

3. That Presbyteries should see that in every congregation within their bounds there exists a regular organization for the collection of the various funds of the church.

4. That if the Synod see fit, a committee might be appointed to watch over the whole subject, aid Presbyteries, &c.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

The Synod ordered that in all congregations in which there is no organized plan or association for raising money for the schemes of the church, collections be taken up for the several schemes as follows :—

1. For the Synod Fund.....on 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Widows' Fund, &c.....on 3rd Sabbath of September.
3. For the Kankakee Mission.....on 3rd Sabbath of November.
4. For the Home Mission Fund.....on 3rd Sabbath of December.
5. College contributions,—not take them.....31st January.
6. Foreign Mission.....on 3rd Sabbath of March.
7. For French Canadian Missionary Society, recommended for such time as may be found most convenient.

THANKS.

The Synod cordially agreed to record their thanks to Accommodation Committee ; to the Trustees of Erskine Church ; to the members of the Church and other friends in Montreal ; to the Railway Companies and to the Proprietors and Editors of the *Herald* and *Daily Witness* ; also to the Young Men's Christian Association and the Mercantile Library Association, for the kindness and courtesy which had been shown to the Synod by these bodies respectively.

CLOSE.

The business being finished, the Moderator, after a brief address, declared the Synod closed, called another Synod to be held in the City of Hamilton, and within McNab Street Church there, on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath in June, 1869. After singing a portion of the 122nd Psalm, the Synod was closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

FREE CHURCH ASSEMBLY.

The great question before the Assembly was the subject of union. The discussion was carried on with great ability. The two motions were proposed, first one by Dr. R. Buchanan, which may be called the union motion, and an amendment by Dr. Julius Wood, which had for its special object the maintenance of Free Church principles as brought out in the Disruption struggle. The division was 427 for Dr. Buchanan's motion and 105 for Dr. Wood. The report on the Sustentation Fund was favourable, and for the first time the equal dividend gave £150 sterling to each minister. In connexion with the election of Professors for the New College, Edinburgh, a good deal of interest was felt by the members of the Assembly and others. The result was that Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Paisley was elected to the chair of Systematic Theology, and Rev. Dr. Blaikie to that of Apologetics. The Missionary reports were interesting and encouraging, although Dr. Duff the earnest and eloquent Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee was not present. Deputations from several churches, British, Foreign, and Colonial were present. Dr. Burns addressed the Assembly at some length, entering fully into the state of Presbyterianism in Canada, as did also the Rev. J. M. King of Gould Street.

The income of the church for its various objects during the year was £395,-554 12s. 4d.

A special meeting of Assembly was held on the 17th June, for the discussion of the Irish Church question. A motion in favour of the withdrawal of endowments was carried by a large majority.