

20 MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 5TH, 1863.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.*

The Report of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was read by Dr. Mathieson, Chairman. A Committee, consisting of Judge Malloch, and Messrs. McMorine, Campbell (Brock), and Cadenhead, was appointed to report thereon.

BURSARY SCHEME.†

The Report of the Bursary Scheme was read by Dr. Williamson. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved, That the Synod receive the report; earnestly commend the Bursary Scheme to all ministers and congregations; recommend that on the first Sabbath of April special prayer be offered up for Queen's College, and that the claims of the Gospel Ministry be urged upon our godly and talented young men; advise Presbyteries to correspond with the Committee; express their deep sense of the value of the services of the late Dr. Machar who so long acted as Convener, and so efficiently performed the duties of the office; approve of the diligence of the Committee; and re-appoint the same with Professor Mowat as Convener.

FOREIGN MISSION.‡

The Report of the Foreign Mission Scheme was read by Principal Leitch. It was moved by Mr. Borthwick and seconded by Mr. T. Macpherson, That the Synod, having heard the report, is very much gratified by the missionary zeal displayed therein, yet, considering that the Church represented by this Synod is not now prepared to enter into the scheme propounded with reference to the Jews, but still, believing that every Christian church must be of necessity a missionary church, and seeing that the wants of our brethren on the West Coast of this continent are of more urgent necessity than the scheme referred to, this Synod hopes that steps will be taken as soon as practicable to organize a mission to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Black, and carried by a large majority, That the Synod receive the report, and inasmuch as the Synod did last year express itself hopefully, in regard both to the institution of a mission to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia and to the continuance of the Jewish Mission, now direct the Committee to make use of that portion of the funds raised for the Jewish Mission for that purpose if they see fit, but at the same time renew the expression of their deep sense of the urgent claims of Vancouver's Island and British Columbia upon the missionary enterprise of the Church, and solicit in their behalf the attention of the Committee, which is hereby re-appointed.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

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