

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The business of the Synod was closed, in the usual way, on the evening of Thursday 13th, and the next ordinary meeting of Synod appointed to take place at Montreal and within Erskine Church there, on the Tuesday after the 1st Sabbath of June, 1868.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

GUELPH, FIRST CONGREGATION.—The Rev. R. Torrance was lately waited on by a deputation of the congregation, and presented by them, in the name of the members and adherents, with an address expressive of their feelings of affection and esteem, and also with a purse containing upwards of \$220.

DUNDAS.—We have received a communication from Dundas which want of space prevents us from giving in full. It describes the progress, in every respect, which has been made since the settlement of the Rev. J. McColl, and refers more particularly to the very commodious Manse which has been erected by the congregation at a cost of about \$2,500. The Congregation, Sabbath Schools, Bible Class and Missionary Society all give indication of prosperity and progress.

BEVERLY.—Previous to the departure of the Rev. John Porteous for a tour in Europe, the Ladies of the Beverly Congregation under his charge, presented him with a present of about \$120.

OTTAWA, BANK STREET.—On the 22, 23, 24 of May a Bazaar was held by the Ladies of the Congregation in aid of the building fund of the Bank St. Church, Ottawa. It was quite a successful affair, the amount received being \$790.

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HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure in submitting to the Synod a Report of their operations for the past year. At last Synod they could only speak of the new scheme as having come into operation, but now they are able to point to the successful working of our mission scheme for one year, and it does not seem too much to say that the results have exceeded the expectations of the Committee. As formerly, meetings of the Committee were held in October and April.

The returns from Presbyteries have, on the whole, been very satisfactory. To some of the clerks of Presbyteries and conveners of Presbyterial Committees, the Synod is much indebted for the care and punctuality with which reports have been made. In some instances, where new stations are being opened this summer, and the operations are of a tentative nature, statistics could not be furnished. Grants, however, have been made where Presbyteries desire it. In one or two instances some oversight or change of a congregation from the list of Mission Stations to Weak Congregations, or *vice versa*, has occasioned a blank.

I.—STATIONS AND CONGREGATIONS.

Table I. in the Appendix exhibits every Mission Station, and Table II. every weak congregation as reported, with the grants made to each. These lists have been printed in order that they may be accessible to every person interested, and that opportunity may thus be afforded of having them thoroughly revised and corrected, so that they may form the basis of the operations of the Committee in time to come. The following summaries exhibit the relative positions of Presbyteries.