

The revenue of the Board for the half year ending 31st December, 1870, being the interest derived from its investments, was applied, in conformity with the instructions of the Synod—first, to payment of the claims of commuting and privileged ministers; second, to the payment of \$1,000 to Queen's College; and third, to the payment of \$100 each to thirty non-privileged ministers in the order of seniority—the names of the remaining fifty-two ministers having been transmitted to the Chairman of the General Sustentation Board.

With deep regret the Board have to advert to the death of one of their number—the Rev. Dr. Urquhart, of Cornwall, than whom no member of this Board was ever more regular in attending its meetings, and whose long experience and wise counsels were eminently serviceable to the Board, while his amiable and genial disposition had endeared him to every member of it.

#### REPLY TO THE ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The Synod Clerk, Rev. J. H. Mackerras, M.A., read the following despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, being a reply to the address of the Synod to Her Majesty:—

“Downing Street, Aug. 4, 1870.

“SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 6th July, enclosing an address to the Queen from the ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland in Synod assembled.

“I request that you will inform the subscribers of the address that it has been laid before the Queen who highly appreciates the loyalty of the Canadian people, and the courage and zeal showed by all concerned in the repulse of the Fenians.

“I have, &c.,

(Signed), “KIMBERLEY.

“Governor-general the Right Hon. Sir John Young, Bart, &c., &c.,

#### REPLY FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The Clerk read the following letter from the Governor-General in reply to the address of the Synod.

“To the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland:

Mr. MODERATOR AND GENTLEMEN.—

“I have much pleasure in receiving your address, and in acknowledging the loyal and dutiful terms in which it is couched. I trust that the difficulties which arose in the Red River Territory are well nigh over, and that the inhabitants of the Settlement duly estimating the forbearance and generosity with which they have been treated, will not suffer any rude hands or rash councils to intervene to the disturbance of the public tranquillity, or the hindrance of industrious and civilized immigration into the vast wastes of the North-West.

“The designs of the violent and unprincipled men who lately threatened to violate our territory by invasion without any just cause of quarrel, and indeed without any impu-

tion of misdoing on the part of Canada, have, under Providence, been signally defeated by the promptitude of the measures taken for their reception, and by the alacrity and courage with which the active militia and volunteers responded to the call to arms. The leaders of this wicked folly are now subjected to criminal procedure under the laws of the United States, and large quantities of the arms and munitions of war which they had accumulated during years past are under seizure, so that we may hope that the disturbers of the peace will find themselves incumbered by due course of law, and however incorrigible in intention, powerless to repeat their mischievous attempts.

I thank you very warmly for your kind expressions in regard to my own effort to do my duty, and earnestly pray that the land may long enjoy the blessings of peace, and that your labours may be crowned with a full measure of success in diffusing the lights of religious knowledge and placing the desires and practices of the community on the sound basis of truth and Christian charity.

JOHN YOUNG.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

Rev. Dr. JENKINS, of Montreal, who had been appointed a delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, was called on by the Moderator to report. He explained that he had been unable to attend the General Assembly, and that Mr. Croil, the other delegate, had also found it impossible to attend.

#### THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. C. SMITH, of Belleville, who had been appointed delegate to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, stated that he had attended the Assembly of that Church, and was very cordially received.

#### MANITOBA MISSIONARY WORK.

Rev. W. C. CLARK, of Ormstown, convener of the committee on a missionary to Manitoba, reported that the committee had made enquiries on the subject, and had found that the field was at present fully occupied by the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Episcopalians and the Wesleyan Methodists; but they recommended that a committee on the subject be continued.

A discussion followed on the subject, the general feeling seemed to be in favour of taking steps as soon as practicable towards sending a missionary to Manitoba.

Rev. D. J. MACDONNELL, of Toronto, moved that the report be approved, the committee discharged with thanks, and that the subject be remitted to the committee on the British Columbian Mission, with the recommendation that they procure, if possible, a missionary for some part of Manitoba.

After some discussion this motion was unanimously adopted.

#### EVENING SEDERUNT.

The MODERATOR took the chair at 7.30.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Prof. MOWATT presented the report of the Foreign Missions Committee as follows:—