

THE SYNOD OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH met on Tuesday, the 6th of June, in the Cote Street Church, Montreal, and continued in session until Friday evening of the following week. The attendance was hardly so large as usual, but much important business appears to have been done. There were very few of those causes, appeals and references which often occupy a large share of the time on such occasions, and hence there was better opportunity for fully considering schemes of church extension and usefulness. Much good feeling seems to have prevailed, an interesting circumstance in view of the fact that the Synod is composed of ministers and elders who four years ago formed two distinct denominations. It is an encouraging instance of what is practicable in the way of Christian union. Some important changes were effected as to the mode of carrying on the home missionary operations of the body. The vacant charges and mission stations are henceforth to be separately worked, the vacancies being supplied by presbyteries, and the mission stations by a central committee of the Synod. The several presbyteries report their mission stations to this central committee, with which it rests to appoint supplies and fix grants. The central committee is also empowered to supplement the deficient stipends of ministers settled over weak congregations. All the congregations are enjoined to send collections to the central fund. Rev. John Laing, of Cobourg, is convener of the central committee. Much interest was awakened among the members of the Synod in the work of foreign missions, and a very strong disposition was manifested to assume the responsibility of some pagan field,—no action was however taken beyond laying the subject over for future consideration. No appointment was made to the vacant chair of theology in Knox's College, but the Board of Management were empowered to make temporary arrangements for carrying on the classes, as was done last year. Examiners were appointed and measures taken to raise the literary status of students. The establishment of bursaries in the college was warmly promoted. Five have been already founded. Rev. Dr. Burns was appointed to collect funds for this object. Much time was employed in discussing the expediency of organizing a General Assembly, and dividing the province into several synods, but decisive action was postponed. So also was the establishment of the Montreal College. Our delegate, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, was very cordially received by the Synod, and an invitation was given by Dr. Ormiston to the effect "that the Dr. would just come over to the Synod and bring his brethren of the Congregational body with him." During the meeting of Synod, the corner-stone of Erskine Church, in course of erection for the congregation of Rev. Dr. Taylor, was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE assembled in the North Street Church, London, on the 7th of June. Over 250 ministers duly appointed as members of Conference, were present at the calling of the roll. The Rev. S. D. Rice, retiring President, opened the proceedings, after devotional exercises, with a short address in which touching allusion was made to the decease of the eminent minister who presided over the Conference last year, Rev. W. L. THORNTON. Official announcement was then made of the appointment by the British Conference of Rev. Richard Jones to the presidency for the present year. From the reports presented, it appeared that the past year had been one of steady growth and encouraging prosperity. Many new and beautiful churches have been built, the missions have been well sustained, and though the numerical increase in the members has been small, this is partly accounted for by the check of emigration and the outflow of population resulting from the American war. A very earnest, well-written pastoral address was adopted, reviewing the state of the body, and urging increased devotedness to God. During the past year a grand effort has been made to clear off the Victoria College debt, which has resulted in entire success. Twenty-three young men were received into full connexion, and ordained to the work of the Christian ministry. The occasion of their reception was very interesting, and the addresses delivered were most instructive and impressive. The President urged the necessity of the Christian church seeing to it that it had not only a *converted* but a *converting* ministry, and valuable counsels were given to the young men on their entering upon full work in the connexion, by the Rev. Dr. Wood.