

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit their Report, together with the Treasurer's Statement for the past Synodical year. Your Committee have received during the period embraced in the Report \$516 99. Of this sum \$432 were for the year 1863, \$73.34 for arrears, and \$11.65 from the sale of Printed Minutes, Acts of Synod, and Model Deeds, together with the costs of Extracts from Minutes of Synod and Fees for recording Dissents. The arrears still due amount to \$432. Of this sum \$168 are due for 1863, and \$264.34 for previous years. From this it will be seen that the revenue for the past year proper would have been \$600, had each Session done its duty in this matter, and contributed its quota, which with the amount derived from incidental sources would have swelled the income for 1863 to \$611.65.

Your Committee regret that they have to report so large an amount of arrears. These are due by forty Sessions. Of the Sessions thus in default to the Fund, thirteen are for 1863, and twenty-seven for both 1863 and previous years combined. An examination of this list will, however, shew that a large part of this latter class of arrears is due by congregations who have been long vacant, and many of whom are little better than Mission Stations. Your Committee in these circumstances feel that in next year's Report it will be necessary to write off a considerable portion of this amount as bad debts.

Your Committee would recommend the Synod to request the Clerk to prepare, and to authorize him to publish a reprint of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod for 1838 in full, as the printed supply of the Abstract of these is now nearly, if not quite, exhausted.

Your Committee, finding that the cost of the Printed Minutes of Synod under the present tariff is so expensive as virtually to preclude their sale, would further recommend the following as a scale for the future, viz.:

Whole set from 1830 to 1864, postage paid.....	\$5.00
Reprint of first six years.....	1.00
Single copy of Minutes for one year.....	0.15

The estimated expenditure for the present year amounts to \$575, distributed as follows:—

Synod Clerk's salary	\$200.00
Expenses of Clerk, Stationery, Postages, &c.....	25.00
Printing.....	265.00
Church Officer for attendance on Synod	10.00
Contingent Expenses.....	75.00

\$575.00

To meet this sum your Committee respectfully recommend the Synod to adhere to the scale of assessment at present in force in the case of each Session with the following additions, viz.: Kincardine and Pittsburg, to be assessed each at \$4.

All which is respectfully submitted by

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