

cur with the Managers in expressing the hope that this may be fairly attributable to the recent monetary crisis; renew their instructions to Presbyteries and Ministers to be careful to supply all information desiderated by the Board, more especially that Ministers send a statement of the number of families in their several congregations, along with the congregational collections, and that Presbyteries furnish the Secretary of the Board with intimations of all Ordinations and Inductions, and full reports of the regularity with which congregations, vacant or not vacant, make their collections for the Fund, with certification that if they neglect this duty they incur the censure of this Court; remit to the Board to continue their negotiations on the subject of extending the benefits of the Fund to Ministers of the Church in the Lower Provinces; confirm the election by the Board of Mr. Joseph M. Ross, in room of the late Hew Ramsay, Esq.; in reference to the two points submitted to the consideration of the Synod towards the conclusion of the Report, find that they are very important, but inasmuch as at present no actual cases of the kind alluded to exist, solicit the Board to take them into their mature deliberation, and report their views to the next meeting of the Synod; and order the Report and Statement to be printed along with the Synod Minutes. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Mathieson, Chairman, and the other members of the Board.

#### LAY ASSOCIATION.

The Synod heard an Address from the Lay Association of Montreal. The Synod agreed to record their satisfaction with the efforts made by the Lay Association in behalf of the interests of this Church and the success attending them, as also their gratitude to the members of that useful Association, and recommend the members of Synod to use their endeavours to increase the circulation of *The Presbyterian* and *The Juvenile Presbyterian*.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their Report which was read by Mr. Burnet, Convener. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed,—That the Synod adopt the Report; order it to be printed as an Appendix to the Synod minutes; thank the Committee for their faithful and judicious gestion of the important trust confided to them; and re-appoint the Committee, nominating Mr. Macdonnell as Convener in room of Mr. Burnet whose resignation is accepted.

#### CORRESPONDENCE WITH COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Snodgrass reported verbally for the Committee appointed last year to address the Colonial Committee on the spiritual destitution within the bounds of

the Synod, mentioning the action taken by the Committee and the results of endeavours to fulfil the duty intrusted to them. The Committee are re-appointed, and Presbyteries are anew enjoined to transmit to Dr Mathieson without delay a full and particular account of all vacancies, and localities where new congregations may be formed.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

There was read by Dr. Mathieson a Report from the Committee on the formation of a General Assembly. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and it is unanimously resolved,—That the Synod receive the Report; order it to be printed with the Synod Minutes; re-appoint the Committee with instructions to mature their views as to the formation of a General Assembly of the Church in this Province as proposed in the Report, and to report a plan for the formation and constitution thereof, to be submitted to next Session of the Court for consideration.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Rev. William Bain, Convener of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath Observance, read the Report of the Committee for the past year. On motion of Mr. McMorine, seconded by Mr. Burnet, the Synod unanimously resolved as follows:—Adopt the Report; order its suggestions to be carried out; and continue the Committee, instructing them to give their best attention to the important matter intrusted to them. There was also read a Bill for the better observance of the Sabbath at present before the Legislative Council, and the Synod agreed to petition the Legislature to pass this Bill. Mr. Bain is instructed to prepare a petition for this purpose.

#### TEMPORALITIES FUND

Dr. Cook reported on behalf of the Temporalities Board that the estimated revenue of the year is 9006, and the charges on it £8805, leaving a balance in favour of the Fund of £201; but that as it is probable that during the current year sixteen ministers will be added to the Church, the Board would require an addition of £600 to their Funds to enable it to pay £50 a-year to each. It was moved by Alexander Logie, seconded by George Neilson, and it is agreed. That the matter be remitted to the Temporalities Board, with instructions to call in the assistance of the members and friends of the Church in the different localities, and for that purpose the Board are authorized to appoint Committees in each Presbytery or congregation to obtain annual subscriptions to be placed at the disposal of the Board, to enable them to grant to every minister who may be placed on the Roll of the Synod, at least £50 a-year, and if possible to increase the allowance to £100 a-year; and all ministers are hereby enjoined to

render all the assistance in their power to enable the Board to carry out this object.

#### FRENCH MISSION.

The Synod heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal on the French Mission.—The Treasurer's accounts were submitted. There was also read an Overture from the Hamilton Presbytery,—That the French Mission be placed on a more satisfactory footing, and that a Committee be appointed from the Church at large to further the object. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. A. S. Cadenhead, and it is agreed,—That the Synod having heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Montreal Presbytery on the French Mission, as transmitted by the Presbytery, receive and adopt the same, and approving of the suggestion therein contained, appoint Revds. W. Snodgrass, W. Simpson, Geo. Ferguson, James C. Muir, and Messrs. Alex. Morris, John Greenshields, Arch. Ferguson, a Standing Committee on the French Mission, authorizing them to take such steps in its revival, maintenance and prosecution as may be necessary, reporting their action to the Synod from time to time, and appoint the Rev. W. Snodgrass, Convener; and the Synod further recommend the Mission to the continued countenance and active co-operation and sympathy of the congregations of the Church.

#### INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.

The Third Annual Report of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme was read. It was moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Judge Logie, and it is agreed, That the Synod express their gratification at the lively interest taken by the children of the Church in the Indian Orphanage Scheme of the Edinburgh Ladies Association; recognize therein the good hand of the Head of the Church agree to renew their cordial approval of the Scheme; thank Mr. Paton for his diligence and zeal in enlisting the sympathies and contributions of the youth of our congregations in this missionary effort, and re-appoint him Treasurer.

#### ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.

A draft Address to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved.

#### ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

A draft Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved of.

The Moderator is instructed to sign the aforesaid Addresses in name and by appointment of the Synod, and Dr. Barclay John Cameron, Esq., and such other members of the Court or the Church as can conveniently accompany them are appointed to present the Addresses.