

lages; they are in the strictest sense our brethren; before long they expect to be included in the Confederation. It is not right that we should leave one man, however earnest and faithful to struggle single-handed for the prosperity of our beloved Church. I believe that a mission to British Columbia would be warmly supported by our congregations, and that there would be no difficulty in raising the necessary funds. A greater difficulty will be to find men to occupy the field. Within the bounds of our own Synod there is abundant room for many additional laborers. In the Presbytery of Toronto alone we have at present three vacant congregations in the flourishing towns of Port Hope, Lindsay and Bowmanville, anxiously looking for ministers. Our hearts have been encouraged lately by the settlement of two Gaelic-speaking ministers—the Rev. Archibald Currie and Rev. Niel Macdougall—in the important charges of Brock and Eldon. What is thus our gain is at the same time a loss to the Presbytery of Glengary, from which both gentlemen came. May it please the Lord to raise up for us able and faithful men, who will occupy the wide fields that are lying desolate.

If your readers desire to have a complete review of the past history and the present condition of the Church in Ontario and Quebec, they will find it in the admirable report (which is shortly to be published,) presented to the Synod by Mr. Croil, the agent of the Church. Let me, in concluding, reiterate the wish, which has no doubt been often expressed, that we may before long have a General Assembly composed of representatives from all parts of the Dominion of Canada.

D. G. M.

Peterboro', Ontario, 21st Aug. 1867.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

[Concluded.]

Messrs. Mathieson and Roberts, Elders of the late Rev. Mr. McDonald, being present, then addressed the Synod, expressing their firm adherence to the Church of Scotland, to which their late Pastor was so warmly attached, and stating that, while they were not deputed to appear before the Synod or move in the matter, they believe it to be the general desire of the congregations that Missionaries from the Church of Scotland should supply the place of their late Minister. They expected however that a meeting of representatives from all the Congregations would soon be held to confer as to what steps should be taken. Whereupon, after remarks from different members of the Court, on motion it was agreed to that a Synodical Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Duncan, (Convener,) McLean, McCunn, Anderson, together

with Dr. Inglis and Alex. Robertson, Esq., be appointed with full powers to deal in this matter, to receive all overtures from the Congregations on this subject, and to correspond with the Colonial Committee, if they shall see fit.

The Synod then took up the overture on the Synod Fund, the tenor whereof is as follows:

"Whereas, there is much dissatisfaction with the present law in reference to the distribution of the Synod Fund, the travelling expenses of Ministers and Elders to Synod not being paid therefrom.

Whereas, Sessions are unwilling to make collections for the Synod Fund, and in addition pay the expenses of their Minister and Representative Elder.

And whereas it will undoubtedly tend to prevent many ministers and elders from attending Synod, if held at a great distance from them, when they have to meet their expenses from their own private resources.

Be it humbly overtured that the Synod take the whole matter into their favorable consideration, that the present law be amended, the expenses of ministers and elders from Congregations which pay into the fund be fully allowed, provided the fund will permit, or if not, that the money in hand, after all other necessary claims are allowed, be divided among the members of the Synod in proportion to expenses incurred by them in reaching Synod.

Signed) JOHN McMILLAN."

Members having expressed their views, it was agreed, that, in the near prospect of the union of this Synod with that of New Brunswick, the Synod Fund should continue to be administered, for the next year, as formerly. The Committee on Synod Treasurership gave in the following report which was adopted:

"The Committee appointed to report upon the resignation of Mr. Gordon, the Synod Treasurer, beg leave to recommend the following motion to be minuted:

"That the Synod records with much regret the resignation of William Gordon, Esq., of the office of Treasurer, which he has held so long, with considerable inconvenience to himself and with much advantage to the Synod, and enjoin the Clerk to transmit Mr. Gordon the thanks of the Synod, for his past services.

The Committee recommend that there should be District Treasurers, and also one General Treasurer; and that as District Treasurers, the following gentlemen be respectfully requested to act:

James Anderson, Esq., Banker, for Prince Edward Island; James Fraser, Esq., Banker, for New Glasgow District; Roderick McKenzie, Esq., for Pictou District; James J. Bremner, Esq., W. I. Merchant, for Halifax District; and Roderick McKenzie, Esq., Pictou, to be General Treasurer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ALLAN POLLOCK."