

The Committee of Correspondence have well begun their work. The replies to their communications, to the United Presbyterian Churches in Canada and Jamaica and to the Union of Evangelical Churches of France, will probably be forthcoming next year, when the proceedings of this Committee will acquire increased interest.

For the state of the accounts and other matters omitted in this sketch, your readers are referred to the Synod minutes and