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ston; and further appoint the following as their Committee for managing this joint Scheme, viz.:—Messrs. Inglis, Mowat, Mackerras; and Paton:—Mr. Inglis to be Convener, and John Paton, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer.

SYNOD FUND.*

The annual Report of the Finance Committee and accompanying Financial Statement of the Synod Fund were read by Mr. Kenneth Maclellan, Convener. The following deliverance in regard thereto was unanimously agreed to: Receive the report and statement; adopt the recommendations contained in the former; enjoin Presbyteries to inquire at their earliest meeting after the rising of the Synod and again at the meeting immediately previous to the assembling of the Synod, how congregations are discharging their obligations to this Fund, and to take such measures as they may find most effective for securing full and punctual payments; and re-appoint the Committee with Mr. Maclellan as Convener.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. Mr. William Bain, Convener, reported verbally that no opportunity had occurred for any direct action being taken by the Committee, but anew called the attention of the Synod to the importance of the subject. It was moved by Mr. George Bell, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously agreed to, That the Convener's statement be accepted; that the Synod declare their great satisfaction with the recent action of the Legislature in determining that the Grenville and Carillon Canals should be closed for traffic on the Lord's Day; trust that this action shall lead to the closing of all canals and the suspension of unnecessary business on the Lord's Day on all public works under the control of Government; anew direct ministers to bring under the notice of their congregations the importance of a Scriptural observance of the Sabbath, as conducing to the peace and prosperity of the country and the spiritual interests of the inhabitants; and appoint the following a Committee, with instructions to adopt such measures as to them may appear expedient and practicable with the view of promoting a better observance of the Sabbath, viz.:—Mr. William Bain, Convener, Messrs. Robert Campbell, James B. Mullan, James C. Smith, Lindsay, Mackerras, Kenneth Maclellan; Henry, and Macmurchy (Toronto).

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The annual Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was called for. Mr. Inglis, Convener, stated verbally that no statistics on Sabbath Schools had been compiled this year, as the Committee, judging

*Appendix B.