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We hope in our next issue to overtake the communications of some of our esteemed correspondents, of which we may mention "Christ, as the Son of God, asserts His equality with God the Father," John V. 17—30, and "Church Yard Gleanings" No. 5. The full Reports of the Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May, and of the Synod of our Church in July, have precluded the appearance of several communications.

CHURCH IN CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, BEGUN AT WILLIAMSTOWN, THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, AND CONCLUDED THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1852 YEARS.

Session xxiii.

Wednesday, July 7th.

After sermon by the Rev. Robert Neill, Minister of Seymour, Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from Zechariah X. 1. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field," the Synod met according to appointment, and was by him constituted with prayer.

Presbytery Rolls having been given in, the Synod Roll was made up and read over.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. John McMorine, Minister of Ramsay, was unanimously elected, and at the Synod's desire took the Chair.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of three Trustees for Queen's College at Kingston, when the Rev. James George, the Rev. James C. Muir, and the Rev. John McMorine, were unanimously elected, and their names placed at the top of the Roll.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, when John Smith, Esq., of Montreal, and Alexander McMartin, Esq., of Martintown, were unanimously re-elected, and their names placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners.

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It was, on motion, agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Neill, their late Moderator, for the very excellent sermon with which he opened the Synod,—which was done by the Moderator accordingly.

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The Records of the Commission of Synod were called for and produced, and the Synod had read the proceedings of the Commission during the past year. After lengthened discussion thereon, on motion of Dr. Cook, seconded by Professor Smith, the following deliverance was agreed to, viz:—"The Synod disapprove of the deliverance of the Commission at Montreal, on the Third of February last, in respect of the grant of £500 to Queen's College from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, as tending to throw unnecessary obstacles in the way of a highly desirable object; and the Synod do cordially approve of the said grant, as eminently called for in the present circumstances of this Church, and entirely in accordance with both the letter and spirit of the Clergy Reserve Act."

The Synod then adjourned till Ten o'clock tomorrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

Thursday, July 8th.

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. John B. Mowat conducted the devotional exercises in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

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The Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund presented to the Synod their Annual Report, which was read, and is as follows:—

The Managers have again the satisfaction of congratulating the Synod upon the prosperous condition of this Fund. During the past year the sum of £546 16s. 7d. has been received from the following sources:

Congregational Collections	£260	12	9
Ministers' Contributions, and Professors', Queen's College	197	15	0
Revenues of Monies invested	88	8	10
	£546	16	7

As compared with the preceding year, the Total Amount of collections, supplied by Congregations during the present year, shows an excess in favour of the latter, amounting to £51 4s. 8d., and the Managers are sanguine, that, as the importance of the Fund becomes better known, a still farther increase may be looked for in future years. In their last Report the hope was expressed, that even the poorest of our Congregations would contribute annually at least as much as their Minister's individual contribution. It consists with the knowledge of the Managers, that in many cases a vigorous and successful effort was made to do so, but the Treasurer's statement shows that there are still not a few of the Congregations who make merely nominal collections.

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The Synod is respectfully invited to take such steps as in its wisdom it may deem meet to enforce compliance with its own order, both as to regularity in collecting and remitting for the Fund, and in encouraging the people to increased liberality in their contributions.

The present condition of the Fund is as follows:

Amount already invested	£1897	0	0
On hand, to be invested	84	16	9
Making a Capital Sum of	£1981	16	9

The Expenditure during the year has been:

Annuities, including arrears to Mrs. Lambie	£73	6	3
Postages, Printing, Stationery, &c., a set of Ledger, Journal and Cash Books	10	1	6
	£83	7	9

The Managers take credit to themselves for the strict economy with which the Fund has been managed since its commencement, as well as for the profitable character of the investments which