

# SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRESBYTERIAN.

JULY, 1858.

## ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal, the 26th day of May, and concluded on the 1st day of June, 1858 years.

### SESSION XXX.

#### DIET I.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-Sixth 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 appointment, after sermon by the Rev. George Macdonnell, Minister at Fergus, their Moderator, on this text: John, ch. x., vs. 4, 5,—“And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers,”—and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. George Macdonnell.

The Synod Roll being made up from Presbytery Rolls, was read.

#### ROLL OF QUEBEC PRESBYTERY.

There being only a list of Elders from the Presbytery of Quebec, the Synod express dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Clerk of that Presbytery in sending up only the names of Elders, refuse to receive this list as a Roll, and appoint the Presbytery of Quebec to meet before the commencement of proceedings to-morrow and make up a Roll.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

Revs, George Macdonnell, *Moderator*; Alexander Mackid, Joseph Anderson, Alexander Mann, William Bain, John McMorine, Alexander Spence, Duncan Morrison, George Thomson, Peter Lindsay, William White, John Machar, Robert Neill, Archibald Walker, William E. Mackay, Alexander Buchan, John Barclay, John H. Mackerras, John Campbell (Brock), John Cook, Duncan Anderson, George D. Ferguson, James Sieveright, Alexander Mathieson, William Mair, James Anderson, James C. Muir, William Simpson, Alexander Wallace, John Macdonald, Frederick P. Sym, William Snodgrass, Hugh Urquhart, Thomas Macpherson, Donald Monro, Robert Dobie, Peter Macvicar, Donald Macdonald, Peter Watson, John Davidson, George Bell, Hamilton Gibson, Kenneth MacLennan, Robert Burnet, Hugh Niveu, John Whyte, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Thomas Macdonald, George Malloch, Archibald Petrie, George Neilson, G. H. Boulter, Edward W. Thomson, James A. Thomson, John Thomson, Douglas Brymner, Alexander Morris, Thomas Allan, John Greenshields, James Fenton, Frederick S. Verity, William Kay, Alexander Robertson, James Grant, Alexander S. Cadenhead, Alexander Logie, *Elders*.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Allan Pollock, Clerk of the Synod of Nova Scotia, apologising with expressions of regret for the absence of the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, the Correspondent appointed by that Synod to attend this meeting, on the ground of ill health, and for the absence of the Rev. Allan Pollock, appointed to take the place of Mr. McGillivray, on the ground of a long continued absence from his congregation. The Synod sympathise with these brethren, and deeply regret that they have not an opportunity this year of welcoming amongst them a Representative of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

#### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod, on motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Dr. Machar, unanimously elect the Rev. George Bell, B.A., Minister at Clifton, to be their Moderator for the ensuing year, and he being present, took the chair accordingly.

#### THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Mann, the Synod unanimously agree to give a vote of thanks to the ex-Moderator, Rev. George Macdonnell, for his conduct while in the chair, and for the appropriate sermon preached by him this day, and he is requested to take his own way of publishing his sermon.

#### HOURS OF MEETING.

It is agreed that during the present Session the Synod shall meet every morning at half-past nine, and before proceeding to any business engage in devotional exercises, continue each Diet till five o'clock P. M., with an interval between one and half-past two, and resume proceedings in the evening at seven when considered necessary.

#### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Any Presbytery may meet and transact any competent business at any time during the Session when the Court is not sitting, but the intimation of meeting must be in writing, signed by the Moderator, or, in his absence, any two members of the Presbytery of which a meeting is requested, and must be read by the Moderator of Synod from the chair.

#### LONDON PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Mackid being the only member of the Presbytery of London present Messrs. Burnet and Morris are appointed Associate Members of that Presbytery, at all meetings thereof required to be held during this Session of Synod.

The following Committees are appointed:—

#### ON BILLS, OVERTURES, AND BUSINESS.

The Moderator, *Convener*, the Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Drs. Urquhart, Mathieson, Cook, Machar, Barclay, and Messrs. Mann, Mackerras, Burnet, Macdonnell, Niven, Mackid, Morris, Greenshields, Robertson, Petrie, Neilson and Malloch—with instructions to receive papers intended to come before this meeting, to meet this evening at seven o'clock to arrange an order of business, and report to-morrow morning.

#### ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Mr. Alexander Mackid, *Convener*, and Messrs. Whyte, Mackerras, Cleland, Walker, Buchan, Bain, Morrison, Macvicar, Dobie, Wallace, Anderson, Ferguson, Sieveright, Cadenhead, Edward Thomson, Boulter, Grant, Brymner.

#### ON SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

Mr. Robert Neill, *Convener*, and Messrs. George Thomson, Spence, and Malloch.

#### ON ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.

Mr. James C. Muir, *Convener*, and Messrs. McMorine and Logie.

#### ON ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Dr. Urquhart, *Convener*, and Messrs. Bain and Kay. These four last Committees are instructed to report on Monday next.

#### REPLIES TO ADDRESSES OF LAST YEAR.

Dr. Barclay reported that no reply to the Synod's Address of last year to Her Majesty the Queen has been received.

The reply of His Excellency the Governor-General to the Synod's Address of last year was read.

#### ELECTION OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

Dr. Mathieson and Dr. Urquhart having retired from the Board of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, according to regulations of Synod, Sess. XIX. ann. 1848, the Synod unanimously re-elect them, order their names to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners, and instruct the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

#### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Dr. Machar and Dr. Urquhart having retired from the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, according to the provisions of the Royal Charter, the Synod unanimously re-elect them, order their names to