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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

We have much pleasure in submitting the subjoined synopsis of the proceedings of the Synod of our Church, with which we have been kindly favoured by the Reverend Clerk of that body. The utmost pains appear to have been taken to ensure its correctness, and to give as clear an idea of the nature and objects of the several measures before the Synod, as the limits of such an abstract would permit. The Acts and Proceedings of the Synod will very shortly be printed in full, from which we will take occasion to extract, and present in future numbers of the *Presbyterian*, some of the more lengthy reports and deliverances.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met at Kingston, on Wednesday, the 11th July, at seven o'clock, P. M. The attendance of members was respectable, but not so good as on some former occasions at Kingston, considering its central situation.

The meeting was opened with an excellent and appropriate sermon on Acts xi. 26.—“The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch,” by the Rev. John Barclay, A. M. of Toronto, the Moderator of the previous year. The Moderator then took the chair and constituted the Synod with prayer; after which, Presbytery Rolls having been called for and given in, the Synod Roll was made up by the Clerk, and read over.

The Moderator, Mr. Barclay, then proposed, as his successor in office, the Rev. James C. Muir, Minister of Georgetown; which having been moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Muir was unanimously elected Moderator and took the chair.

The first business was the election of three Trustees for Queen's College, according to the terms of the Royal charter. The Rev. Hugh Urquhart, the Rev. George Romanes, and the Rev. John Barclay, the three retiring Trustees, were re-elected, and their names placed at the top of the Roll.

A Committee of Bills and Overtures was appointed to receive all papers, and arrange and prepare all business, to come before the Synod.

Arrangements were made as to the hours of meeting and adjournment during the Synod's sitting.

On Thursday, after the devotional exercises, the Committee of Bills and Overtures made a Report of the business likely to occupy the attention of the Synod.

The Minutes of last year were read over—as also the Minutes of the Commission of Synod, the proceedings of which were approved—and a Committee appointed to revise the Records of the Synod and report. Presbytery Records were also called for, and Committees named to examine them.

The usual leave was given to Presbyteries to meet in Kingston, during the Session of Synod, at such hours as the Synod might not be in session.

An acknowledgment of the Synod's Address to the Queen of last year having been laid before Her Majesty, and gra-

ciously received, was laid before the Synod;—when a Committee was appointed to draft Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen and the Governor General.

A Committee to attend to the Financial concerns of the Synod was appointed;—and arrangements were made for the public services of the Sabbath.

The Synod had laid before them a statement from the Clergy Reserves Commissioners, in regard to the state of the Fund under their control, and having examined the same, the Synod expressed their fullest satisfaction therewith.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson and the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, the retiring members of the Board of Clergy Reserves Commissioners, according to the Regulations adopted at last Synod, were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed to be placed at the bottom of the list.

The Rev. Walter Roach, William Edmonstone, Esq., and Hugh E. Montgomerie, Esq., the retiring members of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, were unanimously re-elected, and their names ordered to be placed at the head of the list of ministers and laymen respectively.

The draft of an Address to the members of the Church on Parental Responsibility, as ordered to be prepared by last Synod, and approved of by the Commission of Synod, was laid before the Synod, and ordered to be printed and circulated.

Reports from the Committees in charge of the French Mission,—and from the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, were given in, the read-