

THE
HOME & FOREIGN RECORD
OF THE
CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

No. 9.

JULY, 1867.

VOL. VI.

COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

The annual collection for the Synod Fund is appointed to be taken up in the various Congregations of the Church on the third Sabbath of July. From this fund are payable the salaries of the officers of the Synod, the expenses of printing the minutes, and various charges of large amount in connection with the accommodation of members of Synod at the annual meeting. There are also, from year to year, other sums payable from the Synod Fund. Among other charges is the amount of \$100 annually on account of the Buxton Mission. From these considerations it will be seen that it is essential that every Congregation should contribute. No Congregation on the roll of Synod should feel itself exempted from the duty of taking its part in bearing all these common burdens.

The collection is placed first on the list, as funds are required for the printing of the minutes, and other Synodical expenses. It is hoped that the collection will be duly attended to throughout the Church.

THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

As usual, the Minutes will be distributed as soon as they are received from the Printer. Congregations or individuals requiring more than the usual number, are requested to send their orders in due season. Parcels for the several congregations will be sent to the clerks of Presbyteries, who will oblige by distributing them as soon as possible.

NOTICE TO PRESBYTERIES AND PROBATIONERS.

The Synod, at its late meeting, adopted the following regulation with reference to the employment of Probationers and the supply of vacant congregations: "That the distribution of the Probationers be in the hands of the Home Mission Committee; and that Presbyteries be enjoined not to grant employment to Probationers, or Ministers without charge, except such as come to them through the Committee."

It will be seen that the foregoing regulation puts a stop to any private arrangements for the supply of vacancies between Presbyteries and Probationers, whose names are not on the list of the Committee; and renders it necessary that all Probationers, seeking employment in vacant congregations with a view to settlement, report themselves to the convener of the Committee, and obtain appointments through the Committee.

Probationers will also bear in mind that although they may accept calls during the three months for which they receive appointments, they are required to fulfil their appointment to the end of the quarter.

These regulations, it is believed, will be found conducive to the best interests of all parties concerned, and it is hoped that they will be faithfully carried out by all. During the past year, it is gratifying to observe, that so many settlements have taken place, and it is believed that the regulations lately passed will tend still more to facilitate the settlement of vacant congregations, and thus promote the interests both of Probationers and vacant congregations.