

ed Messrs. Cook, Clugston, and Mr. John Strang, Elder, to prepare a draft of a petition to the King, for an act of Incorporation by Royal Charter, of all the congregations in connection with the Church of Scotland, in this Province, which are already formed, or may yet be formed, in connection with said church, whereby they may be entitled to sue and to be sued—to receive legacies—acquire property, and hold the same in *mortmain*, in the name of their respective Vestries or Kirk Sessions, on behalf of said congregations, to the amount of a certain *maximum* of yearly revenue, exclusive of church and manse buildings.

Mr. Walker requested to ask the following questions of the Presbytery; Can an Elder, resigning his office by letter, on the ground of general corruptions in the church, which, in his opinion, prevent him from any longer keeping up Christian fellowship with the body, and at the same time joining himself to a new sect, who condemn, and act in opposition to, the principles of the church of Scotland, have his resignation accepted of by the Kirk Session; and if not, what course must be pursued? To which the Presbytery replied—No; for an Elder guilty of following schismatic and divisive courses, and acting in opposition to the principles of this church, having broken his oath of Ordination, is subject to the highest censure of the church. The Kirk Session ought to remit the case to the Presbytery, with the whole evidence.

Measures were adopted for the formation of Kirk Sessions, for Beech Ridge and Georgetown congregations.

Mr. Walker, the convener of the committee appointed to digest for the Presbytery some regulations for the better observance of the Sabbath, gave in the following report; "That having taken into consideration the Religious and Political state of the Province of Lower Canada, the committee came unanimously to the resolution that, in present circumstances, the further sittings of the committee were unnecessary, owing to the prevalence of the Roman Catholic religion; and recommend that Ministers and Kirk Sessions

should be diligent in recommending to their own flocks, the observance of the Sabbath according to the Scriptures, and the standards of the Church of Scotland."

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#### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Since the last report in the Magazine, there have been two ordinary meetings for business—the first on the 10th May, the second on the 4th July, when the Rev. Andrew Bell was elected Moderator, for the ensuing six months.

This Presbytery has been active in forming Missionary stations, and the result is, that, as stated in a former report, there are now at least nine congregations ripe for settlement, besides a number of places that will still need to be cherished for a time. When these congregations are spoken of as ripe for settlement, this must, of course, be understood in a somewhat qualified sense. They are all of them sufficiently numerous for pastoral charges; several of them have already built, and others are in the course of building, excellent and commodious churches, and all, or most of them, will be able to give as much towards the support of a Minister, as many of those congregations who now have Ministers settled. But unless there be a further augmentation of the Government allowance, or aid be received from some other quarter, it is not pretended that they can give a full and adequate support for a Minister.

The Presbytery made application, early in the spring, to the Glasgow Colonial Missionary Society, and to the General Assembly's Missionary Committee, for a reinforcement of Missionaries, and we are fondly hoping that ere long they will arrive among us.

In the mean time, the members of the Presbytery have determined to continue the supply of the vacant congregations themselves, so far as is consistent with the interest of their own congregations; and with this view they have agreed to give a Sabbath once in three months, and as many week days as possible. At the meeting in May, a number of Missionary appointments