

grants shall be carried on solely by the Synod or their Commission ;— that all applications from Congregations for any such grants, previously to their being transmitted to the Synod or their Commission for approval, shall have the sanction and recommendation of the Presbytery of the bounds.

2. (Act of June 12, 1867).

CHAPTER IX—MANAGEMENT OF SCHEMES AND AGENT. (June 9, 1865).

1. The Synod respectfully request the following gentlemen, Thomas Paton, John Greenshields, William Darling, Jas. Johnston, Alexander Buntin, John Rankin, James S. Hunter, and John L. Morris, Esquires, to be a Committee, under the appointment of the Synod, to devise and to carry into execution such measures as to them may seem expedient for aiding and advancing the Schemes of the Church, and more particularly the Home Mission Fund in both its branches,—with authority to appoint an Agent, and to direct him in the discharge of his duties. And the Synod do hereby recommend Mr. James Croil, an elder of the Church, to be appointed Agent, if he is willing to undertake the office ; and enjoin all Ministers, Sessions, and Presbyteries of the Church to co-operate with and encourage whatever Agent may be appointed in the discharge of his arduous duties. And the Synod, having full confidence in the zeal and judgment of said Committee, do only recommend further, that they confer with the Temporalities' Board, with the view of having the offices of Agent and Secretary of the Board combined—with a view also of ascertaining the sum necessary to enable the Temporalities' Board to give to every Minister the regular allowance for the current year, which, together with the sum necessary to complete the original grant to Queen's College, it is the desire of the Synod that the members of the Committee should regard as the first object to be attained by the exertions of the Agent. The Synod do also wish that the Committee should add to their numbers any member of the Church, whose co-operation they desire to obtain ; and that John Greenshields, Esq., be the Convener of the Committee.

The Synod approve of the mode suggested (June 6, 1866), for meeting the salary of the Agent, namely : that the salary and expenses of the Agent should form a charge upon the revenue of the several schemes in proportion to the amount of congregational collections received during the year by each scheme, and instruct the Treasurers of the various schemes to honour the requisitions made upon them for this purpose by the Committee.

The Synod enjoin Presbyteries to take (June 11, 1867) such steps as may seem to them best calculated to secure the regular payment of the salaries of all the Ministers within the bounds ; recommend Congregations to adopt the Calendar year in their financial accounts ; urge them to prepare and print annual reports ; and sanction the introduction of printed schedules and visitation from house to house, in making collections for the several Schemes.

2. *Act for Collections.*

(Standing Act. See minutes 1867 or 1868.)

CHAPTER X—MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS.

1. *Law Agents in Church Courts.*

The Synod ordained that no Law (July 7, 1843,) Agents shall be allowed to act as such in any of the Courts of this Church.