

express the high gratification which such correspondence would afford them, and appointed Dr. Mathieson to acknowledge receipt of said letters, and express to Mr. Brooke the readiness with which this Synod will enter into such correspondence.

A communication having been laid before the Synod from the Lay Association of Montreal, requesting to know at what time it would be convenient for the Synod to receive a Deputation of the Lay Association, the Synod appointed Eleven o'clock to-morrow.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Report of the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Committee appointed by the Synod last year, to prepare Regulations for the election of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, which was given in and read, accompanied by a set of Regulations, which were read over one by one, and fully considered, when the whole were adopted by the Synod, as follows:—

Whereas, according to an Act of the Imperial Parliament, III. & IV. Victoria, Cap. lxxviii., on the subject of the Clergy Reserves in Canada, it is provided that the monies accruing from the said Reserves apportioned to the Church of Scotland in Canada, shall be paid to a Board of Nine Commissioners, to be elected by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, under such Regulations as shall be from time to time established by the Governor of Canada, with the advice of his Executive Council, the Synod agreed to the following Rules anent the election of the said Commissioners, and the Constitution of the Board, to be respectfully submitted to the Governor and Council, for their concurrence, if they shall see fit:—

I. That the said Board of Commissioners shall be composed in part of Ministers, and in part of Laymen, of said Church;—that the number of Ministers shall not, at any time, be less than two nor greater than three, and the number of Laymen shall not be greater than seven, nor less than six, so that the united number shall together form the Board of Nine Commissioners.

II. That on the Second day of the next meeting of Synod, the two of the present Board of Commissioners whose names now stand on the top of the list, shall retire, and two Commissioners shall be chosen in their place, whose names shall be placed at the bottom of the list;—retiring members being eligible for re-election;—and on the first day of every subsequent annual meeting of Synod, the same course shall be pursued.

III. That in the event of the death, resignation or ceasing to be a member of this Church, of any one or more of the Commissioners, between any one meeting of Synod, and the next following, then his or their places shall be supplied by the remaining Commissioners, or by a majority of them assembled for that purpose, subject, however, to the approval or rejection of the Synod at its next meeting thereafter.