

Several of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners being present, the thanks of the Synod were publicly given to them by the Moderator for the ability, faithfulness, and diligence with which they have managed their important trust for the benefit of the Church.

The Finance Committee's Report was given in, showing the amount paid in towards the expenses of the Synod. Accounts were ordered to be paid. Several suggestions were adopted in regard to future contributions, and the collection of arrears in several congregations.

A minute was agreed to, expressing at some length the thanks of this Synod to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for the affectionate interest they have always taken in the well-being of the Church in this Province, for their diligent endeavours in regard to procuring and sending out preachers, and for their liberality in pecuniary grants for various purposes connected with the Church, and earnestly requesting a continuance of the same.

A Commission of Synod was appointed with the usual powers, to meet at Kingston in the beginning of October on the same day as the College opens, and at Montreal in the beginning of February on the same day as the Presbytery of Montreal is appointed to meet.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Rev. Dr. Machar and the members and friends of his congregation for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of Synod.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Toronto, on the last Wednesday in May, 1854, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, when the Synod was closed with singing the last half of the exult. Psalm, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE CHURCH, 1854.

Rev. Alexander Spence, Bytown, Moderator of Synod; Rev. Andrew Bell, L'Orignal, Synod Clerk; John Cameron, Esq., Toronto, Synod Treasurer; Hugh Allan, Esq., Montreal, Treasurer of the Synod, French Mission Committee, and of the Synod's Education Committee.

THE SYNOD'S NINE COMMISSIONERS UNDER THE CLERGY RESERVE ACT.

Rev. Hugh Urquhart, A. M., Cornwall; Hon. Peter McGill, Montreal; Hon. John Hamilton, Kingston; William Edm. Stone, Esq., Montreal, Treasurer; Hew Ramsay, Esq., Montreal; John Smith, Esq., Montreal; Alexander McMartin, Esq., Martintown; Hugh Allan, Esq., Montreal, Secretary; Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D. D., Montreal, Chairman.

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 Rev. ———, Principal and Præmaris Professor of Theology; Rev. John Malcolm Smith, A. M., Professor of Hebrew, Biblical Criticism and Church History; Rev. James Williamson, A. M., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; Rev. ———, Professor of Logic, and Mental and Moral Philosophy; Rev. ———, Professor of Classical Literature.

ADDRESS TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY. —

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, gladly avail ourselves of the return of our Annual Meeting of Synod to express our profound attachment and devoted allegiance to the Person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, the Queen, and our loyalty, respect and dutiful submission to your Excellency as the Representative of her Majesty in this Province of her dominions. While we rejoice in the peace, tranquillity and temporal prosperity, which now so generally prevail throughout all parts of the Empire, we feel especial satisfaction in contemplating the growing prosperity of this, the land of our adoption, and the development of the vast resources with which a bountiful Providence has enriched it. In the extension of the great Public Works, which are now in course of construction throughout the Province, we cherish the hope of a far higher degree of prosperity and social advancement than this country has yet experienced, through the increase of facilities which will be afforded for turning to account the industry of its inhabitants and its mineral and agricultural wealth. As the Ministers and Office-bearers of a Christian Church, it is our earnest prayer and endeavour that the increase of true piety among the people may keep pace with an enlarged communication of temporal blessings.

We continue to take a warm interest in the promotion of a sound, moral and religious education among all classes of the people, and we are making our best exertions to increase the efficiency of the University in connection with our Synod for training young men for the Ministry in our Church, as well as for general usefulness.

It is a matter of extreme regret to us that an act has been passed by the Imperial Parliament, by which the subject of the Clergy Reserves, is liable to be opened up anew to public discussion and to fresh legislation. As a Church deriving benefits from this Fund for the maintenance of our ministers, and regarding the settlement made in 1840 as a final settlement, to which the faith of the British Crown was distinctly pledged, we must enter our decided protest against any interference with it; and we shall consider it our bounden duty to contend most zealously for the maintenance of our rights and privileges.

In common with all true Protestants and Christians, and with all who venerate the British Constitution, we cannot but express to your Excellency the deep shame and indignation which we feel at the events which have lately taken place in Quebec and Montreal, whereby the reputation of this country has been seriously injured, the lives of many innocent persons sacrificed, and public order and tranquillity subverted.

While we look to the Executive and Legal authorities of the Province for the redress of these outrages, and while we disclaim all personal re-communication, as tending only to promote further discord and disturbances, we cannot refrain from avowing our determination, in so far as lies in us, to resist temperately, yet firmly, all encroachments on the freedom of conscience and liberty of speech, which we have been ever taught to regard as part of the sacred birth-right of every British subject. We feel confident that your Excellency and your advisers will use the powers of Government to vindicate the majesty of the Law and to maintain, unimpaird, the fundamental principles of the Constitution, by which course alone we believe that good order will be restored, and a spirit of unity and concord fostered among the people of this Province.

That Almighty God, the Sovereign Disposer of all things, may bless your Excellency and your Excellency's family with all temporal blessings, and make you partakers of His Heavenly treasure in Christ Jesus, is our ardent wish and fervent prayer.

Signed at Kingston, this 19th day of July, 1853, in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, by  
 ALEX. SPENCE, Moderator.

ROLL OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, JULY, 1853.

REV. ALEXANDER SPENCE, BYTOWN, Moderator.  
 REV. ANDREW BELL, L'ORIGNAL, Synod Clerk.

1. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—Clerk, pro tem., Rev. J. Williamson, A. M., Kingston. Meets at Kingston on the First Wednesday of every month.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Kingston.....	John Machar, D. D.....	William Ferguson.
Seymour.....	Robert Neill.....	George Davidson.
Queen's College.....	James Williamson, A. M.	
Queen's College.....	John M. Smith, A. M.	
Belleriville.....	William McEwen, A. M.....	George Neilson.
Cannden.....		Mark Hermiston.
Otonabee, Dummett, Asphodel, Percy, Belmont.		

Archibald Colquhoun, Ordained Missionary.

2. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Clerk, Rev. J. Barclay, A. M., Toronto. Meets at Toronto on the Third Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

Pickering.....	Peter McNaughton, A. M.....	William Gourlie.
Essex and Milton.....	Peter Ferguson.....	Duncan Campbell.
Scarboro.....	James George.....	Robert Hamilton.
King.....	John Tawse, A. M.	
Chinguacousy.....	Thomas Johnson.....	James Currie.
Monro.....	Alexander Lewis.....	Alexander Skelton.
Elton.....	John Murdy.....	
Toronto.....	John Barclay, A. M.....	John Cameron.
Gaillimbury West.....	Alexander Ross.....	Francis Kirkpatrick.
Clarke and Hope.....	Samuel Porter.....	Robert Johnson.
Horsby.....	William Barr.....	
Markham.....	James Stuart.....	
Nottawasaga.....	John Campbell, A. M.	
Vaughan.....		Donald Cameron.