

## 24 MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 8TH, 1863.

for the success which has attended the mission; commend the scheme to the Church and Sabbath Schools; and reappoint Mr. Paton, Treasurer, with the thanks of the Synod.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. Macdonell, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported that, in consequence of the decision of Synod last year not to publish the statistics prepared by him, he understood there was no call for the preparation of statistics this year. The Synod received the explanation and resolved that the Sabbath School Committee be reappointed, with Mr. Macdonell as Convener, and that the usual Sabbath School statistics be in future printed as an appendix to the Synod minutes.

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.\*

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by Mr. Bain, Convener. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved, That the Synod receive the report and thank the Committee for their diligence in discharging the duties intrusted to them; approve of the recommendation of the Committee that each minister should preach to his congregation on the subject of Sabbath Observance on the first Sabbath of August, or on such other Sabbath as may be deemed suitable; and reappoint the Committee, with Mr. Bain as Convener.

### CHURCH PROPERTY.

Letters were read from Judge Logie, as Convener of the Committee on Church property, respecting property at Picton and Zorra, and as Convener of Committee on sale of Church property at Goderich, intimating that he had not been able to call the Committee together or obtain evidence as to the merits of the matter. The Synod agreed to record their thanks to Judge Logie and reappoint the Committees of which he is Convener.

The Synod agreed to the following

### *Act for Special Collections.*

**W**HEREAS it is desirable for various reasons to make alterations in the Act of Synod, 1854, anent the regulation of public collections for Missionary and other operations of the Church, and otherwise provide for the due observance of Synodical injunctions in regard to the matter, the Synod hereby repeal the said Act, and appoint the following public collections to be made in all the Churches during the ensuing year, namely: *First*, For the Jewish Mission—On the first Sabbath of July; *Second*, For the French Mission—On the first Sabbath of October; *Third*, For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—On the first Sabbath of January; *Fourth*, For the Bursary Scheme—On the first Sabbath of April; Provided always, that when the celebration of

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