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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRESBYTERIAN.

JULY, 1855.

## SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

### DIET I.

At Montreal, the 30th day of May, the Synod, after an earnest and faithful sermon, which we will insert in our next, by the Rev. J. Williamson, L.L.D., Moderator, from I Cor. iii. 7,—“So then neither is he that planteth anything neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase”—met according to appointment in St. Andrew's Church, and was constituted with prayer. THE SYNOD ROLL was then made up from the Presbytery Rolls and the names of members called over: it stood after revision as follows.

1. MONTREAL PRESBYTERY.—Clerk, REV. THOMAS HAIG, Beauharvois. Meets at Montreal on the First Wednesday of February, May, August and November.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Montreal, St. Andrews...	Alex. Mathieson, D. D.	Alex. Morris, A. M.
Chatham and Greenville.	William Mair.	
Ormatown.....	James Anderson.....	Neil Campbell.
Georgetown.....	James C. Muir.....	Robert Robertson.
Quebec, St. Andrews.....	John Cook, D. D.....	John Thomson.
Lachine.....	William Simpson.....	John Learmont.
Hemmingford.....	John Merlin.....	John Reay.
New Richmond.....	John Davidson.	
Huntingdon.....	Alex. Wallace, A. B.....	Hugh Barr.
Montreal, St. Paul's.....	Robert McGill, D. D.....	Hew Ramsay.
St. Louis.....	James T. Paul.....	William Smith.
Beauharvois.....	Thomas Haig.....	Robert H. Norval.
Melbourne.....	Thomas Morrison.....	John Main.
Valcartier.....	David Shanks	
Beach Ridge.....	John McDonald.....	Donald Stewart.
Point Levi.....	Duncan Anderson, A. M.	
Three Rivers.....	George D. Ferguson.....	L. J. McNair.
Norwalltown and Russelltown.....		Don. Livingston, M. D.
Laprairie.....		James Fenton.
Dundee.....		
French Missionary within the bounds of Presbytery }	T. J. Charbonell	

2. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.—Clerk, REV. T. MCPHERSON, A. M., Lancaster. Meets on the Third Wednesday of January, May and September.

Corncall.....	Hugh Urquhart, A. M.	James Pringle.
Lancaster.....	Thomas McPherson, A. M.	John McLennan.
Côte St. George.....	Eneas McLean.....	John McCuaig.
Finch.....	Donald Munro.....	Duncan McMillan.
Williamsburgh.....	Thomas Scott.....	Henry Merkley.
I. Original & Plantagenet	Andrew Bell.....	James Anderson.
Osnabruck.....	Robert Dobie.....	James Croil.
Williamstown.....		Hon. John McGillivray.
Martintown.....		Daniel McDougald.
Lochiel.....		John Fraser.
Indian Lands.....		John McCrae.
Coteau du Lac.....		J. A. McIntyre.
Vankleek Hill.....		Farquhar Robertson.
Dalhousie Mills.....		Angus Catanach.

3. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Clerk, REV. J. B. MOWAT, A. M., Niagara. Meets at Hamilton on the Second Wednesday in January, May and September.

Goderich.....	Alexander Mackid.....	John Haldane.
Guelph.....	Colin Gregor.....	David Allan.
Stratford and N. Easthope	William Bell, A. M.,	George Hyde.
Simcoe.....	George Bell, A. B.,	John Polley.
Niagara.....	John B. Mowat, A. M.,	James Lockhart.
Galt.....	Hamilton Gibson.....	Alexander Allan.
Chatham.....	John Robt	

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Woodstock and Newrick.....	Frederick P. Sim.....	Donald McTaggart.
Saltfleet and Bindrooke.....	William Johnson, A. M.....	Charles Anderson.
Fergus.....	George MacDonnell.....	Alex. D. Fordyce.
Dundas and Ancaster.....	Kenneth McLennan, A. E.	William Craigie, M. D.
London.....	John Skinner, D. D.....	Donald McNaughton.
Hamilton.....	Robert Burns.....	James D. Pringle.
North Dorchester.....	William McEwen, A. M.....	James Brown.
Waswanosh.....	James Stuart.	
Westminster.....	James McEwen, A. M.....	Duncan McPherson.
Woolwich.....	James Thom.....	William Smith.
Nelson and Waterdown.....		Andrew Hall.
Williams, Amherstburgh, Clinton, Dover, Lynedoch, St. Thomas, Wellesley, Brantford, Puslinch, Yarmouth, Aldborough, Kincardine, Arthur, Elderslie, Greenock and Culross	William King, George McClatchey,	Retired Ministers.

4. PRESBYTERY OF BAHURST.—Clerk, REV. WILLIAM BAIN, A. M., Perth. Meets at Perth and Ottawa City alternately on the Second Wednesday in January, May and September.

Perth, 1st Church.....	William Bell, A. M.....	John G. Malloch.
South Gower.....	Joseph Anderson, A. M.....	
Pakenham.....	Alexander Mann, A. M.....	Hugh Dickson.
Kitley.....	David Evans.....	William Smith.
Lanark.....	Thomas Fraser.....	Robert Mason.
Perth, St. Andrews.....	William Bain, A. M.....	John McIntyre.
Ramsay.....	John McMorine.....	Robert Bell.
Bytown.....	Alexander Spence.....	Hon. Thomas McKay.
Smith's Falls.....	Solomon Mylne.....	Robert Graham.
Brockville.....	John Whyte.....	George Malloch.
Beckwith.....	Duncan Morrison.....	John McArthur.
McNab and Horton.....	George Thompson, A. M.....	Peter McIntyre.
Stamond.....	Peter Lindsay.....	
Litchfield.....	John Lindsay.....	
Cumberland and Buckingham		
Huntley.....	James Sinclair, Ordained Missionary.	

5. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—Clerk, REV. PROF. GEO. WEIR, A. M., Kingston. Meets at Kingston on the First Wednesday of every month.

Kingston.....	John Machar, D. D.....	John Mowat.
Seymour.....	Robert Neill.....	David Allan.
Queen's College.....	James Williamson, L. L. D.	
Queen's College.....	John M. Smith, A. M.	
Queen's College.....	James George.	
Belleville.....	Archibald Walker.....	George Neilson.
Camden.....		Mark Hermiston.

6. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Clerk, REV. J. BARCLAY, D. D., Toronto. Meets at Toronto on the Third Tuesday of February, May, August & November.

Pickering.....	Peter McNaughton, A. M.	John Madill.
Esqueving and Milton.....	Peter Ferguson.....	Duncan Campbell.
King.....	John Tawse, A. M.	
Chinguacousy.....	Thomas Johnson.	
Mono.....	Alexander Lewis.	
Eldon.....	John McMurchy.	
Toronto.....	John Barclay, D. D.....	Hon. Judge McLean.
Gwillimbury West.....	Alexander Ross.	
Clarke and Hope.....	Samuel Porter.....	Alexander Bradley.
Hornby.....	William Barr.....	David Forrest.
Nottawasaga.....	John Campbell, A. M.	
Thorah.....	David Watson, A. M.	
Darlington.....	John H. McKerras, A. M.	Alex. Colville.
Mulmur.....	Archibald Colquhoun.....	James Aberdeen.
Scott and Usbridge.....	William Cleland.....	Henry Madill.
Newmarket.....	John Brown.....	Jacob Wells.
Markham.....	James Gordon, A. M.....	James Daniels.
Scarboro.....	James Bain.....	Alex. Sterling.
Vaughan.....		Donald Cameron.
Brock and Reach.....		

The minutes of the last stated meetings in Toronto,—of the Commission, in October, in Kingston, and of the *pro re nata* meeting, in January, in Montreal,—were read by the Clerk, and the usual Committee of revision appointed.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson then invited attention to the names on the Roll, which had recently been read. Names of those with whom they had been wont to meet in sacred fellowship had been pronounced in their hearing, recalling the old familiar countenances of friends; but, alas! they were not. Since the last annual meeting, death had been busy in thinning their ranks. The stroke of the Destroyer had fallen heavily; and five of their number, including the Father of the Synod, the Rev. J. McKenzie of Williamstown, had taken their departure to the courts of the upper sanctuary. He faithfully portrayed the characters of the departed; and feelingly alluded to the circumstances attending their respective removals. He said, that these events addressed to all of them a loud and importunate call,—1st, to earnestness in prayer unto God for help;—2ndly, to increase exertions in the work of their ministry, and more prayerful dependence on Him, "with whom is the residue of the Spirit."

At the close of Dr. M's. solemn address, and, on the nomination of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Urquhart, of Cornwall, led the Synod in prayer;—Rev. Dr. Mathieson, R. v. Mr. Urquhart, and the R. v. George Bell, of Simcoe, were appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of the Synod, under its bereavement and of its humiliation before God;—and further, to suggest the measures requisite for supplying the Congregations left vacant, and those of them especially who desire Preachers in the Gaelic tongue.

SPECIAL MINUTES.

In directing attention to the following Minute, and concurring in the sentiments therein expressed, our readers will bear in mind that another member of the Synod the Rev. A. McLeau, has been since removed by death.

The Synod adopted the ensuing minute reported by the Committee.

"While this Synod desire to humble themselves before God, and to recognise in the present afflictive dispensation His righteous, all wise, and sovereign decree, they, at the same time, with entire submission and resignation to the Divine will, desire to give expression to their poignant sorrow under the heavy bereavement that has thus come upon them, and at the same time to record their deep sense of the high personal and ministerial character of their departed brethren, and of the great loss sustained by them as individuals, and a Synod, as well as by the Church in general, in the dissolution of those sacred bonds of affection, of Christian brotherhood, and ministerial co-operation, which many years of mutual fellowship had strongly confirmed and united.

And this Synod with sincere sorrow would take this opportunity, while recording the deaths of their deceased brethren, also to record their deep sympathy with the bereaved widows and families, commending them affectionately to the grace and consolation of their Heavenly Father; and with the congregations that have thus been deprived of their pastors, guides and faithful friends for a long series of years."

And, further, the Synod instructed their Moderators to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, in reference to the Churches made vacant by the lamented death of these brethren, and to set forth in the strongest light the sad spiritual destitution of that portion of them requiring Gaelic.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

A committee was then appointed to revise the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of two Trustees for Queen's College, Kingston, when the retiring Trustees were elected.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, when the Hon. John Hamilton and W. Elmonstone, Esq., were re-elected.

The Synod then appointed a Committee on Bills and Overtures to meet at four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Pre-bytery Clerks were instructed to place the Records of Presbytery on the table.

Leave was given to Presbyteries to sit in Montreal during the meeting of Synod when Synod was not in session.

The Synod agreed to meet at ten o'clock daily and a hour for an hour at one and five o'clock respectively, and it was further agreed, that the first part of each morning's sederunt be devoted to devotional exercises.

CORRESPONDENTS TO LOWER PROVINCES.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Mr. Morris, of the following tenor, viz:—Whereas it is much to be desired, and would contribute, under God's blessing, to the strengthening and extending of this Church in Canada, and in the Lower Provinces, that a closer fraternal interchange of sentiments should be had with the Synods in connection with the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and whereas it is believed that friendly commencing and mutual counsel would materially contribute to the advancement of the interests, in these Provinces, of that portion of the Church of Christ with which this Synod is connected.—It is hereby overtured that the Synod appoint a Deputation of Members of this Synod to be Correspondent Members of the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland, which will meet at Halifax on Tuesday, the 3rd day of July, and also a deputation of the Members of this Synod to be Correspondent Members, on behalf of this Synod to the Synod of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland which will meet at St. Johns on Thursday, the 16th day of August, willing them provided said Synods approve of the appointment, to have in view in all their actings said Synods, the best interests of the Church and the Glory of God; and the Synod, further, with all affection and sympathy invite said Synods respectively to receive with brotherly kindness the said Correspondent Members and to appoint on their part correspondent members to attend the next Annual Meeting of this Synod, in order that feelings of attachment and regard may be the more enkindled and cherished between the Members of the Church in Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick."

Mr. Alex. Morris earnestly supported the overture. He referred to the position of the Church in the Lower Provinces, detailed its exertions and struggles and pointed out some of the advantages which would be derived from interchange of sympathies. Queen's College would be benefitted. Already three students from Nova Scotia were at that institution; and instead of attempting to organize a college of their own, the people of the Lower Provinces should in the meantime take advantage of Queen's college. He also referred to close re-union as likely to be the result.

Rev. Dr. Mathieson seconded the motion—he thought fier inter-course with the brethren in the Lower Provinces very desirable. Pre-byterianism was peculiarly catholic in its spirit, but there were special reasons for cultivating friendly relations with the Lower Provinces. Why should we be separated—nursed in the same Church, and come forth to plant the Gospel of Peace in these colonies? Our hands would be encouraged and we would be helpful of our brethren. He referred to a letter of the Rev. Mr. Henderson, advocating this measure which he had received.

The Rev. Mr. Muir briefly addressed the Synod, feeling as-sured that the overture would meet with cordial approval.

The Rev. Mr. Bain (Scarboro') was of opinion that such efforts deserved countenance, being a manifestation of Christian feeling and expansive affection; but was desirous that the result should be a practical one—that the people should be brought under the influence of the effort. He suggested that the press should be used as a vehicle of diffusion of our sentiments. If the overture led to active co-operation it would be eminently beneficial. It would be very important that the idea of a General Assembly should be kept in view. He further thought that care ought to be taken to give wide publicity to the reception given to the deputation.

Dr. Mathieson said that a General Assembly in British North America was the object had in view by the promoters of the overture, but as the time had not yet come for that movement, the present effort had been devised as an initiatory step in that direction.

The Rev. Dr. McGill sustained the overture, and suggested the appointment of a committee to take the matter into consideration and report as to the men who should be sent, and as to the best mode of carrying out the scheme with efficiency. He thought that it might be well to instruct the Committee to prepare a scheme for an Assembly.

The Synod then unanimously agreed to the overture and appointed Dr. Mathieson, Dr. McGill, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Morris, to consider and report upon the best means of carrying out this measure.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows and Orphan's Fund was given in, and read by Dr. Mathieson, the Chairman, and is as follows:—

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Since the presentation of their last Report the Managers, in common with the whole Church, have to deplore the death, in rapid succession, of five excellent and zealous Ministers, namely, Dr. Mair, and Messrs. Moody, Milligan, McLaurin, and McKenzie. All of these Clergymen have left widows, whose names have been added to the Roll of Annuitants, but it is matter of deep regret to the Managers that the amount of funds at their disposal being so inconsiderable, the Annuities are much smaller than what is necessary for their becoming maintenance and support. At the end of their last Report, the hope was held out that they might be able to add to all the Annuities during the present year. The number of Annuitants, however, has so rapidly increased in the interval—(at the present time amounting to twelve)—that no addition can prudently be made from the Fund consisting of Ministers' Contributions, but the Managers expect to be able to advance something farther from the fund composed of Congregational Collections.

In their Report dated 8th March last, the Managers stated that the amount at the credit of the Fund formed from Ministers' Contributions was.....	£1385 0 0
And at the credit of the fund formed from Congregational Collections, since then there has been received a payment from the Ministers amounting to .....	120 0 0
Nearly a like amount from the same source will be available on the 1st July next,—say.....	120 0 0
Up to this date there have been received on account of Congregational Collections.....	286 16 8
And it is probable that there will yet be received on that account Interest on Investments received since 8th December last and to be received by 1st July next....	49 10 0
	100 2 8

£3806 19 9

From which there has been paid one half year's Annuity to Widows, and another half yearly payment will be due on 1st July,— say in all..... £134 0 10  
Expenses paid and to be paid,—say... 10 0 0. 144 0 10  
£3662 18 11

The proportions of this total amount applicable to the two Funds will be:—  
Ministers Contributions..... £1547 17 4  
Congregational Collections..... 2115 1 7  
£3662 18 11

The Managers have again to express their regret that so much delay occurs on the part of many Congregations in taking up their Annual Collection, and remitting them to the Treasurer for investment, while up to this late period of the year, there have been no returns from the following:—West Gwillimbury, (Rev. Alex. Ross); Hemmingford, (Rev. John Merlin); Wawanosh, (Rev. James Stuart); Smith's Falls, (Rev. Solomon Mylne.)

In view of the heavy and constantly increasing claims upon them, the managers trust that a vigorous effort will be made at the next Annual Collection to add materially to the amount of Funds. If the claims of the Widows and Orphans of the departed Ministers of our Church were frankly and fully laid before the various Congregations it can scarcely be doubted that a marked increase would take place in the amount of contributions. Sometimes it happens that Ministers feel a delicacy in broaching this subject to their people, and in such cases it would be well that one or more Members of their Congregations should advocate the cause in their stead.

ALEX. MATHIESON, *Chairman*,  
HEW RAMSAY, *Secretary*.  
Montreal, 30th May, 1855.

Rev. Mr Muir thought the scheme would be more largely supported if the Committee brought them selves into direct communication with the congregations themselves. If the Elders took up the matter also it would be of great service.

Rev. Mr. Haig thought that there ought to be no fastidiousness on the part of the ministers in pressing its claims on the people. He had examined the accounts for some years carefully, and was surprised at the smallness of some of the contributions from some congregations. Why, if all the heads of families gave but 7½ each, the effect would be wonderful. He thought it a duty incumbent on ministers, in view of the large number of annuitants, to press it upon the people.

Rev. Mr. Urquhart testified to the assiduity and zeal of the Managers. He also stated that he did not think delicacy of feeling, any just reason on the part of Ministers for refraining from the performance of their duty, with respect to this fund and urging its claims.

Mr. Hew Ramsay said that the Managers, in view of the recent addition of five annuitants to the number previously on the list, had it in contemplation to issue a statement of the position of the fund, accompanied by an appeal to the people for its support, intending to circulate it widely.

The thanks of the Synod were then given to the Managers for the care, prudence, and disinterested zeal with which they had managed the Fund entrusted to their care.

The Synod then adjourned and was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

Thursday, 31st May.

The Synod, met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. George Bell conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees for the management of the Ministers Widows' and Orphans' Fund, when the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Hew Ramsay, Alexander Morris, and Archibald Ferguson, Esquires were elected.

The Synod appointed a Committee to attend to the Financial concerns of the Synod.

The Synod appointed an Examining Committee.

The Synod appointed the Committees to revise the Records of Presbyteries, and report on them.

The Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. Skinner, the Rev. John Robb, and Alexander Morris, Esq., a Committee to draft an address to her Majesty the Queen, for the adoption of the Synod:—the Rev. Dr. Skinner, Convener.

The Rev. John Barclay, D. D., of Toronto, and other members, were appointed to draft an Address to his Excellency the Governor General.

Objection having been taken by Mr. Whyte, to the validity of Mr. George Malloch's election as a Representative Elder in the Presbytery of Bathurst after long discussion and a counter motion, the Synod sustained the election of Mr. Malloch.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Dr. Mathieson, to the effect that the Synod would appoint a Committee to enquire into the condition of the fixed property of the Church, such as glebes, town lots, lot for building churches and school houses, and for burial grounds, and report concerning the 'enures by which glebes or lots are held, and how far the Trustees by whom these glebes or lots are held in trust for Congregations have implemented the duties of their office. The Rev. Dr. Mathieson supported the overture in an appropriate and forcible manner—pointing out its necessity, and referring to cases requiring attention.

The Rev. Dr. Machar thought the matter deserving of serious consideration. It was highly important than an efficient Committee should be named, and he would be glad to see laymen forming a large proportion of it.

Judge Malloch said it was no new matter; it had frequently been considered. He had been a member of a former committee which had proved inoperative. He then explained the position of the law in Upper Canada with reference to the manner of holding Church property. He thought some action in the matter desirable.

The Rev. Mr. Burnett detailed the action of the Hamilton Presbytery in the matter. The Rev. Drs. Skinner, McGill, Williamson and Barclay, and Rev. Messrs. Bain, Urquhart McKerras and Mann, and other members, took part in the discussion. And after lengthened deliberation, it was resolved that the Synod appoint the following Committee to enquire into the condition of the public property of the Church, to correspond with Presbyteries, with Legal Agents, and others, and to take such action as may be expedient for the preservation of that part that may be in jeopardy, or recovering such, as may be illegally in possession of others, viz: *Central Committee in Montreal* Alexander Morris, Esq., Convener; Hew Ramsay, Esq., William Edmonstone, Esq., John Greenshields, Esq.; *Corresponding Members*: John Thompson, Esq., Quebec; J. F. Pringle, Esq., Cornwall; George Malloch, Esq., Brockville; John G. Malloch, Esq., Perth; Alexander Campbell, Esq., Kingston; John Bell, Esq., Belleville; John Cameron Esq., Toronto; John Young, Esq., and J. D. Pringle, Esq., Hamilton.

The Synod then adjourned till half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer, the Rev. Kenneth McLennan conducting

the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

CONTROL OF CHURCHES.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Bathurst, bearing that the Committee of Management of one of their Congregations had brought before them, for their opinion the following question:—"Who is it, that has the right or authority to grant the use of a Presbyterian Church, not including the pulpit to such as Bible Society Agents, or for any benevolent and Religious purposes?" And it appearing that there was a diversity of opinion on the point in the Presbytery, the Presbytery had agreed to refer it to the Synod for their opinion. After mature consideration, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Skinner, the following deliverance was agreed to viz: "In regard to the reference from the Presbytery of Bathurst, this Synod declare it to be a general principle that whereas the acknowledged use of a Church is for the public worship of God, and the Minister, with the Session, is responsible to his Presbytery, and to the Synod, for the use that is made of the church edifice, therefore it is the prerogative of the Minister and the Kirk Session to hold the key of the place of worship, and exercise their own discretion, under the Superior Church Courts, as to the uses to which it shall be applied."

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

An application from London, C. W., for aid in defraying the expenses of a Chancery suit, in which the Church there was concerned, was referred to a Special Committee.

An application from the congregation at Westminster, C. W., to the Colonial Committee of the mother Church, for aid in the erection of a Church recommended by the Presbytery of Hamilton, and submitted to the Synod for its recommendation, was assented to, upon the condition of a deed of the land for the site in due form, being submitted and approved of by the Hamilton Presbytery.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SABBATH.

The Synod made the following appointments for the public services of the Sabbath, viz: in St. Andrew's Church, Dr. Skinner to preach in the forenoon, Mr. Walker in the afternoon, and Mr. James McEwen in the evening; in St. Paul's Church, Mr. George McDonnell to preach in the forenoon, and Mr. Gordon in the evening; Mr. Thomson to preach at Lachine, Mr. Mann at Laprairie, Mr. Peter Lindsay, at Durham, Mr. John Lindsay at North Georgetown, and Mr. Sim at Russelltown.

DISPUTED COMMISSION.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte, against the name of Mr. George Malloch, Elder, being entered upon the Sederunt of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date 26th July, 1854; also Mr. Whyte's reasons of Protest and Complaint, and the Presbytery's answers to the same. The said papers were read, and Mr. Whyte and several members of the Presbytery of Bathurst were heard. After due consideration and voting on several motions which were lost, it was declared by the casting vote of the moderator in terms of the motion of Mr. Burnett viz: "That the Synod sustain the Protest and complaint of Mr. Whyte, in respect of there being no election on Judge Malloch as Representative Elder for the Session of Brockville, for the Synodical year then current, and declare that Judge Malloch was not a member of the Presbytery at the time referred to in the said Protest: nevertheless, in the circumstances of the case, the Synod declare, that their decision on this point shall not be held to

confirm the validity of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Bathurst in case of Mr. Whyte."

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Appeal, by Mr. John Whyte, against a sentence of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date 27th September, 1864, finding the Wbel against him, as submitted to the Presbytery by the Synod, last year, proven,—suspending him, *sine die*, from the exercise of the functions of the Holy Ministry, and dissolving the pastoral connection between him and the Congregation of Brockville; also, Mr. Whyte's reasons of appeal, and the Presbytery's answers to the same. The papers were read. The Synod also had read the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst, in regard to the whole proceedings, and then entered upon the reading of the Minutes of evidence taken by the Presbytery.

The Synod adjourned, and was closed with prayer.

#### DIET IV.

*Saturday, the Second day of June.*

The Synod met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer, the Rev. George D. Ferguson conducting the devotional exercises of the Synod.

The Synod resumed hearing the Minutes of Evidence taken by the Presbytery of Bathurst in the case of Mr. Whyte; and the whole having been read over, parties were then called to the bar, when there appeared Mr. Whyte on the one part, and the Presbytery of Bathurst on the other.

Mr. Whyte was heard at length in support of his Protest and Appeal, and his reasons for the same.

There were heard, on behalf of the Presbytery of Bathurst, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Mann, Mr. Malloch, and Mr. Bain.

Mr. Whyte was heard in reply.

The Synod then adjourned until Ten o'clock on Monday morning, and was closed with prayer.

#### DIET V.

*Monday, the Fourth Day of June.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer. The Rev. Thomas Scott conducting the devotional exercises of the Synod.

It was, on motion of Mr. Urquhart, unanimously agreed that the thanks of this Synod be given to the Rev. Dr. Williamson, their late Moderator, for the excellent Sermon with which he opened the Synod, and that he be requested to permit the publication of the same in the *Presbyterian*, which was done by the Moderator accordingly.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the case of Mr. Whyte's Protest and Appeal against the sentence of the Presbytery of Bathurst, and having had lengthened deliberation thereon, agreed to defer coming to a decision until tomorrow.

The Synod heard from the Rev. Dr. Cook, on behalf of the Commissioners, appointed by the Synod at their meeting in January last, to effect a Commutation of the stipends of Ministers derived from the Clergy Reserves, a lengthened Report of the proceedings of the Commissioners in regard to the same; and the consideration of the said Report was deferred.

The Synod adjourned, and was closed with prayer.

#### DIET VI.

*Tuesday, the Fifth Day of June.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer, the Rev. Peter Lindsay conducting the religious exercises of the Synod.

The Synod having resumed consideration of the Report, given in yesterday by the Commissioners appointed to endeavour to effect a Commutation of the Stipends of Ministers derived from the Clergy Reserves, approved of the same, and requested them to persevere in their efforts to bring the whole business to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Synod resumed consideration of the case of Mr. Whyte's Protest and Appeal against the

sentence of the Presbytery of Bathurst, when, after mature deliberation and the consideration of several motions and amendments, the Synod, by a majority of votes declared in terms of the amendment moved by Mr. James Bain and seconded by Mr. McPherson, i. e. that "The Synod having examined the evidence of the several counts contained in the libel against Mr. Whyte, and parties having been heard, sustain the general charge of misconduct as libelled, and confirm the sentence of the Presbytery of Bathurst, suspending Mr. Whyte from his ministerial functions and dissolving the Pastoral relation between him and the Church at Brockville;—but, on a general view of the whole case, the Synod agree that the sentence of suspension may be removed whenever this Synod or their Commission shall receive from Mr. Whyte satisfactory evidence of repentance, and assurance of becoming conduct for the future."

An agreement was come to as to the appointment that should be made of the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

#### LONDON CHURCH.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee appointed to consider and report upon the application of the Congregation of London, for aid from the Church generally in liquidating the debt incurred in carrying on the Chancery suit, in regard to their Church, lately terminated, which was given in and read. The Synod, having considered the same, agreed to a deliverance, protesting against the decision in the suit instituted by certain members of Congregation of London for the recovery of the Church there, erected by members of the Church of Scotland, and authorized Dr. Skinner to be guided by legal advice, as to such measures of appeal or otherwise as may be requisite, and, further, authorized the said Rev. John Skinner, D. D., to apply to the members of the Church in this Province for their countenance and pecuniary support, commending the Congregation to their sympathy.

#### PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by the Presbytery of Montreal, an Overture from Dr. Cook, in relation to the re-organization of the Presbytery of Quebec, and the Synod re-organized the Presbytery, adding thereto Three Rivers, and appointed the first meeting to be held at St. Andrews Church, Quebec, on the first Wednesday in October next.

#### LAY REPRESENTATION.

The Synod had transmitted to them, an Overture from Dr. Mathieson as to the necessity for a declaratory enactment, in reference to the Act of 1845, in order to produce a greater uniformity in the manner of electing Representative Elders. It was then moved by Dr. Mathieson, that the Synod in order to produce uniformity in the election of Representative Elders, and remove doubts respecting the time for returning them—declare in reference to the Act of 1845 that the Synodical year shall terminate at the rising of the annual ordinary meeting of the Synod, and the Synod enjoin all Kirk Sessions to elect their respective Representative Elders with all convenient speed after the rising of the Synod, and give in their commissions to the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries within two months at the farthest from the rising of the Synod, to be by them laid before the first meeting of Presbytery, occurring after the receipt of such Commissions, and in case of neglect or irregularity in this matter, Presbyteries are empowered to take order and inquire at their first meeting after the expiry of the two months into, the cause of such neglect or irregularity, and provide such a remedy as in their wisdom and in accordance with the laws of the Church, may seem meet, and the Synod further instruct their Clerk to furnish Kirk Sessions with printed forms of Elders commissions.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson supported the Overture. His object was so to define the Act of 1845 as to prevent any mistakes in the future about the date of the expiring of their charge.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Machar,

That whereas it is necessary to define the terms of office of Representative Elders, the Synod enact that all Representative Elders elected in conformity with the Laws of their Church shall hold office from the period of their election until two months shall have elapsed after the rising of the annual meeting of Synod, unless within such two months, such elders shall be re-elected or a successor shall be re-appointed. He contended that this was necessary, in order to prevent congregations being in many cases unrepresented for a greater or less period, an evil which should above all things be obviated, for he was satisfied that nothing would tend more to promote the interests of the Church, and extend her influence than that the laity should take an active interest in the administration of her affairs. It had been said the present rule had been adopted to prevent the packing of the Synod by compelling elections at periods long anterior to its sitting, and preventing any one from being elected with a view to any particular question then impending, but he thought it desirable that where any important question was to be decided, the congregations should send such a representative as would most faithfully support their views. He therefore would be willing to go still farther, and change the law so that the elections should take place within forty days before the meeting of Synod, instead of within two months after.

Rev. Mr. Muir, advanced the same views as Dr. Machar.

After a few words from Dr. McGill,

Dr. Mathieson said, there need be no difficulty in having the congregations represented, if the Ministers did their duty. They only required distinctly to define the law, that all might understand precisely what they had to do, and enjoin on Presbyteries to enforce the rules of the Synod. He thought great inconvenience would result from the adoption of Dr. Machar's proposition.

On a division being taken, the amendment was lost, and the original overture adopted.

#### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair, an Ordained Missionary, originally from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, being recommended by the Presbytery of Bathurst for examination and admission, and the petition of the congregations of North and South Huntly, to whom he had ministered for some time as a missionary, being submitted to the Synod, together with Mr. Sinclair's statement and application, he was directed to be examined by the Examining Committee.

#### CORRESPONDENT MEMBERS.

The Committee reported, recommending the proposed measure, and after deliberation the Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. Mathieson and Rev. Professor George, correspondents to the Synod of Nova Scotia, and the Rev. Dr. McGill and Professor Weir to that of New Brunswick, and the Moderator (Rev. A. McKil), and Synod Clerk (Rev. A. Bell), as Alternates. And the Synod with all affection and sympathy invited the Synod to receive with brotherly kindness the correspondent members, and to appoint on their part, correspondent members to next meeting of Synod; and the Synod instructed their delegates, with the sanction of the respective Synods, to spend such time as might be at their command in visiting the congregations and in stirring up a greater degree of fraternal and Christian sympathy. The Synod also invited members of the Church throughout the Province, who are friendly to the measure to make such special contributions to the Synod Fund, as might enable that Fund to meet the expenses of the Deputations.

#### REV. MR. SINCLAIR.

The Examining Committee reported favourably with regard to the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, who was then received as a Minister of the Church, and the Presbytery of Bathurst were authorised to proceed to a settlement in the event of his receiving a call, if they thought fit in the exercise of a wise discretion.

The Synod adjourned.

DIET VII.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer. The Rev. W. Cleland conducted the devotional exercises.

CHURCH BUSINESS.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to draw up such a scheme in the order and arrangement of the public business as should tend to facilitate the same in future meetings of the Synod, viz.—Dr. Mathieson, Dr. McGill, and Mr. Morris; and in the meantime, the Synod enjoined the conveners of all Synodical Committees, Chairmen of Board of Trustees or Managers, Clerks of Presbyteries, and others, to be prepared to submit all Reports, Returns, References, Overtures, &c., on the first day of the meeting of the Synod.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The ensuing address was adopted and signed by the Moderator:

*Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled at our Annual Meeting, embrace the opportunity thus presented of tendering anew the assurance of our unwavering attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

In approaching with sentiments of loyalty the person of our earthly sovereign, we cannot but view with gratitude to Him who is the Governor among the nations, the steady advance of this Province of the British Empire in the varied interests of education, arts, agriculture and commerce. The material resources of the country, which are being every year more fully developed, furnish encouragement to the enterprising emigrant from the Mother Country, for the employment of his capital, his labour, or his skill,—making this Province the permanent home of a large number of the British People; and it may be truly asserted, that at no former period of the history of this Colony has there prevailed a more loyal feeling towards the British Throne.

In view of the emigration to this country of multitudes who have been accustomed to a public provision for the maintenance of the ordinances of religion, it is much to be deplored that the only provision of a public kind for the support of the religion existing in this Province, has lately been swept away by Legislative Enactment; and this is all the more to be regretted, considering the scanty and scattered state of the population in the newly settled parts of the country, and the difficulties with which emigrants have always to struggle for many years after their settlement; difficulties, which, in a great degree, disable them from supporting the public ordinances of religion for themselves, while, at the same time, their families are growing up and having their characters moulded by the circumstances in which they are placed. It is true that the individual rights of the majority of our ministers have been respected, though those of others have been disregarded; and in availing ourselves of the authority to commute our interests given by the Enactment in question, we shall endeavour, in a spirit of self denial, to place the matter in such a position, as that the blow may fall more lightly than it would otherwise have done. Yet we cannot but regard the measure of alienation as much to be deplored in every point of view.

We would avail ourselves of this renewed opportunity of tendering our heart-felt sympathy with Your Majesty in the righteous contest in which Your Majesty's forces are engaged, and into which Your Majesty and Your Imperial Ally of France have been forced for the purpose of vindicating the rights of the injured, and maintaining the great principles of equity and justice. Our earnest prayer is, that the God of Battles may be with our country, defending

the right; and that as the result of the present war, an honourable and lasting peace may in due time be brought about.

We have called upon our people to testify their sympathies in a practical manner, by contributing to a Synodical Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the brave men who may perish on the field of battle; and although many of them had already contributed liberally through other channels, yet the appeal has been warmly met and liberally responded to.

Trusting that the Great Head of the Church will abundantly bless Your Majesty in all the relations of life; that He will strengthen and maintain Your Empire in all its integrity; and that at last a Crown, more brilliant and enduring than an earthly one, may be conferred upon you,—we shall continue to invoke for Your Majesty Your Illustrious Consort, and the other members of Your Royal Family, the choicest blessings of the King of Kings.

Signed at Montreal, this Sixth Day of June, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five years;—In name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland,

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The ensuing address was reported and adopted by the Synod:

*To His Excellency SIR EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, embrace the opportunity of our being assembled in Annual Synod, to offer our congratulations to Your Excellency, on your assuming the Government of British North America, and to express our best wishes for your personal and domestic happiness. In the exercise of Your Administrative functions in the high office entrusted to you by Her Most Gracious Majesty, it must be matter of gratification to Your Excellency, as it is to us cause of thankfulness to God, that so large a measure of material prosperity should prevail in this portion of the Queen's dominions; and that the blessings of peace and plenty should, under the Divine favour, be so abundantly vouchsafed to this dependency of the British Crown.

We earnestly pray that under Your Excellency's Administration, this important Province may be distinguished also by that more valuable prosperity, which the prevalence of true religion in the hearts of the general community alone can produce. It shall ever be the object of our labours, within our own sphere, to seek, under the Divine blessing, the diffusion, throughout this otherwise highly favored land, of the knowledge and influence of the truth as it is in Jesus, and to cherish in the hearts of our people, that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

Provision for the support and extension of religious ordinances must ever be a matter of deep interest to every truly Patriotic and Christian heart, and as office-bearers of a Church which has ever sought to inculcate loyalty to their earthly Sovereign, and obedience to Him by whom kings reign, and princes decree justice, we cannot be indifferent to whatever affects the support and extension of true religion in this land. Whilst thankful that the individual rights of the majority of the ministers of this church have been respected in the recent legislation on the Clergy Reserves, we cannot conceal from Your Excellency our deep regret that the public provision for the maintenance of a preached Gospel should have been alienated from that object to which it had been solemnly devoted. In order that this blow may fall as lightly as possible upon the general interests of religion, and more especially of the Church of which we are office-bearers, we desire to avail ourselves of the

permission to commute the Reserved Claims as provided for in the recent statute, to which the Royal Assent has been lately given; it being the desire of those of our number, whose pecuniary interests are involved therein, to constitute a fund towards the maintenance and extension of religious ordinances, in connection with the Church of Scotland in this Province.

We beg, with Your Excellency's Permission, to place in your hands a dutiful address adopted in Synod, expressive of our loyalty to the British Throne, and of our respectful and devoted attachment to the Person and Government of Her Majesty the Queen.

That Almighty God may bless Your Excellency with every temporal and spiritual blessing, and finally prepare you for His everlasting Glory, is our earnest prayer.

Signed, at Montreal, this Sixth Day of June, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Years;—In name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland,

BEECHBRIDGE CONGREGATION.

An application, from the congregation of Beechridge to the Colonial Mission for aid in repairing or rebuilding their church, recommended by the Presbytery of Montreal, was sanctioned by the Synod.

FRENCH MISSION.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to conduct the French Mission in Canada East, which was given in and read by Dr. McGill. We submit the abstract of the Report with which we have been obligingly furnished by the Synod Clerk.

We would earnestly call the attention of our readers to its statements.—An abstract follows: Mons. T. G. Charbonell, is the only Missionary at present employed by the Committee, although Mr. Barjon, formerly an Agent of the Committee, has rendered some services during the past year, and has been paid for the same. Mr. Charbonell chiefly distributes his labours among various stations in and around the Township of Milton, C. E., and since last report to the Synod he is described as having "prosecuted the object of his mission with devotedness and diligence." After alluding to certain difficulties and family afflictions suffered by him, the Report goes on to say: "He is prosecuting his labours with steadfastness and perseverance, amidst all the difficulties, by which he is surrounded. Your Committee declare their growing conviction, that M. Charbonell will discharge the duties of his office, to the satisfaction of those who are appointed to watch over him, and so as to deserve the full support and confidence of the Synod.

Mr. Charbonell has been instructed to present to the Committee monthly reports of his labours and progress. From these, it appears that a considerable number of the French Canadians in the vicinity of Milton, have been formed into a church, and receive at his hands, the ministrations of sacred ordinances. In his missionary visitations among the Canadians scattered throughout that locality, he generally meets with a cordial welcome. His practice is to read the Holy Scriptures, to expound Christian doctrine in a familiar way, and to pray with these families and little assemblies; and he is encouraged by the hope that the good seed which he is scattering upon the ground is not lost, but will spring up on another day. Your Committee do all in their power to encourage him, and to relieve his necessities; during the past year, they gave him a donation of £10. to enable him more easily to meet the increased expenses which the severe afflictions in his family occasioned.

The Report, then goes on to state that the Committee have had brought under their notice the names of two persons, one of them formerly a



**Roman Catholic Priest, who have been recommended to them to be employed in the work of the French Mission.** "The Committee have not come to any decision on these proposals: first, because they are not sufficiently informed concerning the character and qualifications of the persons recommended and, secondly, because unless the income of the mission be greatly increased, they could not venture upon the increased expenditure which the employment of two additional agents would create. But the Committee are unanimous in the conviction that the most effectual way to carry on the mission would be to procure from France or Geneva a minister of high character and attainments who might be qualified to gain a position in the Cities of Montreal or Quebec, and to avail himself of the opportunity now understood to be presented, by remarkable changes in the opinions and movements of large bodies of French Canadians. The Committee earnestly recommend this matter to the consideration of the Synod."

A portion of the Report is occupied with statements in regard to the property, connected with the mission, belonging to the Synod, and the various financial matters of the mission. The property consists, first, of the house in Dorchester Street, Montreal, formerly used as a small church for the French adherents of the Church of Scotland, and which now brings a rental of £20; secondly, the Church of Sorel; and, thirdly, a sum of money collected for the building of a French Church in the City of Montreal, and deposited in the Bank of Montreal, under the head of "congregational collections." The report goes on to show that these for a few years past have not been sufficient to meet the current expenditure, small though that has been, and that there is consequently a considerable amount due to the treasurer, and which ought to be made good. The report then says: "Before the Synod can sanction the attempt to engage the services of a French minister, from France or Geneva, the probable increase of expenditure should previously be taken into serious consideration. The salary of M. Charbonell is £75, and with incidental charges it may be stated at £80. A minister of suitable qualifications, from France or Geneva, cannot be expected for a stipend less than £175 per annum, which with various incidental charges may be taken at £200 per annum. These two agencies therefore, would require a constant annual revenue of about £300. The Synod would require to determine whether an annual sum of this amount could be depended on, provided a minister from France or Geneva could be engaged." "On a review of the position of the French Mission in the Township of Milton, under the charge of the Rev. M. Charbonell, it appears desirable that a piece of land be got, now when land is cheap, for a glebe for the congregation now established in that township, in connection with the Presbytery. In all probability the French language will be absorbed in the English tongue, and a large Protestant congregation will in time be settled there. We would earnestly recommend that the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be requested, to appropriate the sum of £100 for the purchase of a glebe, to be held by trustees appointed by the Commissioners. The Committee also submit to the Synod, that a convener of the Committee should be appointed, distinct from the Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal, who would be specially charged with watching over the interest of this mission.

The Synod, having heard this Report, agreed to receive and approve the same, and the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee for the care and attention they have bestowed upon the interests of this mission. The Synod re-appointed the members of the Presbytery of Montreal a Committee to take charge of the mission during the present year,—the Rev. Robert McGill, D. D., to be convener, with instructions to use their best endeavours to put the French Mission in a more favourable condition, and to use every available means for extending their

agencies and operations, should the increased liberality of the Church during the year, appear to warrant them in doing so, and the Synod instructed them to publish in the Presbyterian, from time to time for the information of congregations, such portions of the Monthly Reports given into them as was advisable, and such results of the past operations of the Missions, as might be an encouragement to the support of the Mission. And the Synod enjoined Ministers to bring the claims of this Mission before their congregations, and to advocate the same, and have collections made for the support of it, and while the Synod have had to lament the very limited contributions of many of the congregations, for a year or two back as well as the very limited agency which the Committee were able to employ, yet, now that God in His Providence is opening out to them more extended prospects of usefulness in this particular field of Missionary labour, they would affectionately and earnestly call upon all their Ministers, Elders and People to give a serious and prayerful consideration to the facts and statements brought out in the Report of the Committee and by an increased and generous Christian liberality to enable the Committee to put the Mission into a state of greater efficiency and on a broader basis—at least to the extent indicated in the Report as desirable. The purchase of a Glebe in the Township of Milton for the use of the congregation there, was also recommended.

#### REV. A. ROSS.

On a reference to the Synod, from the Presbytery of Toronto in regard to the case of the Rev. A. Ross of West Gwillimbury, who by reason of severe illness and bodily infirmity, has been unwell for the regular discharge of pastoral duty, and desired to be released from the pastoral charge, the Synod instructed the Presbytery on the compliance with certain preliminary conditions, to dissolve the pastoral relation.

#### CALLING OF MINISTERS.

The draft of the form of procedure in relation to the calling of ministers, and the proposed acts as to the status of retired ministers, were remitted to Presbyteries to send up their opinions, but remaining as interim acts for one year.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Finance Committee was given in and the accounts against the Synod ordered to be paid; and the Synod enjoined all members who had not already done so, to pay to the Clerks of the Presbyteries at the first meeting the sum of one pound each towards the re-printing of the Earlier Records of the Synod.

#### PATRIOTIC FUND.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synodical Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of soldiers was called for, and it was reported that £478 19s. 9d. had been already transmitted to Hew Ramsay, Esq., the Treasurer; but a final Report would be delivered to the ensuing meeting of Synod.

#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson inquired whether any report had been submitted from this Institution. As it was in connection with the church, and had a Theological Faculty, he thought such reports should be regularly presented to the Synod. He also desired to know, whether any appropriation from the general funds of the College was still made to Queen College school, as if so, without admitting the correctness of the appropriation, Presbyteries ought at least to have the right of sending to it, scholars free of tuition fees.

Professor Williamson said that a printed abstract of the proceedings of the Trustees for the past year, was lying on the table, for circulation among members. It had not been customary to present Reports, but he had no doubt, one would be sent in to next Synod, if desired. He also stated that a small annual grant was continued to the School, which was largely attended and proved

useful to the College, but that he considered the suggestion of Dr. Mathieson worthy of attention. Several other members of the Court then expressed their opinion, that it was desirable that a College Report should be presented to the Synod annually, and concurred in the view of Dr. Mathieson, relative to the School; but no formal action was had in the matter.

The Synod appointed a Committee to revise the minutes of the session.

#### COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod then appointed the commission of the Synod and directed the commissioners to meet in St. Andrew's Church at Kingston on the first Wednesday in October next.

#### NEXT MEETING.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the last Wednesday in May, 1856.

#### MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod in the following terms:

The business of the Synod having come to a close, it is expected that I address a few words to you before we separate, as is our practice.

*Fathers and Brethren.*—Allow me again to thank you for the honor conferred on me in unanimously electing me, to preside over your deliberations on this occasion. In undertaking the highly responsible duties of the Moderator of this Assembly I did so with hesitation, being fully aware of my own inability to perform the duties required of me, in such a manner as to justify your choice. I have to tender you my most grateful thanks for the kind indulgence with which you have borne with my faults and failings; and I may be permitted to say that in whatever point I may have come short, it was my constant wish and endeavour, to perform my duty conscientiously and impartially. With reference to the proceedings of the Synod, permit me to say, that I trust the feeling which seemed to pervade every one, at our first meeting, on listening to the pathetic, solemn and Christian appeal of Dr. Mathieson, may be lasting. Sad and wide, indeed, was the breach that had been made by the hand of death in our number since the previous meeting—and need we wonder, then, that in accordance with the melancholy circumstances brought before us, a gloom should have been on our spirits—a feeling of our deep responsibility, and of our need of greater supplies of that grace which can alone fit us for the active duties of time, or the more solemn objects of eternity. I pray God, that this feeling may produce lasting effects—that we may be not only found men in our various stations and relations,—needing not to be ashamed—but that in our character of ambassadors for Jesus, we may be filled with a double portion of that spirit, whereby our ministrations may be blessed to others, and our own souls given to us for a reward.—Discipline, although necessary for the purity and well being of the Church, is at all times painful to those who are engaged in the investigation. I think I am borne out in this observation, by what has taken place during our present Session—painful was the nature of the evidence—distressing were the feelings displayed, and difficult indeed was it for members to arrive at a satisfactory judgment—yet I trust the judgment come to may, through the blessing of God, be as well for the welfare of the Church at large, as for the benefit of the congregation especially concerned, and that our erring brother may be brought to see the error of his ways, and that by repentance and humility, he may be restored to the status, from the duties of which he is now suspended, and be spared yet to be the instrument—in the hand of the Spirit—of much good to the Church.

The verbal report of Dr. Cook, with reference to the commutation of our interests, must have been heard with satisfaction by all.

It has been an element in our Constitution.

handed down to us by our reforming forefathers, that it was the duty of the State, not only to watch over the general interests of religion, but also to support its ministrations. The history of our Church, since its formation in this Province, now stands on the records of the country, affording a lesson to all who choose to read it.

We claimed our share of that provision which had been made for the support of the Established Churches in this Province. We obtained a share, though not the full share of what we were entitled to. Against this, a Legislative enactment has been made, whereby the State cuts off all connection with the Church, but guarantees to incumbents their present allowances for their lives. I congratulate you on the near prospect of a scheme being wrought out, whereby these allowances will be put beyond the reach of any more legislative enactments, and whereby a permanent fund shall be secured, through the liberality and self-denial of the ministers.

Brotherly love and communion is, on all occasions, most desirable and becoming our character and profession. I trust the appointment of the deputations to meet with our brethren in the Lower Provinces, at their synods, will be productive of much good, and promote a permanent union of the Presbyterian body. So that, by this union, we may be able to form a General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in communion with the Church of Scotland in this Province. A scheme well worthy the attention of all, as being fraught with great advantages.

It must be a matter of sincere pleasure to the Ministers of this Church, to find the subject of lay representation taken up so warmly, as it has been and I trust that the terms of the overture on that subject will not be lost sight of, and that means will be found to secure a larger attendance of elders. When I mention that there are the names of seventy two elders on the list of members, and that only nine of these attended, it must be evident to every one, that it is time that something was done to remedy this evil.

In addressing my fathers and seniors, I feel it would be presumptuous in me to offer any advice, but I would merely say, that, from the experience you have had in the vineyard of our Lord, and having already borne the heat and burden of the day, I trust that now, in the evening of life, you may still be enabled vigorously to work out the work given you to do, and that in the gleaning time the clusters you gather, may be not only ripe, but large and abundant, even as the clusters of Eschol.

To my brothers and equals, I would say; the work in the field of the world, may, in many instances, have proved laborious, but what does our gracious Master say to encourage us to persevere: "My grace is sufficient for you, and my strength will be perfected in the midst of your weakness." Let not your hands be weary in well doing, but may you see the work of the Lord prospering in your hands. Let not your hearts fail within you—be not dismayed—for the work, though arduous, is glorious. Do not despair, because you cannot discern that success you would wish. Remember you are not called on to judge, but to labour. Though the portion of the field you labour in may appear rugged and unfruitful, and the seed you have scattered over it, may not appear in that healthy and vigorous state you could wish, remember the suitable exhortation which was addressed to us by my predecessor at the opening of the Synod—"A Paul may plant and an Apollon may water; but it is God alone that can give the increase." You know not what refreshing influences the dews of the Spirit may yet have upon your labours;—it is only when the harvest shall have been completed, and the crop gathered into the garner, that the result will be known. Remember the Owner of the field, requires none to work for nought—He will pay us our wages; and whilst receiving that, may we also have the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

To the younger members, of whom so goodly a number have been present, I would say—bear with me while I offer you a word of exhortation. While it rejoices our hearts to see so many young and ardent labours conjoined with us, and while we have cause to feel proud at the talent and the amount of literary acquirements exhibited by many of you, let me exhort you to much watchfulness, study and prayer. You are yet young; I would recommend to your earnest attention, the bearing and example of the stripling David, when going forth alone in the sight of the warriors and mighty men of valour of both armies, to do battle against him who had defied the enmity of the living God. The warfare you are engaged in is a soul stirring one. The armour of the soldiers and the splendour of the array is such as to attract your attention. You are now on the battle field: look well to your armour—see that it is firmly buckled on; for this armour is not only admirably suited to ornament the person, but also to protect and enable you to fight successfully—fight the Good fight. Look steadily to the Great Captain of our Salvation. The enemy opposed to you is not only strong and powerful, but also subtle and vindictive. If you are victorious, you may, as David, hear the sounds of praise and laudation. We beseech you not to linger to listen to such—the melody may be pleasant, the sounds may be agreeable, still it is but the praise of men. But remember that, like David, you will have to suffer the persecution of the world and of the powers that be, and this even in the face of promised support and assistance. This may be so severe that, like David, you may have to leave for a time that shelter to which you were introduced by that very power which now harasses and annoys you. But though like him you may have to wander solitarily—even as an outcast—be not dismayed; there is a throne in prospect, there is honour in reserve.

And now that we are about to separate, may the protecting arm of an All-gracious Providence be around us,—may we arrive at our several abodes in safety, refreshed with the brotherly communion we have enjoyed,—and may our hearts, from our hands again drink renewed draughts, drawn from that precious fountain which is free to all.

After prayer and singing the last half of the 122nd Psalm, the Synod was closed with the apostolic benediction.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES IN LONDON.

"The anniversary meetings of our religious philanthropic societies have been proceeding almost incessantly during the week, three on an average being held every day. The high prices of food and the additional taxation imposed by the war appear to have very sensibly affected the finances of most of the societies, some of them being several thousand pounds sterling deficient of their ordinary income. The British and Foreign Bible Society, on the contrary, reports a larger income than during any previous year, except that of Jubilee, the total receipts being £136,032. The issues for the year were 1,450,876 copies, being an increase of 83,348. This certainly does not look like going back to Popery and the darkness of the middle ages. The annual meeting of the Society was as large as usual. Exeter-Hall was full. Lord Shaftesbury presided."

THE WAR-OFFICE AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

The following correspondence has passed on the subject of the appointment of additional assistant chaplains at the seat of War:—

War-Office, March 28, 1855.

"Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 13th instant to the chaplain-general, offering, on the part of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to nominate additional chaplains to the army in the East, upon the same terms as were adopted with regard to those who have already been appointed under its recommendation, I am directed to convey to you Lord Panmure's high sense of the liberality of the offer which you have made on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and in acquainting you that his Lordship accepts your proposal I am instructed to state that the names of twelve clergymen to act in the capacity of assistant chaplains to the camp and hospitals in the East may accordingly be submitted for appointment, who will be provided each with a free passage, and receive 100*l.* a year from this department, with rations for self and servant, forage for a horse, and field allowances.

"I am to add that these gentlemen will be subject to the same discipline and authority as the chaplains exclusively paid by the Government.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant

B. Hawes.

"The Secretary, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel."

"Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 79, Pall-mall, March 30, 1855.

"Sir,—The Society has learned with extreme satisfaction that its proposal of nominating twelve additional assistant chaplains for the duty of the camp and hospitals in the East has been approved by Lord Panmure.

"I have now to request you to inform his Lordship that the Society will proceed to make the necessary recommendations, as promptly as a due regard to the caution required in ascertaining the qualifications of candidates will permit. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

B. Hawes, Esq. ERNEST HAWKINS."

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—The Record gives the following information, which, we trust, will be acceptable to the large number of Protestants, who are about to visit Paris.

We would only remind our readers that the existing English churches and chapels in Paris, supported as they are by voluntary payments, must, so far as they afford accommodation, have the first claim on visitors to that capital. In connexion with our own church we need do no more than name the Rev. R. Lovett's Chapel in the Rue Marboeuf:—

We are also informed that the use of the beautiful Protestant Church of the Oratoire has been conceded to the Bishop of London for English Protestant services during the Paris Exhibition. This arrangement we believe to be in a great measure due to the good offices of Mr. Canon Burgess. The preachers have been appointed by the Bishop, and, although they are, as might be expected of different shades of opinion in the Church, yet they may be said very fairly to represent the actual state of the Church of England. Archdeacon Sinclair is to preach the two first sermons, and may be supposed to represent the Bishop himself. The Hon. Dr. Wellesley, the Dean of Windsor, as brother of Lord Cowley, the British Ambassador, occupies another Sunday. Then comes the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Canon Villiers, brother of the Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and afterwards Mr. Canon Burgess, who has been so long and honourably a connecting link between the Evangelical Protestantism of France and Switzerland, and the Evangelicalism of England.

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Rev. H. Gibson, Galt,.....	1855	0	2	6
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Mrs. Jardine, ".....	1855	0	2	6
George Fowler, ".....	1855	0	2	6
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