

APPENDIX G.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNOD FUND.

The committee on the Synod Fund beg to submit the following report, showing the amount received and expended.

(See accounts appended.)

Your committee beg to call the attention of the court to the following particulars :

That no collections have been received from the following charges :—Bathurst, Campbelltown, Tabusintac, in New Brunswick, and Albion Mines, and the charges belonging to Mr. McColl ; and, therefore, that no portion of the necessary expenditure of the synod (\$100,) is borne by these congregations, and, hence, the burdens of others are unjustly increased.

It is worthy of the synod's notice that several members have not complied with the understood arrangements of each giving in the amount contributed, first, and then receiving a proportion of the same.

Your committee would also suggest that in future no copies of the *Record* be sent to members of the Canadian synod, except to the Principal of Queen's College, Kingston ; also, that copies of the *Record* be sent to the following, viz.: Mr. Laurie, Secretary, Mr. Muir, Convener, of the Colonial Committee; and Dr. Norman McLeod, Convener of the India Mission.

Respectfully submitted.

G. J. CAIE, *Convener*.

APPENDIX H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg now to lay their report before the synod. To obtain the necessary information regarding the Sabbath Schools within the bounds, a series of questions was prepared, printed, and sent to the various ministers. Of these, only twenty-one have sent in the answers and information required. Though it was the earnest desire and endeavour of your committee to obtain what would enable them to give full information on the many parts of Sabbath School work embraced in the queries, this cannot be this year done.

Your committee would therefore submit the following general remarks regarding this very important scheme :

Of the necessity and importance of the Sabbath School, all are fully persuaded. There is such a measure of neglect and disregard of parental duty extensively prevailing, as to render the labours of the Sabbath School indispensably necessary for the welfare of the young. The Sabbath School is, in cases of the best parental care, very beneficial, and the early enlightenment of the young is so very precious as to call for all the aid which the best Sabbath School teaching can give to the labors and successes of parental zeal. It were well, therefore, that teachers, under the knowledge of these things, should all the more faithfully labour in the work they have undertaken, keeping it mainly at heart, and uniting prayer, pains, and perservance, in the religious cultivation of the souls of the young assembled before them.

A difficulty has been reported of getting faithful and efficient teachers, and this may often be met with. It is a great difficulty to encounter, and a sore discouragement to a minister to bear. It were very desirable that educated and pious members of congregations should consider the honor and usefulness of being laborers in the vineyard, and take a cheerful and earnest part in the work, and many, it is to be hoped, would rejoice to become teachers where, in their own earlier days, they received instruction, and the Sabbath School, in this manner and sense, become a self-supporting institution.