

**THE SYNOD'S COMMITTEE ON THE TEMPORALITIES.**  
This Committee met in the Session House of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the evening of Tuesday, the 9th ultimo. The meeting was well attended, there being present Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Moderator of the Synod, Convener, Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Rev. K. McLennan, Rev. R. Campbell, Rev. J. Fraser, Rev. J. C. Smith, Messrs. Alex. Morris, M.P., J. Croil and Alex. McPherson.

After discussing the Synod Committee's Report, which was referred to them for consideration, at great length, every member expressing his views freely on the questions raised therein, a unanimous resolution was arrived at, on the suggestion of the Convener, that the Committee should recommend to the Synod to separate the Home Mission Fund from the vested funds in trust of the Temporalities' Board, the interest accruing from the latter to be paid to Ministers on the Synod Roll, in accordance with the *original* By-Laws of the Board; but the moneys contributed annually by congregations to be under control of a Synod Mission Board, and to be raised and applied in such a manner as will commend the sympathies of the church at large.

The following are the Resolutions:—

"The Committee having carefully considered the matter submitted to them agreed to the following recommendations:

1. That the revenues of the Temporalities Fund accruing from investments, and from legacies or other contributions, be distributed by the Board, according to the declared purpose of the Synod in creating the Fund, namely, in the payment 1st, of allowances guaranteed to all commuting and privileged ministers: 2ndly of \$200 per annum, to all other ministers upon the Roll of the Synod, and to Missionaries in active service, in so far as the revenue will admit.

2. That, in order to meet the pressing wants of the Church in respect of its large and ever extending field, a Home Missionary Board be at once appointed, separate and distinct from the Temporalities Board, whose duty it shall be to secure and administer an Annual Fund adequate to the requirements of this great work, and to this end, with the authority of the Synod, to appeal to the congregations of the Church, for the needed aid. It is further humbly suggested with the view of attaining the more effectually the objects sought, that each Presbytery be represented in the work of the Board and be required to exert its utmost influence to sustain the Board in its operations."

The Temporalities Board having fully considered the foregoing report resolve to express their approval of the suggestions therein embodied, at the same time declaring their conviction of the great importance of continuing the usual payments to all the ministers now upon the Roll until sufficient time has elapsed to mature and set in operation the plan proposed by the Synod's Committee, and their belief that a private appeal, made to a few leading members of the Church, residing in different sections of the country and who have been blessed by Providence with ample means, will not be made in vain.

**THE TEMPORALITIES BOARD.**—The half-yearly

meeting of the Temporalities Board was held at the Bank of British North America on the 19th ult. There were present: Thomas Paton, Esq., Chairman, Reverend Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Urquhart, John H. Mackerras, Messrs. Hugh Allan, Wm. Darling, James Michie, and the Hon Alexander Morris. Mr. Paton having intimated his intention of leaving the country at an early date Mr. Hugh Allan, of Montreal, was unanimously elected chairman of the Board in his stead, and the following minute was adopted:—

That on the occasion of the retirement of Thomas Paton, Esq., from the Chairmanship of the Board, owing to his intended return to Scotland, the Board desire to express their sense of the valuable services which he has rendered to the Church in connection with the Fund during many years past, and their warm esteem for him personally; and also to express their earnest hope that many years of usefulness may be yet before him, in the land of our fathers.

Mr. John L. Morris was elected a member of the Board in room of Mr. Thompson, resigned. An estimate of revenue and expenditure for the half year ending 31st December next was read, shewing a deficiency of \$3,000 to meet all the claims falling due. The Secretary reported that only a very few of the congregation had as yet sent in their annual contributions, and that therefore this large deficiency would be considerably lessened before the date referred to, but that it was not at all likely that sufficient resources would be placed at the disposal of the Board through the ordinary channels to cover the December payments.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board held on the tenth ult., there was read a communication from the Committee appointed by the Synod to consider the whole subject of the Petition of the Temporalities' Board to the Church, the Report will be found above.

A committee, consisting of Dr. Jenkins, Rev. R. Campbell, Hon. Alex. Morris, and J. Croil, Esq., was appointed to prepare a detailed plan in conformity with the resolution arrived at.

The Rev. J. B. Muir, M. A., returned lately to Galt, after a pleasant sojourn of nearly three months in England and Scotland.

**PERTH.**—As will be seen, by reference to the item headed Queen's College, this congregation has maintained its old and well-earned reputation for liberality, in its contribution to the Endowment Fund. It was, of course, to be expected that it would sympathize heartily with the effort, not only from its proximity to Kingston and the considerable intercourse maintained between the two places; but also on account of the advantages the young of the congregation have reaped from the College. Probably no congregation in the Synod has sent so many students to Kingston as Perth has done. Indeed, the whole county of Lanark has largely benefited by the College, having obtained training for its youth in all the departments of learning, arts and medicine as well as divinity; and it is pleasing to see how liberally all the congregations in that county and the adjoining one of Renfrew have responded to the Endowment appeal; but Perth, led by the member for the county, himself one of the first students of Queen's College, who subscribed \$500, followed by Meighen brothers and some unknown indi-