

# MINUTES.

OF THE

**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection  
with the Church of Scotland, begun at Toronto,  
the 31st day of August, and concluded  
the 6th day of Sept., 1837 years.**

## SESSION VII.

### DIET I.

*St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 31st August, 1837.*

The Synod having been certified that Mr. Leach had failed to intimate the meeting of Synod and the usual opening sermon by the Moderator, and there being no congregation assembled, it was resolved that the sermon be deferred until the evening of to-morrow, and that in the meantime public notice be given by handbills of the sermon and of the meeting of the Synod.

The Synod Roll, made up from the Presbytery Rolls, is as follows :—\*

#### 1. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Congregations.</i>
John Cruickshank.....		Bytown.
William Macalister.....		Lanark.
Thomas C. Wilson.....	John Robson.....	Perth.
John Fairbairn.....		Ramsay.
John Smith.....		Beckwith.
George Romanes.....		Smith's Falls.
William Bell.....		Perth.
Peter C. Campbell.....	James Morris.....	Brockville.

#### 2. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

John Machar.....	John Mowat.....	Kingston.
James Ketchan.....		Belleville.
John M. Roger.....	Andrew Tully.....	Peterboro'.
Thomas Alexander.....	Andrew Jeffrey.....	Coburg.
Archibald Colquhoun.....	Duncan Drummond.....	Otonabee.
Henry Gordon.....		Gananoque.
Robert M'Dowall.....		Fredericksburg.

#### 3. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Peter M'Naughton.....	Donald Cameron.....	Vaughan.
Peter Ferguson.....	John Burns.....	Esquesing.

\* There were two meetings on the first day of the Session; part of the Roll was made up at one, and part, which was late in reaching, at the other: accordingly in the manuscript Record the Roll appears in separate portions, but for the sake of convenience and uniformity the whole is printed together in the usual way. The same remark applies to the appointment of Committees.—W. S.

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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Congregations.</i>
Andrew Bell.....	Edward W. Thomson ..	Toronto Township.
Duncan M'Millan.....	John Crichton .....	Caledon.
James George.....	William Paterson.....	Scarboro.'
William Rintoul.....	Isaac Wiley.....	Streetsville.
William M'Killican....	John Matheson.....	West Gwillimbury.
William T. Leach.....	.....	Toronto.
Robert Murray .....	James Hopkirk .....	Oakville.
John Tawse.....	.....	King.

4. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

John M'Kenzie .....	John M'Gillivray.....	Williamstown.
Hugh Urquhart.....	Hon. Judge M'Lean....	Cornwall.
Alexr. M'Naughton....	John Mc'Lehnan .....	Lancaster.
John M'Isaac .....	John McMillan .....	Lochiel.
.....	.....	Martintown.
.....	.....	L'Original.
.....	.....	Hawkesbury.

5. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Alexander Ross.....	.....	Aldborough.
Robert M'Gill.....	James Cooper.....	Niagara.
George Cheyne.....	.....	Amherstburgh.
James Smith.....	.....	Guelph.
Mark Y. Stark.....	Hon. James Crooks....	Ancaster and Dundas.
Alexander Gale.....	James M'Intyre.....	Hamilton.
Donald M'Kenzie.....	George M'Kay .....	Zorra.
John Bayne.....	.....	Galt.
Angus Mackintosh.....	.....	Thorold.
Alexander Gardiner....	Alexr. D. Fordyce ....	Fergus.

6. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Henry Esson.....	Thomas Blackwood....	Saint Gabriel Street, Montreal.
Alexander Mathieson ...	Hugh Brodie .....	St. Andrew's, Montreal.
John Clugston .....	James M'Kenzie.....	St. John's, Quebec.
Edward Black, D.D. ....	.....	St. Paul's, Montreal.
Duncan Moody.....	.....	Dundee.
William Mair .....	.....	Chatham and Grenville.
Walter Roach.....	C. H. Norval.....	Beaubarnois and Cha- teauguay.
W. M. Walker.....	James Tannahill.....	Huntingdon.
John Taylor .....	.....	Lachine.
James Anderson.....	William Elliot.....	Orms town.
John Cook .....	John Strang.....	St. Andrew's, Quebec.
James C. Muir.....	.....	Georgetown.
Thomas M'Pherson.....	.....	Beech Ridge.
.....	.....	Valcartier.

Sederunt—Alexander Gale, *Moderator*, Peter C. Campbell, John Machar, James Ketchan, John M. Roger, Thomas Alexander, Archibald Colquhoun, Henry Gordon, Robert McDowall, Peter McNaughton, Peter Ferguson, Andrew Bell, Duncan McMillan, James George, William Rintoul, William McKillican, William T. Leach, Robert Murray, John Tawse, Hugh Urquhart, Robert McGill, Mark Y. Stark, Donald

McKenzie, Angus Mackintosh, Alexander Gardiner, John Cook, James C. Muir, *Ministers*; and John Robson, John Mowat, Donald Cameron, Edward W. Thomson, John Chrichton, William Paterson, Isaac Wiley, John Matheson, James Cooper, Hon. James Crooks, James McIntyre, and Alexander D. Fordyce, *Elders*.

The Moderator having proposed Mr. Alexander Gale as his successor in office, Mr. Gale was unanimously chosen.

Mr. William Rintoul was appointed to act as Clerk.

The following Committee was appointed to draft an address to her Majesty the Queen, viz., Mr. McGill, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Campbell, *Ministers*; Mr. Fordyce, Hon James Crooks, Mr. Mowat, *Elders*.

The following deputation was appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lt. Governor, and ascertain whether His Excellency had obtained any replies to the petition and memorial from the Synod, to His late Majesty, viz., The Moderator, Mr. Rintoul, the Hon. James Crooks.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for Complaints, References, and Appeals: Mr. George, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Bell, Mr. Roger, Mr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Wiley.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for Overtures and Reports: Mr. Stark, Mr. McNaughton, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Cook, Mr. Muir, Mr. Ketchan, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Fordyce.

The Synod appointed the following Committee on the Synod Fund, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Bell, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Fordyce, Mr. Mowat.

Mr. Mowat, in absence of the Treasurer, was appointed to collect the dues and arrearages of the Fund.

On the call of the Synod for the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton, they were produced and given to the following Committee for revision, viz., Mr. George, Mr. Tawse, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Cook, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Cameron.

On the call of the Synod for the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto, they were produced and given to the following Committee for revision, viz., Mr. McGill, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Campbell.

The Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst were called for and given to the following Committee for revision: Mr. Ketchan, Mr. Machar, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Fordyce.

The Records of the Presbytery of Kingston were given to the following Committee for revision: Mr. Leach, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Cooper.

The records of the Presbytery of Glengary were given to the following Committee for revision: Mr. Murray, Mr. McNaughton, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Thomson.

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The Records of the Presbytery of Quebec were given to the following Committee for revision: Mr. McGill, Mr. Gordon, Mr Machar, the Hon. James Crooks.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for examining the Records of Synod: Mr. McGill, Mr. Murray, Mr. Bell, and the Hon. James Crooks.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to examine the Records of Commission: Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Stark.

The Synod appointed the following Committee on Missions; Mr. McNaughton, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Tawse, Mr Rintoul, Mr. Crichton.

The Synod resolved to meet every morning at ten o'clock to spend a portion of time in reading the Scriptures and prayer before the commencement of business, and to continue in session until four o'clock P. M.

Mr. Leitch introduced Mr. William Ritchie, a minister of the Church of Scotland, late of St. Luke's Parish, Demarara. The Moderator, with consent of the Synod, appointed Mr. Ritchie a seat with the Synod during the present session.

The Hon. James Crooks in behalf of the deputation to His Excellency, the Lt. Governor, craved further time to report, as they could not see His Excellency until to-morrow at noon. The same was granted.

Mr. Rintoul laid on the table of the Synod a packet of papers transmitted to him by the Hon. William Morris, agent for the convention of Deputies of the Presbyterian congregations of the Upper Province, held at Coburg last summer, and recently returned from Great Britain. These papers were read, the titles of which are as follows:—A Journal of the Hon. William Morris from April 28th 1837 until July 25th 1837; 2nd. Letter from Sir. George Gray, dated Downing Street 19th June 1837, to W. Morris, Esq.; 3rd. Letter from Do. to Do. dated Do. 1st July, 1837; 4th. Do. Do. 6th July 1837; 5th. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Glenelg to Sir. Francis Head, Downing Street, July 1837, respecting the Mission of Mr. Morris.

The Synod after reasoning appointed the following Committee to examine the same and to report some measures for the consideration of the Synod, viz., Mr. McGill, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cook, The Hon James Crooks, Mr Thomson, Mr. Mowat.

The Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

*St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 1st, September 1837.*

The Synod met and having been constituted with prayer, Mr. Robert McDowall, on the call of the Moderator, read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

Mr. William McKillican and Mr. John Matheson took their seats.

The minutes of the Diet of yesterday were read and revised.

The Committee on Complaints, References, and Appeals, transmitted a Reference from the Presbytery of Toronto for advice in regard to an application for admission to the Church on the part of Moses H. Williamson, a minister of the United Secession Church of Scotland; and the Committee reported that in their judgment the said application should be granted by the Synod.

The Synod, after long reasoning, received the report and appointed the following Committee: Mr. McGill, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. McDowall, Mr. Cook, Mr. Muir, Mr. Stark, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Fordyce, Mr. Matheson, to consider in what way ministers of other denominations, professing an adherence to the standards of this church and of proper ministerial gifts and character, may be admitted into it in consistency with the relation which the Synod bears to the Church of Scotland.

The Presbytery of Toronto applied for permission to meet during the session of the Synod. Leave was granted to them and to the other Presbyteries to meet for any competent business.

The Committee on Papers of Mr. Morris reported progress.

The Committee on Overtures and Reports transmitted an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for a deputation of one or more ministers to Scotland with the view of obtaining probationers to supply the pressing spiritual wants of mission stations and destitute congregations. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Mackintosh were heard in support of the Overture. The Synod, after reasoning, unanimously approved of it and referred it to the committee on Mr. Williamson's application, with instructions to them to consider the propriety of sending a deputation for the object of the Overture as well as for obtaining a modification of the existing relation between this Synod and the Parent Church, and also for obtaining and establishing a Collegiate Theological Institution. Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. George, and Mr. Roger were added to the Committee.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Bathurst respecting the licensing of probationers was remitted to the same Committee that they might consider it and report upon it.

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The Committee appointed at the last session to communicate with his Excellency the Lt. Governor on the subject of the government allowance produced a report which was read, the tenor whereof is as follows:

The Deputation waited on His Excellency and endeavoured to represent to him the great necessity as well as reasonableness of extending the government allowance to all the ministers of the Church of Scotland in the Province, and urged upon him the claim of those congregations which had been promised an allowance for their ministers so soon as they severally obtained them. The deputation regret that their application has been entirely fruitless, His Excellency persisting in his determination to surrender the management of the annual grant to the Synod, and having positively declared that he is in possession of no fund which can be applied to the extension of the allowance.

The Synod appointed the following Committee: Mr. Leach, Mr. Machar, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ketchan, Mr. Stark, Mr. Bell, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Mowat, to consider the whole matter of the government allowance, with instructions to them to wait on His Excellency for further information if they see fit, and report on Monday next.

The Synod on the [Records]\* of the Presbytery of Quebec produced a report which was read and received, and inasmuch as that it appeared that the meeting of said Presbytery which had been appointed for the eighth day of August last had not taken place, the Synod appointed a meeting to be held this evening in Toronto at 9 o'clock. The Moderator, Mr. McGill, Mr. Machar, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Cooper, to meet with the members of the said Presbytery now present in order to constitute a quorum. The Synod ordered the [Records] to be attested *cum hac nota* this evening at 7 o'clock.

The Synod agreed to meet to hear sermon from the late Moderator without entering on business.

The Diet was then closed with prayer by the Moderator.

DIET III.

*St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 2nd September, 1837.*

The Synod met and having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr. James George, on the call of the Moderator, read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

Mr. William Paterson and Mr. John Robson, Elders, took their seats.

The Minutes of the Diet of yesterday were read and approved of.

A Motion was made and seconded that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Rintoul for his excellent discourse last evening from

\* The words in brackets are inserted to supply blanks in the manuscript Record.—W. S.

Zachariah II. 6, and that the thanks of the Church be at the same time expressed to him for the very reasonable pastoral letter to the congregations under the charge of the Synod, prepared by him in May last according to the instructions of the Synod. And the same having been unanimously carried, thanks were accordingly tendered to Mr. Rintoul by the Moderator, and duly acknowledged by Mr. Rintoul.

The Synod, through the Moderator, appointed Mr. Campbell to preach on the forenoon of Sabbath next, Mr. Muir in the afternoon, and Mr. Cook in the evening.

The Synod had transmitted, by the Committee on Overtures and Reports, an Overture from the session of West Gwillimbury, respecting a share of the government allowance to their minister. The Synod referred the Overture to the Committee on the government allowance.

The Synod had transmitted to them by the Committee on Complaints, References, and Appeals, a Reference from the Presbytery of Quebec for advice respecting the case of Mr. Duncan McAuly, appellant against a sentence of said Presbytery finding him guilty, on his own confession, of prevarication, wilful falsehood, and fraud, and that he should be deposed from the office of the Holy Ministry. The members of the Presbytery of Quebec stated that no reasons of appeal had been lodged with the Presbytery by the said Duncan McAuly, and that according to common report he had removed from the province to the United States. The Synod after reasoning found that Mr. Duncan McAuly had fallen from his appeal, and instructed the Presbytery to follow out their own sentence by deposing the said Duncan McAuly from the office of the Holy Ministry, and appointed them to meet for this purpose in Toronto on Monday next at 4 o'clock, P. M., with instructions to them to notify the Committee of the General Assembly on Colonial Churches, and the Committee of the Glasgow Colonial Society of the Deposition of Mr. McAuly, and to make such notification of it to the Churches of Christ on this continent as to the Presbytery may seem meet.

The Report of the Committee on the [Records] of the Presbytery of Bathurst was produced and read, and the same was approved of, and inasmuch as that it appeared that the said Presbytery had acted irregularly in appointing an ordinary meeting beyond their bounds, the Synod appointed the next ordinary meeting to be held in Perth on the first Tuesday of October next, at the hour of noon, and the Synod instructed the Clerk to attest the Records *cum hoc nota*.

The Report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton was produced and read. The same was received and in conformity with its recommendation the Clerk was instructed to attest said Records.

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The Report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary was produced and read, and the same was approved of. And inasmuch as it appears that the scroll minute of the proceedings of the 3rd Wednesday of January last appears to have been lost, the Presbytery was enjoined to make up a record of the same *memoriter*. The next ordinary meeting of the said Presbytery was appointed to be held at Cornwall on the the third Wednesday of at 12 o'clock noon. the Clerk was instructed to attest the Record *cum his notis*.

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston was read and approved of, and the Clerk was instructed to attest the said Records.

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto was read and approved of; and the Clerk was instructed to attest the said Records.

The Moderator on behalf of the Deputation appointed to wait on His Excellency, laid on the table of the Synod, a communication from His Excellency, and the same was read and is as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to the enquiries contained in your address of yesterday's date, I have to inform you that I last night received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, a dispatch on the subject of the petition which the Synod last year addressed to His late Majesty, by which it appears that on a consideration of the statement which has been submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown, those learned Gentlemen have declared it to be their opinion that the erection and endowment of the Fifty-seven Rectories by His Excellency, Sir John Colborne, are not lawful and valid acts. His Lordship, however, feels it possible that the statement on which the Law Officers of the Crown may have founded their opinion may be erroneous or defective, and also that they may have misapprehended the law; and His Lordship has therefore directed me to invite the Bishop of Montreal and Archdeacon of York to inform me, whether they are aware of any material fact omitted in the case laid before the Crown Lawyers or inaccurately stated there, or of any important argument which may be supposed to have escaped the notice of those learned persons, and that if any such error or oversight should appear to me to have been committed, I am directed by His Lordship to suspend all further proceedings until I shall have reported on the case to His Lordship and shall have received His Lordship's further instructions.

His Lordship concludes by remarking that your request for the grant of certain peculiar advantages to your own Church proceeds on an assumption, the accuracy of which is yet to be decided, the assumption, namely, that the Church of England has acquired a valid and lawful title to the endowments made in her favour in January 1836, and to the spiritual jurisdiction which is supposed to be incident to those endowments.

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The Synod resolved to meet on Monday at the hour of 12 noon.

This Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

*St Andrew's Church, Toronto, 4th September, 1837.*

The Synod met, and having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr. John Roger, on the call of the Moderator, read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

The Minutes of the former Diet were read and revised.

The Committee on Commission Records produced a Report, which was read and received.

The Synod appointed Messrs. Cook, Machar, and Leach a Committee to divide the balance of money in the hand of the late Moderator, which had been received from the Committee of the General Assembly and the Committee of the Glasgow Colonial Society for ministers not receiving government allowance, amongst those ministers of the Synod in this predicament who have not already received any portion of said money.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee on Overtures and Reports an Overture to the following effect:—That the Legislative enactments of this Synod be regularly transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and be in force only for one year, unless the consent of a majority of Presbyteries be intimated to the meeting of Synod following that at which such enactments shall have been severally made. The Synod adopted this Overture as an Interim Act, and resolved to call upon the Presbyteries to report their judgment on the same, with such modification of it as may be thought proper at the first session of Synod, with a view to the passing of such permanent act as may be approved of by a majority of Presbyteries.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the government allowance, which was produced and read, and the same was received. After reasoning on the same it was moved and seconded, That the Synod should intimate to the government that they would not disturb the scale of the division of the allowance fixed by the government itself, as they conceive the ministers who receive salaries under that scale cannot in justice be deprived of them; that the Synod through the Moderator should petition His Excellency to revert to the original mode of division, and in the event of this not being acceded to, that the Moderator for the time being should draw the whole allowance and divide it according to the Scheme of last year; that the Synod should petition the Provincial and Home Government to fulfil the general promise of assistance to all ministers of the Church of Scotland, and that individual ministers who have pledged for a share of the allowance be recommended to urge these upon Government in every proper way. It was moved in amendment and seconded, That the Government

allowance granted to the Synod of Canada be received by the Moderator of the Synod or a Lay Commission, and be subdivided among all the Ministers now settled in the Upper Province. Whereupon the Roll was called and the votes marked, and there voted for the amendment seven, for the motion eighteen. The motion was accordingly declared to be carried. Against the decision Mr. McKillican entered his dissent for reasons to be given in due time.

This Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 5th September, 1837.*

The Synod met, and having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator Mr. Ketchan, on the call of the Moderator, read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

The minutes of the Diet of yesterday were read and revised.

The Committee on Complaints, References, and Appeals transmitted a letter from Mr. William Smart, Brockville, setting forth that he was a travelling agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and craving for himself in this character the recommendation of the Synod to the Congregations within their bounds. The Committee reported on this application that there were in their judgment various reasons for not granting it. The Report was received, and the Synod in conformity therewith resolved to decline a recommendation of Mr. Smart's agency, and the Moderator was requested to write a respectful letter to Mr. Smart informing him of this decision.

The Committee of correspondence with the Dutch Church reported progress, and Messrs. Rintoul and McDowall were added to it.

The Committee on Overtures and Reports transmitted an Overture for the appointment of a Committee of Synod, for raising a fund for aiding ministers who receive no government allowance. The same was received, and after lengthened discussion, it was resolved that the standing Commission, to be afterwards appointed, shall be authorized and instructed to use their best exertions to obtain from the General Assembly's Committee on Colonial Churches, the Glasgow Colonial Society, and any other quarter, such funds as can be obtained for the aid of destitute congregations in this country; and in the event of their obtaining the same to distribute them equitably among the different Presbyteries, in proportion to the number of Congregations that are not endowed by Government. The Synod further resolved that Presbyteries should report the number of such Congregations to the Commission, and that they shall also endeavour to raise funds within their own bounds, and make an equitable distribution of the same among the ministers of such congregations within their bounds, respectively increased by such grants as may be obtained from the Commission.

The Synod had transmitted to them an Overture for the appointment of an Interim Committee for the management of the Library for the Synod that is expected from Scotland. The Synod adopted the same and appointed the Moderator, Mr. Rintoul, and Mr. Bell, a Committee for this purpose.

The Synod considering that the judgments of God have been recently visited on these Provinces as well as other parts of the world, in the drying up of some of the sources of temporal prosperity and the infliction of other calamities, and that there is great reason to fear that men have not humbled themselves under the Divine chastenings and learned righteousness, and considering also that the whole Church does greatly need the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit in order to the growth and extension of true religion. Resolved, that a day be observed throughout the Church for fasting, humiliation, and prayer, and that such day be the seventh of December next ensuing; that the Ministers and people may on that day as with one heart humble themselves as under the mighty hand of God, deprecate his deserved displeasure, and entreat his favour towards, and the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit on themselves and all the Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Committee on Overtures and Reports transmitted an Overture respecting the payment of the expense of ministers and elders in attending the meetings of Synod, and the Committee accompanied said Overture with a recommendation that it should be transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and through them to the several Church Sessions, with recommendation to them to make collections for defraying the expenses of Ministers and elders to the Synod next year, under the scale of appropriation contained in the Overture, and that the judgments of Presbyteries be reported to the next meeting of Synod, with a view to the adoption of a permanent measure. The tenor of the Overture is as follows:—

Whereas all the Congregations of the Church have a common relation to the Synod, and all are equally interested in the proceedings, and whereas the manner in which the business is conducted and the government of the Church administered, depends much on the attendance of members at the annual meetings of Synod, and that it is manifestly of the highest importance that there should be a full attendance of members from every part of the Church. And forasmuch also as the expense of this attendance falls so disproportionately heavy on the more distant members, as not unfrequently to amount to a prohibition in their attendance, thereby throwing the expense and labour of conducting the business of the Church upon those members more centrally situated; while, on the other hand, where a sense of duty impels distant members to attend, their expenses, whether borne by themselves or their Congregations, are burdensome and injurious; and as the duty to be discharged by all the members is the same, and ought not to be more oppressive to one than to another, it seems just and necessary that some measure be

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adopted for equalizing the expense of Ministers and Elders at the meetings of Synod, to all the Congregations connected with the same,

*Be it therefore enacted*:—1. That a Fund be constituted under the direction of the Synod, to be called the FUND FOR TRAVELLING EXPENSES, to which all Congregations in connection with the Synod shall contribute, and out of which the expenses of the Ministers and Elders attending the meetings of the Synod shall be paid, agreeably to an equitable estimate of what has been necessarily incurred by each.

2. That the several Congregations be, and hereby are, required to contribute to this Fund in the following proportions, viz:—where the usual congregational attendance is under 200, £3; from 2 to 300, £4; from 3 to 400, £5; from 5 to 600, £6, and so on.

3. That it shall be the duty of Presbytery Clerks to collect the contributions from the several Congregations within their respective bounds, previous to the annual meeting of Synod, and pay over the same to the Treasurer for the Synod, whose duty it shall be to keep a separate account of this Fund, and report to the Synod, at an early period of the Session, the amount received from each Congregation.

4. That the expenses necessarily incurred by the Members of the Synod actually attending shall be paid from this Fund, under the direction of the Finance Committee, to such extent as the state of the Fund may admit, whether in whole or in part, and in proportion to the distance travelled by each.

5. That as the efficacy and benefit of this plan depends upon the general and regular payment of all the Congregations, no Congregation shall be entitled to have their Ministers' and Elders' expenses paid, but such as regularly make their annual contribution to the Fund according to the scale above laid down; and where partial carelessness or neglect appears on the part of any Congregation, it shall be competent for the Finance Committee, in settling the claims of the Members of Synod from that Congregation to make such a reduction as the circumstances of the case may require.

The Synod approved of the recommendation of the Committee, and resolved that Presbyteries recommend Sessions to act on the Scheme of the Overture before the next annual Session of Synod, and that Presbyteries further report on said Overtures before any permanent means be adopted.

Reasons of dissent against the resolution of the Synod on the subject of the government allowance were given in by Mr. McKillican, and the same were read and ordered to be kept *in retentis*. Messrs. Alexander Colquhoun and Mowat craved that their adherence to the same be recorded. The Synod consented to this with certification that it might not be taken as precedent for members, who do not at the time of the passing of any resolution record their dissent from it, to claim the right at a subsequent meeting of the [Court] of having their dissent received and recorded.

The Synod's Committee on Missions produced a report which was read and received, and the same was committed to Mr. McGill and Mr. Mackintosh, with instructions to them to print such parts as they may see fit.

Mr. McGill laid on the table of the Synod the sum of seventy-five pounds, being a bequest to the Synod for Missionary purposes by the late Miss Sarah Parsons, of Niagara. Mr. McGill at the same time informed the Synod, that there was some likelihood of more money being realized from the estate of the deceased Sarah Parsons, which would be available for the same object; and that it had been the wish of the deceased that her bequest should be applied for the support of Missions in the Niagara District.

The Moderator, in behalf of the Synod, received the bequest, and was instructed to give a receipt for the same to the Executors of the will of the aforesaid Miss Sarah Parsons, viz.:—John Young, Esq., William Duff Miller, Esq., and Mr. McGill; and also to tender the thanks of the Synod to the said Executors for the care and attention showed by them in fulfilling the intentions of the deceased.

The Committee on Calls and Constitutions reported progress. The Synod discharged the Committee and instructed the Presbytery of Kingston to prepare a draft of a Constitution such as the Synod might recommend Congregations to adopt, and to send with all convenient speed copies of the same to the other Presbyteries of the Church for their consideration, and to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee produced the address to the Queen, and the same having been read, revised, and approved, and duly engrossed, was signed by the Moderator. The tenor whereof follows:

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

*The Address of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.—

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, in General Synod assembled, embrace this first opportunity afforded us, since Your Majesty's accession, of approaching the Throne with the expression of our loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We condole with Your Majesty on the afflictive dispensation of Providence, which has deprived Your Majesty of a beloved relative, and us of a most illustrious, upright, and patriotic King.

We congratulate Your Majesty on Your accession to the Sovereignty of the British Empire, and assure Your Majesty that unceasing and fervent prayer is offered by us and the Congregations committed to our care that the Throne to which You are thus early called may be established in righteousness, and that God may give your Majesty a wise and understanding heart to rule over so great a people, and, for Your own and Your subjects' sake endue You with His heavenly grace.

We rejoice in the solemn assurances Your Majesty has given of Your resolution to maintain inviolate the Church of which we are Members, in her rights and opportunities of doing good; and feel assured that Your Majesty will ever estimate aright the high privilege of promoting in every part of Your wide dominions the best interests of Your sub-

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jects, by securing to them the blessing of instruction in the pure Word of God, the only foundation of National happiness and prosperity.

May that Word be Your Majesty's counsellor, and through all the cares of an earthly Crown, Your guide to a Crown of Glory.

At Toronto, this Fifth Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Seven years.

Signed, in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of Synod.

Reports on the Sabbath were given in by the Presbyteries of Toronto, Hamilton, and Quebec, and the same were approved of. The Presbyteries which did not report were instructed to do so at next session of Synod, and it was recommended that all Presbyteries use continued diligence to promote the scriptural observance of the Lord's Day, amongst the Congregations under their charge and throughout the community at large.

The Committee on Correspondence with the Reformed Dutch Church of the United States produced a report, which was read and received. The Synod approves of the recommendation in the Report of the appointment of a Presbytery to correspond with the aforesaid Synod, and appointed the Presbytery of Kingston a Committee for this purpose.

The Committee to whom had been referred the consideration of a Deputation to Great Britain, the Overture of the Presbytery of Bathurst respecting the licensing of Probationers, and the application of Mr. Williamson, produced a report which was read and received, and the Synod resolved in terms of it:—*First*, that a Memorial be prepared for the Colonial Office, setting forth the claims of this Church to a portion of the interest accruing from the proceeds of the sales of the Clergy Reserves.

*Secondly*, that a Memorial to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, through its Committee on Colonial Churches, be prepared, which Memorial shall set forth the need, which already exists, for a modification of the Declaratory Enactment, in 1833, recommending the formation of Presbyteries and Synods in the Colonies, in respect to the education of Candidates for the Ministry, within the bounds of the Synod, and the licensing of Probationers; and that the same Memorial shall crave the renewed application of the General Assembly's Committee to the Colonial Office in behalf of the claims of this Church.

*Thirdly*, that an urgent appeal be made to all the Synods in Scotland, in behalf of the spiritual destitution of these Provinces, with the view of at once obtaining an increase of Missionaries, and the means of supporting them.

Mr. McGill, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Machar were appointed a Committee to prepare the first of the said Memorials.

The Presbytery of Hamilton was instructed to prepare the Memorial for the General Assembly, and the Address to the Synods in Scotland, and the said Presbytery was authorized to issue queries, if they see fit,

to obtain precise and full information in regard to the spiritual wants of the land, and to give all publicity to the Address or Appeal to be prepared.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and received, and the Synod adopted its recommendations respecting the mode of keeping the accounts, and the Treasurer is instructed to attend to the same, and the Clerk to vouch certain accounts, recommended by the Committee for payment. The Treasurer is also instructed to furnish Presbytery Clerks, with a list of the arrears to the fund, that they may collect the same. Presbytery Clerks are instructed to collect the assessment for the ensuing year—the same to be not less than one pound, payable within six months from this date.

On motion made and seconded, the thanks of the Synod were tendered, through the Moderator, to Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Mowat, for their attention to the accounts of the Fund.

The Diet was closed with prayer.

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DIET VI.

*St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 6th September, 1837.*

The Synod having met, and been constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr. Tawse on the call of the Moderator read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

The minutes of the Diet of yesterday were read and revised.

The annual returns of Presbyteries having been called for, there were produced returns from the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Toronto, and Kingston. The same were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Murray, Rintoul, and Bell with instructions for them to prepare new forms and transmit copies of the same to Presbyteries and Congregations within the bounds. Presbyteries are enjoined to greater diligence in obtaining returns from Congregations and in making returns to the Synod.

The Committee for revising the Synod Records having failed to report, this business is committed to the Committee on Returns.

The same Committee are instructed to revise the official correspondence of Mr. Rintoul, the late Moderator, and to engross such parts of the same in the Records of the Synod as they may see fit.

The same Committee are instructed to prepare an abstract of the Minutes of the present session, and cause the same to be printed and circulated throughout the Church.

The Synod had transmitted through the Committee on Overtures and Reports an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for the annexation of the Township of Nassagaweya, in the Gore District, to the

Presbytery of Toronto. The same was agreed to, and the said Township is accordingly annexed to the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the papers of the Hon. William Morris, which was given in and read. It recommended that the same should be published in the event of the consent of Mr. Morris being obtained, with such address to the different Congregations as the Synod might deem proper; that congregations should be recommended to petition the Colonial Legislature to take such measures as they may judge necessary, should any be required for the final abolition of the Rectories, and that they would allot such a share of the Clergy Reserves to our Church as she may justly claim. The Committee further recommended that the Synod should memorialize Lord Glenelg, craving His Excellency to be cautious in receiving any partial statements, adverse as such may be to what Synod believes to be the constitutional rights of this Church. The Synod adopted the recommendations of the Committee and resolved accordingly; and Mr. McGill, Mr. George, and Mr. Stark, were appointed a Committee for corresponding with Mr. Morris, and eventually printing the papers, and also for drafting a Memorial to Lord Glenelg. The Synod, in testimony of the sense they entertain of the fidelity and vigour displayed by the Hon. William Morris, in his recent Mission to Great Britain, and of the great services he has rendered to the Church, resolved to present him with a copy of the Holy Bible bearing a suitable inscription; and the Moderator, Mr. Rintoul, and Mr. Thomson were appointed a Committee to carry this into effect.

The Report of the Committee for preparing a draft of an Act for the legal incorporation of this Church was called for; and no report having been made, the Committee is discharged, and the Presbytery of Toronto [is appointed] to attend to this matter.

On a reference of several members of the Presbytery of Hamilton for advice in regard to the education of young men now looking forward to the Office of the Holy Ministry, it was resolved that Presbyteries in the mean time receive under their care such young men applying to them as they may deem fit to enter on a course of preparatory study, and direct their studies as they best can, in the hope that better means of instruction shall soon be obtained, and that the Church at Home will accede to the education and licensing of probationers within our own bounds.

The Synod appointed the following members the Committee for watching over the general interests of the Church:—the Moderator, Mr. Stark, Mr. McGill, Mr. Bayne, the Hon. James Crooks, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Esson, Dr. Black, Mr. Cook, Mr. Muir, Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Strong, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Norval, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. McAlister, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Morris, Mr. Robson, Mr. Machar, Mr. Ketchan,

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Mr. Alexander, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Bell, Mr. George, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Leach, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McNaughton, Mr. McIsaac, The Hon. Judge McLean.

The Synod appointed the following ordinary meetings:—this day at 6 p. m. in this city, the second in the same place on the first Wednesday of January at [noon,] and the third in the city of Montreal [on the second day of August next] at 10 a. m.

The next Session was appointed to be held in the City of Montreal, in St. Gabriel Street Church there, to commence on the first Thursday of August at 12 o'clock noon.

The Moderator having delivered a short address, the Synod engaged in prayer and praise, and was closed with the Apostolic Blessing.

BALANCE SHEET OF SYNOD FUND UP TO SEPTEMBER, 1837, FURNISHED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLERK BY THE TREASURER.

1837.		1837.	
Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Sept. 1 To balance for printing Confession of Faith...	23 16 9	Sept. 1 By cash in Treasurer's hands.....	9 13 10½
To Rev. H. Urquhart, amount due him.....	5 0 0	By Assessments and Arrears paid at Toronto to J. Mowat, Esq.....	23 0 0
To Rev. A. Mathieson, amount due him.....	8 10 0	By Arrears due by different Congregations.....	34 10 0
To cash paid Rev. W. Rintoul, postages, &c. 2 2 9	2 2 9		
To cash paid printing Circular.....	0 15 0		
To the Examiner Office, printing Pastoral Letter.....	9 2 8		
To Rev. A. Gale, printing Minutes, &c.....	9 14 8½		
To Rev. M. Y. Stark, Travelling Expenses..	1 10 0		
To amount to the credit of the Fund were Arrearages collected and Accounts paid. 6 12 0	6 12 0		
	<u>£67 3 10½</u>		<u>£67 3 10½</u>
		The Debt to the Fund, amounting as above, is thus distributed.....	34 10 0
		Congregations in the Presbytery of Quebec, £16 0 0	
		Ditto ditto of Kingston, 1 0 0	
		Ditto ditto of Glengary, 5 0 0	
		Ditto ditto of Hamilton, 7 10 0	
		Ditto ditto of Toronto, 5 0 0	
			<u>34 10 0</u>