

well without any formulated system of theology except the Bible. The Congregational body does so, and its unity of doctrine is probably as great as that of any other body.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
CANADA IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND.

The annual Synod of this Church met on Tuesday Evening within St. Andrew's Church, in this city. The very Rev. Robert Dobie, Milton, Ontario, Moderator of the Synod opened the sittings by preaching an able and appropriate discourse from Psalm 137.5—"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

The Synod was then constituted by prayer, after which, upon the motion of Rev. Gavin Lang, seconded by Rev. Neil Brodie, the Rev. David Watson, Thorah, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Moderator for his sermon, which was ordered to be published, and other business, Trustees were appointed for Queen's College, Temporalities Board, Morrin College, Widow's and Orphan's Fund, &c. The usual committees for the transaction of business were nominated, and special committees were charged with the preparation of loyal addresses to the Queen and Governor-General.

The Rev. Gavin Lang laid upon the table the report presented to the General Assembly in Edinburgh by the Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee, and, on motion, the Correspondence Committee was re-appointed—Rev. Gavin Lang, Convener—with instructions to

respond, and to address the Colonial Committee on the present circumstances of the Church in Canada.

An application, forwarded by the Presbytery of Montreal, from the Rev. Wm. Simpson, of Lachine, for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, was submitted, and, after examination of the application by a committee, the Synod resolved to delay action till next Synod.

Mr. Duncan McCallum presented a largely signed petition from the congregation of West King, praying for ordinances in connection with the Church of Scotland, and complaining of the proceedings which had resulted in their being deprived of their church property.

Rev. Robert Burnett mentioned a long list of congregations in similar circumstances, and, in view of the extensive and decided action which had become necessary in this direction, it was agreed that a commission, with Synodical powers be admitted to watch such cases, and, if called for, to appoint a deputation to proceed to Edinburgh and attend the next General Assembly, or meetings at any time, of the Colonial Committee.

Several applications for admission into the ministry of the Church were referred to the Examining Committee.

A report on the *Landmark*, the organ of the Church, was presented, the Committee re-appointed and the special thanks of the Synod were moved to Mr. Douglas Brynmner, the editor, who was, by acclamation, continued in that office.

A number of overtures were presented relating to the better working of the Church, and received a great amount of consideration.

The Synod remained sitting until a late hour last night, and after votes of thanks to the General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, the authorities of St. Andrew's Church, and kind friends in the city, the moderator closed the meeting in the usual way.—*Exchange*.