

Church in the different localities, and for that purpose the Board are authorized to appoint Committees in each Presbytery or congregation to obtain annual subscriptions to be placed at the disposal of the Board, to enable them to grant to every minister who may be placed on the Roll of the Synod, at least £50 a-year, and if possible to increase the allowance to £100 a-year; and all ministers are hereby enjoined to render all the assistance in their power to enable the Board to carry out this object.

## PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

It was then moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded, That the Synod re-consider the place of meeting for next year. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Snodgrass, and seconded, That the Synod do adjourn. The question was put, and the amendment carried by a vote of eighteen to seven.

## BOUNDARY OF HAMILTON AND LONDON PRESBYTERIES.

After an interval the Synod resumed business.

The Committee on the Boundaries of the Hamilton and London Presbyteries reported, recommending that the Presbytery of London should include the Counties of Huron, Perth, Oxford (except the Township of Blenheim), Elgin, and all Counties westward of these. The recommendation of the Committee is adopted.

## ERECTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton is adopted:—That the Synod order the erection of a Western Presbytery, to be called "The Presbytery of Huron," whenever three Ministers are settled in the Townships North and West of, and including, Huron, Kinloss, Culross, Carrick, Normanby, Egremont, Proton, Melancthon, Osprey, and Collingwood.

## MISSIONARIES FOR THE HURON PENINSULA.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, amended by leaving out the word "itinerating," is adopted:—That application be made to the Colonial Committee for itinerating Missionaries for the West and North-west of the Huron Peninsula. The Presbytery of Hamilton are instructed to bring before the notice of the Colonial Committee, without delay, the great want of Missionaries in the said territory.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the publication of financial information is dismissed.

## LAY ASSOCIATIONS.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the formation of Lay Associations is dismissed, the Synod declaring that Presbyteries have full power to institute Lay Associations within their bounds.

## AMALGAMATION OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGERS.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the amalgamation of Congregational Trustees and Managers into one body is dismissed, the Synod calling the attention of the Convener of the Committee on Church Property to the matter.

An Overture from the London Presbytery on the power of Kirk-sessions and Presbyteries over the secular and financial affairs of a congregation is dismissed.

## NEW VERSIONS OF PSALMS.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, praying the appointment of a Synodical Committee to make a selection of Hymns for the use of the Church, was discussed, and the Synod appoint the Revds. Dr. Cook, Dr. George, and Robert Burnet, a Committee to select a few metrical versions of Psalms in different measures from those in use in the Church, and to report next Session.

## FRENCH MISSION.\*

The Synod heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal on the French Mission. The Treasurer's accounts were submitted. There was also read an Overture from the Hamilton Presbytery,—That the French Mission be placed on a more satisfactory footing, and that a Committee be appointed from the Church at large to further the object. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. A. S. Cadenhead, and it is agreed, That the Synod having heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Montreal Presbytery on the French Mission, as transmitted by the Presbytery, receive and adopt the same, and approving of the suggestion therein contained, appoint Revds. W. Snodgrass, W. Simpson, Geo.

Ferguson, James C. Muir, and Messrs. Alex. Morris, John Green-shields, Arch. Ferguson, a Standing Committee on the French Mission, authorizing them to take such steps in its revival, maintenance and prosecution as may be necessary, reporting their action to the Synod from time to time, and appoint the Rev. W. Snodgrass, Convener; and the Synod further recommend the Mission to the continued countenance and active co-operation and sympathy of the congregations of the Church.

## INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.†

The Third Annual Report of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme was read. It was moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Judge Logie, and it is agreed, That the Synod express their gratification at the lively interest taken by the children of the Church in the Indian Orphanage Scheme of the Edinburgh Ladies' Association; recognize therein the good hand of the Head of the Church; agree to renew their cordial approval of the Scheme; thank Mr. Paton for his diligence and zeal in enlisting the sympathies and contributions of the youth of our congregations in this missionary effort, and re-appoint him Treasurer.

## PETITION OF WILLIAM FERGUSON, M. A.

There was read a petition from William Ferguson, M.A., praying for restoration to the status of a Licentiate; also a petition from members and office-bearers of the Church, dated Williamstown, May 26th, 1858, in support of the same; and an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Glengarry of date May 26th, 1858, recommending the Synod to grant petitioner's prayer. The application was dismissed, but the Synod considered a recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, that permission be granted for the employment of Mr. Ferguson as a Catechist. It was moved by Mr. Mann, and seconded by Dr. Mathieson, That the recommendation of said Committee be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Burnet, and seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the recommendation be not adopted. A vote was taken, and the amendment carried by a majority. The Moderator declared accordingly.

## ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.\*

A draft Address to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved of.

## ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.†

A draft Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved of.

The Moderator is instructed to sign the aforesaid Addresses in name and by appointment of the Synod, and Dr. Barclay, John Cameron, Esq., and such other members of the Court or the Church as can conveniently accompany them are appointed to present the Addresses.

## COL. MACDOUGALL'S COMPLAINT.

The Committee on Col. Macdougall's Complaint submitted a Report which was read. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. Whyte,—That the Synod receive the Report, but inasmuch as irregularities appear in the proceedings remit the matter to the Presbytery of Hamilton, enjoin said Presbytery to take steps to expunge all reference to the matters in question, if any such there be, from their minutes and the minutes of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, and enjoin all parties to cultivate a spirit of Christian charity and mutual forbearance;—which motion on being put was carried, Mr. Burnet dissenting on the ground that the case on its merits is not before the Court.

## CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.\*

The Report of the Presbytery of Montreal on Statistics, submitting a plan for the annual collection of the same was read. Forms of blank returns from Kirk Sessions and Managers, and a general sheet for the entry of returns were laid upon the table. On motion of Mr. Morris, which was seconded, the Synod resolved, That inasmuch as a former enactment on the subject has not been acted on, the Synod adopt the Report and remit it to a Committee composed of the Rev. Robert Dobie, Convener, Dr. Urquhart, and Revds. Peter Macvicar, Peter Watson, and Donald Macdonald, authorizing them to take steps to carry out the same as an Interim Act.

## MEMORIALS FOR AID IN BUILDING CHURCHES.

Memorials for aid from the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, and the Trustees of the Church at Point Levi, to the Colo-