

The Rev. Professor Lillie and the Rev. Mr. Wickson, the Deputation of the Congregational Union of Canada West, were introduced to the Synod by Mr. Jennings, and were cordially welcomed by the Moderator.

The Moderator the Deputation then severally addressed the Synod, reciprocating the sentiments of unity in the faith, and of respect and brotherly regard with which they were received by the Moderator.

Messrs. Kennedy and McClure addressed the Deputation on behalf of the Synod.

The Synod then engaged in praise by singing the 133rd Psalm; and at the request of the Moderator the Rev. Mr. Lillie led in prayer.

The Moderator then read the 17th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, and the Rev. Professor Taylor engaged in prayer.

On motion of Mr. Dick, the Rev. Professor Lillie and the Rev. Mr. Wickson were invited to correspond and take their seats in Court.

The Committee on Correspondence with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, reported the copy of a letter transmitted by them to that Church.

The draft of letter read was highly approved; the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee for their diligence; and they were instructed to prepare extracts from the letter for publication in the Canadian Presbyterian Magazine.

The Committee on the Nova Scotia Correspondence were then reappointed, consisting of Messrs. Jennings, Thomson, Dick, and Fraser.

The Convenor of the Committee of Missions having stated that the Rev. Mr. Sinclair desired to obtain leave of absence for some time, to visit his friends in the United States, the Synod decided that for reasons which do not affect the ministerial standing of Mr. Sinclair as a probationer, nor his moral character; and as the term of six months for which he was received is expired, he be now relieved from all obligation of further service to this Church; and that the Presbytery of Toronto, by which he was received, be instructed to give him historical testimonials of his connexion with this Church, and of the termination of that connexion.

On motion of Dr. W. Taylor, it was agreed to renew the recommendation that Collections be made in all our congregations for the French Canadian Missionary Society.

Took up the question of the vacancies of the Church and the inadequate supply of preachers, when

It was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Porteous,

That the Synod, taking into consideration the many obligations under which it lies to the parent Church for the many substantial tokens of benevolence and kindness which it has given to it, takes this opportunity of expressing its cordial thanks for these; taking also into consideration the great scarcity of preachers, and also the urgent calls from the many vacant congregations for settled pastors, agrees earnestly to solicit the co-operation of the Mission Board in Scotland, with a view to secure the services of at least ten additional preachers; and that this object be the more speedily gained, agree to appoint a deputy to repair to Scotland to consult with the Mission Board, and take what other steps may be deemed necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Aitken,

That the last clause, after the word "preachers," commencing with "and that this object," to the end, be omitted.

The amendment was first put and carried, and the motion, as amended, was then adopted.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that the Rev. Mr. Waddell had demitted the charge of the congregation of Pickering, and that his name had been taken from the Roll of Presbytery. It was thereupon taken from the Roll of Synod.

Mr. Waddell was then invited to correspond, and take his seat in Court.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. McClure, it was resolved,

That this Synod authorize the use, in public worship, of the Hymn Book sanctioned by the parent church, in any of the congregations under their charge disposed to introduce it.

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture from the Presbytery of Durham, in relation to the Clergy Reserves, reported and recommended to the Synod the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz:—

1. With respect to the general principles involved in the Clergy Reserves question, the Synod deem it sufficient to refer to Deliverances on this subject, embodied in records of their 13th and 16th sessions, as explanatory of their sentiments, and to declare their unaltered adhesion to the views therein set forth.

2. The Synod agree to express their satisfaction, that the whole question of the Clergy Reserves has, by the action of the Imperial Government, been left entirely at the disposal of the Provincial Legislature.

3. Under the new aspect which the question has thus assumed, the Synod feel called, in the most emphatic manner, to declare, that no adjustment of that question can be regarded as satisfactory, which shall be founded on a more extended division of the Clergy Reserves, among the different religious denominations, or which shall not embrace, as an essential element, the absolute and definitive appropriation of those Reserves to clerical purely secular.

4. The Synod renew the recommendations of former years to the congregations under their care, diligently to use all legitimate means, and strenuously to exert the influence possessed by them in their several localities, with a view to secure, as speedily as possible, the settlement of this question, in a manner accords with the well known principles of this Church adopted.

The Presbytery of Durham reported on the inspection of Students of Theology in their bounds, to the following effect:—

That they have had under their inspection, as students, Messrs. Tisdale, McNeill, and McPaul; that the two former have had several exercises assigned them, and have given the Presbytery uniform satisfaction. In regard to Mr. McPaul, the Presbytery have never had him before them, in consequence of ill health.

The Committee for the distribution of Preachers, consisting of Messrs. Thomson and Kennedy, was now appointed.

The accounts were approved; and the cordial thanks of the Synod were given to the Treasurer for his diligence and attention to the business entrusted to him.

Ordered—That the Treasurer's accounts, in detail, be printed as an appendix to the minutes; and that the editor of the "Canadian Presbyterian Magazine" be requested to insert the accounts in that periodical.

On motion, it was agreed

That the Synod's Treasurers be instructed to close their accounts on the 20th day of May, or on the first lawful day thereafter. And the members of Synod are hereby instructed to attend to the regular collections required by Synod for the various schemes of the Church, at the proper times.

On motion, it was resolved

That the Committee of Missions be instructed to supplement weak settled congregations from the funds raised in this Province, so far as they are able to do.

On motion, it was agreed

That the Committee of Missions be instructed, without delay, to correspond with the Mission Board of the parent church, with a view to carrying out the earnest desire of this Synod for a further supply of preachers, as expressed in the resolution of a former Session.

On motion, it was resolved,

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of £10 of Library funds in his hands to the Committee on Theological Education, to be expended by them for behoof of the Library of the Theological Institute.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, it was unanimously agreed

That the salary of the Clerk of Synod be henceforth £15 per annum.

Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the employment in missionary labor of Ministers whose congregations receive aid from the Mission Fund.

The Presbytery of Flamboro gave in their Report as follows—namely:

*Report of Missionary labor for the past year, furnished by the Flamboro Presbytery.*

The Rev. Mr. Rodgers is the only Minister who has performed Missionary labor in the bounds of this Presbytery during the past year. His services have been confined to Norwichville and Tilsenburgh. He has preached on ten different Sabbaths in Norwichville, and seven times on week days, and has visited all the families connected with our church in that locality. He has also preached and visited repeatedly in Tilsenburgh. The Presbytery believe that much good has been done by Mr. Rodgers as a Missionary, both as regards the interests of the United Presbyterian Church and the interests of vital religion; and they confidently believe that the seed sown will yield produce a plentiful harvest.

The Presbytery of London reported, that they had no person employed in that service during the past year.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported, that they had not employed any Minister in Missionary labor during the past year, because they did not see cause.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Canada East being absent, there was no report from that Presbytery.

The Lanark Presbytery reported, that none of its members had been employed in missionary labor during the past year.

The Presbytery of Durham reported, that they had not employed any of their Ministers in this service for the last year.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported, that none of their Ministers are in receipt of aid from the Mission Fund; and that therefore they had no report to make of such Missionary labour performed.

Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the inspection of Students of Theology.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported as follows:

The Toronto Presbytery beg leave to report, that they had under their inspection the following students—namely, Messrs. Lees, Fotheringham