

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;—Wednesday, the Thirteenth Day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Years :—*

Which day the Commission of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Kenneth Maclellan, B.A., who was chosen to act as Moderator.

*Sederunt*—Kenneth Maclellan, *Moderator*; Alexander Spence, Peter Lindsay, George Porteous, William M. Inglis, William Snodgrass, John H. Mackerras, John Barclay, John Cook, Robert G. McLaren, Joseph Evans, James McCaul, Alexander Mathieson, William Simpson, Frederick P. Sym, John Jenkins, Donald Ross (Chatham), Robert Campbell, Hugh Urquhart, Thomas Macpherson, John Davidson, *Ministers*; Robert Dennistoun, James S. Hunter, Archibald Ferguson, Douglas Brymner, James Croil, *Elders*.

Mr. Mackerras was appointed Clerk of Commission.

The minutes of the meeting held on November 7th were read.

Dr. Jenkins, acting on behalf of Mr. G. D. Ferguson, Secretary, gave in a report from the Examining Committee, intimating that they had, as instructed to do, carefully examined Mr. William McM. Black on the subjects prescribed by Act of Synod, and were highly satisfied with his proficiency and attainments. In terms of the recommendation of the report, and by virtue of authority intrusted to the Commission by the Synod, the Commission granted leave to the Presbytery of Montreal to take Mr. Black on public probationary trials for License.

The present state of the financial affairs of the Church having been brought under consideration, it was moved by Principal Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and unanimously agreed to :—

That the Commission, having considered the very great diminution of the revenue of the Temporalities' Board, caused by the unfortunate suspension of the Commercial Bank, resolved—

1. That the Commission refer the consideration of all questions bearing upon the capital of the Fund and its future management to the Temporalities' Board and the Synod.

2. That the Commission are of opinion that a special effort should be made to provide for the present emergency, so that the next two semi-annual payments to ministers may be secured, and that an appeal to the Church would be responded to with sufficient liberality to render such an effort successful, and, therefore, respectfully request the Temporalities' Board to adopt as speedily as possible such measures as, in their opinion, will be most effectual in obtaining the money required in the manner suggested.

On motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Mackerras, it was unanimously resolved, That the thanks of the Commission be given to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for their liberality in according to