

of his Congregation, but by the greater proportion of them he is treated with respect, and believes that his ministrations are acceptable unto them; and though he is persuaded that the existing differences have arisen more from private feuds among individuals, than from any real or good ground of dissatisfaction with his ministry, he yet conceives it more for the general good and edification of the Church to request that the Presbytery of Bathurst be authorized to receive his demission of his charge, and loose his pastoral connection with the Congregation at Brockville, stating that he is ready unconditionally to give up the Bond or Obligation given him for the payment of his stipend." The Synod, therefore, in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee, and in view of the whole evidence before them, "empower the Presbytery of Bathurst to dissolve the Pastoral tie between Mr. Haig and the Congregation of Brockville, after the expiry of three months from the 17th current, but not until all arrears of stipend up till that period be paid, together with such remuneration for the rent of Mr. Haig's house during the current lease, subsequent to the period of his demission, as may seem to the Presbytery just and reasonable; and further, the Presbytery are enjoined to admonish, with all meekness and Christian gentleness, the Congregation at Brockville of their duties to them who are set over them in the Lord, and of the danger of evil surmisings and idle talk, tending as they do to overthrow the foundations of the Church, and to inflame a spirit inconsistent with all good government; and the Presbytery of Bathurst are authorized to grant Mr. Haig at least six weeks leave of absence previously to the termination of his Pastoral connection with the Church at Brockville."

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson laid before the Synod a Report (just received by him) from John Greenshields, Esq., Montreal, in name of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which was read; and the Synod unanimously resolved not to act, for the present year, on the suggestion made by the Board, to modify the allowance to the Widows of those Ministers whose Congregational collections in aid of the Fund may not have come up to the sum expected by the Board.

Mr. Joseph Lowry, Student of Divinity, from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, appeared on the ground of his former application, and applied to be received as a Candidate for License. There was also laid before the Synod an application by the Presbytery of Kingston, on behalf of the Rev. William McEwen, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, to be received as a Minister in connection with this Church. The Synod remitted them to the Examining Committee, and adjourned for a short time to allow the Committee to meet.