

LIST OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED AT LAST SYNOD.

1. Committee appointed to co-operate with the Lay Association, consisting of Rev. Allan Pollok, Rev. Thomas Jardine, Rev. Alexander McKay, Rev. Dr. McGillivray and Hon. John Holmes.
2. Committee for publication of Statistical Returns, consisting of Rev. Allan Pollok and Rev. Donald McRae.
3. Committee on Bursary Fund, consisting of Rev. Allan Pollok, Convener, Rev. Andrew Herdman, John McKay, Esq., William Gordon, Esq.
4. Committee on Colportage, consisting of Rev. Thomas Duncan, Rev. Alex. McKay and Colonel Gray; Rev. Thomas Duncan, Convener.
5. Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Scheme, Rev. Allan Pollok, Convener, Rev. Donald McRae, John McKay, Esq.
6. Committee on the formation of a General Assembly, Rev. Alexander McKay, Convener, Rev. Thomas Duncan, Rev. Andrew Lochhead and Allan McDougall, Esq.

Respecting the foregoing list, we take the liberty of noting down the following mementoes.

1. That *all* of these matters were viewed by last Synod as of grave importance, and deeply affecting our well-being as a church. In fact, these very subjects will form the principal business engaging the attention of next Synod.

2. Hence, the influence for good of next Synod, will depend in a great measure upon the careful and conscientious performance by committees of these duties assigned them. In every deliberative body, the *real work* is done *in committee*.

3. It was intended that the several Conveners should call the members together *before* the meeting of Synod, and that their work should be carefully done before the session begins. For this purpose, the Synod put those together in Committee, who live comparatively near each other.

4. It was the expressed wish of the Synod, that all reports be *in writing*. Verbal reports are neither regular nor respectful to the court.

5. The advantage of attending to these points will be, that the business will be fairly and fully before the court at its first sederunt, and can be well arranged, that the principal work will be already done, and the Synod will become what it ought to be, more purely deliberative in its character; that its deliberations will be more to the purpose and to the point, the members being placed in possession of full information on the matter before them by careful reports from committees; that there will be fewer *vague discussions*; that there will not be a constant scribbling and committee-work going on during the session; that the session will be short, and that it will be both made pleasant and in every way more effective.

It is worthy of remark also, that written reports of the missions of the corresponding members to the Synods of Canada and New Brunswick are quite necessary in order to render these missions of benefit to the Synod. Many valuable remarks upon what they have seen and what they have done, might form the body of such reports, and these would furnish such useful hints as to make this correspondence of permanent value. It is no more respectful to the whole people of the church, to sustain this correspondence than it is just that such written details should come under their observation. Dr. Matheson, Mr. McMillan, Dr. George and Dr. Barclay, furnished the Synod of Canada on their return, with carefully written and well-told narratives of the proceedings, and gave their impressions of what they saw in the Lower Provinces. These were interesting to us who already knew the whole, but how much more to the people of Canada! It would be an advantage that we should manage matters in the same regular fashion. We hope to see this done at next Synod.

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THE CHURCH AT HOME.

A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH has been erected at Bridge of Allan, Stirling, costing upwards of £1300. Of the £200 outstanding debt, nearly £100 has been liquidated by a collection made on its behalf by Mr. Caird of Glasgow.

THE PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW, has agreed to the translation of Rev. Mr. Colman Maryhill, to Kirkmabreck, Wigton Presbytery.

THE REV. WM. TURNER, probably the earliest non-conformist minister in Britain, (83 years,) lately died at New Castle, on Tyne.

THE EARL OF MANSFIELD is to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland this year.

THE REV. WM. L. MCFARLANE, has been appointed Minister of Tongland.

THE REV. ANGUS MCINTYRE, Charlton town, has been rejected as Minister of Kildrummy, by the Presbytery of Islay and Jura. Mr. McDonald dissented and protested to leave to complain at the General Assembly.

DEATH OF PRINCIPAL LEE.—The Very Rev. Principal Lee, died at Edinburgh College on Monday, 2nd May, in the 80th year of his age. For some time he had been in unimpaired health, but his last illness did not extend over ten or twelve days.

Principal Lee was one of the few survivors of the old race of Scottish divines and scholars; and many will miss from our streets and book-stalls his venerable and well-known figure. His life was one of indefatigable industry, though it is a matter of regret, that his numerous writings gave but an inadequate impression of his great talents and extensive acquirements. In the General Assembly he filled the office of Principal Clerk, and on all the struse points of our early ecclesiastical history he was an authority from whom there was