

be placed at the top of the roll, and instruct the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

#### MINUTES OF LAST SESSION AND OF COMMISSION.

The concluding minute of Diet VI., and all the minutes of Diet VII., of last year's proceedings, were read and sustained.

Dr. Mathieson reported that the minutes of last year's proceedings were revised before being printed, by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Minutes of proceedings of the Commission of Synod at meetings held as appointed, October 7th, 1857, and February 17th, 1858, were read. The proceedings are approved of and the minutes sustained.

#### MISSIONARY AND DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

A Missionary and Devotional Meeting is appointed to be held in this Church, under the auspices of the Synod, on Monday next, at 7 P. M. Messrs. Simpson, Morris, and Greenshields to be a Committee for all arrangements.

#### SERVICES ON SABBATH.

The Synod made appointments for Divine Service on Sabbath next, viz.: St. Andrew's Church, Rev. Robert Burnet, forenoon; Rev. Alexander Mackid, afternoon. St. Paul's, Rev. Hugh Niven, forenoon; Rev. Dr. Cook, evening. Hemmingford, Rev. Peter Watson. Beauharnois, Rev. Hamilton Gibson. LaPrairie, Rev. Alexander Buchan. Longueuil, Rev. William White. Lachine, Rev. John Davidson.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

#### DIET II.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-Seventh Day of May. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years:—*

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Mackid; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

#### ROLL OF QUEBEC PRESBYTERY.

The Roll of the Presbytery of Quebec, certified by the Moderator of said Presbytery, was read, and the Synod order it to be inserted in its proper place in the Synod Roll.

#### INACCURACIES OF LAST CENSUS.

Mr. Macdonnell reported that, in fulfilment of the Synod's instructions, he wrote W. Hutton, Esq., Secretary to the Provincial Board of Agriculture and Statistics, in reference to the inaccuracies of last Census.

#### LONDON CONGREGATION.

The Convener of the Committee on the interests of the London Congregation reported progress. The Committee are re-appointed, with instructions to exercise renewed diligence and watchfulness.

#### CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Barclay, Correspondent from this Synod to the Synods in the Lower Provinces, reported his attendance at the meetings of these Synods last summer. The Synod approve of his fidelity and diligence. It is agreed that a Correspondent for the present year be appointed to-morrow.

#### INCORPORATION OF TEMPORALITIES BOARD.

Dr. Cook reported that the Temporalities Board had fulfilled the instructions of Synod, and that the proposed Act of Incorporation of said Board is now before the Legislature.

#### SUPPLEMENTING TEMPORALITIES FUND.

There is no Report from the Committees appointed to co-operate with the Temporalities Board in appealing to the liberality of the laity for supplementing the Temporalities Fund.

#### COLONEL MACDOUGALL'S COMPLAINT.

The papers connected with Colonel McDougall's Complaint are referred to the following Committee, viz.: Dr. Urquhart, Convener, Edward W. Thomson, and George Neilson, for consideration, with instructions to report on Tuesday morning.

#### RESIGNATION OF REV. JOHN ROBB.—RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

The following are appointed a Committee to consider the Reference from the Commission of Synod on the resignation of Rev. John Robb, and at the same time the general question of allowances from the Temporalities Fund to Retiring Ministers, and report this Session, viz.: Dr. Machar, Convener, Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, Mr. McMorine, and John Thompson, Esq.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.

The Synod having ascertained that Circular Letters were duly sent to Presbyteries by the Presbytery of Bathurst, intimating the intention of that Presbytery, with leave of the Synod, to take William Clarkson Clark and Joseph Evans, M.A., Students of Divinity in Queen's College, on public trials for License, appoint the following

#### EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Moderator, Convener, Drs. Mathieson, Urquhart, Cook, Machar, Barclay, and Messrs. Mackid, Macdonnell, Burnet, Miller, Mackerras, Neill, Spence, Morrison, Thomson, Macvicar, Muir, Geo. Ferguson; and direct the said Students to appear before this Committee, in accordance with Act of Synod, 1850.

#### PETITION OF MR. BORTHWICK.

The Synod heard the petition of Hugh Jameson Borthwick, Student of Divinity in Queen's College, during Sessions 1855-56, and 1857-58, stating that he was prevented much against his will from attending the Divinity Class during Session 1856-57, and praying the Synod to allow him to be taken on trials for License. It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Burnet, That in the circumstances of the case Mr. Borthwick be sent before the Examining Committee, and if found qualified, that the Presbytery of Kingston be instructed to take him on trials for License. Which motion being put the Moderator declared to be carried; whereupon Mr. Snodgrass in his own name and in the name of all who may adhere to him dissented from this judgment, and promised to give in reasons in due time.

#### PETITION OF MR. PROSPER L. LEGER.

The Synod heard the petition of Prosper L. Leger, Student of Divinity in Queen's College for the second year, praying the Synod for sundry reasons to allow him to be taken on trials for License. Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, and Glengarry, in reference thereto, were also read. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Hugh Niven, That the petition of Mr. Leger be not acceded to, inasmuch as it seeks to shorten the curriculum of study contrary to the laws of this Church, refer Mr. Leger to the French Mission Committee for sympathy and advice, and give instruction to the Committee to aid Mr. Leger in obtaining for him teaching or employing him as a missionary under their charge. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Mann, That Dr. Barclay, Convener, Messrs. Muir, McMorine, and Burnet, be a Committee to confer with Mr. Leger, and after such conference to report to the Synod the judgment which they would recommend on Mr. Leger's Petition. The Roll was called and votes were taken when the amendment was carried by thirty-two to seventeen, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

#### PETITION OF MR. WILLIAM DARRACH.

The Synod next heard the petition of William Darrach, at present acting as a Catechist within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, praying the Synod to permit him to enter the Theological Classes of Queen's College at the same time that he is pursuing his studies in the Faculty of Arts in that Institution. An Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Kingston in reference to said petition was also read. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Machar, and carried *nem. con.*, That Mr. Darrach be permitted to enter the Theological Class of Queen's College next Session, and the Senatus are requested to arrange so far as they can his attendance on the Literary and Philosophical Classes, so that the Literary and Theological Course may go on together.

The Finance Committee is re-appointed.

#### ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elect Dr. Cook, Thomas Peck, and Archibald Ferguson, to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, their names are directed to be placed at the head of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board, and the Clerk is instructed to intimate their election to the Board.

Consideration of Dundas and Ancaster case is deferred till to-morrow.