

THE Home and Foreign Record

OF

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

JULY, 1875.

THE SYNOD--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Synod of our Church met according to announcement in Knox Church, Montreal, on Thursday, the 10th June. It reflects high credit on our ministers, elders, and people that the attendance was so large, that so many representative men travelled so far, and cheerfully endured all the toil and trouble incident to such travel. They were moved by love to Christ and His Church; and we are sure that their sacrifices, whether of time, of strength or of money have not been in vain.

Some indeed we missed whose joyous presence in recent years were sure to meet the eye. Rev. Donald S. Gordon was not there for the Lord took him. He expected to be there; his arrangements had been made to go with the brethren. None would have been so glad to see him and come with a more happy hopeful heart. But God's will was that Gordon should not join the General Assembly above. Another brother passed away suddenly during our meetings at Montreal. Rev. Mr. Gordon was called away apparently without a moment's warning. Others were kept at home by family affliction. But the attendance, all things considered, was astonishingly large.

It is well to notice at the outset that the expense incurred was also of necessity very large. Some congregations did their duty not only paying the expences of their own representatives but making large contributions to the general fund for Synodical expenses. Other congregations neglected their duty wofully, so that when the fund was dealt with it was found that there was

not enough in hand to pay the railway and steamboat fares of delegates! This was far, far from being right, and we hope that delinquent congregations will take a very early opportunity to make things right by sending up to the Treasurer a special collection.

The Synod unanimously re-elected Rev. P. G. McGregor, Moderator. Rev. E. E. Ross had been nominated by nearly all the Presbyteries, but he was unable to be present. The Synod's choice was wise and becoming in every way, and the results amply justified it. Under Mr. McGregor's experienced presidency business was transacted with great celerity: and in the historic scenes in which the Synod took part, he, as the Synod's head, performed his duties in a manner that left nothing to be desired.—Rev. A. Falconer was appointed Clerk and Rev. N. McKay, Clerk of Bills.

Financial.

The Statement of the Auditors was on the whole very satisfactory. We subjoin a summary of it:—

Foreign Mission.

Receipts.....	\$7942.78
Expenditures.....	7474.84

Home Mission.

Receipts.....	\$3479.63
Expenditures.....	2783.50

Dayspring and Trinidad Schools.

Receipts.....	\$2417.73
Expenditures.....	1934.87

Synod Fund.

Receipts.....	\$1726.74
Expenditures.....	1526.26

Supplementary Fund.

Receipts.....	\$3657.73
Expenditure.....	3670.40