

# THE PRESBYTERIAN.

JULY, 1871.

ON the last day of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, amongst other business, the Court unanimously admitted the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of St. Paul's Church in this city, to the *status* of an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland.

WE give up this month the whole of our available space to the proceedings of the Synod held at Toronto. A summary of the leading business at the General Assemblies of the other Churches is in print but left over for want of room.

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN CANADA.

### MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, the 7th instant, according to appointment in St Andrew's Church, Toronto. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Solomon Mylne, of Smith's falls, preached, taking his text from Isaiah, 32nd chap. 2nd verse:—"And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." The reference here was to Christ. He was the refuge and hiding-place for His people from the troubles and trials of the world. But the idea of safety was not the only one expressed in the text. Blessings were also promised through Christ—"as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." These were the two leading ideas in the text:—The safety that Christ affords to His people, and the blessings He showers upon them—and they were illustrated and applied to human affairs by the reverend gentleman.

After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Mylne. The Synod roll was made up and read.

A Committee was appointed to prepare minutes *in memoriam* of ministers deceased during the year.

Rev. DUNCAN MORRISON, of Owen Sound, was unanimously elected Moderator, and took his seat as presiding officer.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring Moderator for his appropriate discourse and for his whole conduct as Moderator.

Committees on Business and on Bills and Overtures were appointed. It was agreed to adopt the following hours of meeting during the present session, namely:—Forenoon session, from 12 to 1; afternoon session, from 3 to 5.30; evening session, from 7 o'clock onward. Twelve o'clock was fixed for beginning the forenoon session in order to give the Committees an opportunity of transacting their business before that hour.

### AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

The Court met again at 3 o'clock.

Returns from Presbyteries anent book 3 of form of Church polity were read and referred for revision to a Committee.

Returns from Presbyteries on bill anent proceedings to be taken on the decease of a minister were read, and the Bill was declared passed into a law.

### REPORT OF THE TEMPORALITIES' BOARD.

Mr. James Croil presented the report of the managers of the Temporalities' Board. No changes calling for notice have been made in the investments of the Board since the date of last report. The investments of the Temporalities' Board stood as follows on the first of May:

	Par value.
475 Shares Merchants' Bank Stock...	\$47,500
355 " City Bank.....	35,500
Montreal Harbour Bonds.....	104,500
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City of Montreal Debentures .....	236,000
City of Montreal Stock.....	38,500
Mortgages.....	1,900
Uninvested.....	39
	\$467,939

The revenue of the Board for 1870-71 was \$32,907, and the expenditure left a balance on hand of \$126.

The Contingent account, formerly incorporated with the Temporalities' account, was closed on the 30th June last. The receipts for the half year ending at that date amounted to \$4,739 15. including the Synodical deduction \$1,889, and private contributions \$1,558, the whole of which was applied to the payments which then became due, and in which all the ministers on the Synod's roll participated.