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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

On Wednesday, the 12th of July, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met in St. Andrew's Church in this city at Seven o'clock, P. M. There was a large and respectable attendance both of Ministers and Elders.

The meeting was opened with an excellent discourse on Matt. vi. 10, "Thy Kingdom come", by the Rev. Walter Roach, of Beauharnois, the Moderator for the previous year. After Divine service, the Moderator took the chair, and constituted the Synod with prayer; after which, the Presbytery rolls having been given in, the Synod roll was made up by the Clerk, and read over.

The Moderator, Mr. Roach, then proposed as his successor in office, the Rev. John Barclay, A.M., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. This was formally

moved by the Rev. Andrew Bell, of Dundas, who spoke in high terms of Mr. Barclay's fitness for the office,—and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson. Mr. Barclay was unanimously elected, and, on taking the chair, addressed the Synod as follows:

"Fathers and Brethren,

"Allow me to return you my best thanks—which in all sincerity I now tender to you—for the honour you have done me in placing me in this chair. I would indeed wish that your choice had fallen, as it easily might have done, on some one better fitted to preside over your deliberations: or that I, as the object of your choice on this occasion, could have brought with me to the discharge of the important duties of the office to which your partiality has thus raised me, a greater amount of experience than I possess.

"I can only claim to have—but that claim I do put forth, although I rejoice at the same time to think that it forms no unusual qualification in this house—an ardent desire for the prosperity of the Church, whose office bearers we are, the descendant and representative of the Church of our Fathers in this land.

"Fathers and Brethren, I trust that I may rely with confidence on your kind countenance and co-operation, in maintaining the due authority of this chair; so that in conducting the business of this session of Synod, all things may be done decently and in order: and I venture further to claim your considerate indulgence towards my attempts, which I fear may often be very far from successful, to discharge the duties devolved upon me by your appointment, in a manner in some degree worthy of you—of the Church we

all revere—and of the position in which your choice has placed me.

"Fathers and Brethren—may your deliberations, under the Divine blessing, so appropriately discoursed of in the sermon we have just heard, and so fervently invoked by my respected predecessor who constituted the Synod, be wisely directed towards the advancement of the prosperity of our beloved Church, and for the promotion of that without which no true prosperity can exist—the influence of true religion and practical piety amongst all our congregations.

"Permit me once more to thank you for the honour you have done me in placing me where I now so unworthily stand, and to invite you to proceed to the business of the Synod."

The first business before the Synod was the election of three Trustees for Queen's College, according to the terms of the Royal Charter. The Rev. James George, the Rev. John Cruickshank, A.M., and the Rev. J. C. Muir, were elected in room of the three retiring Trustees, and their names placed at the top of the roll.

A large Committee of Bills and Overtures was then appointed, to receive all papers, and arrange and prepare the business to come before the Synod.

Another Committee was appointed to examine and report upon the Synod Records.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson introduced to the Synod the Rev. Alexander Spence, the Minister elect of Bytown, lately arrived from Scotland, who was cordially welcomed by the Moderator, and invited to sit with the Synod.

The usual leave was given to Presby-