

the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so. The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain and advocate the object for which the collection is to be made, upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod, also, enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of the Synod in giving their Congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed unless a sufficient reason be given.

The Draft of the Form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers was again remitted to the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Committee of the Synod, with instructions to perfect the same as far as practicable in accordance with the opinions of the several Presbyteries sent in to them, and report to next Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in and read,—showing the state of the Synod Fund, the amount paid in and by what Congregations, the claims against the Fund, the amount of the contingent expenses of the Synod for the year, and the arrears due. The Synod directed the said claims to be discharged, and steps to be taken for the immediate collection of arrears. The Synod, also, at the suggestion of the Committee, directed a Statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year to be printed in an Appendix to the Minutes. And further, the Synod, finding from the number of collections made, as well as the amount of the collections, that there is, on the part of many Congregations, a most culpable remissness in providing for meeting the necessary expenses connected with the conducting of the public business of the Church, resolved, that hereafter more stringent measures shall be adopted in regard to the collection of said expenses:—and, with this view, the Synod instructed their Clerk to draw up an estimate of the probable expense, connected with the public business of the Church for the ensuing year, and present the same to the Commission of Synod at their first meeting; and the Synod instructed their Commission to prepare a scale of contributions for the several Congregations, and transmit the same to the several Presbytery Clerks, who are hereby instructed and enjoined to use all due diligence to have the specified amounts collected from the several Ministers and Congregations within their bounds, within a reasonable time previously to the next meeting of Synod, and to make an accurate Return of all the sums collected by them, and of the names of all defaulters, to the Synod at next meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Barclay, and the members and friends of the Church in Toronto, for the hospitality extended to the members of Synod on this occasion.

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