

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF
THE SYNOD

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SESSION XXII.

HELD AT MONTREAL, 2ND JULY,

1851.

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1. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—*Clerk, REV. J. B. MOWAT, A. M., Niagara.*
Meets at Hamilton on the second Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

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Meets at Perth on the second Wednesday in January, May and September.

Perth 1st Church.....	William Bell, A.M.....	John Ferguson.
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Richmond.....	David Evans.....	William McFarlane.
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Meets at Kingston on the First Wednesday of every month.

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Percy.		
Belmont.		

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Duncan Morrison, Missionary of the Congregation
of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston.

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4. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Clerk, REV. J. BARCLAY, A.M., Toronto.

Meets on the Third Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Pickering.....	Peter McNaughton, A.M.	William Gourlie.
Esquesing and Milton.....	Peter Ferguson.....	Hugh Foster.
Scarboro'	James George.....	William Paterson.
King.....	John Tawse, A.M.	
Chinguacousy	Thomas Johnson.	
Mono	Alexander Lewis.	
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Vaughan.....		Donald Cameron.
Darlington, Scott and Uxbridge, Thorah, Brock and Reach, Sunnidale and Nottawasaga, Caledon, Newmarket, Whilby, Mara.	Rev. John Whyte, Missionary. Kenneth McLennan, Catechist.	

5. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—Cik, REV. A. WALLACE, A.B., Huntingdon.

Meets on the First Wednesday of February, May, August and November.

St. Andrew's, Montreal....	A. Mathieson, D.D.....	Hugh Brodie.
Dundee.....	Duncan Moody.	
Chatham.....	William Mair.	
Ormsdown.....	James Anderson.....	Neil Campbell.
Georgetown.....	James C. Muir.....	William Hamilton.
Quebec, St. Andrew's.....	John Cook, D.D.....	John Thompson.
Lachine.....	William Simpson.....	John Anderson, M. D.
Hemmingford.....	John Marlin.	
New Richmond.....	John Davidson.....	John Jamieson.
Three Rivers.....	James Thom.....	L. J. McNair.
Huntingdon.....	Alexander Wallace, A.B.	Hugh Barr.
St. Paul's, Montreal.....	Robert McGill.....	John Bruce.
St. Louis.....	James T. Paul.	
Beauharnois.....	Thomas Haig.....	James Lang.
Beech Ridge, Valcartier, Melbourne, Laprairie, St. Eustache, New Carlisle Norvalltown.		
French Congregation, Montreal and Quebec.	} Louis Baridon, Missionary.	

6. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.—Cik, REV. T. MCPHERSON, A.M., Lancaster.

Meets on the Third Wednesday of January, May and September.

Williamstown.....	John McKenzie, A.M....	Hon. John McGillivray.
Cornwall.....	Hugh Urquhart, A.M....	James Pringle.
Martintown.....	John McLaurin.....	Alexander McMartin.
Osnabruck.....	Isaac Purkis.....	William R. Croil.
Lancaster.....	Thomas McPherson, A.M.	John McPherson.
Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George.....	Aeneas McLean.....	Angus Catanach.
Finch.....	Donald Monro.....	Duncan McMillan.
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with
the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal, the 2nd day of
July, and concluded the 9th day of July, 1851 years:**

SESSION XXII.

DIET I.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Wednesday, the Second Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Years:—*

The which day, after Sermon by the Rev. James C. Muir, Minister of Georgetown, and a former Moderator, from 1 Cor., xiv. 40, "Let all things be done decently and in order,"—(in absence of the Moderator for the preceding year,) the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, and was by him constituted with prayer.

Presbytery Rolls having been given in, the Synod Roll was made up, and read over.

Sederunt, Mr. James C. Muir, *Moderator, pro tempore*, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Colin Gregor, Mr. George Bell, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. Daniel Macnee, Mr. John Robb, Mr. William Bell, (Perth,) Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. Solomon Mylne, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. John Barclay, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Duncan Moody, Mr. William Mair, Mr. James Anderson, Dr. John Cook, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Marlin, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. James Thom, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. James T. Paul, Mr. Thomas Haig, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John McLaurin, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Æneas McLean, and Mr. Donald Monro, *Ministers*; together with Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. Joseph Bruce, Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. John Thompson, Dr. John Anderson, and Mr. John Bruce, *Elders*.

The Rev. Alexander Spence, Moderator of the Presbytery of Bathurst, entered a Protest in his own name, and on behalf and by authority of the Presbytery of Bathurst, against the name of the Rev. Thomas Haig

being allowed to stand on the Roll of the Synod, for reasons which were given in and read, alleging certain irregularities as connected with Mr. Haig's settlement at Beauharnois. The Synod agreed to make the consideration of this matter the first business to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Robert Neill, Minister of Seymour, was unanimously elected Moderator of the Synod for the ensuing year, and, at the Synod's desire, took the Chair.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of three Trustees for Queen's College, at Kingston, in room of the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, the Rev. Dr. Cook, and the Rev. Robert Neill, who retire from office at this time, according to the terms of the Royal Charter of Queen's College, when the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D. D., the Rev. John Cook, D. D., and the Rev. Robert Neill were unanimously re-elected, and their names placed at the top of the Roll;—and the Clerk was instructed to intimate the same to the Board of Trustees.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of Two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in room of the Hon. James Morris, and the Hon. James Crooks, who retire from office at this time according to the Regulations of Synod, of 1848, when William Edmonstone, Esq., of Montreal, and Hew Ramsay, Esq., of Montreal, were unanimously elected, and their names directed, in terms of the aforesaid Regulations, to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners; and the Clerk was instructed to certify the above appointment of Commissioners to the Government.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, with instructions to meet to-morrow morning at Nine o'clock; and all Papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee, viz:—the Moderator and Clerk, Mr. Colin Gregor, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. Daniel Macnee, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. John Barclay, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, and Mr. Thomas McPherson, *Ministers*; and Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. Joseph Bruce, Mr. Hugh Brodie, and Mr. John Bruce, *Elders*.

Leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet in Montreal, for all competent business, during the sitting of the Synod, at such hours as the Synod may not be met.

The Synod agreed to continue in session each day until 5 o'clock, with an interval of an hour, from 1 till 2,—and it was further agreed

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

DIET II.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Thursday, the Third Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. James Thom, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer.

Sederunt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures made a Report of the business to come before the Synod.

There was produced and read to the Synod the Answer of His Excellency the Governor General to the Address of the Synod presented to him last year;—also a Communication from the Governor's Secretary, intimating for the information of the Synod, that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had laid before the Queen the Synod's Address to Her Majesty, which they presented to His Excellency for transmission in July last, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously.

The Synod then agreed to take up the consideration of Mr. Spence's Protest, with reasons, against the name of the Rev. Thomas Haig standing on the Roll of the Synod, which was read.—There were also read, anent the case of Mr. Haig, the Minutes of Synod, of last year,—the Minutes of the Presbytery of Bathurst,—the Minutes of the Presbytery of Montreal,—and also the Minutes of the Commission of Synod at Montreal in February last. The Moderator and several members of the Presbytery of Bathurst were then heard in regard to the proceedings of that Presbytery in the case of Mr. Haig. Several members of the Presbytery of Montreal were also heard in regard to the proceedings of that Presbytery in the same case. Parties having been removed, the

Synod proceeded to consider the whole case. It was then moved by Dr. Machar, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, that the Synod "find that while the Presbytery of Bathurst may not have used so much diligence as was desirable in loosing Mr. Haig from his charge, it was improper in the Presbytery of Montreal to proceed to Mr. Haig's induction to Beauharnois till they had evidence of his having been formally loosed from the charge of Brockville,—disapprove, in the circumstances of the case, of the reference to the Commission,—but inasmuch as both Presbyteries appear to have acted *bona fide* in the case, the Synod do now ratify Mr. Haig's induction, and dismiss all further consideration of the matter."—It was also moved in amendment by Mr. McLaurin, seconded by Mr. McPherson, "that the Synod, having considered the complaint of the Presbytery of Bathurst against the induction of the Rev. Thomas Haig at Beauharnois by the Presbytery of Montreal,—and heard the Presbytery of Bathurst in support of said complaint, and the Presbytery of Montreal in defence of their proceedings in Mr. Haig's case, do agree, notwithstanding of some irregularity on the part of both Presbyteries, to sustain the proceedings of the Presbytery of Montreal in this case, as advised by the Commission of Synod, and to confirm the induction of Mr. Haig at Beauharnois." The Roll having been called, and the votes marked, the amendment was carried by a majority of votes, and the Synod decerned in terms thereof. Against this decision Dr. Cook dissented in his own name and the name of all who should adhere to him, for reasons to be given in. Mr. Bain also dissented in his own name and the name of all who should adhere to him, for reasons to be given in.

The Synod appointed the following Examining Committee, in terms of the Act anent the Examination of Ministers, Preachers, and Students, coming from other Churches not in connection with this Church, viz., the Moderator and Clerk, Mr. William King, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. Daniel Macnee, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, Dr. John Machar, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Barclay, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. John Cook, Mr. Robt. McGill, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. John McKenzie, and Mr. Hugh Urquhart.

It was intimated to the Synod, on behalf of the Presbytery of Toronto, that it was the intention of said Presbytery, with leave of the Synod to take Mr. Kenneth McLennan, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, on trials for license; and it was also intimated, on behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston, that it was their intention, with leave of the Synod, to take Mr. John Campbell, Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, on trials for license;—it having been ascertained that, in both cases, the

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Circular letters, issued by these Presbyteries respectively, had been received in due time, and that no objections were offered, the Synod directed that said Students appear before the Examining Committee,—and appointed a meeting of the Examining Committee to be held to-morrow morning at Nine o'clock.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of Three Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in room of the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Alexander Simpson, Esq., and Hew Ramsay, Esq., who retire from office at this time, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, when the said Alexander Mathieson, D. D., Alexander Simpson, Esq., and Hew Ramsay, Esq., were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed to be placed at the head of the lists of Ministers and Laymen respectively, composing the Board.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, several documents from the Presbytery of Glengary, in the case of Mr. William Ferguson, of Williamstown, Glengary, brought before the Synod at last meeting. After due consideration, it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. McGill, and unanimously agreed to "that, inasmuch as Mr. Ferguson was deprived of his Status by the Church of Scotland, the Synod direct him to seek restoration to his Status from that Church."

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Presbytery of Toronto, founded on certain Petitions from the congregation of Scott and Uxbridge, requesting the Synod to authorize them to remove the sentence of suspension from Mr. William Brown, formerly Minister of that congregation, when they shall see cause to do so. After due deliberation, it was unanimously resolved, "that it will not be conducive to the good of this Church to take any steps towards the removal of the suspension, *sine die*, passed at last Synod, on Mr. Brown, of Scott and Uxbridge,—and the Synod decline to give any authority to the Presbytery of Toronto to interfere in the matter."

The Synod then adjourned until Ten o'clock to-morrow morning,—and was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Friday, the Fourth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-one Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Thomas Scott, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

Mr. Bain gave in his reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod yesterday, in the case of the settlement of Mr. Haig at Beauharnois, adhered to by Mr. Spence, Mr. W. Bell, Mr. Mann, Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Mylne, and Mr. John Ferguson. The said reasons were read and ordered to be kept *in retentis*,—and Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, Mr. Muir, and Mr. McLaurin were appointed a Committee to answer them.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, to the effect "That the Synod of Canada should take into their consideration the agitation that has been lately renewed by certain parties, to procure the alienation of the Clergy Reserve Fund from those religious objects for which it has been set apart by the Imperial Parliament ;—and, with the view of defining our position as a Church, and of defending the rights that we have acquired, to issue such a declaration of the principles we hold touching the obligations of Christian Rulers to promote true religion, and the duty that is laid upon ourselves to defend the advantages which have been solemnly guaranteed to us by national treaties and legislation, as shall manifest before the world, that, in the course we pursue we seek no personal or temporary advantage, but the general and permanent good of the people committed to our charge." The Synod, having considered the Overture, referred it to the following Committee, with instructions to draft a Paper in conformity with the said Overture, and report the same to the Synod on Monday,—the consideration of the Draft to form the first business on that day, viz., Mr. McGill, (Convener)

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There was brought before the Synod several Overtures from Dr. Cook, in regard to training to the Pastoral work, young men who have the Ministry in view;—in regard to using more energetic measures for obtaining a number of Preachers from Scotland;—and in regard to devising some mode for the more effectual visitation of all the congregations in connection with the Synod. The Synod, after some discussion, appointed the following Committee, viz., Dr. Cook, (Convener,) Mr. McGill, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Muir, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Spence, Mr. Macnee, and Mr. Bruce, with instructions to prepare, for the adoption of the Synod, drafts of Minutes embodying the views of the Synod, and to report this evening.

The Synod appointed Mr. Barclay, Mr. George Bell, and Mr. Bain a Committee to attend to the financial concerns of the Synod;—and the Synod instructed Presbytery Clerks and others to pay over to the Committee all monies collected by them for the Synod Fund, and directed all accounts against the Synod to be given in.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were given in;—when the Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the same, and report on them, viz., Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McLaurin, and Mr. John Bruce, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton;—Mr. McPherson, Mr. McKenzie, and Dr. Anderson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst;—Mr. Bain, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Brodie, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston;—Mr. Wallace, Mr. Haig, and Mr. Thompson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto;—Mr. Barclay, Mr. G. Bell, and Mr. Ferguson to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal;—Mr. Scott, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Joseph Bruce to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary.

The Synod had transmitted to them an Overture from Dr. Machar, in regard to all proper means being taken, in view of the great want of Ministers throughout the bounds of the Synod, to increase their number, as also in regard to the importance to the Church, of the young men presently studying for the Ministry being tenderly and carefully watched over, not only during the terms of their attendance at College, but also throughout the rest of the year. The Synod, having fully considered the said Overture, recommend both to Presbyteries and individual Ministers to look out for youths of promising abilities and of piety to be brought under the education and training necessary to their entering College,—and, further, recommend to Presbyteries to use all diligence in watching over the youths now studying Theology,—and also recom-

commend to Ministers to aid such youths in their studies privately, and, on their removing to College, to commend them specially to the Pastoral superintendence of the Minister resident at the seat of the University. The Synod, further, enjoin all their Students of Divinity to appear before the Presbyteries, within whose bounds they reside, at least once during the Summer recess for the purpose of being examined, and, on their re-entering the Divinity Hall, to produce a certificate from their Presbyteries that they have done so.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on the several matters brought before the Synod by Dr. Cook's Overture, which was given in and read,—when the Synod proceeded to deliberate on these matters, and give deliverances on them severally.

The Synod, having taken into their consideration the advantages that would result from the more thorough training to the Pastoral work, of young men having the Ministry in view, resolved, That, as soon as any Student of Divinity receives license, he shall, as indispensable to his receiving a Charge, spend one year under the superintendence of a Minister appointed by the Synod, during which time he shall act as assistant to such Minister, whose duty to such licentiate shall be to direct his studies, initiate him into the discharge of the duties of the Pastoral Office, and, generally, prepare him for undertaking that office; that each year the Synod assign licentiates to Ministers for this end—taking order that a suitable provision be made for the support of such licentiates;—and, that the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be requested to put £100 a year at the disposal of the Synod towards making such a provision. This Act not retrospective, without consent of parties, who shall yet be advised to comply with it, for their own good.

The Synod then took up the consideration of the destitute condition of many of their Congregations, and the necessity of making more strenuous efforts to procure a supply of Preachers to meet that destitution, when, after mature deliberation, it was unanimously resolved, That the Synod do respectfully represent to the Commissioners of the Clergy Reserves that the means at their disposal be partly employed in bringing licentiates of good talents from Scotland, and that they do either themselves appoint a Commissioner or authorize a Commissioner appointed by the Synod to proceed to Scotland and procure, if possible, the services of six licentiates;—one to be placed in Quebec, one in Montreal, one in Kingston, one in Bytown, one in Toronto, and one in Hamilton;—such licentiates to be under the direction of the Presbyteries of the bounds in which they are located:—And that the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be requested to offer £100 a-year to each of such licentiates, till he take

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a charge in the country, or for such time as they see fit. The Synod, further, agreed to request the General Assembly's Colonial Committee to grant an additional sum of £50 sterling, a-year, to each of such licentiates:—And the Synod requires each Presbytery in which a licentiate is placed to pledge itself to give £50 currency additional towards his salary:—And Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to procure calls to vacant Congregations, to be entrusted to any Commissioner who may be appointed, and to give him all the information they possess in regard of vacant charges.

The Synod, having had under their consideration the subject of the Visitation of Congregations, it was, after mature deliberation, resolved, That it is expedient and necessary, in the present circumstances of this Church, to appoint a Visitor, or Visitors, to proceed through all the congregations of this Church, and, under the authority of the Synod, to perform those duties which were, by former Resolutions of this Synod, entrusted to Presbyterian Visitors;—the said Visitor or Visitors to report to the Synod,—it being competent for him or them, however, to lay before the Presbytery of the bounds any information or suggestions which appear to be of importance, on which said Presbytery are hereby enjoined to take such action as to them may appear right and expedient.

The Synod adjourned till Ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Saturday, the Fifth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Rev. John B. Mowat, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer.

Sederunt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to draft an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, viz., Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McKenzie, and Mr.

Bain;—and the following to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, viz., Mr. Purkiss, and Mr. McLaurin.

The Synod agreed that the Rev. Professor Smith, at present in Britain, be authorized to repair to London, and watch over, and take all necessary steps to guard the interests of this Church, as they may be affected by any new legislation in regard to the Clergy Reserves.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the congregation of Stratford and North Easthope to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, praying for a grant of money to aid them in finishing their two Churches—along with a recommendation of the Presbytery of Hamilton in favour of the same. The Synod declined granting their sanction until it is shown that the proper evidence has been adduced to the Presbytery that the Title Deeds of the Property secure the same to this Church.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by the Presbytery of Montreal, through the Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Memorial from the congregation of Three Rivers praying the Presbytery of Montreal to sanction an application, on their behalf, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly for aid in building a Church—together with a Minute of Presbytery in favour of the same. The Synod instructed the Presbytery to transmit the same as soon as they shall have evidence that the necessary conditions are complied with, in regard to the Title Deeds of the Property.

The Synod had also transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Congregation of Eldon, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, for aid in finishing their Church, which was shown to be built upon a Glebe secured by Deed to this Church,—together with a recommendation in favour of the same from the Presbytery of Toronto. The Synod agreed to sanction the same, and ordered it to be transmitted to the Colonial Committee, along with the necessary Extract Minutes of Presbytery and Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them the Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The same was read,—and it was agreed that it should be considered on Monday, immediately after the disposal of the Report of the Committee on the Clergy Reserve Paper.

The Synod made the following appointments for the public services of the Sabbath, viz., in St. Andrew's Church, Mr. Mowat to preach in the forenoon, Mr. Macnee in the afternoon, and Mr. Mylne in the evening. In St. Paul's Church, Mr. Barclay to preach in the forenoon, Mr.

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Mann in the afternoon, and Mr. Macnee in the evening. Mr. McLaurin to preach at Beechridge, in Gaelic, Mr. Robb at St. Laurent, and Mr. Davidson at Laprairie.

The Synod called for the Report of the Commission appointed at last Synod to meet in Montreal, and investigate the affairs connected with the state of the French Mission in September last, which was given in and read by Dr. Machar and Mr. Edmonstone, on behalf of the Commission. The Synod agreed to approve the Report, and to give the thanks of the Synod to the Commission for their diligence, discretion, and fidelity in managing the important matters committed to them. It was agreed that this Report, and all other matters connected with the French Mission, be taken up for more full consideration on Monday, after the disposal of the Report of the Managers of the Widows' Fund.

Memorials were laid before the Synod from the Congregations of Williamsburgh, in the Presbytery of Glengary, and Amherstburgh, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, representing the destitute condition of said Congregations, and requesting that steps be taken by the Synod to procure Ministers for them. The Clerk was instructed to assure the Memorialists of the deep sympathy felt by the Synod in their deprivation of religious ordinances, and to intimate to them the good prospect the Synod has of an additional supply of Ministers from Scotland, steps having been taken by the Synod for that end. The Synod also agreed to commend these cases to the special notice of the Presbyteries of Glengary and Hamilton respectively, and to direct these Presbyteries to make every effort in their power to procure suitable Ministers for said Congregations. The Synod, further, instructed Presbyteries generally to prepare full accounts of all the vacant Congregations within their bounds, showing their condition generally, and how far they may be able to support Ministers, and have the same transmitted to Scotland through whatever Agency may be employed to procure Preachers.

The Synod adjourned till half-past Ten o'clock on Monday morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church, there :—
Monday, the Seventh Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. William Bain conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and sustained.

The Synod having called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft a paper setting forth the views of this Church in regard to the Clergy Reserve Fund, the Convener, Mr. McGill, reported a Draft of certain Resolutions for the consideration of the Synod. The said Resolutions having been read, and copies furnished for the consideration of members, the Synod agreed to defer the discussion of them until to-morrow morning.

There was laid before the Synod a Statement from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in regard to the state of the Fund, and the same having been read, the Synod, on motion of Mr. McGill, seconded by Mr. Barclay, declared their satisfaction therewith, and instructed the Moderator to convey to the Commissioners, in the name of the Synod, their cordial thanks for the great diligence and ability with which they have conducted the interests of their trust :—And, having learned from the Statement that the Commissioners have obtained the services of the Hon. William Morris who has proceeded to London to watch over the interests of this Church, as they may be affected by any new legislation in regard to the Clergy Reserves, the Synod, further, record their satisfaction with the procedure of the Commissioners in this matter, and instructed the Moderator, in the name of the Synod, to express the thanks of this Church to the Hon. William Morris for the readiness with which he has undertaken this important mission, and for the great ability with which, during his whole public life, he has advocated the claims and rights of the Church of Scotland in Canada.

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Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which was again read, and is as follows:—

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Board of Managers beg leave to lay before the Synod the Annual Report for the year ending on the 1st July instant.

During the year the Managers have received the sum of £460 18s 7d from the following sources, viz:—

From Congregational Collections, - - - -	£202 18 7
“ Ministers' Individual Contributions, - - - -	193 10 0
“ Professors of Queen's College, - - - -	4 10 0
“ Revenue of monies invested by the Board - - - -	60 0 0

The Managers have much gratification in being able to state, that the income from every one of these sources has been greater during the last year than during the one preceding, and a growing interest in the Scheme, on the part of the people, is evident from the fact, that 22 Congregations have to a considerable extent augmented their collections. But it must be evident to the Synod, that there is still ample room for increased liberality on the part of the Congregations, for in looking over the collections, it will be found that 8 Congregations contribute as the Annual Collection from each, a sum less than £1,—several being only 10s. each, and one being 7s. 9d.

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A great increase to these collections may surely be looked for, when the benefits likely to accrue to the Church from the working of this Fund become more generally known.

It is the duty of the Board to inform the Synod, that eight Ministers have made no collection in aid of this fund for the year just terminated, although strictly enjoined to do so by order of Synod, as fully set forth in the Acts and Proceedings for 1847, Sept. 13th, fol. 16, and the Managers leave to the Synod the taking of such steps regarding these its members as may to it appear right under the circumstances.

Their names are as follow:—

(Four of these have since paid and their names are withdrawn.)

Rev. Archibald Colquhoun,	Presbytery of Kingston.
“ Thomas Johnston,	“ Toronto.
“ Alexander Ross,	“ “
“ Alexander McKid,	“ Hamilton.

The present condition of the Fund may be shortly stated thus—

Amount already invested - - - -	£1350
“ on hand to be invested - - -	143
Making a capital sum of nearly - - -	£1500

The expenditure during the year has been—

Annuity to one widow - - - -	£20 0 0
Postages, stationery and incidental charges -	7 11 3

From this short statement it will be seen that this Fund, although in its infancy at present, is likely to become one of very great importance to the Church, if properly managed and supported in a liberal spirit by the people. It is quite evident that the contribution of Ministers as individuals are, considering their very limited means, fully as much as can be expected from them. But it is the opinion of this Board that if the claims of this scheme, upon the members of the Church are fairly submitted and zealously advocated the Congregational Collections, instead of equalling, as they now do, the individual contributions of Ministers would more likely double them.

During the past year three Ministers have in the Providence of God been removed by death, and two of them have left Widows with large families, each having six children.

Both of these cases have lately been considered by the Board, and decided upon in accordance with the plan submitted to the Synod last year.

In the one case, that of the Widow of the late Rev. Jno. Smith of Beckwith, she was at once placed upon that Fund, which is composed of Ministers' Individual Contributions, for an annuity of £10 a-year, and upon that Fund which is composed of Congregational Collections for an annuity of £6 a-year, making in all £16 a-year.

In the other case, that of the Widow of the late Rev. Jno. Dickey of Williamsburgh, she was in like manner at once placed upon that Fund, which is composed of Ministers' Individual Contributions, for an annuity of £10 a-year, and upon that Fund which is composed of Congregational Collections for an annuity of £5 a-year, making in all £15 a-year.

It will be in the recollection of the Synod that the Board last year submitted a graduated scale, by which it was proposed that where the average of Congregational Collections amounted to £3, a-year, the annuity to widows and orphans should be £10 a-year, when the average amounted to

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It will also be in the recollection of the Synod that the Board reserved to itself the right of determining upon all cases in which the Collections from Congregations were less than £3, each case upon its own merits and without reference to the adopted scale. It may be observed here that the sum of £3 was fixed upon as the lowest in the scale because that is the sum paid by each Minister, and it was supposed that the united efforts of a Congregation should surely equal the Minister's own payment.

In reference to this plan the Managers find from the Acts and Proceedings for 1850, fol. 23, "that the Synod unanimously resolved not to act for the present year on the suggestion made by the Board to modify the allowance to the widows of those Ministers whose Congregational Collections in aid of the Fund may not have come up to the sum expected by the Board."

The Board of Managers respectfully submit to the Synod that the graduated scale was adopted after careful consideration, and it was deemed by them the only one calculated to carry out with fairness and impartiality the object for which the Corporation was created. They believed that while it gave a greater share of the fund, in proportion to the smaller contributors, it at the same time to a certain extent, rewarded the exertions of the larger or more zealous congregations.

It is certainly most desirable that the Synod at its present meeting, should declare whether it approves of the scale recommended last year, because much of the success to be derived from such an association, proceeds from the uniformity of arrangements connected with it, and the permanency of the rules and regulations for its management.

The Board are deeply impressed with the necessity of continuing the plan on which they are now acting, because if any departure be permitted from it, and an attempt made to equalise the benefits from the fund indiscriminately to all widows, they feel persuaded that the collections, already in many cases very paltry and unworthy of any Congregation, however poor or few in number, will suffer a rapid diminution. They feel confident also that the lesson to be learned by Congregations of the effects arising from their own neglect or apathy will not be lost on them. In the case for example, of one of the widows before referred to, it consists with the knowledge of some of the members of Synod, that had the Congregation of the late Minister contributed in any reasonable proportion to their means and numbers, the position of the widow would have been greatly improved. The knowledge of this fact will not only, it is hoped, stimulate that Congregation to do its duty better in future, but also all others who shall acquire a knowledge of it.

However strongly impressed the Board is with the necessity of continuing the graduated scale, yet they are perfectly willing and ready to carry into effect any other plan which the Synod may prefer. They can, of course, have no other object in view than the improvement of the Fund, and the distribution of the interest amongst those entitled to participate in the most equitable manner.

The Board have frequently had under consideration the case of the Widow of the late Mr. Lambie, of Pickering, and after mature deliber-

ation, and after consulting with the Presbytery of Toronto, of which he was a member, a legal opinion was obtained favourable to her claim, and she has been placed upon the Fund for an annuity of £10 a-year, which the Board hope will meet the approval of the Synod. As a matter of course she received no payment from the Fund of Congregational Collections, as no collection was ever made by the late Mr. Lambie.

The whole is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Synod.

ALEX. MATHIESON, *Chairman.*
HEW RAMSAY, *Secretary.*

MONTREAL, 5th July, 1851.

The Synod agreed to receive the said Report, and to give the cordial thanks of the Synod to the Board of Managers for the disinterested zeal, ability and faithfulness with which they have managed the important trust committed to them. The Synod, after mature deliberation, agreed to approve the suggestion made by the Managers in their Report, in regard to the graduated scale of payments to Widows, from that part of the Fund composed of congregational collections, founded on the average of said collections, amounting to Three Pounds and upwards, to the effect "that where the average of congregational collections amounted to £3 a year, the annuity to Widows and Orphans should be £10 a year; when the average amounted to

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And further, that the Board reserved to itself the right of determining upon all cases in which the collections from congregations were less than £3, each case upon its own merits, and without reference to the adopted scale." The Synod regret to find that a number of congregations have neglected to make collections in aid of the Fund, and enjoin the Ministers of such congregations as are in arrears to have the collections made without delay, and forwarded to the Treasurer. The Synod, further, enjoin all Ministers and congregations to be punctual in making the collection at the proper time, and remitting the same immediately to the Treasurer, and also recommend to the congregations to exercise greater liberality. And Presbyteries are directed to see that, in appointments of supply of sermon to vacant congregations, arrangements be made for affording to such congregations, as far as possible, an opportunity of contributing to this Fund. And the Synod request the Board of Managers to prepare a short appeal to congregations, setting forth their duty in this matter, to be read by Ministers from the pulpit, on a Sabbath previously to making the collection.

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The Synod then took up the consideration of the several matters connected with the French Mission; and had read the Report of the Financial Committee, giving a statement of the Building Fund, and showing the present state of the Mission Fund, together with the payments made to Mr. Lapelletrie, who had been obliged from impaired health, to leave this Province, and return to his native country, to try if a milder climate would not in some measure, restore his weakened powers. The Synod next took up the Report of the Commission appointed at the last Session to adjudicate on the whole matters in dispute between Mr. Lapelletrie and the Committee who had charge of the French Mission, which being again read, the Synod approved and sustained the judgments delivered by the Commission, the substance of which follows, namely:—

1. In regard of the funds collected in Great Britain, and other parts of Europe, as well as the United States and various parts of the British Provinces, chiefly by Mr. Lapelletrie, as the agent of the French Mission Committee, "that although there is evidence that, in collecting these sums, the general claims of the Mission were urged, as well as the specific object of building a Church in Montreal; yet, inasmuch as that object appears to have been particularly set forth in the credentials given to Mr. Lapelletrie, it is expedient that the sum be exclusively devoted to the building of a Church in Montreal."

2. In regard to the claims of Mr. Lapelletrie for certain arrears of salary, the Commissioners, after a long and minute examination, were of opinion that arrears to a certain extent were due, in which all parties concurring, the Commissioners direct that this sum be paid.

3. In regard to the Deed of the French Mission Church and property in Dorchester Street, Montreal, now held by one single trustee, "that it is expedient to have the deed of the Dorchester Street property now prepared according to the instructions of the Synod in 1845," namely,— "That the French Church property in Montreal be held in trust, on behalf of the Synod, by the Ministers of the several congregations in Montreal, in connection with this Synod, together with an Elder of the French Church to be chosen by the Presbytery of Montreal, and their successors in office; and that in the event of any of the churches in Montreal being without a Minister, the vacancy so caused in the trust be temporarily filled up by an Elder from that church, to be appointed for that purpose by the Presbytery of Montreal."

4. In regard to the character of Mr. Lapelletrie's pamphlet, that "the conduct of Mr. Lapelletrie is declared to be worthy of censure, and it is

recommended to the Presbytery of Montreal, to which he belongs, to deal with the case as they shall deem best."

5. In regard to the proper Ministerial status of Mr. Lapelletrie, as involved in his refusal to labour as the Synod's Missionary any where out of the city of Montreal;—that while Mr. Lapelletrie is an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, in Canada, and has, with the sanction of the Presbytery of Montreal, acted as Minister of the small congregation of French Protestants in Montreal, yet he has never been inducted to any pastoral charge by the Presbytery, but has been employed by the Synod, and has been supported by them, merely as an ordained Missionary to preach the Gospel among the French Canadians, from which office it is competent for the Synod to remove him at pleasure,—and that language has sometimes been used, in regard to this matter, which may have misled Mr. Lapelletrie, but from which misapprehensions his mind must now be disabused.

6. In regard to the future management of the Mission,—that it is inexpedient, on many grounds, that Mr. Lapelletrie should act as the Synod's Missionary in Montreal,—that Mr. Lapelletrie cannot be continued as a Missionary of the Synod at all, unless he manifests a right state of mind in regard of his pamphlet, and the injurious charges brought against the Church and against individuals, to the satisfaction of the Committee of Management, but that when he does, such Committee shall allot a suitable Missionary field to him, with his original salary,—and that the whole management of the Mission till next Synod, (1851) be in a certain Committee, (re-appointed in this deliverance.)

And further, in reference to that part of the decision which recommended to the Presbytery of Montreal to take order for the discipline of Mr. Lapelletrie, on account of the charges and insinuations against the Presbytery of Montreal, of unfaithfulness in the discharge of their duty, the Synod approve the conduct of the Presbytery of Montreal in delaying the investigation. And, in respect of Mr. Lapelletrie's letter to the Commission, expressing his intention to withdraw from the Church; considering—1st, That this letter may have been given in hastily, and without due consideration, and 2nd, That it may be necessary to take measures of discipline with Mr. Lapelletrie, which should not, of necessity, be sisted by this intimation from him,—the Synod resolve to transmit the said letter to the Presbytery of Montreal, to be dealt with by them as they may see meet. And, further, inasmuch as this Synod is bound by former decisions to prosecute the French Mission with zeal and perseverance, which decisions are hereby again renewed, because it is as much as ever the manifest duty of this Synod to diffuse evangelical truth over this land, and also because considerable sums have been collected on pledges given that they would be employed in the prosecution of this work, the Synod appoint the following Committee to conduct it during the present year, viz., Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, and Dr. Cook, Ministers, together with one Elder from each of their

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Sessions respectively; Dr. Mathieson and Mr. McGill, together with their Elders, to be a sub-Committee for managing the Mission in Montreal and its vicinity, and Dr. Cook and his Elder to be a sub-Committee for managing the Mission in Quebec and its vicinity; and these Brethren were instructed to use all diligence to bring the Mission into a state of efficiency by procuring, in the way that may be deemed best, one or two Missionaries who may be qualified for the work. And, further, the Synod renewed their injunction that an annual collection be taken up in every congregation for the support of the French Mission, and, inasmuch as a considerable sum has been borrowed from the Building Fund to defray the ordinary expenses of the Mission, Ministers are enjoined to exhort their congregations to increased liberality, in order that, this debt being speedily discharged, the Mission may be re-commenced with favourable prospects. Hugh Allan, Esq., was appointed Treasurer, and the Committee were instructed, if it should be deemed best for the interests of the Mission, to sell the Property in Dorchester Street, and in Sorel, and to invest the proceeds for behoof of the special objects for which they were collected. The Report of Mr. Baridon was next read; and the Committee were instructed, if they saw meet, to grant him three or four months leave of absence to visit his native country, or, if the discontinuance of Mr. Baridon's services should be decided on, to pay his passage home, and give him such other aid as may be deemed kind and liberal. These and all such matters are left to the discretion of the Committee, to be fully reported on to next Synod. It was also agreed that a copy of the Report of the Commission, with the Deliverance of the Synod, be sent to the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly.

The Synod adjourned until Ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET VI.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Tuesday, the Eighth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Cook conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

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The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Synod took up the consideration of the Resolutions laid upon the table yesterday, setting forth the views of this Synod in regard to the Clergy Reserve Fund, when, after lengthened discussion, and various amendments made, they were adopted by the Synod as follows:—

It is Resolved and Declared :

1. That the Church of Scotland, of which this Synod is a branch, has always believed and asserted, that it is the duty of the Civil Magistrate, in every Christian land, to employ the influence of his station and office, in maintaining and extending the true faith, according to his ability, and within his own sphere ; because every civil ruler, whatever be his designation and degree, is under law to Christ, as the supreme and sovereign Ruler of nations, and is bound to extend His gospel, which is the surest bulwark of the order and prosperity of nations, even as it is the source of improvement and spiritual well-being to every individual believer.

2. That, having respect to the rights of conscience and the religious liberty of all classes, it is the duty of the civil ruler in every Christian land to have a solemn and enlightened concern, that all acts of legislation and government be conformable to God's Word and for the glory of His name ; and, in particular, to take order not only that sacred ordinances may be brought within the reach of such as desire them, but that the Christian minister may go forth with his divine message among the careless and ignorant, to persuade them to walk in the ways of true religion, both on account of the immediate benefit accruing from it to man as a social being, and its ultimate bearings on his highest interest and immortal destiny.

3. That, for the space of nearly three centuries, the Church of Scotland, within the kingdom of Scotland, has enjoyed the protection and maintenance of the State, and by the blessing of God, though with many sins, short-comings, and trials, she has been the honoured instrument of diffusing in that land the blessings of pure religion ; and from her labours the State has received in return for its support, the moral and religious improvement of the people, from which have resulted that respect for order, and that enlightened submission to lawful authority, which have long distinguished our countrymen.

4. That, ever since the formation of this Synod, our ecclesiastical relationship has been acknowledged by the Parent Church, in every way conformable to her constitution, and our own ecclesiastical independence ; and on this ground our ministers and people have for the last thirty years asserted their right to all the benefits of a connection with her as one of the Established Churches of the British Empire. Especially we long pleaded our legal claim to a portion of the lands in Canada, set apart for the maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, on the ground of the proper legal import of that designation, and of the treaty of union between England and Scotland. The claim, made on this special ground, and

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long resisted by certain parties, was at length adjudicated in our favour, by a unanimous decision of Her Majesty's Judges in England, on a reference made to them by the House of Lords, and was practically acknowledged in the Imperial Statute, Vict. 3rd and 4th, which assigned to us, as standing on the same footing in law with the Church of England, a third portion of the accumulated funds, and a certain proportion of the future proceeds of the whole, in which other Christian denominations, by the new Statute, were admitted to participate. This law, we, in common with all other British subjects in Canada, received according to the terms of the Act itself—a "final settlement" of this question, placing our respective shares beyond the reach of local rivalry and future agitations, and constituting it one of those *vested rights*, which agreeably to the stable and righteous mind of England, it is deemed inconsistent with the constitutional wisdom and authority of Parliament to invade or destroy. For nearly ten years we have enjoyed the benefits of this endowment. By it many of our Congregations have been enabled to obtain the regular services of pastors where, without it, they might have continued long destitute of this advantage; and thereby, we have been enabled to bring into the ministerial work men of learning and ability, who, in the absence of this fixed public security, might have sought other fields of labour. And, further, the Synod relying on the perpetuity and increase of this provision, has formed plans for extending the ministry of the church in this land to meet the wants of the numerous destitute localities in which our adherents are settled, and, in particular, by educating young men for the ministry to meet the growing necessities of the people belonging to our communion.

5. That with a work of such magnitude before us, and with such aid permanently and legally secured to us and our successors in this Synod, we cannot refrain from expressing our deep feeling of disappointment at the injurious conduct of those who have lately stirred up agitation on this subject, for the avowed purpose of obtaining the repeal of the existing law, and by a Colonial Act to withdraw the funds entirely from the support of religion to secular objects. And in view of these unworthy designs, the Synod declares and protests against any interference with the permanent rights determined by the Statute, as a violation of those sound and stable principles on which the grandeur and security of British dominion have hitherto rested, and which interference, should it unhappily prevail, will deprive coming generations of the benefits of a fund consecrated to the education of the moral and social being in his higher and nobler faculties. This Synod is not insensible to the importance of secular education in all its degrees, and in imitation of the Church of Scotland, we will never cease, by all means in our power, to advocate and promote it, though not by the sacrifice of the means set apart "for the support and maintenance of public worship, and the propagation of religious knowledge." We cannot forget that our higher function as a Church of Christ, has reference to the religious and spiritual well-being of our people, and that it is our duty to employ every righteous means to frustrate any attempt that may be made to take away from us a guaranteed provision which enables us to accomplish more effectually the ends of our vocation. We shall, therefore, continue to protest against any attempt to subvert the existing law, not only on account of the detriment which would ensue to the interests of religion, but also because it is incumbent on us to resist the encroachments of a flagitious principle, which would leave nothing secure in the social

fabric, and which, were it to prevail, would inflict serious injury on the general well-being, not so much, perhaps, of the present generation, as on that which shall follow.

6. That, while the Ministers of this Synod have equal claim on the liberality of their people with the Ministers of other religious bodies, and while they see no reason to fear that their people will fall behind others in the support of the ordinances of religion, it is nevertheless known to this Synod that very many of our congregations are not able to provide for their Ministers a suitable maintenance, apart from the aid received out of the public fund; and this is invariably the case in new settlements, where in order to counteract the natural tendency to religious indifference, it is most desirable that a Minister should be placed from the beginning. And further, it is well known, that there are several religious denominations who have not a stated and educated Ministry, mainly, as may be presumed, not from choice, but because of their inability to maintain it; and again there are others, who, appreciating as they ought such a blessing, are constrained in their endeavours to obtain it, to beg a portion of their Minister's maintenance from foreign sources, and even with this aid, they themselves deplore the numerous hardships and privations to which their Ministers are subjected. We sympathize with such, and we would be glad to see relief extended to them from the public fund, to enable them to pursue their evangelical work free from the hindrances of poverty, and the distractions of secular care. And surely an enlightened and liberal spirit would deem it a far wiser course thus to mitigate the privations of these faithful men, than to reduce others, who may be in more auspicious circumstances, to the same unhappy level. It will not be denied that no class of educated men in the community is worse paid than the Ministers of religion, nor are there any families among the well-doing and respectable, whose prospects are less encouraging under those contingencies to which the health and life of parents are exposed. Because of this we experience the greatest difficulty in finding young men disposed to relinquish the flattering prospects of the world to enter upon that lengthened preparation required by us of all candidates for the work of the ministry. With a full knowledge of these circumstances, we are very grateful for the measure of assistance which the justice and munificence of the State have accorded "for the support and maintenance of public worship, and the propagation of religious knowledge;"—and in this our Annual Synodical Assembly, we Resolve and Declare, that the duty is laid upon us to appeal to the Legislature for protection and to exhort and admonish our people to vindicate their rights in this matter, in conformity with the principles which as a church we hold. The present Ministers of this Synod have only a very transient personal interest in the question; but it belongs to them to teach and to witness, that the church of Christ, though a spiritual body, has legal rights and temporal possessions, which she ought to defend, and, as she best may, to transmit, not only undiminished but enlarged to her perpetual posterity.

The Synod further appointed Dr. Cook, together with the Moderator and Clerk, to prepare a Pastoral Address to the People, under the superintendence of this Synod, in regard to the Clergy Reserves, and to have the same printed and circulated.

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The Examining Committee reported that Mr. Kenneth McLennan, A. B., and Student of Divinity of Queen's College, recommended for license by the Presbytery of Toronto, and Mr. John Campbell, A. M., and Student of Divinity of Queen's College, recommended for license by the Presbytery of Kingston, had laid before them their Diplomas as Graduates of Queen's College, as well as certificates of attendance in the various classes there; that they had been examined on all the branches of education specified in the Act, and that the examination of Students, Preachers, &c., and that the Committee were fully satisfied with them. Whereupon the Synod, having heard this Report, granted leave to the Presbytery of Toronto to take Mr. Kenneth McLennan on trials for license, and to the Presbytery of Kingston to take Mr. John Campbell on trials for license.

The Synod called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the scheme for carrying out more efficiently the Government of this Church, and, the same having been given in and read, it was, on motion, resolved, that inasmuch as there is no general agreement between these Reports, the Synod do postpone the consideration of this matter for the present, and recommend it to the renewed consideration of Presbyteries; and, in the meantime, that Presbyteries and individual Ministers be allowed to act upon the scheme, as far as they may find it expedient for edification.

The Synod called for the Reports of the Committees appointed to revise the Records of Presbyteries, which were given in and read, and the Synod ordered the records to be attested as carefully and correctly kept.

The Synod, having had under their consideration several matters connected with the resolution adopted on Friday last, anent Visitors, declined appointing a Visiter at present, and, in the meantime, agreed to transmit the said resolution to Presbyteries, in order that they may send up their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod.

The Finance Committee gave in a Report on Mr. Rintoul's letter, claiming certain arrears of salary as Clerk, to the effect that it appears from the Treasurer's books, that the sum of about £10 remained due to Mr. Rintoul as the balance of his salary at the time of his secession,—that the sum of over £90 of claims against the Synod Fund at the time, had also to be provided for, and has since been paid;—that the source from which all such claims fall to be met, is the amount of collections from the Congregations on the Roll of the Synod at the time;—that 22 Congregations then on the Roll, but whose Ministers seceded from the Synod, sent in no collections to the Treasurer for that year;—that said Congregations were equally liable with those who did not secede. It

further appears that this matter has already been made the subject of consideration, with a view to an arrangement, between Mr. Rintoul and the Clerk of Synod, and that, as the latter declares, it was agreed that a list of arrears due by the seceding Ministers should be furnished to Mr. Rintoul in order to their collection, which, as Mr. Bell understood, was agreed to be taken by Mr. Rintoul as payment in full of his salary. If this has not been done, the Committee recommend to the Synod that a list of said defaulters, as taken from the Treasurer's books, for the year in question, should be furnished to Mr. Rintoul, for his guidance in intimating, as he appears to have consented to do, to the Ministers formerly belonging to the Synod, but now on the Roll of the "Presbyterian Church of Canada," that they make payment of their respective collections for the year 1843-44, to the Treasurer, in which event, the amount of Mr. Rintoul's claim should be paid him from the proceeds thereof; or that without said collections being received by and passing through the books of the Treasurer of this Synod, the Committee recommend that the right of this Synod to claim the aforesaid arrears of collections, (which judging from the average of former years, would amount to greatly more than Mr. Rintoul's claim for balance of his salary) should be surrendered by the Synod in favour of Mr. Rintoul,—full acquittance being given on both sides:—otherwise it does not appear to the Committee that the claim should now be entertained. The Synod having heard the Report of their Committee, agreed to the same and decreed in terms thereof.

The Synod instructed the Finance Committee to prepare a scale of contributions to the Synod Fund according to which the several Congregations may be assessed, and to report the same to the Synod to-morrow.

The Synod adjourned until Ten o'clock to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

DIET VII.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Wednesday, the Ninth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Fifty-one Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

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The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Address to Her Majesty the Queen, having been read and adopted, was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod. The said Address is as follows:—

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, heartily embrace this opportunity of renewing our expressions of sincere and devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

Admiring, as we do, the principles of the British Constitution, and enjoying, under Your Majesty's benignant sway, the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty, and the manifold facilities for preaching the Gospel of Christ, which our connection with the Parent State secures, we would now express our grateful thanks for these benefits, and we humbly trust that nothing will ever occur to dissolve this connection, or to destroy or even weaken those advantages which have been solemnly and constitutionally guaranteed by repeated enactments of the Imperial Legislature, and which, we are firmly persuaded, it is the sincere and earnest desire of Your Majesty to maintain and perpetuate.

With the deep conviction that no scheme of secular education, however wisely devised or faithfully carried out into practice, will be efficient to the ends contemplated, unless accompanied by a general and thorough Scriptural education, we would rely confidently on Your Majesty's countenance and protection whilst we are engaged in the important and interesting work of inculcating on that portion of Your Majesty's subjects committed to our spiritual care the great principles of morality and religion, publicly acknowledged to be in accordance with the Word of God, and solemnly ratified by law as part of the British Constitution.

While we would disclaim all interference in matters which particularly belong to the civil administration of Your Majesty's Government, yet, actuated by feelings of devoted loyalty, we are constrained to express our deep sorrow and alarm at the encroachments of a Foreign Power on Your Majesty's prerogatives, and the attempted subversion of those constitutional principles on which the British Throne is established, and the prosperity and peace of the Nation depend; and we would humbly beg to assure Your Majesty that, within our sphere and to the utmost of our power, we will endeavour to impress on the minds of those committed to our Pastoral care, a just sense of their duty to their Sovereign, as flowing out of their duty to God as revealed in His eternal word.

High as the rank is which Britain has long enjoyed among the nations of the earth for valour, industry, and generosity, and, above all, for her deep religious sentiment, we would congratulate Your Majesty on the manifest indications that she is destined to attain a station still more illustrious, and take the lead more conspicuously than ever in the great

work of advancing the welfare and happiness of mankind, and diffusing over the world the blessings of religion, humanity, and social improvement;—and in the assemblage, at the present moment, of industrial products from all the ends of the earth, in the Capital of the British Empire, under the immediate auspices of Your Majesty and Your Majesty's illustrious Consort, we hail with delight the first direct step taken in the glorious development of the world's united energies—the first series of events all tending to link the great family of mankind in the bonds of brotherly love. And our prayers shall ascend to Him who ruleth all things that the fruits of this great enterprise may be such as to render Your Majesty's reign the most illustrious in the annals of the Empire.

That He by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice may, of His abundant goodness, enrich Your Majesty with every Christian grace and princely virtue;—that He may impart to Your Majesty, to Your Majesty's Royal Consort the Prince Albert, and to Your Royal Offspring, His choicest blessings;—that He may grant Your Majesty long to reign over an attached and virtuous people;—and that He may, at length, place upon Your head a crown of glory which fadeth not away,—shall ever be our earnest prayer.

Signed at Montreal, this Ninth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Years:—In Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

ROBERT NEILL,
MODERATOR.

The Address to His Excellency the Governor-General having been read and adopted, was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod. The said Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, 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, in Synod assembled, embrace this opportunity of again respectfully addressing Your Excellency, as the Representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign in this part of Her Majesty's dominions.

We rejoice in the peace and tranquillity which now so happily prevail in this part of the British Empire, in the abundant plenty with which a kind Providence has blessed our land, and in the increasing improvements of this vast and beautiful Province; and we earnestly hope that all classes of the community, laying aside party animosities, and cultivating the virtues of loyalty, contentment, and peaceful industry, will unite their efforts for the promotion of the public welfare.

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our endeavour to implant in the minds of our Congregations, those principles of piety and heavenly wisdom from which alone true virtue can spring, and which, therefore, afford the only true guarantee of social peace and order—of national prosperity and happiness.

The large number and rapid increase of our people in this country, and their firm attachment to their Church, create a deep anxiety on our part to extend to them the means of religious instruction, at present so inadequate to their wants, and, we may venture to add, constitute a powerful claim to the countenance and protection of the Government of this country.

That God, the Sovereign Ruler of the Kingdoms both of Providence and of Grace, may bestow on Your Excellency all spiritual blessings through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and finally bring you into His everlasting kingdom, is our sincere and fervent prayer.

Signed at Montreal this Ninth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Years:—In Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

ROBERT NEILL,
MODERATOR.

The Synod appointed a Deputation, consisting of the Ministers and Elders in and around Toronto, and such others as can conveniently meet with them, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor-General, and present the Synod's Address to His Excellency, and also to request that he would be pleased to transmit the Synod's Address to Her Majesty the Queen, to the proper quarter, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

There was laid before the Synod a Report of the number and amount of Congregational Collections made on behalf of the Funds of Queen's College, during the past year, and, the same having been read and considered, the Synod, keeping in view that, at last meeting, it had been agreed that "the support of Queen's College shall henceforth be one of the permanent schemes of the Church, in aid of which collections shall be annually made in all the Congregations belonging to the Synod, and that Ministers do earnestly recommend the interests of Queen's College to their people, not only in regard to increasing its funds, but also in the way of promoting a larger attendance of Students,"—agreed to recommend anew to all their Ministers and Congregations that increased liberality be shown in regard to the Funds of this Institution.

There was presented to the Synod an application on behalf of the Trustees of Queen's College, that in case it should be found necessary

to employ any of the Ministers of this Church in carrying on the work of instruction during the ensuing Session of College, leave of absence should be granted for that purpose. The Synod instructed Presbyteries to grant leave of absence to such Ministers, for such time as may be necessary, and to take steps for the supply of their pulpits,—neighbouring Presbyteries to give assistance, as far as possible, in furnishing such supply.

The Draft of the Form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers was again remitted to the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Committee of the Synod, with instructions to perfect the same, as far as practicable, in accordance with the opinions of Presbyteries sent in to them, and report to next Synod.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the plan for assessing all the Congregations of the Synod according to their respective abilities for the raising of the necessary funds for meeting the expenses incurred in conducting the public business of the Synod, reported that their acquaintance with the respective Congregations was not such as to enable them, without fuller information than could at present be obtained, to suggest a fair and equitable plan of assessment of Congregations, and that they would therefore recommend that the assessment should be laid on Presbyteries according to a certain ratio dependent on the number of the Congregations on their Rolls, and their general ability. The Synod, accordingly, on the recommendation of the Committee, adopted the following scheme of assessment on Presbyteries, for the Synod Fund, for the year 1851-52, instructing Presbyteries to see that there is raised, from the Congregations within their bounds, at least the sums set down opposite the names of the several Presbyteries, leaving it to them to apportion the several amounts among the Congregations according to the ability of each, viz :—

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The Synod, further, enjoined all Ministers and Congregations, in arrears to the Synod Fund, to remit the amount, without delay, to John Cameron, Esq., the Treasurer, at Toronto, so that the outstanding debts of the Synod may be paid,—and instructed Presbytery Clerks, so soon as correct lists of arrears can be furnished them, to use their diligence in urging the immediate payment of the same.

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The Synod appointed Mr. Robert Neill, *Moderator*, and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Clerk of Synod*;—and from the *Presbytery of Hamilton*, Mr. William King, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. Daniel Macnee, Mr. Hamilton Gibson, *Ministers*; Mr. Alexander Turnbull, Mr. A. Dingwall Fordyce, Mr. James Lockhart, D. Macdougall, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Bathurst*, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, *Ministers*; Mr. Robert Bell, Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. George Malloch, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Kingston*, Dr. John Machar, Professor Williamson, Professor Smith, *Ministers*; Mr. Joseph Bruce, Mr. David Allan, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Toronto*, Mr. Peter McNaughton, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. John Barclay, *Ministers*; Mr. William Paterson, Hon. Judge McLean, Donald Cameron, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Montreal*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. James C. Muir, Dr. John Cook, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Mr. Robert McGill, *Ministers*; Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. John Thompson, Dr. John Anderson, Mr. John Bruce, *Elders*:—And from the *Presbytery of Glengary*, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. J. McLaurin, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. Thomas McPherson, *Ministers*; Hon. John McGillivray, and Mr. James Pringle, *Elders*:—To BE COMMISSIONERS of this Synod, to the effect after mentioned; with power to the said Commissioners, or their quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Five of the said Commissioners, whereof Three are always to be Ministers, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on Wednesday the First Day of October, at Twelve o'clock, Noon, (being the Day of the opening of Queen's College);—in St. Andrew's Church, at Montreal, on Tuesday the Third Day of February, next, at Twelve o'clock, Noon, (being the day before the February Meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal); and in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the Nineteenth Day of May next, at Twelve o'clock, Noon, (being the day after the May meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto):—and oftener, when and where they shall think fit and convenient:—and the Synod fully empower their said Commissioners, or their quorum above mentioned, to transact all business referred to them by this Synod, and to determine in the same as they shall see cause,—also to attend to such emergent cases as may require immediate action on the part of the Church,—and to watch over the general interests of the Church, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent:—Further, the said Commission is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Presbyteries, and ripen such affairs for next Synod,—and to give all needful advice to Presbyteries, upon application to them for that end:—And in all their actings, they shall proceed according to the Laws of the Church, and they shall be account-

able for the same to next meeting of Synod. And this Commission is to continue until the next meeting of Synod; and members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission:—and such members of the Presbytery within whose bounds the Commission meets, as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to attend,—and other Presbyteries are to take care that at least two of their members, who are named on the Commission, shall attend.

It was unanimously agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Ministers, Members, and friends of the Church in Montreal, for the hospitality extended to the Members of the Synod on this occasion.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in the Church at Williamstown, on the First Wednesday in July, 1852, at Twelve o'clock Noon.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod;—when, after prayer, and singing, the Synod was closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

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APPENDIX.

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AN ACT REGULATING THE PUBLIC COLLECTIONS IN THE SEVERAL CONGREGATIONS.

TORONTO, 9th July, 1850.

Whereas great inconvenience has resulted from the irregular manner in which many Congregations have contributed to the several Funds for carrying on the Missionary and other operations of the Church; and whereas it is desirable that a more uniform and regular mode of raising the said Funds should be observed throughout the Church,—the Synod enact, that all Ministers of this Church shall annually have collections made in their several Congregations on behalf of each of the following objects at the time specified, viz:—1. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the First Sabbath of January.—2. For the French Mission, on the First Sabbath of March.—3. For the Synod Fund, on the First Sabbath in June.—4. For the College Fund, on the First Sabbath in September.—5. For the Home Mission Fund, of the Presbytery of the Bounds, on the First Sabbath of November. Provided always that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper happens to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or any of the said Sabbaths is otherwise deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then the collection shall be made within at least four weeks thereafter; and provided also that in case of any Congregation preferring to raise the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so. The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain and advocate the object for which the collection is to be made, upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod, also enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of the Synod in giving their Congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed unless a sufficient reason be given.

MEMORANDA, FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

1850.—July 6.—Sentence of Suspension, *sine die*, as confirmed by the Synod, against the Rev. William Brown, Minister of Scott and Uxbridge, carried into effect by the Presbytery of Toronto.

August 7.—The Rev. John Davidson translated from New Carlisle to the charge of the Congregation of New Richmond, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

August 14.—The Rev. John Malcolm Smith's demission of his charge at Galt accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton, he having been appointed Professor of Classical Literature in Queen's College.

October 2.—The Rev. Hamilton Gibson, Missionary from Scotland, having arrived, was appointed to his field of labour by the Commission of Synod.

October 16.—The Rev. Solomon Mylne ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted as Minister of the Congregation at Smith's Falls, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

October 23.—The Rev. Daniel Macnee inducted as Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

November 13.—The Rev. Hamilton Gibson inducted as Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Galt, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

November 13.—The Rev. William McEwen inducted as Minister of Belleville, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

November 19.—The Rev. John Whyte, Missionary from Scotland, having arrived, was appointed to his field of labour, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

December 19.—The Rev. Donald Monro, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted as Minister of the Congregation of Finch, by the Presbytery of Glengary.

1851.—January 8.—The Rev. John Whyte and the Rev. Alexander Shand, appointed by the Presbytery of Hamilton to labour as Missionaries within their bounds.

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1851.—February 27.—The Pastoral connection of the Rev. Thomas Haig, with the Church at Brockville, dissolved by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

March 4.—The Rev. Thomas Haig inducted as Minister of the Congregation at Beauharnois, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

April 18.—The Rev. John Smith, Minister of Beckwith, in the Presbytery of Bathurst, died.

May 7.—The Rev. David Shanks loosed from his charge in Valcartier, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

May 8.—The Rev. John Robb inducted as Minister of Chatham, C. W. by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

May 21.—Mr. Kenneth McLennan appointed Catechist by the Presbytery of Toronto.

May 21.—The Presbyterian Inhabitants of Norvaltown, in the County of Beauharnois, organized into a Congregation in connection with this Synod, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

May 24.—The Rev. John Dickey, Minister of Williamsburgh, in the Presbytery of Glengary, died.

May 27.—The Rev. John Robb, Minister of Dalhousie, in the Presbytery of Bathurst, died.

June 3.—The Rev. Robert McFarlane, Minister of Melbourne, suspended from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry, *sine die*, and his Pastoral connection with Melbourne dissolved by the Presbytery of Montreal.

June 12.—Mr. Duncan Morrison, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

June 18.—The Rev. David Shanks, formerly of Valcartier, inducted as Minister of the Congregation of Cumberland and Buckingham, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

PAYMENTS TO THE SYNOD FUND, 1851.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Balance..... £6 9s. 3d.

Goderich.....per	Rev. A. McKid	£1 0 0
Dundas and Ancaster.....	“ Rev. A. Bell.....	1 10 0
Fergus.....	“ Rev. Dr. Mair for 1850.....	1 10 0
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Straiford and N. Easthope..	“ Rev. W. Bell.....	15 0
Niagara.....	“ Rev. J. B. Mowat.....	2 0 0
Hamilton.....	“ Rev. D. Macnee.....	3 8 4

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

Perth 1st Church.....per	Rev. W. Bell	1 5 0
South Gower.....	“ Rev. J. Anderson	10 0
Packenham.....	“ Rev. A. Mana.....	15 0
Perth, St. Andrew's.....	“ Rev. W. Bain.....	1 5 0
Bytown.....	“ Rev. A. Spence	1 0 0
Smith's Falls	“ Rev. S. Mylne.....	10 0
Beckwith.....	“	1 10 0

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Kingston.....per	Rev. Dr. Machar	5 0 0
Seymour.....	“ Rev. R. Neill 1850 and '51.....	2 0 0

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Pickering.....per	Rev. P. MacNaughton	1 0 0
Esquesing and Milton.....	“ Rev. P. Ferguson	1 0 0
Scarboro'.....	“ Rev. J. George.....	1 0 0
King.....	“ Rev. John Tawse.....	1 0 0
Mono.....	“ Rev. A. Lewis.....	15 0
Toronto.....	“ Rev. J. Barclay.....	2 0 0
West Gwillimbury.....	“ Rev. A. Ross for 1850.....	1 0 0
Markham.....	“ Rev. J. Stuart.....	1 0 0
Vaughan.....	“ Mr. D. Cameron.....	1 0 0

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Dundee.....per	Rev. D. Moody.....	1 5 0
Chatham.....	“ Rev. W. Mair.....	10 0
Orms town.....	“ Rev. J. Anderson.....	10 0
Georgetown.....	“ Rev. J. C. Muir for 1850 and '51.....	1 10 0
Lachine.....	“ Rev. W. Simpson.....	10 0
Hemmingford.....	“ Rev. J. Marlin for 1850	10 0
Hemmingford.....	“ Rev. J. Marlin for 1851.....	15 0
Three Rivers.....	“ Rev. J. Thom.....	10 0
Huntingdon.....	“ Rev. A. Wallace.....	15 0
New Richmond.....	“ Rev. J. Davidson.....	1 0 0
St. Louis	“ Rev. J. T. Paul.....	10 0
Beauharnois.....	“ Rev. Thomas Haig.....	15 0

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

Cornwall.....per	Rev. H. Urquhart	1 5 0
Martintown.....	“ Rev. J. McLaurin	15 0
Osnabrock.....	“ Rev. I. Purkis, for 1850 and '51.....	1 0 0
Lancaster.....	“ Rev. T. McPherson, 1850, '51.....	1 10 0
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Printing Minutes of 1850, with Appendix....		18	15 0
Printing additional copies Address on Parental Responsibility.....		3	10 0
Printing additional copies Statement of Trustees of Queen's College.....		17	6
Printing additional copies Regulations of Queen's College.....		17	6
Printing Minutes of 1848.....		11	17 6
Printing continuation of Standing Acts of Synod		3	13 6
Allowance to Clerk for expenses attending Meetings of Commission.....		2	0 0
Wrapping paper.....		4	6
		£44	8 2½

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Synod's Postages, 1850, '51.....	5	3	8
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Printing Roll of Synod at Montreal.....		15	0
To Church Officers at Montreal.....		2	10 0
Clerk's Salary, 1850, '51.....		25	0 0
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ADDITIONAL TO BE PROVIDED FOR.

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		£48	0 0

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