

been inducted since 1855, we have 104 congregations enjoying the benefit of the fund.

The expenditure required may then be represented as follows:—

53 × 450 =	\$23850
10 × 400 =	4000
50 × 200 =	10400
Annual grant to Queen's College.....	2000
Management of the fund, say,	600
	<u>\$40850</u>
Income from investments, as per last report.....	34664
	<u>\$6186</u>

The last figure indicates the amount to be provided in order that all the congregations may participate, and the provision of that amount will depend upon the number, more or less, that comply with the Synod's recommendation. If only 52 comply to the letter, 17 congregations will be left without any participation; if the whole 104 comply, there will still be 4 in this position. The numbers will vary according to the fluctuations incident to the receipts of the Board; but, taking the most sanguine view, there is obviously occasion for these recommendations of the Synod: *that wealthy congregations give a large and liberal contribution, and that the Permanent Fund continue to engage the liberality of the people.*

From year to year, of late, we have noticed that applications have been made to the Legislature for special acts, giving the power of selling Church lands. Applications of this kind are becoming so frequent

that the Church would do well to adopt some sound and well-defined policy on the subject. At one time the assent of the Synod was required by the law of Upper Canada, and we have always thought this provision a wise one. But the assent of the Chancellor and the congregation is now substituted for the approval of the general religious body. The former system seems to accord better with the genius of Presbyterianism, which, while it admits of congregational corporations claims a control and direction of matters bearing upon the general interests of the Church. That the mode of holding Church property, and the conditions on which it is held, as also the purposes to which it is devoted, are matters of general concern, is obvious, when it is considered that they may materially affect the welfare and even the existence of the Church in particular localities. The Canada Presbyterian Church acts in accordance with this view, under the Statute of Union, 24 Vic., cap. 124, which requires that, in the sale of lands belonging to a congregation, the assent of the "Presbytery under whose care such congregation is placed" be obtained. It is only reasonable that the Church at large should, through its Presbyteries or Synod, have the power of saying whether or not valuable properties are to be sold, for a sale, made perhaps to meet some temporary emergency, may defeat the benevolent intentions of the founders of the Church.

In these remarks we are not influenced by any particular case more than another. The question is a general one, and because it is of that nature we suggest that it demands careful consideration.

Acts of our Church.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH

The Presbytery of Perth met in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, on the 8th September.

The following members were present:—Rev. Messrs. McMorine, Mylne, Morrison, Clark, Wilson, Ross, McLean, and Bain, Ministers, together with Messrs. D. Robertson, J. McLachlan, and R. Hunter, Elders.

Mr. McMorine was elected moderator for the year.

Commissions in favour of the following Elders as duly elected to represent their respective Sessions in Presbytery and Synod during the current year, were laid on the table and sustained, viz:—Smith's Falls, Robert Hunter; Brockville, George Malloch; Beckwith, Donald McLaurin; Kitley, William Smith;

Messrs. Bain, Morrison, Wilson, Ross, and McLean reported that they had taken up collections in behalf of the Foreign and Jewish Mission. Ministers who had not collected were instructed to do so.

Mr. Thomas Hart, student of Divinity, Queen's College, and Mr. Robert Jardine, who purposes entering the Divinity Hall next session, were examined in terms of the Laws of the Church. The Presbytery agreed to record their great satisfaction with the evidences of diligence manifested by these students, and further to certify that their conduct, so far as known to the Presbytery, has been in all respects consistent with their views as students for the holy ministry.

Mr. John K. McMorine, M.A. compared before