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SYNOD MINUTES AND OTHER PAPERS.

THE following printed materials are in the hands of the Synod Clerk, the Rev. W. Snodgrass, Montreal:

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Minutes of Synod from 1837 to 1859 inclusive, single copy for any year, 0 25
Acts of Synod, collected down to 1850,. 0 12½

For Distribution Gratis.

Copies Model Deed, Model Constitution, Form of Process, Report of Committee on Ministers' Stipends (1842), Address on parental responsibility, Elders' Commissions (blank forms for Session Clerks); Circular letters. Ministers' Bonds to Widows' Fund, and Presbytery Rolls—for Presbytery Clerks.

Parties wishing any of these can have them on application. The sums mentioned as prices must first be remitted—they are for the benefit of the Synod Fund. In all communications, addressed to the Synod Clerk on this or any other business of the Church, stamps for return postage ought to be enclosed so as to save charges on the Synod Fund.

N.B.—In consequence of a recent demand for sets of minutes, only one or two copies of those for 1837 remain on hand. Parties having spare copies for that year will confer a great favour by sending them to the Synod Clerk who will gladly exchange them for minutes of later years.

OUR SYNODICAL SCHEMES AND THEIR AGGREGATE RESULTS.

While the circle of influence exerted by our Church in Canada, is daily widening we rejoice to believe that the people who compose our congregations, are taking a heartier interest in the support of our various Synodical Schemes. Apart from local efforts for church and manse erection, and Presbyterial Home Mission Schemes, the Synod maintains various Schemes designed to advance the cause of religion and of the gospel, and to promote the efficiency of the Church as an instrument for good.

The sums raised for these efforts now reach a respectable amount, as the ensuing abstract which we have prepared from authentic sources abundantly proves, but even this aggregate is we trust, only a token and harbinger of better things to come—of that happy state of a church, when her people give freely to the cause of Christ, 'as God had prospered them' setting apart on the first day of the week, with a cheerful scriptural systematic beneficence.

ABSTRACT SYNODICAL FUNDS, 1859–60.

* Synodical Home Mission Fund,....		$2072 37
Widows' and Orphans' Fund:—		
Congregational collections,.....	$1733 59	
Minister's Rates,.....	1164 00	2897 59
Queen's College Bursary Fund,.....		858 50
" " Building "		294 00
Synod (expenses) Fund,...		458 00
Jewish Mission to Turkey.....		1302 88
French Mission to Canadians,.....		534 16
Juvenile Mission to India,.....		427 75
Total,.....		$8845 25

——*Several Presbyteries we believe, maintain local Home Missions besides. That of Toronto raises, we know, large sums annually for its own Mission.

While as members of the Church we regard this statement as of an encouraging character, we rejoice as laymen to be able to add that the laity are rallying round the Home Mission Scheme in a manner that secures its success, if it be further faithfully prosecuted, and will make it an efficient agent in the great work of the thorough evangelization of our country. We have added up the statements in the Report of the Board, charged with the care of this important Scheme, and find that in addition to raising for various purposes, the foregoing sums, partial and incomplete subscriptions from 12 of the congregations of the churches visited in the three Eastern Presbyteries, amount to the respectable sum of $21,892 85, of which a considerable proportion has been paid, and to which large additions will yet be made. This too, we rejoice to regard as an earnest and an augury of good things to come. Let us take courage then, and each in our own sphere do what we can, and so a blessing will be added.

SYNOD MINUTES—SESSION 1860.

The Minutes of last Session of Synod have been printed and distributed. A parcel has been sent to each minister on the Roll, containing a copy for each member of his session, so far as the number of members, taken from the statistical returns, is ascertained. In many instances the number of members is not known, and this occasions trouble and difficulty. In