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CHURCH IN CANADA.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of our chief Ecclesiastical Court takes place on Wednesday, the 7th of July, and will be continued during the remainder of the week. The place of meeting is at Williamstown, and we trust in our next to be able to communicate that a goodly number of Ministers and Elders have been in attendance, and that they have been enabled, with the Divine blessing, to devise many wise measures for the benefit of our beloved Church, and for extending our usefulness in these Provinces. As we have reason to believe that several important overtures will be laid before the Synod, we have determined, rather than give, as heretofore, a dry detail of the proceedings, to employ an efficient Reporter, whose labours, we have no doubt, will enable us to lay before our readers at least the spirit of the different speakers' addresses, if not their very words. The public generally take too little interest in the proceedings of our Church Courts, and the effect on these bodies themselves is not unfrequently very prejudicial. In the absence of a large and interested auditory, and knowing that the remarks made are not to be reported, the speakers often adopt a conversational and not very dignified style of address, which by no means tends to elevate the character of the proceedings in the estimation of the few chance visitors who listen to them. If our good friends in Glengarry will do their part by attending the meetings of Synod, we will do ours by reporting, if necessary in a supplementary sheet, an accurate account of the proceedings.

OVERTURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD OF CANADA, IN CONNEXION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

WHEREAS the persons, usually nominated to constitute the Commission of Synod, are never able to meet together for the transaction of business, so that what is called the Commission of Synod is often nothing more than a few of the members of the particular Presbytery within whose bounds the Commission for the time is appointed to meet, and anomalous and irregular proceedings have sometimes taken place; and whereas, for the prevention of these in future, it is necessary to render the Commission what it was intended to be, a *bonâ fide* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SYNOD; an Overture will be presented to the Synod at its next meeting to the following effect:—

1. That the members of which the Commission shall be constituted shall be nominated by their respective Presbyteries, during the meeting of Synod, in the ratio of one member for every six (*less or more*) ministers composing each Presbytery. The nomination by Presbyteries to be duly certified to the Synod on the day previous to its adjournment; and, in case any Presbytery shall fail to certify, the Moderator of Synod shall nominate for such Presbytery.
2. That the Commission shall meet on the call of the Moderator, if need be, on the second Wednesday in May, and the second Wednesday in October, in the place where the Synod held its last meeting.
3. That the presence of one member at least from every Presbytery shall be deemed essential to constitute a quorum;

and, if, through the absence of its member, any Presbytery is not duly represented, the said Presbytery shall be held delinquent, and, unless valid reasons be assigned, shall be subject to censure by the Synod.

4. That the Commission shall have no power to originate any new measures, or to transact any business whatever except such as has been committed to it by special instructions from the Synod.

5. The Moderator of the Synod will be the Moderator of the Commission; and, in case of his absence, any member of the Commission may be chosen to fill that office. The Clerk to be chosen from the members present.

6. It shall be the duty of the Commission to record its proceedings, and to lay a copy of the record before the Synod.

Montreal, June 2, 1852.

MONTREAL, June 15, 1852.

STR,

I shall offer no apology for calling your serious attention to the matters contained in the following OVERTURE intended to be proposed to the Synod, which shall assemble at Williamstown on the first Wednesday in July:

"WHEREAS since the secession of many of our Ministers in 1844 this Synod, and several of the members thereof individually, have used great exertions to procure Ministers to supply the destitute localities within our bounds, and during the seven years that have since elapsed, we have obtained eight Ministers from the Church of Scotland, and nine from other Presbyterian bodies, which,