

ments going on at the present time. After lengthened discussion, it was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Dr. Machar, and unanimously agreed to—That the general principle, on which this Synod desire to act in relation to all property of congregations over which they have Ecclesiastical superintendence, being, that they are not warranted to accede to any arrangement by which the Property of congregations may be brought in danger of alienation from the purpose originally designed, or the security of the investment be brought into hazard, the Synod decline acceding to the prayer of the Trustees of the Congregation at Guelph, in so far as it respects the Glebe,—but, inasmuch as it appears that the lot on which the Church is built might be now advantageously disposed of, and as the Church itself is old and falling into decay, and a new one will soon require to be built, the Synod agree that their sanction be given to the sale of said lot and Church, by the Trustees, they being responsible that the proceeds of sale be strictly applied to a similar purpose; that is, the purchase of a lot and the erection of a Church.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish to the Secretary of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners a correct list of those who were present at the last meeting of Synod, so that the money forfeited by absentees may be disposed of according to the wish of those present.

The Synod had laid before them a Circular from the Secretary to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners anent a claim of the Rev. Dr. McGill in regard to a sum of nearly £70, for matters connected with the publication of the *Christian Examiner* some years since,—recommending to the favourable consideration of the Synod a Resolution of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to the effect that the Synod should recommend the payment of the same from the Clergy Reserve Fund. After mature deliberation, the following deliverance was given, viz:—The Synod can give no countenance whatever, either directly or indirectly, to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners paying any part of the Funds in their hands for the purpose referred to in their Circular letter. But, inasmuch as Dr. McGill's loss from his connection with the *Examiner* was very considerable, and believing that that publication was of service to the Church, it is recommended that each Minister shall pay One Pound to aid in cancelling the debt referred to,—that Hugh Allan, Esq., Montreal, be the Treasurer,—and that said sum be transmitted to him.

The Synod had laid before them a Draft of an Act to incorporate the Church,—and the same having been read and considered, the Synod directed that it be submitted to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners for their consideration, with the request, that, should they see fit, they should prepare a measure to bring before the Legislature.

The Synod appointed Mr. James Williamson, *Moderator*, and Mr.

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