

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Scott, (Plympton):—That we overture the General Assembly to *restore* to the Presbyteries the trust now committed to the Board of Examiners. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Musgrave:—That the further consideration of the overture be deferred, and that the overture be laid on the table until the next meeting of Synod. The vote being taken, the motion was carried, when the following members craved leave to record their dissent: D. Waters, Hon. A. Vidal, A. A. Drummond, Robert Hall, John Fotheringham, James Donaldson, John Thompson, W. M. Roger, Geo. Simpson, J. E. Croly. Messrs. Ross and Kemp were appointed to support the overture at the General Assembly.

At a subsequent stage of the proceedings Mr. Fotheringham gave notice, that at the next meeting of Synod he would move that the decision of Synod anent the examination of students be reconsidered.

Mr. Kemp was heard on behalf of the mission at St. Ann's, Kankakee, setting forth the destitute condition of the people there in consequence of the failure of the crops, and also the necessity of erecting a new church for the use of the mission. After consideration, Mr. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. Allan, in the terms following:—The Synod of London, Ontario, understanding that the Committee of the St. Ann's French Mission of our Church have commissioned their Convener, the Rev. A. F. Kemp, M.A., to proceed to Great Britain, and to solicit the aid of the Churches and people there for the erection of a place of worship in St. Ann's for the French converts from Popery; and considering the urgent wants of that mission, and more especially the trials to which the people are exposed this season by the almost entire destruction of their crops, do hereby cordially commend this enterprise to the consideration, confidence and liberality of the christian people in Britain, as one likely to promote the cause of Christ and the preaching of the Gospel to French Romanists. Instruct further their Moderator and Clerk to sign in their name this commendation of Mr. Kemp and his cause. The Synod decided in terms of the foregoing motion.

The Synod proceeded to consider the subject of Home Missions. After deliberation, Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Ross:—The Synod having heard the Rev. Wm. Gregg, Deputy from the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and having considered the subject of Home Missions, expresses its sense of the great importance of Home Missions, and recommend to Presbyteries that Missionary Associations be formed in the several congregations where these do not exist, with the view of securing an increase in the funds, and also recommend that the work of Home Missions be prosecuted with increased diligence, in visiting destitute localities and supplying them with the preaching of the Gospel, and also in building up the Mission Stations that have been already formed. The motion was carried.

The Committee appointed to draw up a minute on the state of religion reported. The report was received, and the minute adopted.

Read a memorial from the Rev. Andrew Kennedy anent the Ecumenical Council. On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McLean, the Synod decided that the recommendation of the London Resolution embodied in the Memorial be complied with as far possible.

Votes of thanks having been given to the Committee on arrangements and to the members of the Church in London for their hospitality, the Synod adjourned to meet at London, in the First Presbyterian Church, on the *first Tuesday of May*, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

D. WATERS, *Synod Clerk*.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL.—The first meeting of this Synod was held within Erskine Church Montreal, on the 19th, ult. and two following days. The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, from Acts xiv: 3. "The Lord gave testimony unto the word of his grace." There was a good attendance of members. The Rev. Dr. Taylor was appointed Moderator of