

It will be found at pages 63 and 64 of the Digest of the Synod, and by looking at the latter page it will be seen that *the congregation* was heard through its commissioners before the Synod ventured to discuss the matter. The contravention of law by a bare majority of a Synod is fraught with incalculable danger, and when the law has been set aside by a small majority in a meeting at which not more than half the numbers were present, as was the case on the occasion referred to. I for one must raise my voice against it.

I am, Sir, very respectfully yours,

ALEX. MCGIBBON.

[We publish this letter from a desire not to appear to suppress the views of those who may feel themselves aggrieved. There must, however, be a limit to the expression of such views in the *Record*. We have the fullest belief in the good faith of the Synod, and its desire to be just and impartial in the case referred to. A reference to the Brockville case will show that the organ was retained not "*in spite of the orders of the Synod*," but from a misapprehension of the desire of the Synod in the matter. When the desire of the Synod was again expressed, the congregation acquiesced.—EDITOR.]

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*To the Editor of the Record.*

MY DEAR SIR,—In referring to the "Financial statement" for the past Synodical year, I was somewhat surprised that, instead of any contribution from Knox Church, Ottawa, to the Synod Fund, there was a blank. I knew that the error was not owing to any inaccuracy on the part of the Treasurer, in whose statement the amount was duly acknowledged, nor on the part of the able and painstaking Convener of the Committee on Statistics, but to a typographical blunder. The figures are right in the minutes of Synod. As my reason for troubling you with this note, I must plead my unwillingness to have my congregation appear neglectful of such a claim as the Synod Fund has upon all our churches,—a Fund to which each congregation should feel bound in common honesty to contribute, let the contribution be small or great.

Yours truly,

THOMAS WARDROPE.

Ottawa, October 18, 1867.

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## Notices of Publications.

*Bible Jewels.* By Rev. R. Newton, D.D., author of "Rills from the Fountain of Life." New York: R. Carter & Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

Those who have read the previous works of Dr. Newton will not need to be told that this is a book worth reading. His power of illustration is very great, his language simple, and his whole method of treating a subject very interesting. The object of the present volume is to describe and illustrate, spiritually, the different jewels mentioned in the Word of God. The book will form a valuable addition to the family, the congregational, or Sabbath School Library.

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*Stamp on it John. A Fagot of Stories for Little Folk.*

There are two volumes of the "Fireside Library" of the same Publishers, R. Carter & Bros. They are very suitable for the young, and may be safely put into their hands. The stories are interesting, and their tone is healthy.