cheering it must be to the heart of the pious immigrant to witness springing up in the land of his adoption so many well trained and vigorous native shoots from that venerable stock planted ages ago by his forefathers in another land, rooted amidst storms, and, alas! too often nurtured with their blood, evincing here the indestructible vitality of its sacred emblem, expressed in the motto, "*Nec tamen consumebatur.*

ACTS and PROCEEDINGS of the SYNOD of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CANADA in connection with the CHURCH of SCOTLAND, begun at Kingston on the 13th of July, 1853.

SESSION XXIV.

Diet I. At Kingston, within St. Andrew's Church, July 13th, 1853; After sermon by the Rev. John McMorine, Minister of Ramsay, Moderator for the preceding year, from PSALM cxxvi. 6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him;" —the Synod met according to appointment, and was by him constituted with prayer. Presbytery Rolls having been given in, the Synod Roll was made up.

(During the Session of Synod there were present 54 Ministers and 8 elders.) The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Alexander Spence, Minister of Bytown, was unanimously elected, and at the Synod's desire took the Chair.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees for Queen's College in room of the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, Alex. Spence, and John Barclay, who retire from office at this time, when these gentlemen were unanimously re-elected.

The Synod proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in room of Hugh Allan, Esq., Montreal, and Dr. Alex. Mathieson, who retire from office at this time, when these gentlemen were unanimously re-elected.

The Synod then appointed the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet for all competent business during the meeting of the Synod at such hours as the Synod may not be sitting.

The Synod agreed that during their present session they shall meet at 10 a. m., and that there shall be an interval of an hour from 1 till 2; and it was further agreed that the first part of each morning's sederunt be devoted to Devotional exercises.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

Diet II. Thursday, July 14th, 1853.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The Rev. George Bell conducted the Devotional exercises in praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer.

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The minutes of yesterday were read and approved of. It was on motion agreed that the thanks of Synod be given to Mr. McMorine, their late Moderator, for the very excellent and seasonable sermon with which he opened the Synod, which was done by the Moderator accordingly, and that he be requested to publish the same.

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The Moderator laid before the Synod an extract minute of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly in reference to the minute of Synod of last year, and the Moderator's letter to the Colonial Committee, founded thereon, as to the terms of the appointment of Missionaries to this country, in consequence of the applications of this Synod. The same was read, distinctly stating that in all cases of Missionaries, sent out to this country by the Colonial Committee, they were placed under the direction of the Presbyteries of the bounds in which they were labouring.

The late Moderator laid before the Synod a communication from one of his Excellency the Governor General's Aides-de-camp, conveying his Excellency's Answer to the Address of the Synod presented to him last year, and intimating that the Address of the Synod to Her Majesty the Queen had been transmitted to the Secretary of State.

The Synod appointed Committees to draft addresses respectively to Her Majesty the Queen and to His Excellency the Governor General.

The Synod appointed a Committee to revise the Records of the Synod and to report thereon. The Synod appointed a Committee to revise the Records of Presbyteries and report thereon.

The Synod also appointed a Committee to attend to the Financial concerns of the Synod; and the Synod instructed Presbytery clerks and others to pay over to the Committee all monies collected by them for the Synod Fund, and directed all accounts against the Synod to be given in.

The Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was given in and read.

THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

SIXTH REPORT.

The Managers congratulate the Synod on the steady improvement which has marked the progress of this Fund since its creation six years ago. During the past year there have been added

from Congregational Collections, .	£234	14	11
and it is estimated that there will yet be received from the same source, ...	25	0	0
	£259	14	11
From Ministers' payments, . .	207	0	0
	£466	14	11

The present state of the Fund is as follows:—

Invested, bearing Interest, . . .	£2390	10	0
Cash on hand, ...	76	12	5
	£2467	2	5
The Amount at the credit of the Fund, composed of Ministers' Contributions of £3 each annually, is, ...	1127	6	0
Do. of Congregational Collections	1339	16	5
	£2467	2	5

There are now five widows receiving Annuities from the Fund, the last added being Mrs. Isabella Brown, whose husband, formerly Minister at Scott and Uxbridge, died on the 11th of April last. The Managers are also prepared to place the widow of the late pious and estimable Mr. Purkiss, of Osnabruck, on the Fund, whenever the requisite certificates are supplied by the Presbytery of Glengarry. The Ministers, who have not remitted collections for the present year, are—Rev. Dr. Cook, D. Munro, A. Lewis, A. Ross, and W. King. In the case of the Rev. D. Munro it is proper to remark, that he requested the Managers to receive and appropriate, as a Congregational Collection, the sum of £3 annually from his own allowance from the Clergy Reserves; but, this not being in accordance with the directions of the Synod, the proposal was declined.

A Statement of payments to the two Funds is herewith submitted. This shows the Ministers' Contributions up to 1852, and the Congregational Collections up to this day. From this it will be gathered that during the past year

2	Congregations have contributed £20 and over . . .	£42	3	3
1	Congregation has contributed.	17	0	2
1	" " . . .	10	0	0
2	" " £7 and over, ...	14	17	6
1	" " . .	6	10	0
2	" " £5 and over, ...	11	10	0
5	" " £4 and over, ...	20	3	8
19	" " £3 and over, ...	57	6	11
11	" " £2 and over, ...	24	2	9
17	" " £1 and over, ...	21	13	6

It is to be regretted that so many of the Congregations should still fall under the minimum (£3.) which the Managers estimated at the commencement of the Trust on receiving from even the most recently established of those on the Synod Roll. During the coming winter it is desirable that Ministers would again urge upon their people the very pressing claims which this important Fund has upon them for support.

The whole respectfully submitted to the Synod by order of the Board.

A. SIMPSON,
Chairman Annual Meeting.
HEW RAMSAY,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, 1st July, 1853.

It was then moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Professor Smith, and unanimously agreed to—That the Report now read be received and approved of, and that the cordial thanks of the Synod be given to the managers of the Fund for the faithful and admirable manner in which they have managed the Fund entrusted to their care.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of Three Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund in room of the Rev. J. C. Muir, Wm. Edmonstone, Esq., and W. G. Mack, Esq., who retire from office at this time, when these gentlemen were unanimously re-elected.

The Synod had laid before them a Statement from the Clergy Reserves Commissioners in regard to the state of the Fund.

The Synod appointed an Examining Committee in terms of the Act anent the Examination of Ministers, Preachers, and Students, coming from other Churches not in connection with this Church.

It was intimated on behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston, that it was their intention, with leave of the Synod, to take Mr. Peter Lindsay, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, on trials for license; when, it having been ascertained that the circular letters issued by the Presbytery had been received in due time and that no objections were offered, the Synod directed that Mr. Lindsay appear before the Examining Committee, and appointed a meeting of the Examining Committee to be held this evening at 7½ o'clock.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures a recommendation from the Presbytery of Hamilton in favour of the Rev. John Skinner, D. D., stating that "the Rev. John Skinner, D.D., lately a minister in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Old School) of the United States, appeared and expressed his desire to be received as a minister of this Church." The Presbytery, having examined his literary and theological attainments, his reasons for joining this Church, and his views of its constitution and government, together with his College and Presbyterial certificates, and being satisfied therewith, agreed to recommend him to the Synod for admission into this Church as a minister thereof, and in the meantime to employ him as a Missionary within the bounds." The Synod directed that Dr. Skinner appear before the Examining Committee.

The Synod had transmitted to them an application from the Presbytery of Toronto for leave to take Mr David Watson, Student of Divinity, on trials for license.

The Synod also had transmitted to them, an application from the Presbytery of Bathurst for leave to take Mr. John H. McKerras, Student of Divinity, on trials for license.

The said students were then, after due consideration of their respective applications, in the mean time remitted to the Examining Committee.

The Synod called for Returns from Presbyteries in regard to the overture anent remodelling the constitution of the Commission of Synod, brought before the Synod at last meeting and sent down