

of degrees where they are due; that they designate as *Vacancies* only such charges as have once had Ministers regularly settled, and return as *Mission Stations* all other places receiving Presbyterial supplies with the view of being ultimately erected into distinct charges; that they furnish regularly and correctly the information conveyed along with the Synod Roll usually prefixed to the printed minutes of Synod in reference to the time and place of the stated meetings of Presbyteries to Clerks, retired Ministers and Missionaries within the bounds; that they submit the Rolls to their several Presbyteries for revision previous to transmission to Synod, and attest them as revised and ordered to be transmitted; and that they forward them so prepared to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands at least four days before the Annual Meeting of Synod; further that Presbytery Clerks be enjoined to forward the Presbyterial Reports required by Act of Synod, 1844, along with their Presbytery Rolls, so that they may be read to the Synod.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS, OVERTURES AND BUSINESS.

That the Synod at their Annual Meeting appoint the Committee on Bills, Overtures and Business for the following year; instruct the Committee so appointed to meet at 7 P. M. of the day immediately previous to the meeting of that year, at the place where the Synod may be appointed to be held, to arrange as far as possible the whole business of the meeting, and prepare a printed docket in a sufficient number of copies for the use of members; and ordain that the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, the Presbytery Clerks, and nine other members of Synod the best qualified for this purpose that the Synod can select, shall compose this Committee, and that papers of every description without exception, intended to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Synod, be forwarded to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands at least five clear days previous to the meeting before which they are to be laid, and be by him or his instructions placed upon the table of the Committee: nevertheless this order shall not be held as preventing any papers from being presented and received by permission of the Synod at any time in the course of the meeting when they refer to matters arising out of the proceedings of the meeting to which they are presented. The following Committee is appointed for the ensuing year in terms of this Overture, viz:—The Moderator, the Synod Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Machar, Dr. Cook, Dr. Urquhart, and Messrs. A. McKid, A. Spence, J. Mackerras, Jas. Bain, R. Burnet.

FORM OF WRITTEN PAPERS.

That, whereas it is extremely desirable to preserve all documents coming before the Synod in a form easy of access and convenient for reference, the following standing order be observed, That Reports, Overtures, References, Complaints, Appeals, Extract Minutes, and all other matters whatsoever, intended to be submitted to the Synod or Commission of Synod, be written on foolscap paper, with sufficient margins, so as to admit of their being bound in volumes; and, for the sake of securing fully the ends of justice, the Synod strongly recommend parties, having causes or questions which they deem it important to bring before the Synod for consideration and disposal, to print copies of the same in sufficient numbers for the use of members and in a simple suitable for binding along with the printed minutes of Synod.

THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH.

It is probable that, before this paper is in the hands of the majority of our readers, the collections ordered by the Commission of Synod, on behalf of the Temporalities Fund of our Church, will have been held in most of the congregations of the Province. But as these collections may have been delayed in some of our charges, a few remarks on the subject will not be considered out of place.

There cannot be a purpose more worthy of the support of the members of the Canadian Church than the increase of the small Endowment Fund, for the possession of which it is indebted to the liberality of its Clergy. Every true friend of the Church will admit this. All such desire the extension of the Church; all such desire that the many vacant charges should be supplied; all such desire that the voices of our ministers should be heard in the new settlements which are every day forming. And how can these good results be better brought about than by generous additions to the Fund in charge of the Temporalities Board? At a future day, a general effort will be made, throughout the Province, to add to our Endowment. At present, all that is asked is a congregational collection, to enable the Managers of the Fund to meet the actual charges upon it. We do trust that the appeal will be liberally responded to, and that the amount received will fully make up any deficit which may exist.

What profession is so noble, or so useful, as that of a minister of the Gospel? How much good is achieved thereby? But if there is any body of Christian ministers, whose work is specially useful, both spiritually and temporally, it is that of the ministers of the free branch of the Church of Christ, to which it is our privilege to belong. Presbyterianism and national prosperity has always gone together. There can be no better way of advancing the interests of the Province than by assisting to build up in it, on firm and lasting foundations, what John Knox so well termed "a city most Christianly reformed."

It is not our purpose at present to dilate at any length on this theme. We merely wish to remind ministers and elders of what they have already been informed by circular: that the first Sabbath of April was selected by the Commission of Synod for the congregational collection in aid of the Temporalities Fund. It is earnestly hoped that the wishes of the Commission will be attended to in all the parishes; and that the different amounts may be remitted to the Secretary of the Board by the first week in May.—(Correspondent.)

COLLECTION FOR THE TEMPORALITIES FUND.

The following circular has been addressed to the ministers of the Church that they may make use of it in intimating to their congregations the appointment of a

collection to be made on the third day of this month. We hope that, before this number reaches our readers, they will generally have manifested a becoming liberality. We give insertion to it now in case any of the copies may not have reached those for whom they were intended, and also that vacant congregations, many of which are enjoying missionary services, may have an opportunity of contributing. These congregations may be said to be peculiarly interested, as the comfortable settlement of ministers over them depends in a great measure upon the state of the public funds. Since their expenditure is at present comparatively small, they are favourably situated for devising liberal things for an object of such great importance. They cannot have a better opportunity of showing their anxiety for the regular administration of ordinances. The circular presents a strong appeal to them when it states that the "funds will be inadequate in July to allow £50 to each minister." Presbyteries should see that vacant congregations have an opportunity of collecting.

REVEREND SIR,

I am directed by the Commission of Synod to send you the following resolution:—

"At St. Andrews' Church, Toronto, the Sixteenth day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine; which day the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met and was constituted:—

Inter alia,

There was read a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities Fund of date 2nd October, 1858, written with the view of being submitted to the meeting of Commission appointed to be held at Kingston and stating that the interest of the investments belonging to the Church is not sufficient to defray all the charges upon it, and at the same time to admit of the payment of a Stipend of £50 per annum to the Ministers who have been recently appointed; that the Board do not consider the present time of extreme depression the proper time for making such an appeal as that contemplated by the Synod in their resolution upon the subject passed at last meeting, and that the Board have resolved that their Chairman request the Commission to pass an Act making it imperative on every Minister of the Synod to make a Congregational collection in aid of the Funds of the Board on or before the 3rd of April next.

The Commission, having considered the subject of the letter, find that, by a resolution of Synod in 1857, Congregational collections are appointed to be made annually throughout the whole Church, in order to meet the salaries of the recently settled and future Ministers and Missionaries of the Church, and Presbyteries are enjoined to use all diligence to see that these collections be duly made in all the Congregations within the bounds, call the attention of Ministers and Presbyteries to the said resolution which the Commission understood to be imperative; and, for as much as supplementary funds are required to meet this present year's charges, and for as much as the Synod has not appointed any particular day for an annual collection to be made, and it is desirable that such a day be appointed for the present year, the Commission ordain a collection to be made in all the Churches within the bounds of the Synod, where collections for this purpose