

Synod declared itself to be in connection with the Church of Scotland. The following is a list of its Moderators from its formation till its disruption, and the formation of the Free Church in 1844:—

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| 1831.—REV. J. MACKENZIE, M.A. | 1838.—REV. JOHN COOK, D.D. |
| 1832.—REV. A. MATHIESON, D.D. | 1839.—REV. ROBERT MCGILL, D.D. |
| 1833.—REV. JOHN MACHAR, D.D. | 1840.—REV. H. URQUHART, D.D. |
| 1834.—REV. ARCH. CONNELL, M.A. | 1841.—REV. JAMES GEORGE, D.D. |
| 1835.—REV. J. CRUKSHANK, D.D. | 1842.—REV. HENRY ESSON, M.A. |
| 1836.—REV. WM. RINTOUL, M.A. | 1843.—REV. JOHN CLUGSTON. |
| 1837.—REV. ALEX. GALE, M.A. | 1844.—REV. MARK V. STARK, M.A. |

Let us here, in passing, give a short sketch of one of the Presbyteries of this Synod as we have it from the pen of the Rev. Wm. Reid, M.A., himself one of the pioneers of Presbyterianism in the Presbytery he describes:

"In 1833 the Presbytery of Kingston was formed, embracing the Midland and Newcastle Districts, or the territory now forming the Counties of Frontenac, part of Leeds, Addington, Lennox, Prince Edward, Hastings, Northumberland, Durham and Victoria.

"The ministers who at first formed the Presbytery of Kingston were, the Rev. John Machar, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston; Rev. James Ketchum, of Belleville; Rev. Matthew Millar, of Cobourg and Colborne, and the Rev. John M. Roger, M.A., of Peterborough; the two last mentioned having been inducted in the beginning of November, 1833—they had previously been ordained. It may be mentioned as showing the necessities of the times, arising from the scarcity of ministers and the great distances which separated them from each other, that Mr. Millar *inducted himself*, one week, and the next, inducted his brother, Mr. Roger, at Peterboro'. Mr. Millar was not spared to labour long in his Master's service on earth, having been drowned while travelling on the ice in the Bay of Quinte, towards the close of winter in the year 1834. He was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas Alexander, so that in 1835 we find the Presbytery of Kingston consisting of four ministers: Messrs. Machar, Ketchum, Roger and Alexander. These increased by the addition of the Rev. R. McDowall, of Fredericksburg, Rev. Arch'd. Colquhoun, of Otonabee and Dummer, and Rev. Henry Gordon, of Gananoque. Mr. Colquhoun had previously laboured for some time in the Lower Province, and Mr. Gordon had been previously settled at Whitechurch and Newmarket, in the Presbytery of Toronto. Afterwards were added, Rev. James Rogers, of Denboreville, who is now in the United States, and Rev. James Douglas, of Cayuga, who died a few years ago at an advanced age. Before these brethren were added to the Presbytery, other two had been ordained, the Rev. Robert Neill (now Dr. Neill), of Seymour, and Rev. William Reid, M.A., of Grafton and Colborne. They were ordained in January, 1840. Before 1844, when the disruption in Canada took place, the Rev. A. McLean, M.A., minister of Nairn Church, Flamboro', was ordained as pastor of the congregation of Picton, and the Rev. T. Wightman, who died a few years ago at Lunenburg, as pastor of the congregation of Camden."

UNIONS.

In 1840 there was a union between this Synod and the "United Synod of Upper Canada," this latter body being formed chiefly of ministers of the Associate Church of Scotland and the North of Ireland who first joined into Presbytery in 1818; but in 1844 there was a disruption in the Canadas, as there was in Scotland and in the Maritime Provinces, resulting in the formation again of two Synods.

In 1832 three ministers, Messrs. Robertson, Proudfoot and Christie, commissioned to Canada by the "United Associate Synod of Scotland" arrived, and laid the foundation of the "United Presbyterian Church" in Canada, which united in 1861 with the "Free Church Synod" to form the Canada Presbyterian Church, which church, grown to the dimensions of a General Assembly, is now negotiating union with the Synod that retained its connection in 1844 with the Established Church of Scotland.

But who can despise the day of small things, when the seven eyes of the Lord which run to and fro through the whole earth rejoicingly regards it?