

## STATUS OF RETIRED MINISTERS.

Returns of opinions of Presbyteries on the proposed Act anent the Status of Retired Ministers having been read, it was moved by Mr. Snodgrass seconded by Dr. Cook, and unanimously agreed. That the majority of opinions returned by Presbyteries on the Interim Act anent the Status of Retired Ministers being opposed to the said Act, it cease to have any force in the procedure of Presbyteries in reference to the retirement of Ministers.

## OVERTURES ON QUEEN'S COLLEGE PROPERTY AND ROYAL CHARTER.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the subject of legally securing the property acquired by Queen's College for the education of young men for the ministry, and an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton praying the Synod to give expression to the meaning attached by members to the clause in the Royal Charter of Queen's College, beginning with the words, "each congregation," and ending, "each year," (Ed. 1841, page 5; line 129-139), were, after discussion, dismissed.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

## DIET III.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-eight day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years:—*

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Peter Watson; and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

## CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

The Synod appoint Rev. Dr. Cook, Minister, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Ruling Elder, Correspondents to the Synods of the Church in the Lower Provinces, the Rev. Thomas Macpherson being appointed Dr. Cook's Alternate.

## NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

An understanding was come to by the Court as to the time and place of next Annual Meeting of Synod.

REASONS OF DISSENT *in re* H. J. BORTHWICK.

Mr. Snodgrass in his own name and in the name of all who might adhere to him gave in the following reasons of dissent from the deliverance of Synod given yesterday on the petition of Hugh Jameson Borthwick:—

1. Because the petition of Mr. Borthwick states that he has attended the Theological Classes in Queen's College for two Sessions only, whereas a law of this Church expressly requires three Sessions.

2. Because the petition of Mr. Borthwick declares the main ground, if not the only one, on which he submits his petition to be, that he was prevented from attending the second Session of his Course as a Divinity Student, a statement which communicates no circumstances whatever rendering his case a special one and deserving of consideration.

3. Because while the circumstances referred to in the deliverance of the Synod were not brought before the Court in a regular manner but submitted in *ex parte* statements, encouragement is given by the allusion to them in the Synod's deliverance to interpret them much more favorably for Mr. Borthwick, and unfavorably for the Vice-Principal of Queen's College, at whose instance it has been alleged in Synod Mr. Borthwick was prevented from attending the second Session of his Theological Course, than the facts of the case if properly investigated and fully known might warrant.

To which reasons of dissent Revs. Dr. Mathieson, Alexander Mackid, Hugh Niven, John Davidson, Peter Lindsay, John Campbell (Brock), Frederick P. Sym, Peter Macvicar, and Mr. Douglas Brymner gave their adherence.

## PRINCIPALSHIP OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

There was read a Memorial from the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Queen's College of date May 19th, 1858, expressing their views of the qualifications of the Rev. Dr. Cook for the office of Principal of Queen's College, and their strong desire that he should

permanently retain this office which he accepted temporarily, and praying the Court to take into consideration the circumstances of Queen's College, and advise with Dr. Cook as to what may most tend to the welfare of the Church in this matter or take such measures for the good of the College as to their wisdom may seem fit. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed, That the Synod heartily concur in the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Cook to be Principal of Queen's College, and that this Court hereby express the sincere desire that Dr. Cook will accede to the united wish of the Board of Trustees, and of the Synod and continue to discharge the duties of the office, the adequate discharge of which has been so satisfactorily and strongly expressed by the Memorial on the table. Dr. Cook being absent when this resolution was passed, it is agreed that an opportunity be taken by the Moderator on Dr. Cook's return to present it to him in the presence of the Court, and that the Moderator, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Green-shields, be a Committee to confer with Dr. Cook on the subject.

## COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

It is unanimously agreed on motion of the Clerk to adopt the following Overture:—That a Select Committee on Standing Orders be appointed and charged with the duty of considerably and deliberately forming a series of laws regarding the Annual Meeting of Synod, the appointment and duties of Committees, the preparation and presentation of papers, the conducting of debates, the adjudication of causes, the taking of votes, the duties and privileges of the Moderator and members respectively, and generally all matters affecting Synodical practice, that the same may be pursued and maintained with as much dignity, order, and edification as possible; and further that this Committee be a permanent one, though subject to such changes as the Synod may find it necessary to make, and be required to report from time to time such suggestions and recommendations as they may consider serviceable in promoting the efficiency, comfort, and success of the meetings of Synod. In terms of this Overture the following Committee is appointed:—The Clerk, Convener, the Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Morris.

## JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.\*

The Report of the Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee was read. It was moved by Mr. McMorine, seconded by Dr. Urquhart, and it is agreed, That the Synod having heard and considered the Report of the Jewish and Foreign Missions' Committee, approve and adopt the same; thank the Committee for their diligence, prudence, and judicious conduct of the important interests confided to them; express their hearty gratitude for the Providential offer of the services of so competent a Missionary; commend him and the effort to the prayers and sympathies of the Church; instruct Presbyteries to see that a collection is taken up as ordered last year in all the congregations of the bounds for the Mission; and remit the whole matter to the Committee, authorizing them to take such further steps in the institution and prosecution of the Mission as may be found necessary and desirable; instruct them also by correspondence and otherwise to mature their views as to the future conduct of the Mission, and re-appoint the Committee with the addition of the Revs. Dr. Machar, Duncan Morrison, and Mr. John Paton; and further continue Mr. Morris as Treasurer to the Scheme.

The same Committee then presented a supplementary Report setting forth that they have engaged Mr. Ephraim M. Epstein, a Licentiate of the Old School Presbytery of New York, in whose character, attainments, piety, and fitness for the work they repose confidence, and preferring their request that the Synod authorise Mr. Epstein to appear before the Examining Committee in order to his admission as a Licentiate of this Church. There was also read Mr. Epstein's Presbyterian Certificate, signed by the Rev. John M. Krebs, Clerk of the Presbytery of New York, who affectionately recommends Mr. Epstein to the care of this Synod. On motion of Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. William Bain, this Report is adopted, and Mr. Epstein is instructed to appear before the Examining Committee. The Moderator then conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Burnet, Convener, and the other members of the Committee.

## DR. COOK AND THE COLLEGE PRINCIPALSHIP.

Dr. Cook being now present, the Moderator presented to him the resolution passed by the Synod in reference to his acceptance permanently of the office of Principal of Queen's College, and he agreed to take the same into his serious consideration.

## SYNOD FUND.\*

The Account of the Treasurer of the Synod Fund with vouchers was submitted by Mr. Mackerras; also, the Report of the Finance