

MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1848. 27

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in and read, showing the amount paid, the arrears due, and the claims against the Fund. The Synod ordered the said claims to be discharged. The Clerk was directed to send a list of those in arrears to the several Presbyteries, and the Synod enjoined all such to remit to the Treasurer immediately. Upon a motion to raise funds for the contingent expenses of the Synod, by the assessment of a certain sum upon each Presbytery, the Roll was called and the votes marked, when it was carried by a majority of votes, that the former mode of collection should be continued; and congregations were recommended to contribute more liberally.

The Committee to whom was referred the scheme for a Corporation for holding Church Property, reported a draft, which was considered. It was agreed that copies of the same be sent to Presbyteries that they may report thereon to the Commission in terms of the Minute of July 17th.

Reports from Presbyteries, on the form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers, were called for and given in. The Presbytery of Montreal was appointed a Committee to perfect the measure and report to next meeting of Synod; and the Synod enjoined the several Presbyteries after a careful consideration of the measure, to come to a deliverance and report the same to the Committee.

An application having been made on behalf of the Trustees of Queen's College, praying, if it should be found requisite to employ any of the Ministers of this Church in carrying on the work of instruction, that leave of absence should be granted to such Ministers for that purpose, the Synod instructed Presbyteries to grant leave of absence accordingly, for such time as may be necessary.

The Synod, in view of the information obtained, on a previous day, from Presbyteries, regarding congregations within their bounds destitute of religious instruction, and the determination thereon to make an effort to procure additional Ministers, agreed that the Rev. Dr. Machar, now in Scotland, be commissioned on behalf of the Synod, to use every exertion to procure two Ministers or Probationers, suitable for the work of the Ministry in this country, for each of the six Presbyteries, at least three or four of the whole number to be qualified to preach in Gaelic; that the Colonial Committee be requested to co-operate with Dr. Machar in this matter, and to grant, should they see fit, Fifty Pounds, sterling, per annum, to each Minister or Probationer so sent out, for three years at least;—that the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be requested to suspend their Bye-law, regarding grants of public money in reference to this