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THE FOURTH SESSION

OF

THE SYNOD

OF THE

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

HELD IN TORONTO, JUNE 14-24, 1864.

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JUNE, 1864.

SUBJECTS.	CONVENERS.	POST OFFICES.
Knox College Board	The Rev. John McTavish.	Woodville.
“ “ Senate	Principal Willis.....	Toronto.
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MINISTERS.

A. Henderson, M.A. Oct.
 *William Taylor, D.D. Ma
 *William B. Clark ... Sep
 Thomas Henry
 *James Watson, M.A. Aug
 Daniel Gordon Oct.
 *A. F. Kemp, M.A. ... Jan
 Wm. Scott Feb
 *Duncan Cameron Mar
 John Anderson Oct.
 *James McConechy... Mar
 *John Crombie, M.A. Aug
 *Peter Currie Feb.
 *Alex. Young Jan.
 Alex. Allen Feb.
 *Adam F. McQueen... Dec.
 *John Milloy Feb.
 John Mackie May
 John McKay May
 *D. H. McVicar Oct. 2
 *D. Paterson, M.A. ... Oct. 2
 *Walter Coulthart ... Nov. 2
 Robert Binnie..... May 2
 *John Eadie..... Mar. 1
 *John Irvine

John McDonald..... Feb. 2
 *David Black Sept.
 *P. D. Muir; B.A.....
 Thomas Fenwick ... Oct. 30
 Vacant

STATIONS.—Alexandria, C.
 Portneuf, Sherbrooke, C. E.

William Aitken..... Oct. 1,
 *C. Fraser, M.A. ... March
 *Thomas Wardrope... Aug. 13,
 *John McKinnon ... Feb. 4, 1
 *James B. Duncan ... July 1, 1
 *J. L. Gourlay, A.M. March, 1
 *David Wardrope..... June 5, 1
 *James Whyte..... Nov. 28, 1
 *William McKenzie... Dec. 8, 1
 *Joseph White..... Aug. 7, 18

Vacant

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ROLL OF THE SYNOD OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(The names of those present are marked with an asterisk.)

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDNATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
A. Henderson, M.A.	Oct. 30, 1810.			
*William Taylor, D.D.	Mar. 29, 1831.	*Laird Paton	St. Andrews	St. Andrews, C. E.
*William B. Clark	Sept., 1839.		Montreal	Montreal.
Thomas Henry	.....1840.		Quebec	Quebec.
*James Watson, M.A.	Aug. 20, 1849.		Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
Daniel Gordon	.....Oct., 1849.		Huntingdon	Huntingdon, C. E.
*A. F. Kemp, M.A.	Jan. 29, 1851.	Wm. Brown	Indian Lands	Athol, C. W.
Wm. Scott	.....Feb. 23, 1853.		Montreal	Montreal.
*Duncan Cameron	.....Mar. 4, 1854.	Wm. Donovan	St. Sylvester	St. Sylvester, C. E.
John Anderson	.....Oct. 11, 1854.		Lochiel	Lochiel, C. W.
James McConechy	.....Mar. 18, 1855.		Launcester	Launcester, C. W.
*John Crombie, M.A.	Aug. 8, 1855.	*Warden King	Leeds	Leeds, C. E.
*Peter Currie	.....Feb. 9, 1856.		Inverness	Inverness, C. E.
*Alex. Young	.....Jan. 23, 1857.	Wm. McKall	Vankleek Hill	Vankleek Hill, C. W.
Alex. Allen	.....Feb. 26, 1858.		Howick	Howick, C. E.
*Adam F. McQueen	.....Dec. 15, 1858.	*Donald Cattanach	Kenyon	St. Eustache, C. E.
*John Milloy	.....Feb. 3, 1859.		St. Eustache	St. Eustache, C. E.
John Mackie	.....May 18, 1859.		Lingwick	Skye, C. W.
John McKay	.....May 26, 1859.		Lachute	Gould, C. W.
*D. H. McVicar	.....Oct. 19, 1859.	*John Redpath	Richmond	Richmond, C. E.
*Walter Coulthart	.....Oct. 24, 1859.	P. McMartin	Montreal	Montreal.
Robert Binnie	.....Nov. 22, 1860.		St. Andrews	St. Andrews, C. E.
*John Eadie	.....Mar. 29, 1861.		Valleyfield	Valleyfield, C. E.
John Irvine	.....Mar. 19, 1862.		New Glasgow	New Glasgow, C. E.
John McDonald	.....Feb. 26, 1864.		Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*David Black	.....Sept., 1837.		Willsles	Milne Isles, C. E.
*P. D. Muir, B.A.	.....Oct. 30, 1861.		Winslow	St. raway, C. E.
Thomas Fenwick	.....Oct. 30, 1861.		Chateauguay	Montreal.
Vacant	.....		Montreal	Montreal.
"	.....		Metis	Metis, C. E.
"	.....		Martintown & Williamstown	Martintown & Williamstown, C. W.
"	.....		Durham, C. E.	Durham, C. E.
"	.....		Laguerre, C. E.	Laguerre, C. E.
"	.....		Farnham, C. E.	Farnham, C. E.

STATIONS.—Alexandria, C. W.; Cote de Neiges, Kennebec, Lake Beauport, Stoneham, Frampton, Portneuf, Sherbrooke, C. E.
ALEX. F. KEMP, *Pr. sbytery-Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

William Aitken	.....Oct. 1, 1839.	George Foster	Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
*S. C. Fraser, M.A.	.....March 1844.	John Forrest	McNab	Whitelake.
*Thomas Wardrope	.....Aug. 13, 1845.	*Donald Robertson	Ottawa	Ottawa.
John McKinon	.....Feb. 4, 1846.	*Robert Kennedy	Beckwith and Ashton	Carleton Place.
*James B. Duncan	.....July 1, 1848.	*Wm. Shaw	Perth	Perth.
*J. L. Gourlay, A.M.	.....March, 1851.		Aylmer and Nepean	Aylmer, C. E.
*David Wardrope	.....June 5, 1855.		Bristol	Bristol, C. E.
James Whyte	.....Nov. 28, 1858.	Donald Campbell	Osgoode	Osgoode.
*William McKenzie	.....Dec. 8, 1858.	*David Wylie	Ramsay	Almonte.
Joseph White	.....Aug. 7, 1862.	Robert Kennedy	Wakefield	Wakefield.
Vacant	.....	John Donald	Dalhousie	Dalhousie.
"	.....		Penbrooke	Penbrooke.
"	.....		Cumberland, &c.	Cumberland, &c.
"	.....		Renfrew	Renfrew.
"	.....		Pakenham, &c.	Pakenham, &c.
"	.....		Russell, &c.	Russell, &c.

S. C. FRASER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

Table with columns: MINISTERS, DATE OF ORDINATION, ELDER, CONGREGATIONS, POST OFFICES. Lists members like Robert Boyd, Wm. Lothead, John Morrison, etc.

JAMES K. SMITH, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Table with columns: MINISTERS, DATE OF ORDINATION, ELDER, CONGREGATIONS, POST OFFICES. Lists members like Wm. Smart, James Macintosh, Henry Gordon, etc.

PATRICK GRAY, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

Table with columns: MINISTERS, DATE OF ORDINATION, ELDER, CONGREGATIONS, POST OFFICES. Lists members like James Douglass, John M. Roger, Thomas Alexander, etc.

JAMES BOWIE, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

Table with columns: MINISTERS, DATE OF ORDINATION, ELDER, CONGREGATIONS, POST OFFICES. Lists members like R.H. Thornton, Alex. Kennedy, George Lawrence, etc.

ROBERT MONTRATH, Presbytery Clerk.

MINISTERS.

Table listing names of ministers from the adjacent page, including Robert Burns, M. Willis, James Harris, etc.

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PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
*Robert Burns, D.D.	July 10, 1811		Prof. Knox College	Toronto.
*M. Willis, D.D. LL.D.	1821		Prin. Knox College	Toronto.
*James Harris	July 10, 1829		(Without charge)	Eglinton.
*Wm. Fraser	Sept. 2, 1834	*John Cerswell	W. Gwillimbury and Essa.	Bond Head.
*David Coultts	1836	*Robert Marshall	1st & 2d Chinguacousy	Mayfield.
*Alex. Topp, A.M.	Jan'y, 1838	*Hon. J. McMurrich	Knox's Church, Toronto	Toronto.
*John Jennings, D.D.	July, 1838	*Alex. Duff	Bay-st. Church, Toronto	Toronto.
*Peter Glasford	Oct. 10, 1838	*John Dalziel	Vaughan and Albion	Coleraine.
*Wm. Reid, A.M.	Jan. 23, 1840		Agent of Church	Toronto.
*James Dick	Dec. 28, 1842	*John Hamilton	Richmondhill & Thornhill	Richmondhill.
*Thos. Wightman	Feb'y, 1844	*Hugh Freeman	Innisfil and Barrie	Lefroy.
*Wm. Gregg, A.M.	Jan'y, 1847	*Wm. Johnston	Cooke's Church, Toronto	Toronto.
*George P. Young	1847		Prof. Knox College	Toronto.
*James Pringle	Jan. 19, 1848	*James Hunter	1st Brampton	Brampton.
*James Nisbet	Jan., 1850		Missionary, Red River	Red River.
*Robert Rodgers	Dec. 4, 1850		Collingwood	Collingwood.
*Jos. Alexander, A.M.	May, 1851	*David Henderson	Norval & Union	Norval.
*John Gray	May, 1851	*Colin McKinlay	Orrilla and Oro	Orrilla.
*John Black	July 13, 1851	*Donald McLellan	Missionary, Red River	Red River.
*James Adams	July, 1852	*Wm. Hall	King	Nobleton.
*Robert Jamieson	Jan. 29, 1854		Missionary, Br. Columbia	New Westminster.
*James Mitchell	Feb., 1857	*John Stewart	Boston Ch. and Milton	Milton.
*John M. King, A.M.	Oct. 27, 1857	*George Smith	Gould Street, Toronto	Toronto.
*Alex. McFaul	May 17, 1858		Caledon and Orangeville	Caledon.
*Nathaniel Paterson	Jan. 19, 1859	*John Hogg	York Mills & Fisherville	York Mills.
*George Crow	Dec., 1859		Medonte and Flos	Craighurst.
*Julius Straus	April, 1860	John Beattie	Markham	Buttonville.
*D. H. Fletcher	Nov., 1860	*John Lowry	Scarborough	Scarborough.
*Robert Scott	Nov. 23, 1860		Oakville	Oakville.
*C. M. Mackracher	Aug. 22, 1860	*Alex. Campbell	W. Gwillimbury, Bradford	Bradford.
*James Milligan	Aug. 27, 1861	*Henry Stewart	King and Laskey	Laskey.
*James Greenfield	Nov. 24, 1859		Stayner, &c.	Stayner.
*John K. Hislop	Nov. 17, 1862	*James Speers	Alliston, &c.	Alliston.
*Walter Wright	Jan. 27, 1864	*Ephraim Steen	Streetsville	Streetsville.
Archibald Brown	Jan. 27, 1864		Mono	Mono Centre.
Vacant				
"		*Samuel Marshall	West Church, Toronto	West Church, Toronto
"		*John McLean	West Oro	West Oro

WILLIAM GREGG, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Thomas Christie			West Flamboro'	West Flamboro'.
*George Cheyne	Jan. 12, 1831	*John Ptolemy	Saltfleet and Binbrook	Taplestown.
*M. Y. Stark	Sep. 21, 1833		(Without charge)	Dundas.
*R. Irvine, D.D.	Nov. 13, 1840	*Hector Davidson	Knox's Ch., Hamilton	Hamilton.
*John Porteous	Dec. 7, 1842	*John Malcolm	Beverley	Kirkwall.
*Alex. McLean	Feb. 14, 1842	*James Sanderson	Nairn Church	Freelton.
*David Inglis	1846	*Alex. McKenzie	McNab Street, Hamilton	Hamilton.
*R. F. Burns	July 1, 1847	*James Dougan	St. Catharines	St. Catharines.
*Robert Wallace			Thorold & Drummondville	Drummondville.
*Wm. Ormiston, D.D.	Oct. 23, 1849	*James Henderson	Central Ch., Hamilton	Hamilton.
*James Black	Nov. 9, 1853	*Alex. Mitchell	Knox's Ch., Caledonia, &c.	Seneca.
*John Lees	July 10, 1855	*James Young	Ancaster Vil. and E. & W. Ancaster.	Port Dover.
*Wm. Craigie	June 5, 1856	*John Scott	Port Dover and Simcoe	Port Dover.
*John Rennie	April 22, 1857	*Salmon Minor	Dunnville, &c.	Dunnville.
*John McRobie	Oct. 21, 1857	Henry Fleming	Jarvis and Walpole	Jarvis.
*John G. Murray	July 7, 1858	Campbell	Grimsby and Beamsville	Grimsby.
*John McCuaig	Nov. 28, 1860	*John Fulton	Port Dalhousie & Niagara	Port Dalhousie.
*Thomas Wilson	April 28, 1863	Andrew Rao	Sutherland St., Caledonia	Seneca.
*Alex. Grant	Jan. 27, 1864		Onelda, Indiana, &c.	
Vacant				
"			Kilbride	
"		*Hugh Thompson	Waterdown & Welling Sq.	
"		*Wm. Killman	Pelham, St. Anns, Gainsbor'	
"			Walsingham	
"		*Alex. Ogg	Dundas	
"			Chippawa	
"			Crowland	
"			Port Colborne & Welland.	

JOHN PORTEOUS, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
*David Caw	Dec. 15, 1830	*James Millar	Dumfries Street Ch., Paris	Paris
*John Gillespie	June 19, 1845	*William Waldie	Willis' Ch., Blenheim	Princeton
William Inglis	Dec. 23, 1847	G. White	Erskine Ch., Woodstock	Woodstock
*Archibald Cross	Aug. 17, 1848	*Thomas Hislop	Erskine Ch., Ingersoll	Ingersoll
*Duncan McTuer	Nov. 25, 1851	*A. Mathieson	Knox's Church, Ayr	Ayr
*Duncan McDiarmid	May 26, 1852	J. Mathieson	Chalmers' Ch., Woodstock	Woodstock
*John Dunbar	May 18, 1853		Glenmorris	Glenmorris
*Wm. T. McMullen	Nov. 5, 1856	*A. J. Thompson	Knox's Ch., Woodstock	Woodstock
*John Straith	Jan. 30, 1857	*W. Harkness	Knox's Ch., Ingersoll	Ingersoll
*W. Robertson, M.A.	Jan. 26, 1859	*David Bell	Chesterfield	Chesterfield
*W. Cochrane	June 7, 1859	*James Woods	Zion Church, Brantford	Brantford
*W. Peattie	Jan. 24, 1860	*G. Bryce	Mount Pleasant	Mohawk
*Robert Hume, M.A.	May 22, 1860	R. Christie	St. George	St. George
*W. Donald	Oct. 31, 1860	John McKee	Norwichville, &c.	Norwichville
George Irving	July 17, 1861	*R. Morton	Stanley Street Ch., Ayr	Ayr
*Jas. Robertson, M.A.	July 23, 1862	*D. Balingall	River Street Ch., Paris	Paris
*W. Richardson	Mar. 3, 1863	*John Allison	Tilsonburg, &c.	Tilsonburg
Vacant		*Wm. Turnbull	Wellington St. Church, Brantford	Brantford
"		*D. McBeth	Blandford and Innerkip	Blandford and Innerkip
"			Beachville	Beachville
"			St. Andrew's, E. Oxford	St. Andrew's, E. Oxford

JOHN GILLESPIE, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

*James Skinner	Mar. 31, 1834	*James Smibert	Eng. Settlement & Bethel	Birr
*Donald McKenzie	May, 1834	*Alex. Murray	Embro	Embro
*John Fraser	1843	Wm. Paterson	Thamesford	Thamesford
*Alex. W. Waddell	Dec. 30, 1847	James Laird	Warwick	Ridgetown
*Wm. R. Sutherland	Feb. 16, 1848	*G. Hyndman	Strathburn	Strathburn
*Angus McColl	Feb. 1848	Alex. Urquhart	Chatham, Adelaide St	Chatham
*J.F.A.S. Fayette, M.A.	Dec. 13, 1843		Warwick	Warwick
*John J. A. Proudfoot	July 16, 1848	*Alex. Smith	London, 1st Congregation	London
Lachlan McPherson	Feb. 17, 1849	Williams	Williams	Williams
John Scott	Oct., 1850	*Wm. Clark	London, St. Andrew's	London
*Wm. King	May 14, 1851		Buxton	Buxton
*Wm. Troup	Aug. 17, 1851	Archibald Old.	Napier	Napier
James W. Chesnut	Mar. 10, 1853		Mandamin	Mandamin
*Wm. Walker	Oct. 25, 1853		Chatham, Wellington St	Chatham
John McMillan	Jan. 29, 1857	Wm. Lyn	Fingal	Fingal
Wm. Forrest	Feb. 18, 1857		Ridgetown	Ridgetown
*George Cuthbertson	Oct. 17, 1857	*Peter McGill	St. Thomas	St. Thomas
*Stephen Balmer	July 22, 1858	*T. Cavel	Detroit	Detroit, Mich.
Charles Chiniquy			St. Ann's, Kankakee, Ill	St. Ann's, Ill.
*Wm. Fletcher	Feb. 17, 1859	John Bell	Falkirk	Falkirk
*A. McDiarmid	Apr. 27, 1859	Duncan McArthur	Wallacetown, Duff's Ch.	Wallacetown
*Arch Currie	Feb. 17, 1860	A. McCallum	Belmont & Yarmouth	Belmont
Peter McDiarmid	Mar. 6, 1860		Moore	Moore
*Niel McKinnon	Feb. 21, 1861	*Wm. Stevely	Wardsville & N.E. Aldboro	Wardsville
*Peter Goodfellow	Jan. 29, 1862	Donald Fraser	Bosanquet	Widder
*George Simpson	July 21, 1862	Wm. Murray	Westminster	London
*Arch. Stewart	Nov. 26, 1862	Donald Chisholm	Mosa	Glencoe
Daniel Duff	Apr. 19, 1864		British Columbia	British Columbia
Vacant		*Arch. Young	Sarnia	Sarnia
"		Wm. Calvin	Lobo	Lobo
"			Florence and Bothwell	Florence and Bothwell
"			Aldboro'	Aldboro'
"			Delaware	Delaware
"			Strathroy and Adelaide	Strathroy and Adelaide
"			Plympton	Plympton
"			Tilbury	Tilbury
"			Amherstburgh	Amherstburgh
"			Windsor	Windsor
"			Dunwich	Dunwich
"			Brooke	Brooke
"			Oil Springs & Petrolia	Oil Springs & Petrolia
"			Vienna and Port Burwell	Vienna and Port Burwell
"			North Dorchester	North Dorchester
"			Grant Co., Wis	Grant Co., Wis

JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT, Presbytery Clerk.

MINISTERS.

George Smellie	..... Mar.
*John Duff	..... Au.
*William Barrie	..... Jan.
*Robert Torrance	..... Nov.
*Wm. S. Ball	..... Feb.
*Jas. A. Thomson	..... July
*James Middlemiss	..... Jun.
*Andrew McLean	..... Jan.
*William Millican	..... Sep.
Joha McMechan	..... Dec.
*James Thom	..... Oct.
*Malcolm McKenzie Feb.
*Wm. T. Murdoch Sep.
*Lachlan Cameron Nov.
*Thomas McGuire Mar.
Vacant
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*Thomas Lowry Sep. 1
*Thomas McPherson	Oct. 16
*Daniel Allan	Oct. 21
*Wm. Meldrum Mar.
*James Boyd	July 7
*A. A. Drummond	Oct. 20
*Wm. Caven	Oct. 7
*Wm. Doak	Feb. 14
*John Fotheringham	Feb. 26
*David Beattie	Apr. 23
*Robert Hamilton	June 30
*Robert Hall	Apr. 17
*Robert Renwick	Jan. 8
Vacant	.....
Mission Station	.....

*Thos. Stevenson	..... June 2
*Andrew Tolmie	..... Jan. 2
Patrick Greig	.....
Robert Dewar	Oct. 17
*John Gauld	June 3
R. C. Moffat	Oct. 14
*Alex. Grant	Aug. 4
James Cameron	Feb. 16
*William Park	May 18
George Bremner	Feb. 15
*Charles Cameron	May 1
*Alex. Fraser	Oct. 22
*James McDowall	Dec. 31
*William Hay	Sep. 24
Vacant
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PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
George Smellie	March, 1836	Adam L Argo	Fergus Melville Church
*John Duff	Aug. 10, 1836	John Hunter	Elora, Knox's Church
*William Barrie	Jan. 4, 1843	Joseph Wood	Eramosa, 1st Cong.
*Robert Torrance	Nov. 11, 1846	*John Laney	Guelph, 1st Congregation
*Wm. S. Ball	Feb. 28, 1849	*Thomas Mair	Guelph Knox's Church
*Jas. A. Thomson	July 25, 1855	*Peter McGill	Eric and Caledon West
*James Middlemiss	June 3, 1856	Alex. Barnet	Elora, Chalmers' Ch.
*Andrew McLellan	Mar. 10, 1857		West Puslinch
*William Millican	Sep. 21, 1859	*George Todd	Garafraxa, St. John's Ch.
John McMechan	Dec. 15, 1859		Berlin, St. Andrew's
*James Thom	Oct. 23, 1859	*J. A. Davidson	Eden and Rockwood
*Malcolm McKenzie	Feb. 12, 1862	*James Shaw	Doon and Hespeler
*Wm. T. Murdoch	Sep. 10, 1862	*James Dalgleish	Galt, 2nd Congregation
*Lachin Cameron	Nov. 5, 1862	*Duncan Kennedy	Acton, Knox's Church
*Thomas McGuire	Mar. 8, 1864		Glenallan and Hollis
Vacant		*Morris C. Lutz	Galt, Knox's Church
"		And. McRobie	East Puslinch
"		John McAlpin	Nassagaweya
"		James Law	Woolwich
"		James Wilson	Rothsay and Wallace
"			Arthur and Kenilworth
"			Everton and Mimosa

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

*Thomas Lowry	Sep. 24, 1833	*Jos. Bryden	Mornington	West's Corners
*Thomas McPherson	Oct 10, 1836	*Wm. Dunn	Stratford	Stratford
*Daniel Allan	Oct. 21, 1838	*Saml. Rutherford	North Easthope	Stratford
*Wm. Meldrum	Mar. 1840	Wm. McKenzie	Harrington	Harrington
James Boyd	July 7, 1847	*Wm. Chalmers	Wellesley	Crosshill
*A. A. Drummond	Oct. 20, 1847	*James McDonald	Shakespeare	Shakespeare
*Wm. Caven	Oct. 7, 1852	*Andrew Leith	St. Mary's	St. Mary's B.
*Wm. Doak	Feb. 14, 1855	*M. Ballantyne	Downie	Avonton
John Fotheringham	Feb. 26, 1856	Donald Park	Hibbert	Cromarty
*David Beattie	Apr. 23, 1857	*Matthew Reid	Mornington	Millbank
*Robert Hamilton	June 30, 1856	*Robert Bain	Fullarton	Avonbank
*Robert Hall	Apr. 17, 1860	David Chalmers	Nissouri	St. Mary's B.
*Robert Renwick	Jan. 8, 1863	Thomas Moore	Elma	
Vacant		Thomas Wiley	Mitchell	
Mission Station			East Zorra	

WILLIAM DOAK, Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

*Thos. Stevenson	June 2, 1840	L. Ormiston	Owen Sound	Owen Sound
*Andrew Tolmie	Jan. 2, 1853	*Thomas Burgess	Southampton	Saugeen
Patrick Greig	1854		Normanby	Orchardville
Robert Dewar	Oct. 17, 1855	John Cooper	Lake Shore	Leith
*John Ganid	June 3, 1856	James Bole	Thornbury, &c.	Griersville
R. C. Moffat	Oct. 14, 1857		Walkerton	Walkerton
*Alex. Grant	Aug. 4, 1858		Owen Sound	Owen Sound
James Cameron	Feb. 16, 1859	David Hastie	Sullivan, &c.	Chatsworth
*William Park	May 18, 1859	James Dodds	Durham	Bentnick
George Bremner	Feb. 15, 1860	David Porter	Paisley	Paisley
*Charles Cameron	May 1, 1861	Shelton Knight	Rocky Saugeen	Priceville
*Alex. Fraser	Oct. 22, 1861	*Thomas Turner	Port Elgin	Normanton
*James McDowall	Dec. 31, 1862		St. Vincent	St. Vincent
*William Hay	Sep. 24, 1863		Carrick	Glenlyon
Vacant		Neil McMillan	Mount Forest	Mount Forest
"		Peter Scott	Southampton	Saugeen.
"		M. McInnes	Egremont	
"		A. McKerricher	North Brant	

WILLIAM PARK, Presbytery Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
James Duncan	June, 1836	James Pollock	Bayfield	Bayfield
Charles Fletcher	May 31, 1842		Without charge	Goderich
Walter Inglis	October, 1842	John Inglis	West Ch., Kincardine	Kincardine
*William Graham	Jan. 18, 1845	James Kerr	Egmondville	Egmondville
John Logie	Dec. 2, 1849	George Thomson	Rodgerville	Rodgerville
*Robert Ure	October, 1850	George Bissett	Knox's Church, Goderich	Goderich
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*Matthew Barr	Feb. 14, 1854	James Grieve	Harpurhey	Harpurhey
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OF

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

HELD AT TORONTO, JUNE 14-24, 1864.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

June 14, 1864,
7 o'clock, P.M.

At the City of Toronto, and within Cooke's Church there, Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, and, after sermon by the Moderator, Mr. James Dick, from 2 Cor. iv. 1, 2—"Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God"—was constituted with prayer.

The Roll of Synod, compiled from the Rolls of the several Presbyteries, was called, and the attendance of members marked.

The Moderator addressed the Synod, thanking them for the uniform respect and kindness which he had received while discharging the duties of the office which they had, last year, so highly honoured him by conferring, and stating that the time had now come for appointing another to occupy the chair in his stead.

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when there was read from the table a list of Ministers, nominated according to the standing orders, by Presbyteries, for the office of Moderator, containing the following names:—Mr. John McTavish, of Woodville; Dr. Willis, principal of Knox College; Mr. Donald McKenzie, of Zorra; Mr. Alexander Topp, of Knox's Church, Toronto; Mr. John Scott, of London; Mr. John Baird, of Pickering.

There was read, also, in connexion with the list of names foregoing, a letter from Mr. Donald McKenzie, expressing his high appreciation of the honour intended to be conferred upon him, by the Fathers and Brethren of the several Presbyteries by whom he had been put in nomination for the office of Moderator, yet,

at the same time, respectfully requesting, for several reasons which he assigned, that his name should be withdrawn from the list of persons proposed for that office.

Mr. McKenzie
withdrawn.

On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed that the request of Mr. McKenzie, in the foregoing letter, be complied with. His name was accordingly withdrawn.

Mr. Scott with-
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It was stated by Mr. Proudfoot, of the Presbytery of London, that the health of Mr. John Scott was such that he could not discharge the duties of the chair if elected; and that he did not intend to be present at this meeting of Synod. The name of Mr. Scott was thereupon dropped from the list of those in nomination.

Mr. McTavish
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The Synod then proceeded to take a vote between the several Ministers remaining on the list, when Mr. John McTavish, of Woodville, was elected to the office of Moderator, by a large majority. Mr. McTavish then took the chair, and briefly addressed the Synod.

Loyal Addresses,
Replies to.

The retiring Moderator now submitted a copy of a dispatch from the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitted through His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, stating that the address of this Synod, last year, to Her Majesty the Queen, had been duly laid before Her Majesty, who had been pleased to receive it very graciously, and to say that she was much gratified by the expressions which it contained of loyalty and attachment to Her Throne and person: as also, a letter from Lt.-General Knollys, by direction of the Prince and Princess of Wales, acknowledging the receipt of the address of this Synod to their Royal Highnesses, last year, on the occasion of their marriage, and thanking the Synod very cordially for their congratulations; and that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, reverted with the greatest satisfaction to the period of his visit to Canada, which the Synod alluded to in terms so gratifying to his feelings.

Rev. W. John-
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Mr. Thomas Lowry introduced to the Synod, the Rev. William Johnston, of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, deputed by that Church on a special mission to Congregations in this country—who was now present, and requested that he be invited to take his seat in Synod; that he should be requested to address the Synod, and that a time should be fixed at which he should be heard. The Synod agreed cordially to invite Mr. Johnston to sit with them, and to receive any communication which he might wish to make to the Synod, at the Evening Sederunt, to-morrow.

Mr. Ferrie
invited to
correspond.

The Rev. William Ferrie, being present, was invited to sit with the Synod during this Session.

Business Com-
mittee's Report.

The Committee on Business gave in a Report, which was received, and with certain amendments was adopted.

Bills and Over-
tures, Members
appointed to.

In accordance with the forementioned Report, the Synod made the following appointments of Members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, namely, for the Presbytery of Toronto, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich; for the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. James

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It was agreed to adopt the following arrangement, as regards Diets for the diets for business:—To meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and on succeeding days at 10 o'clock, and continue in Session till 1 o'clock; meet again at 3 o'clock, and adjourn at 6; resume at half-past 7, and close at 10 o'clock.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Business Committee, the Moderator called the special attention of Members of Synod to the propriety and duty of being present punctually at the commencement of each Sederunt, not only when business is entered upon, but during the opening devotional exercises.

It was agreed that the consideration of Judicial Causes be confined to the Forenoon Sederunt; that the Reports of Standing Committees be, in general, taken up in the evening, and that precedence be given to those of the Mission Committees.

It was agreed also, that a Committee on Causes should be appointed, as at last Synod, to whom should be referred for consideration such Causes as the Synod after hearing papers read may deem expedient.

The Synod appointed a Committee to examine the Commissions of Elders appointed by their respective Sessions, to represent them in Synod, and which had not been previously forwarded to their Presbyteries, with a view to the placing on the Synod Roll of the names of Elders found to be regularly appointed; the Committee to consist of Dr. Ormiston, Convener; Mr. J. K. Smith, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Gregg.

It was moved by Mr. William Doak, and duly seconded, That as formerly, leave be granted to the several Presbyteries to meet for competent business, on the call of their respective Moderators, in the intervals of the Sederunts, during this meeting of Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Topp, That only such Presbyteries as make written application for leave, under the hand of their Clerk, and stating the object of the meeting, shall, if the Synod deem it to be necessary, be permitted to meet during this Session.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Doak was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in accordance therewith.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again in the morning at 11 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, *June 15th, 1864, 11 o'clock A. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with devotional exercises and reading of the Scriptures, conducted under the direction of the Moderator,—Principal Willis, Mr. James Dick and Mr. David Inglis successively offering prayer, alternating with praise. The Moderator then constituted the Synod with prayer.

The Minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

Thanks to Mr. Dick, late Moderator, for his sermon.

On motion of Principal Willis, seconded by Mr. Topp, the Synod agreed to record their thanks to Mr. Dick, the late Moderator, for the able and appropriate sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Synod last evening.

Correspondents invited to sit.

Messrs. George Murray, Hugh Campbell and James Ferguson, ministers of this Church without charge, who were present, were, on the motion severally of Messrs. Cross, Dunearn Cameron and Skinner, invited to sit with the Synod at this meeting.

Bills, Report of Committee.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures handed in their first Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Chairman.

The Report was received, and the order of business for the day therein recommended, approved.

Prince and Princess of Wales, Address to.

It was moved by Mr. Topp, seconded by Principal Willis, and unanimously agreed, That the Synod present an address to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, congratulating them on the birth of a son and heir apparent to the throne, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare a draft of such address, to be submitted for the consideration and adoption of the Synod at another Sederunt.

Committee on Address.

The Committee was then appointed, consisting of the Moderator of Synod, Principal Willis and Mr. Topp, Convener.

Reports of Presbyteries in respect to Deaths of Ministers, &c.

The Reports of the several Presbyteries, after named, in relation to Ordinations, Inductions, Licensure, Deaths, Demissions and Depositions which had taken place within their respective bounds during the last year, were handed in and read, namely: of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville, Cobourg, Toronto, Guelph, Paris, London and Huron.

After several propositions had been submitted, with a view to the disposal of those Reports, and some time spent in reasoning thereon, and no decision come to, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Moderator closed the diet by pronouncing the benediction.

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THIRD SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 1864, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer,—Mr. James Skinner, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Committee on the Commissions of Elders, appointed last night, handed in a Report. The Report was read and adopted, and the names of Elders contained therein reported as bearing regular commissions as representatives of their several sessions, were ordered to be added to the Synod Roll. Commissions of Elders, Committee's Report on.

In reference to the disposal of the Reports of Presbyteries read at the morning Sederunt, a motion was submitted by Mr. R. F. Burns, which was unanimously adopted to the effect following:—That the Reports be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes; but that, in consideration of the references made in them to several beloved brethren as having been removed by death during the past year, the Synod, devoutly recognizing the hand of God in these solemn dispensations, appoint a Committee to draw up an appropriate Minute on this subject, said Committee to consist of Principal Willis, Messrs. Middlemiss and Burns, ministers; Dr. Holden and Mr. James Dougan, elders—Principal Willis, Convener. Presbytery Reports, Committee to draft Minute.

The Synod proceeded to the appointment of a Committee on the Remits to Presbyteries and Sessions, on the several subjects sent down, to collate the same and to report at a future Sederunt. The Committee was appointed as follows, namely:—Messrs. Thomas McPherson, John Baird, Alex. F. Kemp, ministers; M. C. Lutz and D. Cattnach, elders—Mr. McPherson, Convener. Return to Remits, Committee on.

It was proposed now to appoint the Committee to examine the papers connected with the applications from Presbyteries for the reception of ministers from other Churches, and the licensure of students. After reasoning as to the powers and duties of the said Committee, Applications for the Committee, Motion on.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Gregg, That the Committee be appointed to consider and report on the applications sent up through Presbyteries for the admission of ministers from other Churches, and for leave to take students on trials for license.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Topp, and duly seconded, That a Committee be appointed to consider the applications from Presbyteries for the reception of ministers from other Churches, and also for leave to take students on trials for license, and, if they see cause, to confer with the applicants from other Churches, and report. Amendment.

A vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Topp was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof. Decision, Amendment carried.

Applications
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The Committee was then appointed as follows:—Mr. Topp, Mr. Ure, Principal Willis, Messrs. Baird, J. M. King, J. Ross, W. C. Windell, J. Laing, T. Lowry, ministers; Dr. Edmondson, Mr. Heron, Dr. Holden, elders—Mr. Ure, Convener.

Standing Com-
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The following Committee was appointed in accordance with the Standing Orders, to nominate the several Standing Committees of Synod, namely:—Mr. Gregg, Convener; Messrs. Doak, Baird, J. K. Smith, Laing, Cuthbertson, ministers; Mr. Clark, of London, elder.

Causes Commit-
tee, principle of
selection.

The Synod having, at the morning Sederunt, agreed that a Committee on Causes should be appointed, a question arose as to the principle by which the selection of the members of such Committee should be governed, when it was—

Moved by Mr. McRuer, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, and agreed to, That each Presbytery of the Church be represented on this Committee by one member of such Presbytery, the appointment being left with the Moderator.

Mr. J. R. Scott to
correspond.

On the request of Mr. Waters, Mr. J. R. Scott, late of Perrytown, was invited to take his seat in Synod during this meeting.

Preaching before
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Committee.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee appointed last year, to make the requisite arrangements for preaching before the Synod at this meeting, read a Report, recommending that Mr. J. K. Smith, of Brockville, be appointed to preach in the morning of next Lord's day, and Mr. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, in the evening. The Synod received the Report, and sanctioned the recommendation which it contained.

Home Mission
Regulations,
Report of Special
Committee.
Returns of
Presbyteries on.

The Synod called for the Report of the Special Committee, appointed last year, to mature a plan for prosecuting Home Missionary operations. The Report was given in and read by Mr. Topp, the Convener. There were given in, at the same time, the Returns of Presbyteries on the Regulations drawn up by the aforementioned Committee, and which had been remitted according to the order of Synod.

Report received.

The Report was received.

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tions, resolved on.

On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, duly seconded, it was agreed, That immediately after the Synod is constituted to-morrow afternoon, the Synod shall resolve itself into a Committee of the whole house, for the consideration of the whole subject of Home Missionary operations.

Home Mission
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be Printed.

The Synod ordered that two hundred and fifty copies of the Regulations drawn up by the aforementioned Special Committee be forthwith printed for the use of members, and to facilitate that intelligent and careful consideration of the subject to which they relate, requisite to safe and satisfactory conclusions.

Jamieson and
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The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto anent the relation of Mr. Robert Jamieson, of New Westminster, British Columbia, and of Mr. James Nisbet, of Red River, to the said Presbytery, on the Roll of which, the names of these minis-

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On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Principal Willis, the Synod agreed to sustain the reference, and ordered that the names of Messrs. Jamieson and Nisbet be continued on the Roll of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Reference sustained, Messrs. Jamieson and Nisbet to remain on Roll.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the diet was closed.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 1864, 7½ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptures, praise and prayer—Mr. Gregg, at the request of the Moderator, engaging in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Thomas Lowry, of Mornington, in very cordial terms, introduced to the Synod the Rev. William Johnston, of Belfast, who, last night, had been requested to address the Synod.

There was read from the table a Commission to Mr. Johnston from the Mission Board of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, under the hands of the Rev. John Rogers, Moderator of the General Assembly, and the Rev. William McClure, Convener of the Board of Colonial Missions, appointing him to proceed to New Brunswick and Canada, to visit the brethren of the Presbyterian Churches of those provinces, and report, especially upon the state of the congregations and stations receiving aid from the Colonial Mission Fund of that Church, and regarding the mission field generally, and affectionately recommending him to the kindness and attention of the brethren and friends in those lands.

Rev. W. Johnston introduced, and addressed the Synod.

Mr. Johnston's Commission.

Mr. Johnston, on the call of the Moderator, then came to the platform and addressed the Synod at length, conveying much interesting information, in regard as well to the increased material prosperity of Ireland, as to the state of education, religion and morality generally in that land, and especially in regard to the revived condition, the active agencies for the spreading of religious truth, and the great success, which, under the divine blessing, by means of their Home and Foreign Missions, had attended the efforts of that Church for the promotion of the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

Address by Mr. Johnston.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, and carried by acclamation, That the Synod having heard the Rev. Mr. Johnston, deputy of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,

Thanks to Mr. Johnston.

would express their sincere pleasure at having the opportunity of being informed, by his statements, of the prosperity of the Church which he represents, convey to him through the Moderator, the assurance of our affection for the Church in Ireland, our gratitude for the deep interest she has ever taken in the welfare of our Church in this Province, and our desire that God may continue to crown with success her labours for the advancement of the Gospel, both at home and abroad; trusting, also, that Mr. Johnston may experience the divine protection in returning to his home and his flock. The Moderator conveyed to Mr. Johnston the sense which the Synod expressed of its satisfaction and good wishes.

Calvin, Tercentenary of his death, Overture on.

The Synod took up an Overture bearing the signatures of Dr. Burns and Principal Willis, suggesting that, in common with other Churches in Europe and America, the Synod should adopt such measures as might best manifest its interest in the memory of the great Calvin, whose signal services to the cause of Scriptural truth have been brought into special remembrance in connection with the end of the third century since his death, which occurred in the summer (May) of 1564.

Calvin, Resolution on, and Committee appointed.

It was then moved by Principal Willis, seconded by Dr. Burns, and unanimously agreed to, That a Committee be appointed to consider in what way this Synod may best evince its respect for the memory of the illustrious Calvin, and its attachment to the Scriptural principles with which his name is identified.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—Principal Willis, Convener; Dr. Burns, Mr. Clark, of Quebec; Dr. Taylor, Dr. Irvine, Mr. Baird, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Dick, ministers; Dr. Edmondson, Mr. Cattanach, Mr. Young, of Sarnia, Mr. R. Christie, elders.

Records of Presbyteries, Committee on.

The Synod appointed the following Committees to examine the Records of Presbyteries, namely:—

Hamilton.

Of the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. George Riddell and Mr. John Ratcliff.

Toronto.

Of the Presbytery of Toronto, Mr. John Baird, Mr. Thomas Wardrope and Mr. Robert Kennedy.

Ottawa.

Of the Presbytery of Ottawa, Mr. D. H. McVicar, Mr. W. C. Windell and Mr. Donald McLellan.

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Of the Presbytery of Ontario, Mr. Wm. J. McKenzie, Mr. George Cuthbertson and Mr. Alex. Smith.

Cobourg.

Of the Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. Wm. King, Mr. Andrew Melville and Dr. R. Edmondson.

London.

Of the Presbytery of London, Mr. J. K. Smith, Mr. John Scott and Mr. James Stenson.

Brockville.

Of the Presbytery of Brockville, Mr. Andrew Wilson, Mr. John Fotheringham, and Mr. John Parker.

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Of the Presbytery of Guelph, Mr. Andrew Tolmie, Mr. W. Guelph, Cochrane, and Mr. A. Matheson.

Of the Presbytery of Paris, Mr. Thomas Stevenson, Dr. Irvine, Paris, and Mr. W. Heron.

Of the Presbytery of Grey, Mr. John Porteous, Mr. N. Paterson, Grey, and Mr. David Brodie.

Of the Presbytery of Montreal, Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. R. Montreal, Monteath, and Mr. Alex. Duff.

The Committee to examine the Records of the Synod, was appointed as follows:—Mr. Simon C. Fraser, Mr. John Lees, and Mr. W. T. McMullen.

A motion was made that the Synod should meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, which being put to vote was lost, and the Synod adjourned, to meet at the stated hour in the morning, and the Moderator closed the diet by pronouncing the benediction.

Hour of Meeting not changed.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

THURSDAY, June 16, 1864, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Dr. Ormiston, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. James Stewart and Mr. Thomas Sharp, Ministers of this Church, being present, were invited to take their seats in the Synod.

Mr. J. Stewart & Mr. T. Sharp to correspond.

Dr. Ormiston, from the Committee on Elders' Commissions, handed in a Report, which was read, and adopted, and the names therein contained were ordered to be added to the Synod Roll.

Commission of Elders, Report of

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Chairman of the Committee. The Report was received, and the order of business, therein recommended, sanctioned.

Bills and Overtures, Report.

The Committee on the Returns from Presbyteries to Remits, sent down from the Synod last year, gave in a Report, in regard to the Returns on Standing Orders, which was read by Mr. Kemp, to the effect, that the Presbyteries of Brockville, Kingston, Cobourg, Huron, approved, *simpliciter*, of the Standing Orders

Standing Orders, Returns to Remits.

remitted for their consideration; that the Presbyteries of Ottawa, Toronto, Guelph, and Hamilton, approved, *simpliciter*, of Order No. 3; that the Presbytery of Ottawa disapproved of Nos. 2 and 4; that the Presbyteries of Guelph and Hamilton disapproved of Nos. 1 and 2; and the Presbytery of Toronto of Nos. 1 and 2; that the Presbytery of Toronto approved of No. 4, with alterations; and that no Returns had been received from the Presbyteries of Stratford, Montreal, London, Paris, Grey, and Ontario.

Standing Order,
No. 3, adopted.

On motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Andrew Wilson, the Synod received the Report, and in accordance therewith, adopted Standing Order No. 3 in the Remit above referred to, as approved by a majority of the Presbyteries to the effect following, that is to say:—"3. That the previous question may be moved, and when moved, no further discussion shall be allowed until it shall have been decided. The previous question shall be, whether the vote on the resolution or resolutions before the house, be now taken. Should it be carried, the vote shall be immediately taken, but should it be lost, the discussion may proceed."

Standing Orders
to be printed.

The Synod further ordered that the Standing Orders, with this addition, be forthwith printed for the use of the Synod.

CAUSES COMMITTEE.

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The Moderator, in accordance with the resolution on the subject adopted yesterday, now appointed the Committee on Causes as follows:—Dr. Taylor, Messrs. J. K. Smith, T. Wardrope, J. Laing, W. Gregg, J. Middlemiss, W. Caven, J. Gillespie, J. Ross, J. J. A. Proudfoot, A. Tolmie, Ministers; Dr. Holden, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. A. Mitchell, Elders; Dr. Taylor, Convener.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT—MESSRS. EWING AND ANDREWS.

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Cobourg Presby-
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The Synod took up a case of dissent and complaint—Messrs. Ewing and Andrews, against a decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the matter of a petition of certain parties, Members of the Congregation of Port Hope, refusing to organize them into a separate Congregation.

Presby. Minutes
read.

The Minutes of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the case, were read.

Motion on Case.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Topp, That the dissent and complaint against the decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the Port Hope case, be sent back to the Presbytery, inasmuch as the parties to the petition, in the matter on which the dissent and complaint are taken, were not cited to appear for their interest, in the case, with instruction to the Presbytery to cite, if possible, said parties to appear, before the rising of the Synod.

I. Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Cross, That, having read the Minutes in the complaint against the decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, proceed to hear papers and parties, namely, the Presbytery, and the individuals complaining against their decision, and give judgment.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, Cobourg, and which it appears certain petition before the Synod informality, to present, guard such rights sh

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It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded 2. Amendment. by Mr. Dick, That, having read the Minutes of the Presbytery of Cobourg, anent the appeal of Messrs. Andrews and Ewing, in which it appears that the Presbytery have failed to intimate to certain petitioners, who were before the Presbytery, to appear before the Synod, for their interests, yet notwithstanding this informality, the Synod agree to hear papers and the parties now present, guarding any rights of parties who are absent, in case such rights should hereafter appear.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded 3. Amendment. by Mr. Millican, That the Synod having heard the Minutes of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the case of complaint, Messrs. Ewing and Andrews, against the deliverance of the said Presbytery in the Port Hope case, and finding that all the parties interested in the case have not been cited to appear for their interests, decline to consider the case.

Votes were called, when the amendment of Mr. Inglis was preferred to that of Mr. McLaren; that of Mr. Baird to that of Mr. Inglis, and the motion of Mr. Kemp was carried by a large majority against the amendment of Mr. Baird, and the Synod decided in terms thereof. That the dissent and complaint against the decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the Port Hope case, be sent back to the Presbytery, inasmuch as the parties to the petition in the matter on which the dissent and complaint were taken, were not cited to appear for their interest in the case, with instruction to the Presbytery to cite, if possible, said parties to appear before the rising of the Synod.

*Decision :
Case sent back to
Presbytery with
instructions.*

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT—MR. ANDREWS ET AL.

The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint,—Mr. Francis Andrews and others, against a decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the case of a Call from the Congregation of Port Hope to the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick.

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Complaint—Mr.
F. Andrews and
others, Cobourg
Presbytery.*

Parties were called and appeared.

Parties appeared.

The Minutes of the Presbytery in the case were read. The reasons of dissent, and also the answers to those reasons were read.

Papers read.

Mr. John Ewing was heard for the complainants.

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for complainants.*

Mr. Roger was heard on the part of the Presbytery of Cobourg.

*Mr. Roger for
Presbytery.*

Mr. Ewing was heard in reply.

*Mr. Ewing in
reply.*

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

THURSDAY, June 16, 1864, 3 o'clock P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. William B. Clark, of Quebec, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Bills Committee Report.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, transmitting an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, in regard to Theological Education in Eastern Canada, and recommending that the Overture be taken up in connection with the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College.

Report received and sanctioned.

The Report was received and its recommendation sanctioned.

Whole House, Committee of, on Home Missions.

In accordance with a resolution adopted yesterday, the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the whole subject of Home Missionary operations—Mr. Thomas Wardrope in the chair.

Committee of Whole rose and reported.

After sitting for some time the Committee of the whole House rose—the Moderator took the chair and the Synod resumed. The Chairman of the Committee of the whole House reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Synod adjourned. Closed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

THURSDAY, June 16, 1864, 7½ o'clock P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John Lees, of Ancaster, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Home Missions, when to be considered.

A question was asked as to the time when the subject which had occupied the Synod in Committee of the whole House in the afternoon, namely, that of Home Mission operations, should again be taken up for consideration. It was agreed to proceed to the consideration of this subject to-morrow afternoon.

Death of Ministers, Minute on.

The Committee appointed to draw up a Minute in reference to the names, that, by reason of death, disappear from the Roll of Synod, at this meeting, submitted a Minute on the subject remitted to them. The Minute was read by Principal Willis, the Convener, and was adopted by the Synod in the following terms:—

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The Synod feels called upon, while observing the greater than usual number of Fathers and Brethren who are thus reported as having been removed by death, since last Synod, to recognize the sovereignty of the All-wise Disposer, in withdrawing from the field of their earthly labours, not only some of the more aged and infirm, but some also whose bow was yet in its strength. The Synod records its gratitude to God for the good services which He permitted their lamented Fathers and Brethren to render while spared to the Church; some of them having in no small degree distinguished themselves by their zeal, in the public defence, as well as the promulgation of evangelic truth; and all of them having, in their congregational spheres, diligently prosecuted the work of evangelists, commending themselves to men's consciences by declaring both publicly, and from house to house, the testimony of God; exemplifying also, and some of them under circumstances of difficulty, and amid many tribulations, the patience as well as the faith of the saints. The Synod desires to hear, for itself, the voice of God, admonishing each spiritual labourer to watch and work while it is day; and deeply feeling for the bereaved flocks and families, appoint an Extract of this Minute to be sent to the respective Widows, or Children, or nearest relatives of the deceased, with assurance of our prayerful sympathy.

COLLEGE BOARD REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College. The Report was handed in by Mr. Dick, the Chairman of the Board, and was read. The Report embodied the Report of the Senate of the College; as also a statement of the amounts contributed by the several Presbyteries in support of the Institution; the contributions to and disbursements from the Bursary Fund; notice of a liberal donation from Mrs. Gibb, of Woodfield, Quebec (widow of the late James Gibb, Esq.), for encouraging the study of elocution, as also a statement of the management of the College Boarding House.

There was read, in connexion with the Report, a letter from Mr. George Paxton Young, informing the Synod that the office of Inspector of Grammar Schools had been offered to him, and that he had signified to the Council of Public Instruction his willingness to accept the same, and tendering the resignation of his office of Professor of Theology in Knox College; at the same time thanking the Synod for the kind support which he had uniformly received as well from the Synod, as from individual members thereof, in the discharge of his Professorial duties, and warmly expressing his hope and prayer that the divine blessing might continue to rest abundantly on the Institution with which he had been so long connected.

There was read also a letter from Dr. Burns, Professor of Church History and the Evidences of Religion, addressed to Principal Willis, with the view of its being submitted to the College Board, expressing his earnest wish to have some help in

the discharge of the duties of his class, especially in the Evidence department, and offering to bear the expense if such assistance were furnished.

Prin. Willis,
Letter from.

There was read also a letter from Principal Willis, addressed to the Chairman of the College Board, with a view to its being laid before the Synod, and submitting certain considerations which should lead the Synod to grant him an increase of salary.

Theological Edu-
cation, C. E.,
Overture, Mon-
treal Presbytery.

There was read, further, an Overture, transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, setting forth the expediency of establishing a Theological College, in connection with this Church, and under the direction and control of this Synod, in the City of Montreal, and containing suggestions in regard to the organization and constitution of such College, and the necessity for its erection.

College Board
Report received.

On motion made and seconded, the Report of the College Board was received.

Prof. Young,
Committee to
confer with.

It was moved by Mr. Topp, duly seconded and agreed to, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Professor Young, in regard to his tender of resignation, with a view, if possible, to retain his services.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—Mr. Topp, Convener; Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Skinner, Mr. McKenzie, of Zorra, Mr. McRuer, ministers; Mr. D. McLellan, Mr. Calder, Mr. Warden King, elders.

STATE OF RELIGION.

State of Religion,
Report on.

On motion of Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Mr. Doak, the Synod agreed to proceed now to take up the Report on the State of Religion, and that the consideration of the College Report, and the overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, be reserved for a future Sederunt.

The Report on the State of Religion was read by Mr. Torrance, the Convener of the Committee, on that subject.

Resolution, State
of Religion.

On motion of Mr. McVicar, seconded by the Moderator, who left the chair for that purpose, and which was temporarily occupied by Principal Willis, the Synod agreed to receive and adopt the Report, and to record their thanks to the Committee on the State of Religion for their diligence in the discharge of the duties with which they had been intrusted.

Pastoral address,
Moderator's
explanation.

The Moderator here gave an explanation as to the reasons for the omission to issue a Pastoral Address to the members of the Church, which, by a resolution of the Synod last year it had been remitted to the Committee on the State of Religion to prepare. The Synod accepted the explanation.

The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

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EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

FRIDAY, June 17, 1864, 10 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Joseph Alexander, of Union and Norval, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Chairman. The Synod received the Report, and sanctioned the order of business therein recommended.

DISSENT—MR. ANDREWS ET AL.

The Synod resumed consideration of the case from Port Hope, in relation to the Dissent of Mr. Francis Andrews and others against a decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the matter of a Call to Mr. Fitzpatrick, interrupted by the adjournment yesterday morning.

Mr. Laing, as a party interested in the matter of Dissent was heard.

Mr. Ewing, one of the Dissentients, by permission of the House, gave explanations in reference to alleged new matter introduced in the address of Mr. Laing.

Parties were removed.

It was moved by Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. Thomas McPherson, That the Synod dismiss the Dissent and Complaint, and confirm the finding of the Presbytery of Cobourg.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Clark, of Quebec, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, That the Synod dismiss the Dissent and Complaint as groundless, and confirm the finding of the Presbytery.

A vote was called, when the motion was declared to be carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

The parties were recalled, and the decision of the Synod was announced to them.

Messrs. Ewing and Andrews, and Mr. Nugent asked and obtained leave to have their dissent from the decision in this case marked in the Synod's Minutes.

The Presbytery of Cobourg craved extracts.

REFERENCE—HAMILTON PRESBYTERY.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, in a case of Appeal by Dr. Irvine, and the Kirk Session and Congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, against the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton in the matter of the Memorial of Mr. James Walker.

The Synod proceeded to read the Reference and relative Papers. After proceeding for some time, and the reading of the Papers not being finished, the hour of one o'clock arrived, and the Synod adjourned. Closed with the benediction.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

FRIDAY, June 17, 1864, 3 o'clock P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, prayer being offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. J. Crombie.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

PROFESSOR YOUNG'S RESIGNATION—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Prof. Young,
Report of Com-
mittee to confer
with.

The Committee appointed last night to confer with Mr. Young respecting his tender of resignation of the office of Professor of Theology, gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Topp, the Convener, to the effect that, having met with Mr. Young, and having signified to him the object of their appointment, namely, to retain, if possible, his services to the Church, as hitherto, Mr. Young stated that he had carefully and deliberately weighed the matter, and that for reasons which still were to his mind satisfactory, while expressing thanks for all the kindness and support which he had received from the Synod, he yet adhered to his resignation. The Committee also recommended that the resignation of Mr. Young be accepted, and reported a deliverance for the adoption of the Synod.

Report received
and adopted.

The Report of the Committee was received, and the deliverance therein contained adopted, and was ordered to be engrossed in the Synod's Minutes to the following purport:

Deliverance.
Resignation of
Prof. Young.

The Synod in accepting, as they now do, with reluctance, the resignation by Mr. Young of his chair as Professor of Theology in Knox College, resolve to record their deep sense of the ability and faithfulness, and zeal, with which he has discharged the duties of his office—their high appreciation of his eminent qualifications and important services in the College—their sincere regret that he has felt it his duty to withdraw from the Chair which he has so efficiently filled—their best wishes for his future welfare, and their earnest prayer that in whatever sphere of labour he may, in the Providence of God, be placed, he may be largely honoured in promoting the interests of the cause of Christ.

Resignation to
take effect at
close of Synod
Meeting.

The Synod resolved that, in accepting the resignation of Professor Young, it is to be understood that the resignation shall not take effect till the close of this meeting of Synod.

WHOLE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions.
Committee of the
whole house.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the Regulations for conducting the Home Missions of the Church—Mr. Lawrence in the chair.

Whole house,
Committee rose,
&c.

After sitting for some time, the Committee of the whole house rose. The Moderator took the chair, and the Synod resumed.

The Chairman of the Committee of the whole house reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The Synod then adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

The Synod met,
prayer being offered
by Mr. W. Craigie, at
the request of the Moderator,
by Mr. J. Crombie.

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The Synod resolved
itself into a Committee
of Management
from the Presbytery
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on the 17th day of
June evening.

The Overture

Dr. Taylor announced
the Overture.

It was moved
that the Report
on the establishment
referred to a Special
Committee.

It was moved
by J. Laing, That the
Institute in Montreal
Special Committee
Report, said Committee
be referred to a Special
Committee.

The hour of adjournment
agreed to sit for half
past seven.

The hour of adjournment
on the question of
adjourned. Closed.

The Synod met,
Mr. W. Craigie, at
the request of the Moderator,
by Mr. J. Crombie.

The Minutes of the

The Committee
was read by Mr. G.
and adopted.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

FRIDAY, June 17, 1864, 7½ o'clock P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, prayer being offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. Roger, of Peterboro'.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

COLLEGE REPORT AND MONTREAL OVERTURE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, in connection with the Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, in relation to establishing a Theological College in the City of Montreal, deferred from yesterday evening.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal was read.

Overture read.

Dr. Taylor and Mr. McVicar were heard in support of the Overture.

Dr. Taylor and Mr. McVicar support Overture. Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. David Inglis, That the Report of the College Board, together with the Overture on the establishment of a Theological College in Montreal be referred to a Special Committee, to report on Monday evening.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Ross, seconded by Mr. J. Laing. That the Synod considers the erection of a Theological Institute in Montreal as premature; at the same time, appoint a Special Committee to consider this Overture and the College Report, said Committee to Report on Monday evening.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod, on motion, agreed to sit for half an hour longer.

The hour of half-past ten o'clock having arrived, and no decision on the question before the house being come to, the Synod adjourned. Closed with the benediction.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

SATURDAY, June 18, 1864, 10 o'clock A.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. W. Craigie, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

Bills' Committee Report.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee of Bills and Overture gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Chairman. The Report was received and adopted.

COLLEGE REPORT.

College Report
to be sent to
Committee.

In accordance with a recommendation of the foregoing Report on Bills, the Synod agreed that the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College be referred to a Committee, now to be appointed, leaving the Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, in relation to the establishing of a Theological College, to be disposed of as the Synod may afterwards determine.

Records, Guelph
Presbytery,
Mr. J. Whyte to
examine.

The Moderator, with the permission of Synod, appointed Mr. James Whyte, a member of the Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Guelph, instead of Mr. W. Cochrane, who was absent.

REFERENCE—HAMILTON PRESBYTERY.

Reference,
Hamilton case.

The Synod took up again the Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, in the matter of Appeal, Dr. Irvine and the Kirk Session and Congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, against action of the Presbytery of Hamilton, interrupted by the adjournment yesterday morning.

Remaining
papers read.

The remaining Papers in the case were read.

Parties not cited,
remitted to Pres-
bytery to cite.

The Synod found that parties in the case had not been cited, and therefore agreed to send back the case to the Presbytery, with instructions to cite all the parties to appear before the Synod, at a future Sederunt, during this meeting.

Presbytery
ordered to meet.

The Presbytery of Hamilton were thereupon summoned to meet immediately, for the purpose of issuing the requisite citations.

ST. MARY'S CASE.

Complaint Mr. D.
Beattie, Chal-
mer's Church, St.
Mary's.

The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint of Mr. D. Beattie, against action of the Presbytery of Stratford, in granting Certificates of Church-membership to Members of Chalmer's Church Congregation, St. Mary's.

Papers and par-
ties.

The papers in the case were read. The parties were present.

Causes Com-
mittee, sent to.

The Synod agreed to send, as they do hereby send, the papers and parties in this case, to the Committee on Causes.

Memorial of Mr.
McPherson, read
and referred.

At the request of Mr. Thomas McPherson, a memorial which he had addressed to the Synod, on the same case (the St. Mary's case), and which he wished to be taken up along with Mr. Beattie's complaint, was read. The Synod ordered that Mr. McPherson's memorial be sent along with the papers relating to Mr. Beattie's complaint, to the Committee on Causes.

COLLEGE REPORT—COMMITTEE ON.

College Report,
Committee on.

The Moderator now appointed the Committee to whom should be referred the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, as ordered at the commencement of this Sederunt, as follows:—Mr. Kemp, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. J. Laing, D. McKenzie, J. K. Smith, A. Wilson, W. Caven, R. Ure, J. Duff, D. McKuer,

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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place for the next Synod. next ordinary meeting, and it was agreed that next meeting of Synod meeting. be held in McNab Street Church, in the City of Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of June, 1865, at seven o'clock, in the evening.

REEVE, W.—REFERENCE, PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Kingston, Reeve, Mr. reference respecting the position of William Reeve, a Student of Divinity, under their inspection, who had not attended any Theological School, and asking for the decision of the Synod as to the propriety and duty of taking him on trial for License. ence anent, Presbytery Kingston.

Mr. W. McLaren supported the reference on behalf of the Presbytery. Reference supported by Mr. McLaren.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, the Synod agreed, That the case of Mr. Reeve be remitted to a small Committee, consisting of Principal Willis, Convener, Messrs. J. M. King, Prof. Young, J. Ross, J. Baird, for the purpose of examining him (Mr. Reeve), with a view to his being licensed; the Committee to report at an early Session of the Synod. Mr. Reeve, Committee on.

SYNOD—NEXT MEETING—NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Mr. Warden King gave notice, that, at the meeting of Synod, Next meeting of Synod, notices of resolution, passed this morning, appointing the next meeting of Synod at Hamilton, with a view to propose that the next ordinary meeting be held in Montreal. motion to reconsider.

Mr. Waters gave notice that in case of the question as to the Mr. Waters' place of holding the next meeting of Synod being reconsidered, notice. he should move that the next meeting be held in London.

The Moderator, with permission of the Synod, added Mr. D. H. Nomination Committee, Mr. McVicar added. McVicar to the Committee for nominating Standing Committees.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again, at 11 o'clock, on Monday morning. Closed with the benediction.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

MONDAY, June 20, 1864, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Topp, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Bills' Committee Report.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Chairman, and was received and adopted.

ST. MARY'S CASE.

Paper in addition, Mr. McPherson's memorial.

In accordance with the first recommendation of the Report of the Committee on Bills, an additional paper, in the matter of the memorial of Thomas McPherson, in regard to the action of the Presbytery of Stratford in granting certificates to John Adair and others, members of Chalmer's Church, St. Mary's, was read.

Sent to Causes Committee.

The Synod ordered that the paper relating to Mr. McPherson's memorial be sent, along with the other papers, in the St. Mary's case, to the Committee on Causes.

MR. M. Y. STARK—APPLICATION, PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Mr. M. Y. Stark, application Presbytery Hamilton to retain his name on Roll.

The Synod took up and read an application from the Presbytery of Hamilton, requesting leave to retain the name of Mr. Stark, of Duudas, on the Roll of the said Presbytery.

Application granted.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. McPherson, it was agreed, That, considering the special circumstances of the case, the request of the Presbytery of Montreal in regard to retaining Mr. Stark's name be granted.

GAELIC CONGREGATION—ILLINOIS.

Petition from Elmira, Illinois, postponed.

The Synod took up a petition from certain Gaelic speaking people at Elmira, Illinois, U. S., praying, for very special reasons, to be organized and received as a congregation of the Church, under the inspection of the Synod.

In the absence of parties who were said to have been intrusted with the support of the Petition, the Synod agreed to delay consideration thereof.

MONTREAL COLLEGE—OVERTURE.

Theological College, Montreal, Overture resumed.

The Synod took up again the Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, in regard to establishing a Theological College, in the City of Montreal, the consideration of which was interrupted by the adjournment on Friday night.

Motions read.

The motions then proposed, for the disposal of said Overture, in connexion with the Report of the Board of Knox College, were read.

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It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Warden King, That an Overture on behalf of the establishment of a Theological Institute in Montreal, having been read, and supported by parties appointed, the Synod express their satisfaction with its object, and remit to the Presbytery of Montreal to arrange the details necessary to the establishment of such an Institute, and to report to next meeting of Synod, so that the object may be accomplished with as little delay as may be.

Mr. Ross, with the leave of Synod, withdrew the motion which he had submitted on this matter, on Friday evening. Mr. David Inglis, the seconder of the motion, on the same subject, by Mr. Gregg, for himself, and on behalf of Mr. Gregg, who was not at the moment in the house, asked leave to withdraw that motion. Leave was granted, and the motion was withdrawn. Motions withdrawn.

A vote was then taken between the motion of Mr. McPherson and the amendment of Mr. Baird, when the motion was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof, That the said Overture be sent to a Committee. Vote, motion carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, That the Overture on the Theological College, at Montreal, be committed to the Committee appointed to consider the Report of the College Board, with the addition of Dr. Taylor, Mr. McVicar, Mr. Gregg, Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Mr. John Redpath. Overture to Committee on College Report, with additions.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, That the Overture be sent to the Committee already appointed to consider the College Report. 1. Amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. McRuer, That the Montreal Overture be referred to the Committee on the College Board Report, with the names of Principal Willis, Mr. McVicar, Mr. Redpath, Hon. Mr. McMurrich, added. 2. Amendment.

Votes being called for, the amendment of Mr. Gregg was, by large majorities, successively, preferred to that of Mr. Ross, and to the motion of Mr. Kemp, and the Synod agreed to add the names therein contained to the Committee on the Report of College Board, and to refer to said Committee the Overture from Montreal. Decision, Mr. Gregg's amendm. out.

The Synod adjourned; the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

MONDAY, June 20, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises; Mr. Caw, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY—DRAFT FOR.

General Assembly, draft for.

The Synod took up the Draft of Act for the constituting of a General Assembly and District Synods, remitted, last year, for the consideration of Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act.

Returns to Remits. General Assembly.
Five Presbyteries approve *simpliciter*.

The Committee on the Returns to Remits to Presbyteries and Sessions, gave in a Report on the Draft aforementioned, which was read by Mr. Kemp, to the effect, That five Presbyteries, namely, those of Ontario, Brockville, Ottawa, Montreal, and Grey, approve, *simpliciter*, of establishing a General Assembly.

Three approve generally. suggest alterations.
One disapproved.

That three Presbyteries, those of Kingston, London, and Paris, approve generally, with suggested alterations and additions:

That one, that of Toronto, disapproved:

Four judge immediate action inexpedient.

That four, those of Hamilton, Cobourg, Huron, and Guelph, affirmed the propriety of keeping in view the formation of a General Assembly, at some future period, yet judged immediate action to be inexpedient: and

One motion to approve not carried.

That in one Presbytery, that of Stratford, the motion to approve was not carried.

Returns, Paris, Kingston, and London, read.

The Returns to the Remit from the Presbyteries of Paris, Kingston, and London, were read at length.

Motion by Mr. McLaren.

It was moved by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Dr. Holden, That inasmuch as a majority of Presbyteries have approved of the immediate establishment of a General Assembly, this Synod do now resolve to take steps to constitute a General Assembly, and for this end, appoint a Committee to take into consideration the Returns of Presbyteries, and prepare an amended Act, and send down the same to Presbyteries, with instructions to report thereon to next Synod.

Amendment, Mr. Topp.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. Monteath, That the Synod receive the Report of the Committee on Remits on this subject, affirm the principle of a General Assembly, and remit the whole matter to a Committee to frame an Amended Overture, to be sent down to Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act.

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A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. McLaren was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof. Motion carried, decision.

The Moderator then appointed the Committee on Amended Act for General Assembly as follows:—Mr. Topp, Mr. McLaren, (Convener), Dr. Ormiston, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Warden King, and Dr. Holden. Committee on General Assembly Act.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD RECONSIDERED.

Mr. Warden King, in accordance with the notice which he had given, on Saturday, now moved, seconded by Mr. James Whyte, That the vote of the Synod, passed on Saturday, resolving that the next Meeting of Synod should be held in Hamilton, be now reconsidered. The motion was agreed to, and the question was entered upon anew. Synod, next meeting reconsidered.

It was moved by Mr. Warden King, seconded by Mr. Duncan Cameron, That the next Meeting of Synod be held in the City of Montreal. Next meeting at Montreal.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Smith, That the Synod adhere to its Resolution of Saturday, appointing the next Meeting in the City of Hamilton.

On a vote being taken, it was carried by a large majority, That the next Meeting of the Synod be held in the City of Montreal. By another vote, it was resolved, That the next Meeting be held in Coté Street Church, on the first Tuesday of June, 1865, at seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed that the Committee at Montreal, who shall make arrangements for the accommodation of Members of Synod attending the next Meeting, shall be authorized to draw upon the Synod Fund to the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300), for the purpose of defraying expenses which may be incurred in providing such accommodation. Accommodation Committee to draw for \$300.

The Synod appointed Dr. Taylor, Mr. Kemp, and Mr. McVicar, a Committee to arrange for preaching before the Synod next year. Committee on preaching before Synod.

HOME MISSION REGULATIONS.

The Synod took up again the proposed Regulations for conducting the Home Missions of the Church, and resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to consider said Regulations. Mr. Kemp in the chair. Home Mission, regulations Committee of Whole.

After sitting for some time, the Committee of the Whole House rose. The Moderator took the chair, and the Synod resumed. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Committee rose, Synod resumed, &c.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

MONDAY, June 20, 1864, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises; Mr. Middlemiss, at the request of the Moderator, engaging in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

General Assembly, Mr. Clark on Committee.

The Moderator, with permission of Synod, appointed Mr. Wm. B. Clark, of Quebec, to be a member of the Committee to prepare an Act on a General Assembly.

Causes Committee to sit.

The Causes Committee asked and obtained leave to sit for some time during this Sederunt.

College Board, Committee to sit.

Leave was also granted to the Committee on the College Board Report, to sit for some time.

Dr. Lillie and Mr. Marling invited to sit.

At the request of Mr. Skinner, the Rev. Dr. Lillie, and the Rev. Mr. Marling, who were present, were invited to sit with the Synod.

Congregational Union. Dr. Lillie, delegate.

It was here stated by Mr. Reid, clerk of Synod, that Dr. Lillie had been appointed a Delegate to this Synod, on behalf of the Congregational Union of Canada, and that the Rev. John Climie, of Belleville, was appointed as his alternate.

Dr. Lillie to be heard to-morrow evening.

The Synod agreed to hear, at eight o'clock to-morrow evening, any communication which Dr. Lillie, or his co-delegate, should be pleased to make from the respected Body of which they are the representatives.

ELMIRA, ILLINOIS—PETITION.

Elmira, Illinois, petition.

The Synod took up again the Petition from Elmira, Illinois, the consideration of which was deferred at the morning Sederunt. The Petition was supported by Mr. Lachlin Cameron, who also answered several questions in relation thereto.

Petition granted.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. D. Cattnach, and supported by Mr. John Fraser, of Thamesford, the Petition was received, and the prayer thereof complied with.

Elmira placed in charge of London Presbytery.

The Synod further agreed that this Congregation be placed, as it is hereby placed, under the inspection and care of the Presbytery of London, with instructions to that Presbytery to attend to the interests thereof.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—REPORT.

Foreign Missions, Report of Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Report was read by Mr. Robert F. Burns, the Convener.

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On motion of Mr. Monteath, seconded by Mr. Walter Wright, the Report was received, and thanks were given to the Com-

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Foreign Missions Report, Committee to frame deliverance.

It was moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. James Whyte, and agreed to, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Deliverance on the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, to be submitted for the adoption of Synod, to-morrow evening.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—Mr. Clark, of Quebec, Convener; Messrs. Burns, McVicar, A. Young, Lowry, McMullen, Lawrence, Dick, Monteath, D. Inglis, McLaren, Ministers; Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Cattanach, Dr. Holden, Mr. Henderson, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. A. Young, Elders.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES AND OF SYNOD.

The Synod called for Reports of Committees on the Records of Presbyteries, and the Report of the Committee on the Records of the Synod.

Records of Presbyteries Reports on. Records to be attested.

Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of Brockville, Ontario, and Guelph, setting forth that the Minutes of those Presbyteries were correctly kept. The Synod ordered the Records of the several Presbyteries named to be attested, in terms of the Reports.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod, reported that those Records were correctly kept.

Records of Synod, Report and order for attestation.

The Synod received and adopted the Report, and ordered that the Records be attested in the usual form.

COLLEGE BOARD.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, and the Overture from Montreal. It was stated on behalf of the Committee, that they had not yet finished the business intrusted to them. The Committee were permitted again to retire during the remaining portion of the present Sederunt.

Knox College, Report of Committee on Board Report, called for. Further time granted.

CALVIN TERCENTENARY.

The Committee, appointed at the fourth Sederunt, on Wednesday last, to consider in what way the Synod might best evince its respect for the memory of the illustrious Calvin, on the recurrence of the third century after his death, and its attachment to the scriptural principles with which his name is identified, gave in a Report, embodying a Deliverance for the adoption of Synod. The Report was read by Principal Willis, the Convener of the Committee.

Calvin Tercentenary, Report of Committee.

On motion of Principal Willis, seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Report was received and adopted, and the deliverance contained therein, of the tenor following, was ordered to be engrossed in the Synod's Minutes:

Report adopted: Deliverance to be engrossed.

The Synod having had its attention called to the recent demonstrations of respect for the memory of the illustrious Calvin, both on the part of those residing at the immediate seat of the labours.

of that Reformer, and of many Churches, or members of Churches, in Europe and America, embraces willingly the opportunity of evincing its sympathy with the feeling of veneration thus called forth in connexion with the memory of so distinguished a servant of God, and one who was instrumental, in so important a degree, in the great religious Reformation of the sixteenth century.

The Synod, without committing itself to an opinion on the propriety of observing Anniversary or Centenary celebrations of illustrious names, rejoices to declare its belief that the centuries that have revolved since the time of Calvin, have proven, as they have rolled on, the wonderful measure of spiritual understanding, as well as holy zeal, divinely imparted to the great Reformer and Theologian: not the least of whose services was the transmission to posterity of such learned and accurate interpretations of Holy Scripture, and such correct definitions of doctrine as have eminently aided students of the Sacred Writings, in all countries, in the exposition and defence of evangelic truth.

While claiming for no mere man infallibility of judgment, nor identifying our own, or any other Church popularly called Calvinistic, with every conclusion, doctrinal and ethical, even of that honoured individual, the Synod heartily acknowledges the distinguishing features of the systems of doctrine and church government so much associated with his name; believing that whether as tried by Scripture, or by the test of its fruits in the enlightened piety, practical godliness and morality of individuals and communities, it has well vindicated its claim to the unabated attachment of all who would uphold a banner for truth, in the cause of the Gospel of God generally, or in the maintenance at once of due freedom and necessary order in Church organizations.

That while it has been a cause of pain to the friends of the Reformation to have seen its great doctrines so much lost sight of, or maintaining a doubtful struggle with various forms of antichristian error, in countries once so distinguished for attachment to Protestant and Evangelic doctrine as Switzerland, France, Holland and Germany, the Synod recognises with much interest the various symptoms from time to time developed, of a remaining or reviving zeal for the true faith.

In this view they contemplate with cordial favour the appeal made to the members of this and other churches for some co-operation in the proposed erection, in the city of Geneva, of a Memorial Edifice commemorative of the name and labours of Calvin, —including a select library, which shall comprehend especially the works of the Reformers, Luther, Calvin, Zwingle, Farel, Melancthon, Knox, Cranmer, and others, the same to be accessible on the most liberal plan to all denominations of Christians.

And, observing that the Council of Administration at Geneva immediately connected with this undertaking, including such names as Merle D'Aubigné and many evangelical pastors, have in addressing this appeal to the Churches asked, "*Is it Geneva alone that is to take part?*" and that the proposed inscription of

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CAUSES COMMITTEE—ST. MARY'S CASE.

The Committee on Causes gave in a Report on the complaint of Mr. David Beattie against the action of the Presbytery of Stratford, in granting certificates to members of Chalmers' Church, St. Mary's. The Report was read by Dr. Taylor, the Convener, to the effect, That after some conference, Mr. Beattie expressed his willingness to withdraw his claims against the congregation of Chalmers' Church, and suffer the whole matter to drop, on condition that the Synod reaffirmed its former findings in the case; that the representatives of the Presbytery had acquiesced in this proposal, and that the Committee recommended to the Synod to reaffirm its former findings in this case, and to afford to Mr. Beattie an opportunity of withdrawing his claims on the floor of the house. The Report was received.

The parties in the case were called, and were present. The Moderator inquired if the parties, namely, Mr. Beattie and the Presbytery of Stratford, acquiesced in the deliverance recommended by the Committee. The parties severally signified their acquiescence.

The former findings of the Synod, in the St. Mary's case, recorded in the printed Minutes for 1862, page 43, and in those for 1863, page 33, were read.

It was then moved by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, that the Report of the Committee on Causes in this case be adopted: that the Synod reaffirm its former findings in the case, above referred to, and that Mr. Beattie be furnished an opportunity of withdrawing his claims as recommended in the Report.

After reasoning for some time, the previous question which being carried in the affirmative, the Synod proceeded to take the vote on the main motion. The motion of Dr. Taylor was carried by a considerable majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

The following Ministers and one Elder craved leave to have their dissent from this decision marked in the Minutes, namely, Mr. Straith, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Alex. Young, Ministers; Mr. Young, Sarnia, Elder.

- Mr. Beattie withdrew claims.** Mr. Beattie addressed the Synod, and withdrew his claims on the congregation of Chalmers' Church, St. Mary's.
- Extracts craved for Presbytery of Stratford.** Mr. Doak, the Clerk of the Presbytery of Stratford, on behalf of the Presbytery of Stratford, craved extracts, which were ordered to be given him.
- The Synod adjourned. Closed with the benediction.

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FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

TUESDAY, June 21, 1864, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Robert F. Burns, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Dissent withdrawn. Mr. Skinner asked and obtained leave to withdraw his dissent from the decision of the Synod last night in the case of Mr. D. Beattie and the Presbtery of Stratford.

Bills Report, motion to adopt. The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Chairman. A motion was made for the adoption of the report.

Amendment. It was moved by Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. T. Alexander, That the Report be adopted, with the amendment, that the Chiniquy Committee be ordered to submit their Report early in the afternoon, to-day.

Motion carried. A vote was taken, when the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted without amendment.

Chiniquy Committee ordered to report. It was moved by Mr. John Smith, seconded by Mr. D. Cameron, That the Chiniquy Committee be ordered to bring up their Report to-morrow morning. A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Smith was agreed to, and the Synod ordered in accordance therewith.

CAUSES COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.

Causes Committee report, memorial of T. McPherson. The Committee on Causes gave in a Report on the matter of the memorial of Mr. Thomas McPherson, in regard to the action of the Presbytery of Stratford, in the St. Mary's case, setting forth in effect that papers were read and parties heard, and that it was agreed, with consent of parties, to recommend for the adoption of Synod the following Deliverance:—

That the reasons of dissent by Mr. McPherson, and the Presbytery's answers thereto, together with the petition and complaint of Mr. McPherson be withdrawn, and that the record of these

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papers in the minutes of the Presbytery be deleted. On motion made and seconded, the Synod adopted the Report, and decided in terms of the Deliverance therein recommended.

Mr. Doak, on the part of the Presbytery of Stratford, craved extracts. Mr. McPherson also craved extracts.

In both cases extracts were ordered to be granted.

COMPLAINT—MESSRS. EWING AND ANDREWS.

The Synod took up again the case of dissent and complaint— Messrs. Ewing and Andrews Messrs. Ewing and Andrews of Cobourg, in refusing to organize certain petitioners of the congregation of Port Hope into a separate congregation, deferred on last Thursday, inasmuch as all parties in the case had not then been cited, to appear for their interests.

The Presbytery of Cobourg stated that the citation ordered by the Synod had been given. Citations issued.

There was read a resolution of the Congregation of Port Hope, appointing Mr. D. McLeod and Mr. James Craik to appear on their behalf in this case. Commissioners, Port Hope Congregation.

Messrs. Hooley and Delamere were recognized as Commissioners in this case on behalf of the petitioners aforementioned. Commissioners of Petitioners.

Parties were called and appeared.

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All the papers in the case were read.

Papers read.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed that the case from the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the matter of Messrs. Ewing and Andrews' complaint, be sent down for the consideration of the Committee on Causes. Case remitted to Causes Committee.

FORMS—REPORT ON.

The Committee to consider the subject of Forms of Procedure, and of Process in cases of discipline, gave in a Report, which was read, setting forth that the Committee had agreed upon a draft of such Forms, and recommending that the Committee be reappointed, with instructions to mature said draft, print and circulate the same among the members of Synod, with instructions to Sessions and Presbyteries to report opinions and suggestions to said Committee, in order that the said matured draft may be reported to next Synod. Forms, Report of Committee.

It was moved by Mr. James Thom, seconded by Mr. Thomas Wardrope, That the Report be received and adopted. Motion to adopt.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Doak, seconded by Mr. Gregg; Receive the Report and order that the Book on Forms of Procedure be printed, and sent to Ministers and Elders for their suggestions thereon, and reappoint the Committee, with instructions to report at next meeting of Synod. 1st amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, that the Report of the Committee be received, and that said Committee be reappointed, and instructed to prepare 2nd amendment.

what is technically known as the Form of Process, and send it down to Presbyteries, instructing them to report to said Committee, that they may present a mature Report to the next Synod.

3rd amendment. It was moved in further amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Lowry, that the Report be received, the diligence of the Committee approved, and the Committee reappointed and instructed still further to mature a Book of Forms and Process, and send it down to Presbyteries, instructing them to report thereon.

Notes. Decision. Votes were then called, when the amendment of Mr. Kemp was carried against that of Mr. McLaren, that of Mr. Kemp against that of Mr. Doak, and the motion of Mr. Thom was carried against the amendment of Mr. Kemp, and the Synod decided in terms of the said motion, to receive and adopt the Report.

Report adopted. Mr. Dick requested to be relieved from being Convener of the Committee on Forms. The request was granted.

Mr. Dick permitted to retire from Convener-ship. The Synod agreed to appoint Mr. Kemp to be Convener of the Forms Committee, in place of Mr. Dick.

Dr. Jennings relieved from Committee. Dr. Jennings requested that his name should be withdrawn from the Committee on Forms, and the request was granted.

Mr. Topp and Mr. Gregg to be members. Mr. Topp and Mr. Gregg were then appointed members of the Committee.

Forms Committee. The Committee on Forms, as reappointed with alterations and additions, is composed as follows:—Mr. Kemp, Convener; Messrs. J. Dick, G. Smellie, J. Middlemiss, J. Gillespie, J. Baird, A. Topp, W. Gregg, and the two clerks of Synod.

WIDOWS' FUND REPORT.

Widows' Fund, Report on. The Report of the Committee on the Widows' Fund was handed in and read.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Drummond, the Report was received, and with the exception of the suggestions contained therein, was adopted.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND—REPORT.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, report on. The Report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was given in by Dr. Thornton, the Convener, and was read. On motion made and seconded, the Report was received and adopted.

Notice of motion on Hamilton case. Mr. Gillespie gave notice of motion that when the Synod reassembled at three o'clock, he should propose to take up the Hamilton case, instead of proceeding with the order of business recommended by the Committee on Bills for the afternoon.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the benediction.

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SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

TUESDAY, June 21, 1864, 3 o'clock P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Dr. Taylor, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer, and making especial reference to the death of Mrs. Roger, the wife of Mr. J. M. Roger, of Peterboro', a member of this Synod, the demise of whom was announced by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

In accordance with notice of motion in the morning, it was moved by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Dick, and agreed to, that the resolution of Synod adopting the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures be rescinded so far as to admit of taking up at this time the reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton.

REFERENCE—PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Synod took up again the reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, deferred from Saturday morning, as it then appeared that all the parties interested in the said Reference had not been cited to be present, and were not in attendance.

It was intimated, on behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton, that the citations necessary in this case had been given.

Parties were called and appeared.

The Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, and relative papers, were read.

It was moved by Mr. Meldrum, seconded by Mr. Dick, That the Reference and papers relative, and all parties, be sent to the Committee on Causes.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Young, elder, Sarnia, seconded by Dr. Irvine, That the parties in the case be now heard.

On a vote being taken, the motion was carried, and the Synod agreed to send the Reference and papers and parties to the Committee on Causes.

Dr. Irvine craved leave to have his dissent from this decision marked in the minutes.

There was read next a Protest and Complaint, with Petition and Memorial of the Kirk Session of Knox's Church, Hamilton, against certain action and proceedings of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Synod agreed to send this paper also along with the papers relative to the Reference, aforesaid, to the Committee on Causes.

At the request of Mr. Lowry, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, who was present, was invited to take his seat in the Synod.

Protest Mr. Bethune and Dr. Irvine. There was read next a Protest of Mr. Bethune and Dr. Irvine against action of the Presbytery of Hamilton for the reception of a Report of a Committee respecting Mr. Walker's Memorial. There were read, also, the Reasons of Protest and the answers of the Presbytery thereto.

Protest, Dr. Irvine. There was read, also, a Protest of Dr. Irvine against action of the Presbytery of Hamilton in receiving Mr. Walker's Complaint against the Session of Knox's Church, Hamilton.

Complaint, James Walker. There was read, further, a Complaint and Appeal of Mr. James Walker against action of the Kirk Session of the Congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, in striking off his name from the Communion Roll, together with Mr. Walker's Reasons of Complaint, and the answers thereto.

All papers sent to Causes Committee. The Synod agreed to send all those papers along with the Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton to the Committee on Causes.

COLLEGE BOARD—DELIVERANCE ON REPORT.

College Report resumed. The Synod returned to the business recommended by the Committee of Bills and Overtures to be taken up in the afternoon, and called for the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, and the Overture on a Theological College from the Presbytery of Montreal.

College Board Report, Com. on Report received. The Report was handed in and read by Dr. Ormiston, the Convener. On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed that the Report be received, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee for their diligence in the important business intrusted to them, and that the recommendations of the Report be taken up and disposed of *seriatim*.

Dr. Burns, resignation of. On motion of Mr. McRuer, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, it was unanimously agreed, That the Synod adopt the first recommendation of the Report of the Committee, and receive the resignation of the Rev. Robert Burns, D.D., as Professor in Knox College, as therein intimated; accord to him the position of Emeritus Professor, and request him to deliver occasional lectures to the students, on such subjects as may be agreed on by the Senate; continue his present salary till the opening of the next Session of 1864-5; grant him a retiring allowance of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum, to be paid out of the ordinary College Fund, and appoint a Committee to draft an appropriate minute on the retirement of Dr. Burns, for the subsequent consideration and adoption of the Synod.

Dr. Burns. Committee to draft Minute on resignation. The Committee to draft such minute was then appointed as follows:—Mr. McKenzie, of Zorra, Convener; Dr. Ormiston, Principal Willis, Mr. D. Inglis, Mr. McRuer, Hon. Mr. McMurrich.

Principal Willis' letter as to salary. The second specification of the Report was taken up in relation to the letter of Principal Willis, requesting an increase of salary, and stating that the Committee did not feel at liberty to recommend compliance with that request.

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It was moved by Dr. Irvine, seconded by Mr. N. Paterson, Motion on Principal Willis' salary. That in reference to the part of the Report bearing on the letter of Principal Willis, it be resolved to add a sum annually, not less than two hundred dollars to his present salary.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. T. Mair, Amendment. That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

A vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided Amendment carried. in terms thereof.

The third general division of the Report was entered upon, and it was agreed that the first sub-section be adopted to the effect, Knox's College, exclusively Theological. That the Classes in Knox College shall be exclusively Theological.

It was moved by Mr. J. K. Smith, seconded by Mr. W. Clark, Professor. Report recommended appointing one only. of Quebec, That the second sub-section, namely, that only one Professor of Theology be now appointed be adopted.

A motion in amendment was read by Mr. McDowall, and while he was supporting such amendment the hour of adjournment arrived. Amendment by Mr. McDowall. The diet was closed—the moderator pronouncing the benediction.

SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

TUESDAY, June 21, 1864, 7½ o'clock P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises Mr. James Black, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee on Causes had leave to retire for the transaction of business during this Sederunt. Causes Committee had leave to retire.

Reports were given in on the Records of the several Presbyteries following, namely: Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, Paris, Grey and Ottawa, setting forth that the Records of those Presbyteries were correctly kept. The Synod received the Reports and ordered the Records of the said Presbyteries to be attested in the usual form. Records of Presbyteries, Report on.

REMITTS—RETURNS TO.

Mr. Kemp, from the Committee to whom it was referred to examine and collate the Returns from the several Presbyters on subjects remitted for their consideration by last Synod, gave in Reports as follows:—

I. *On the Right of Voting*, the proposition submitted being, "That none but members in full Communion with the Church have the right to vote in the election of ministers and office-bearers and at Congregational meetings," the Report stated that

three Presbyteries, namely, those of Stratford, Toronto, and Brockville, approved *simpliciter*, that six Presbyteries—Ottawa, Guelph, Cobourg, Ontario, Hamilton, and Paris, approved with alterations; that five—Huron, London, Kingston, Montreal, and Grey, disapproved, averring that legislation was unnecessary.

Disapproved, set aside. The proposition of the Synod of last year, on this subject, being thus disapproved of by a majoriey of Presbyteries, was set aside.

7th Section. Act of Parliament. II. On the 7th Section of the Act of Parliament, commonly called the Union Act, proposing that the said section should be altered, the Report set forth, that two Presbyteries, viz., Brockville and Cobourg, approved of the amendment, *simpliciter*; that one, Ontario, approved of the amendment, with alterations; that nine, Huron, Toronto, Guelph, Ottawa, Grey, Paris, Montreal, Hamilton, and Kingston, disapproved of the amendment, and that no returns had been received from the Presbyteries of London and Stratford.

Proposed amendment set aside. A large majority of the Presbyteries having thus disapproved of the amendment proposed, the same was set aside.

Overture set aside. III. On the Overture requiring the Printing of Papers by Parties in Causes, the Report stated that five Presbyteries, viz., Hamilton, Grey, Guelph, Toronto, and London, approved with emendations; that four, Kingston, Paris, Huron, and Cobourg, disapproved; that two, Ottawa and Brockville, approved *simpliciter*; and that three Presbyteries, Montreal, Stratford, and Ontario, had made no return. A majority of the Presbyteries having disapproved of the Overture, it was set aside.

Rev W F Clarke invited to correspond. The Rev. William F. Clarke, of the Congregational Church, being in the house, was, on the request of Mr. Skinner, invited to take his seat in the Synod.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION—DR. LILLIE'S ADDRESS.

Congregational Union. Dr. Lillie delegate from. There was read from the table a Commission appointing the Rev. Dr. Lillie primary delegate of the Congregational Union of Canada to this Synod, and the Rev. John Climie, of Belleville, his alternate. Dr. Lillie then came upon the platform and addressed the Synod, expressing in cordial terms the fraternal salutations of the Body which he represented.

Motion on Dr. Lillie's address. It was moved by Mr. R. F. Burns, and unanimously agreed to, That the Synod have listened with deep interest to the admirable address of Dr. Lillie. They cordially reciprocate the generous sentiments to which he has given expression, while they would request him to tender to the respected body which he represents their fraternal greetings, and their sincere desire that the beauty of the Lord may continue to be upon them, and that He would establish the work of their hands.

Deputation to Congregational Union. The Synod appointed a deputation to wait upon the Congregational Union, to meet in Toronto next year, as follows: Mr. Topp, Mr. J. M. King, Dr. Burns, Hon. Mr. McMurrich.

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COLLEGE BOARD REPORT—DELIVERANCE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee to whom had been referred the Report of the College Board, the part of the Report under review being the second sub-section of the third general division, namely, that recommending that only one Professor be at present appointed in Knox College.

College Board, resumed consideration of Report of Committee on.

Mr. McDowall, who had the floor at the close of the last Sederunt, continued his address, and, seconded by Mr. Ross, submitted the following amendment:

Amendment, Mr. McDowall.

That the Synod feel the great importance of having at least one well equipped Theological Hall, and resolve that the staff of Theological Professors in Knox College shall consist of not fewer than three Theological Professors.

A vote was then taken between the amendment of Mr. McDowall and the motion of Mr. J. K. Smith, submitted at the last Sederunt, of the purport following, viz.: That the recommendation of the Committee, that only one Theological Professor be appointed, be adopted by this Synod, when the motion of Mr. Smith was carried by a very large majority, and the Synod decided and declared in terms thereof.

One Professor only to be appointed.

In regard to the fourth sub-section, under the third division of the Report, recommending that the Synod express satisfaction with the results of the examination of Students, as detailed in the Report of the Committee, and that the Synod should appoint Examiners to be associated with the Professors in examining the classes. The Synod agreed, on motion made and seconded, That the recommendation be adopted; the last clause in reference to the appointment of Examiners being dropped.

Examination of students satisfaction with results.

The recommendation under the fifth sub-section of the third division of the Report was adopted by the Synod of the following tenor: That it be remitted to the Board of Management to consider whether the Boarding House may not be dispensed with, and the vacant rooms be profitably used for other purposes.

Boarding House, remitted to consider necessity for.

The sixth sub-section was adopted of the following purport: That with the view of meeting the financial difficulties of Knox College a special effort be made throughout the Church to raise a sum of money during the present financial year sufficient to cover the ordinary expenses of said College, together with the present floating debt, and such other sum as may be requisite to pay off the debt on the College Buildings, in the course of two or three years; a sum of \$9,000 being requisite for these purposes; and that the College Board be instructed to commit the matter of this recommendation to a small Committee to carry it into immediate effect.

Finance, special effort to be made.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Synod agreed to sit for half an hour longer.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the question of appointing a Professor of Theology.

Professor, consideration of appointment.

Motion. Mr W. T. McMullen.

It was moved by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. T. McPherson, That no permanent appointment of a Professor be made at the present meeting of Synod, but that the College Committee be instructed to make provision for the ensuing Session by securing the services of a minister or ministers of the Church, and that the expenses involved be defrayed out of the College Fund.

Amendment. Mr. A. F. Kemp.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Ross, That a small Committee be appointed to consider and report on the method of procedure in the appointment of a Professor to Knox College.

2nd amendment. Mr. Topp.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Topp, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, That the Synod delay the appointment of a Professor at the present Session, and remit the matter to the consideration of Presbyteries; that a Special meeting of Synod be held in September to receive the nominations of Presbyteries, and in the event of the Synod at such special meeting not feeling itself in a position to proceed with the election of a Professor, to make temporary provision for the conducting of the classes for the ensuing session.

Votes. Mr. Kemp's amendment carried.

Votes being called, the amendment of Mr. Kemp was preferred to that of Mr. Topp, and was carried over the motion of Mr. McMullen by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms of Mr. Kemp's amendment.

Committee appointed.

The Moderator then named as the Committee agreed upon in the decision come to, the movers and seconders of the several motions, namely: Messrs. McMullen, McPherson, Kemp, Ross, Topp, and J. K. Smith, to report to-morrow morning—Mr. Topp, Convener.

The Synod adjourned. Closed with the benediction.

EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, June 22, 1864, 10 o'clock A.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John M. King, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Bills Report adopted.

Mr. Gregg, the Chairman of the Committee on Bills and Ordinances, read a Report from that Committee, which, with some modifications, was adopted.

Professor. Report of Committee to consider Procedure in appointment.

PROFESSOR—REPORT AS TO APPOINTMENT.

The Committee appointed last night, at the close of the Sederunt, to consider and report on the method of procedure in the

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appointment of a Professor in Knox College, gave in a Report which was read by Mr. Topp, the Convener.

It was moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. McRuer, That ^{Professor,} the recommendation of the majority of the Committee be adopted, ^{appointment of} namely, that the Synod remit to Presbyteries to nominate persons ^{Motion to remit} eligible to the office of Professor; that Presbyteries be instructed to report to next meeting of Synod, and in the meantime temporary provision be made by the Board of Management for conducting the Classes in the College. ^{to Presbyteries.}

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Hall, That this Synod, believing that we have men among us ^{Amendment for} who are well qualified both by gifts and graces to discharge the ^{immediate} duties of the professorial chair, and whose names would do much ^{appointment of} to commend the College to the confidence of the Church, Resolve ^{Professor.} to proceed at once to the nomination of a Professor to fill the vacant chair.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Clark, of Quebec, That the subject of the election of a ^{Amendment to} Professor be sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration, ^{remit to Presby-} and to report at a meeting of Synod to be held on the first Wed- ^{teries and Special} nesday of September next. ^{Meeting of} ^{Synod.}

Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Inglis was carried ^{Mr. Lowry's} against that of Mr. Drummond, and the motion of Mr. Lowry was ^{motion carried.} carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided and declared in terms of said motion.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The Synod took up again the Report of the Committee on the ^{Montreal College} College Board Report, and the Overture from Montreal in regard ^{Overture} to a Theological College, as far as the same related to said Over- ^{resumed.} ture.

It was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Chambers, ^{Motion to adopt} That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, of the ^{recommendation} tenor following: That the Synod sanction the formation of a Theo- ^{of Committee.} logical College, as craved by the Presbytery of Montreal, and that for this purpose that Presbytery be authorized to prepare and obtain a Charter, *mutatis mutandis*, similar to that of Knox College, and to report to next Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Ross, seconded by Mr. ^{Amendment,} Thomas McPherson, That the Synod express approval of the ^{Mr. Ross.} object contemplated by the Overture; at the same time holding in view the important interests involved, and desiring to obtain full expression of the mind of the Church thereon, remit the Overture to Presbyteries for consideration, instructing them to report to next Synod.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Drummond, adopting the ^{Motion carried.} recommendation of the Committee, was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided and declared in terms thereof.

The Synod adjourned, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

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COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, June 22, 1864, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional services—Mr. James A. Thomson, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Causes Committee to retire.

The Committee on Causes were, on the request of the Convener, permitted to retire for the transaction of business, during the present Sederunt.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox College, Senate to arrange preliminary studies.

The Synod having, at a former Sederunt, resolved that the Classes in Knox College shall be exclusively Theological, it was agreed that it be remitted, as it is hereby remitted to the Senate of the College, to make arrangements for conducting the preliminary studies, formerly a part of the College Course.

CAUSES COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT—PORT HOPE CASE.

Complaint, Messrs. Ewing and Andrews.

The Committee on Causes gave in a Report in relation to the Dissent and Complaint of Messrs. Ewing and Andrews, against action of the Presbytery of Cobourg, refusing to organize certain petitioners at Port Hope into a congregation, to the effect, that after hearing Papers and Parties they recommend to the Synod to dismiss the Dissent and Complaint, and affirm the decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg.

Complaint dismissed.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to receive and adopt the report, and in accordance with its recommendation, did and do hereby dismiss the Dissent and Complaint, and affirm the decision of the Presbytery.

Dissent.

Mr. Ewing and Mr. Andrews craved leave to have their dissent from this finding marked in the Synod's minutes.

Reception and Licensure Committee.

The Committee for examining papers connected with applications from Presbyteries for the reception of Ministers and the Licensure of Students, gave in a report through the Convener, Mr. Ure. The Report was read and received.

LICENSURE OF STUDENTS.

Licensure of Students.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Report, the Synod granted leave, as sought, to the Presbyteries following to take the Students under named on probationary trials for licensure, namely:—

- To the Presbytery of Kingston . . . Mr. William Caven.
- “ “ Ontario . . . Mr. Hubbert.
- “ “ Ottawa . . . Mr. Stephen Young.
- “ “ London . . . Mr. J. M. Gibson.
- “ “ Brockville. Mr. Burton.
- “ “ Montreal . . Messrs. Labelle & McLennan.
- “ “ Grey Mr. John Ferguson.

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The Report of the Committee stated, that with regard to an application from the Presbytery of Ontario on behalf of Mr. Lumsden, they made no recommendation, but instructed their Convener to place the facts of the case before the Synod. All the papers regarding the application were read.

Mr. Lumsden,
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On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed that the consideration of Mr. Lumsden's admission be delayed until next meeting of Synod.

The Report of the Committee appointed at the Eleventh Sederunt for the purpose of conversing with and examining Mr. William Reeve, with a view to his being taken on trial for license, was given in and read by Mr. John M. King, and recommended that leave should be granted to the Presbytery of Kingston to take Mr. Reeve on trials for license.

Mr. Reeve,
Committee to
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The Synod, on motion made and seconded, adopted the Report, and in accordance with its recommendation, granted leave to the Presbytery of Kingston to take Mr. Reeve on trials for license.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mr. A. F. Kemp, from the Committee appointed at the Thirteenth Sederunt, to prepare an Amendment Act on a General Assembly, gave in and read a Report, embodying a draft of the Act which the Committee were instructed to prepare.

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The Synod received the Report and agreed to send down the draft Act on a General Assembly, as amended, for the consideration of Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act, to report at next Synod.

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CHINIQUEY COMMITTEE—REPORT.

Mr. Alex. F. Kemp, Convener of the Committee, appointed last year to advise with Mr. Chiniquy, in all matters which might be of general interest to the cause of religion among the people associated with him in Illinois, gave in and read a Report.

Mr. Chiniquy,
Report of
Committee.

It was moved by Mr. McVicar, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, That the Synod receive the Report, and adopt the recommendation of the Convener, to leave the whole affairs of Mr. Chiniquy in the hands of the Presbytery of London with which he is connected.

Motion of Mr.
McVicar.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. John Fraser, That the Synod appoint a Committee to endeavour to investigate thoroughly, as far as practicable, the monetary affairs of the Kankakee colony, connected with Mr. Chiniquy, and report to Synod.

1. Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment, by Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Walter Wright, That the Report on Mr. Chiniquy be sent back to the Committee, and that they include in it a full statement of their dealings with Mr. Chiniquy.

2. Amendment.

Votes, decision,
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Votes were called, when the amendment of Mr. Skinner was carried over that of Dr. Jennings; and the motion of Mr. McVicar was carried, by a large majority, over the amendment of Mr. Skinner, and the Synod decided and declared in terms of the motion.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the benediction.

TWENTIETH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

WEDNESDAY, June 22, 1864, 7½ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional services, Mr. Thomas Alexander leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

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The Committee on Causes, on leave asked, were permitted to retire for the transaction of business.

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Mr. W. S. Ball, of the Presbytery of Guelph, stated that E. Bauld had been examined by the said Presbytery, with a view to his licensure, but that, by some oversight, the application to the Synod for leave had not been forwarded, and requesting on behalf of the Presbytery, that the Synod would now grant leave to take Mr. Bauld on trials for license. The Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Guelph, as requested.

Committee, Mr.
Chiniquy's, to
hand over papers.

The Committee on Mr. Chiniquy's affairs were ordered to hand over all papers in their possession, relating to that gentleman and his mission in Kankakee, to the Presbytery of London.

STATISTICS.

Statistics,
Report on.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics. The Report was given in and read by Mr. John Gray, the Convener.

Statistics
adopted.

It was then moved by Mr. N. Paterson, seconded by Mr. Ball, and agreed to, That the Report of the Committee on Statistics be received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod be given to the Convener, for the great care and accuracy which he has evinced, in the discharge of his important duties.

Rev. J. T. Byrne
invited to sit.

The Rev. J. T. Byrne, general agent of the French Canadian Missionary Society, being in the house, was, at the request of Mr. McRuer, invited to take his seat in the Synod.

STIPEND COMMITTEE.

Stipend, Resolu-
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Moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. J. Gray, and agreed to, That the following members of Synod be appointed a Committee to take into immediate consideration the large amount of Arrears due on the Salaries of Ministers of this Church, and the

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A communication was received from Dr. Taylor, stating that he was unable any longer to act as Convener of the Committee on Causes, and requesting that another Convener should be appointed this evening.

The Synod granted the request of Dr. Taylor, relieved him from the Convener'ship of the Committee on Causes, and from being a member thereof, and appointed Mr. Proudfoot Convener of the said Committee. The Synod also appointed Mr. Alexander Young, of the Presbytery of Montreal, a member of the Committee, in place of Dr. Taylor.

MODEL DEED.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, duly seconded, and agreed to, that the Committee for preparing a *Model Trust Deed* be reappointed, with instructions to consult Counsel, and to transmit a *Draft Deed* to Presbyteries, who shall make early returns to said Committee, that they may report to next Synod.

The Committee, as reappointed, is composed as follows: Messrs. A. F. Kemp, A. Topp, A. Wilson, W. Fraser, J. Dick, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Sheriff Davidson, Mr. J. Dalgleish, Mr. J. Davidson; Mr. Kemp, Convener.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Regulations for conducting the Home Missions of the Church.

After reasoning for some time, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Synod agreed not to adjourn, but to sit for half an hour longer.

It was then moved by Mr. McVicar, seconded by Mr. D. H. Fletcher, 1. That a Committee be appointed to receive grants from Foreign Bodies, and from Presbyteries who may have a surplus, and distribute the same, together with Probationers, according to the requirements of Presbyteries.

2. That Presbyteries be authorized to carry on their Home Mission work by themselves, or in conjunction with neighbouring Presbyteries, and to report annually to the above Committee, which report shall be transmitted to Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. A. D. McDonald, That, as it seems impossible to mature, during the present meeting of Synod, a plan for the efficient working of the Mission Field of the Church, that will be satisfactory to all parties, the Synod constitute the Conveners of Home Missions in the several Presbyteries, together with Mr. W. Clark (London),

Thomas Mair, Donald McLellan, Hon. John McMurrich, Dr. Holden, and Warden King, elders, its Committee on Home Missions for the ensuing year, to carry on its Missionary operations in the Church, in whatever manner shall prove to be most effective, and be at the same time consistent with the full control which the Constitution of the Church gives to Presbyteries over the Congregations and Stations within their bounds, and that this Committee shall draw up such a plan for the working of the Mission Field as the experience of the year may suggest, to be submitted for the approval of the Synod at its next meeting, and that the present Regulations be reënacted for another year, with the exception of the regulation referring to the remuneration of preachers.

2nd amendment. It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. Wm. McKenzie, of Ramsay, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, as follows: Reaffirm the principle of a Central Fund; re-enact the *ad interim* Regulations; re-appoint the Special Committee on Home Missions, remitting to them the scheme which they have presented to Synod, in order to modify and mature it, in the light of the suggestions for its improvement made by the several Presbyteries.

Decision. Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. McKenzie was, successively, preferred to that of Mr. King and to the motion of Mr. McVicar, and the Synod decided and declared in terms of the said amendment.

Dissents. The following ministers craved leave to record their dissent from this resolution, namely: Mr. McVicar, Mr. McRuer, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Ball, Mr. Crombie.

**Home Mission
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tee.**

The Special Committee, as re-appointed by the foregoing resolution, is composed as follows: Mr. Topp, Convener; Mr. Dick, Mr. Reid, Clerk of Synod; Dr. Thornton, Messrs. A. F. Kemp, D. Inglis, J. J. A. Proudfoot, A. Wilson, J. Laing, W. Caven, J. Ross, W. Gregg, Wm. Inglis, ministers; Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. W. Clark (London), J. Ratcliff, T. Mair, W. Hunter, elders.

The Synod adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

TWENTY-FIRST SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

THURSDAY, June 23, 1864, 10 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional services—Mr. Patrick Gray, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

**Statistics to be
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The Synod ordered that the Report on Statistics, together with the Tabular Statements, be printed in the *Record*, and also in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

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Mr. George Cheyne here handed in a paper, which, he stated, had remained for some time in his hands, purporting to be a Bond of Security from the Agent of the Church, and requested the Synod to dispose of the same. Agent of Church Bond.

The Synod agreed to appoint, as they do now appoint, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, C. S. Patterson, Esq., J. L. Blaikie, Esq., a Committee to take charge of the paper handed in by Mr. Cheyne, and to prepare a new Bond of Security from the Agent of the Schemes of the Church, and retain it in safe-keeping. Bond, Committee on.

The Synod called for Reports of Committees on the Records of Presbyteries. Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of Huron and Cobourg. The Synod received the Reports, and ordered that the Records of the said Presbyteries be attested in the usual form. Records of Presbyteries, Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to nominate Standing Committees gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Convener. The Synod received and adopted the Report, and appointed the Standing Committees therein named as follows:— Standing Committee, Report on.

KNOX COLLEGE—BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Messrs. J. Ross, J. J. A. Proudfoot, T. Lowry, R. Hamilton, A. F. Kemp, Dr. Taylor; Messrs. A. Kennedy, J. B. Duncan, Matheson, D. McRuer, W. T. McMullen, W. Cochrane, W. McLaren, W. J. Mackenzie, R. F. Burns, J. M. King, W. Reid, Prin. Willis, Dr. Burns, Prof. Young; Messrs. W. S. Ball, G. Outhbertson, T. Stevenson, J. McTavish, ministers; Messrs. J. McKenzie, W. Clark, J. Redpath, J. Parker, W. Shaw, Dr. Edmondson, Dr. Holden; Messrs. Maitland, Young, Hon. J. McMurrich, M. C. Lutz, D. Wylie, elders; Mr. McTavish, Convener. Knox College Board.

KNOX COLLEGE—SENATE.

Principal Willis; Messrs. D. H. McVicar, J. Baird, W. Caven, W. Reid, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Gregg, Dr. Burns, Dr. Ormiston. Knox College Senate.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Messrs. G. Smellie, D. Inglis, W. Reid, T. McPherson, Dr. Ormiston; Messrs. R. Torrance, J. Osborne, M. Young, J. Redpath, Honorable J. McMurrich, James Brown, M. C. Lutz, Dr. McQuesten, Donald McLellan; J. Osborne, Convener. Widows' Fund.

WIDOWS' FUND—SPECIAL.

Messrs. J. Scott, Napanee; R. Torrance, W. Walker, W. Caven, Dr. Ormiston; Messrs. J. M. King, Wm. Inglis, J. Logie, T. Stevenson, J. C. Becket, W. Kerr, T. Sandilands; Mr. Torrance, Convener. Widows' Fund Special.

FINANCE.

Messrs. John Gray, A. Topp, W. Gregg, Dr. Jennings, Mr. King, Hon. J. McMurrich, J. L. Blaikie, Esq.; Convener—Hon. J. McMurrich. Finance.

STATE OF RELIGION.

State of Religion. Messrs. R. Torrance, W. B. Clark, G. Lawrence, J. L. Gourlay, Alex. Matheson, James Robertson, W. McLaren, J. Laing, J. Porteous, J. Gray, J. Skinner, J. Ross, J. Fotheringham, P. Greig; Mr. Torrance, Convener.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance. Messrs. J. Smith, T. S. Chambers, Dr. Thornton, Mr. A. Kennedy, Dr. Holden; Messrs. J. B. Duncan, T. Wardrope, J. C. Becket, D. Robertson; Mr. Wardrope, Convener.

PREACHING BEFORE SYNOD.

Preaching before Synod. Mr. McVicar, Convener; Dr. Taylor, Mr. Kemp.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Messrs. J. Baird, J. McTavish, W. Reid, Dr. Thornton, Dr. Jennings; Mr. Baird, Convener.

BUXTON MISSION FINANCE.

Buxton Finance. Messrs. J. Scott, London; W. Doak, J. J. A. Proudfoot, W. Reid, J. A. Thomson, W. King, ministers; Messrs. Clark (London), A. McKellar, Alex. Smith, elders; Mr. Scott, Convener.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions. Messrs. J. McTavish, R. F. Burns, D. H. McVicar, W. B. Clark, Dr. Taylor; Messrs. T. Wardrope, T. Lowry, D. Inglis, R. Ure, W. Reid, J. Gray, W. Caven, J. Smith, J. Laing, J. J. A. Proudfoot, W. S. Ball, T. Stevenson, W. Inglis, James Black, J. Morrison, J. Scott (N.), Dr. Holden, Mr. Wylie, Mr. D. McLellan, Dr. McQuesten, Messrs. J. Dougan, W. Clark (L.), G. Rogers, Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener.

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions. Messrs. T. McPherson, A. Wilson, J. Baird, G. Cuthbertson, D. H. Fletcher, W. Doak, D. Waters, J. B. Duncan, J. K. Smith, A. F. Kemp, W. Reid, J. Gillespie, W. Fraser, T. Stevenson, A. D. McDonald, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. J. Middlemiss, R. Ure, W. Clark (L.), G. Smith, J. Parker, W. Johnston, Dr. Edmondson, Mr. Ure, Convener.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath Schools. Mr. W. Gregg, Convener, Dr. Ormiston, Mr. J. Gray, Messrs. W. Johnston, W. Kerr, J. L. Blaikie.

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

Home and Foreign Record. Messrs. J. M. King, A. Topp, W. Gregg, J. Dick, W. Fraser, R. F. Burns, G. Smith, J. L. Blaikie; Mr. King, Convener.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Sabbath Observance. Messrs. P. Gray, A. Wilson, H. Gordon, W. McLaren, J. Laing, Dr. Taylor; Mr. Gray, Convener.

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STANDING COMMITTEE'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of Mr. Waters, the Synod agreed that a small Committee of five members be appointed by the Moderator to prepare ^{Travelling} and mature a scheme, to be presented to the next meeting of ^{Expenses Com-}mittee. Synod, for the payment of the travelling expenses of the members of General Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—DELIVERANCE.

The Committee to draft a Deliverance on the Report of the ^{Foreign Missions,} Committee on Foreign Missions, gave in a Report, which was ^{deliverance on.} read by Mr. R. F. Burns. On motion of Mr. McVicar, the Report was received, and the Deliverance contained therein was adopted, to the following purport:—

1. That the Synod instruct the Foreign Mission Committee to take steps to establish a Mission among the American Indians, in the event of the Committee feeling that the funds warrant such steps.

2. That the Presbytery of Toronto with which Mr. Jamieson of New Westminster, British Columbia, is connected, be directed to take steps to organize a Kirk Session in the congregation of New Westminster, and that so soon as three Kirk Sessions are constituted in British Columbia and Vancouver's Island, they be authorized to form a Presbytery.

3. That the Synod cordially approve the appointment of Mr. Duff as Missionary to British Columbia, and express its approbation of the liberal grant for the payment of his salary of £100 sterling, guaranteed by the Church of Scotland, and its deep sense of the valuable services to the mission rendered by the late Dr. John Bonar, of Edinburgh.

4. That the success of the Red River Mission, and British Columbia Mission, as exhibited in the Report, calls for gratitude to Almighty God, and for continued prayer and liberality on the part of the Church.

DR. BURNS' RESIGNATION.

The Committee appointed at a former Sederunt to draft a suit-^{Dr. Burns' resig-}able minute on the retirement of Dr. Burns from the office of ^{nation.} Professor in Knox College, gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. D. Inglis. The Synod received the Report, and adopted the Deliverance therein contained, of the tenor following:

The Synod, in view of the retirement of their venerable father, Dr. Burns, from the duties of Professor in Knox College, agree to record the sentiments of esteem and affection with which they continue to regard him.

It is with a lively sense of gratitude to the great Head of the Church they acknowledge the eminent and rare abilities with

which it has pleased Him to endow their much-beloved friend and father. The Synod would recognize the care and wisdom of God on behalf of His Church in having sent Dr. Burns to Canada, about twenty years ago, at a period of our history when his varied talents and the force of his character were so much needed, and His goodness to their much-respected father, in enabling him to labour so abundantly and efficiently, as a pastor in the Church, and as a Professor in the College, while at the same time he displayed such indomitable energy and zeal in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ in the extensive Mission Field of the Church.

Although Dr. Burns has retired from the ordinary duties of the Professorial Chair, by reason of the infirmities of a good old age, yet the Synod rejoice that they still enjoy his presence among them as Emeritus Professor, and the benefit of his counsel and services.

The Synod would hereby give utterance to their earnest prayer that God would be pleased to prolong the life of His honoured servant in the Church, and crown the evening of his days with health, unclouded serenity, and usefulness.

Mr. J. T. Byrne,
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Soc. to address
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The Synod agreed to request Mr. Byrne, Agent of the French Canadian Missionary Society, to address the Synod at the commencement of the next Sederunt, on behalf of the Society which he represents.

The Synod adjourned. Closed with the benediction.

TWENTY-SECOND SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

THURSDAY, June 23, 1864, 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional services, Mr. Hall leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES—ADDRESS.

Prince and Princess
of Wales,
Draft Address.

The Committee appointed at the early Sederunt to draft an Address to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, congratulating them on the birth of a son-and-heir to the British Throne, gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Topp, the Convener. The Synod received the Report, adopted the Draft Address, and ordered the same to be engrossed, and transmitted through the usual channel.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES—COMMITTEES.

Travelling expenses
of Committees.

The Committee which the Synod agreed, at the morning Sederunt, to appoint, for the purpose of drawing up a scheme for the payment of the travelling expenses of General Committees, was named as follows: Mr. Ure, Convener; Messrs. Waters, Burns, McMullen, McPherson, Hon. Mr. McMurrich.

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REFERENCE—PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—DR. IRVINE.

The Synod received a Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, asking leave to loose Dr. Irvine from his pastoral relation with the congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, forthwith, in order to his being transferred to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.) of the United States, with a view to his being inducted into the charge of Westminster Church congregation, Philadelphia, with as little delay as may be.

Dr. Irvine, reference of Presbytery of Hamilton

The Synod agreed to grant, as they do hereby grant, leave to the Presbytery in the matter of said Reference, as craved.

FRENCH-CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—MR. BYRNE'S ADDRESS.

The Rev. J. T. Byrne, Agent of the French-Canadian Missionary Society, addressed the Synod, recommending the claims of that Society to the favourable consideration and support of the Synod, and of the congregations of this Church.

Mr. Byrne addressed the Synod for F. C. Miss. Soc.

On motion of Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, the Synod agreed to record the deep interest with which they have listened to the able address of the Rev. J. T. Byrne, Agent of the French-Canadian Missionary Society, their continued confidence in this excellent Society which he represents, and which they hereby commend to the continued liberality and prayers of the congregations of this Church.

Motion.

SANDWICH MISSION.

There was read, by Mr. Proudfoot, a Report of the Sandwich Mission, giving details of the action of the Presbytery of London in regard to their management of that mission, making several suggestions, and requesting the advice and support of the Synod.

Sandwich Mission, Presbytery of London.

On motion of Principal Willis, duly seconded, it was agreed, That the Synod receive the Report of the Presbytery of London, look most favourably on the interesting object of ameliorating the moral and religious condition of the French-Canadians in the Western District; and, without giving any opinion on the details of the contemplated plan, recommend the case to the congregations of the Church, as the Presbytery, on mature consideration, may see fit to present the same to them.

Resolution on Sandwich Mission.

STIPEND REPORT.

The Committee appointed last night to take into consideration the large amount of arrears due on the salaries of Ministers, and the inadequacy of the support promised, and to devise means for the better support of the Ministry amongst us, gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Stevenson, the Convener.

Salaries of Ministers, Report of Committee on.

On the motion of Mr. Ure, seconded by Mr. J. Scott (N.), the Synod agreed to receive the Report and adopt the recommendations therein contained, and at the same time ordered that the Report be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Home Missions. The Report was given in and read by Mr. R. Ure, the Convener.

Home Missions Report.

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On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Caven, the Synod agreed, That the Report be received; the thanks of Synod given to the Convener for his interesting Report; express satisfaction with the increased measure of energy and liberality shown by the Presbyteries and congregations of the Church, in reference to Home Missions; and that the Report be printed in the *Record*, and in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

PROBATIONERS' SALARIES.

Probationers'
Salaries.

It was moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. McPherson, That the salaries of Probationers, employed in Home Mission work, be three hundred dollars (\$300) and board.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, That the salaries of Preachers be three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) per annum and board.

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A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Laing was carried, and the Synod did and do decide and declare that the salaries of Probationers employed in Home Mission work, be three hundred dollars and board.

CAUSES—REPORT OF HAMILTON CASES.

Causes Commit-
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cases, Report.

The Committee on Causes handed in a Report on the Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, embracing the several cases included in that Reference, of the tenor following:

June 23.—The Committee on Causes met, and was constituted.

The dissent and complaint of Dr. Irvine and others against the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton in the case of Jas. Walker, was taken up.

I. It was decided to consider first the reference by the Presbytery of Hamilton, by which the case is referred *simpliciter* to the Synod.

Papers were read, and parties were heard.

After lengthened conference, the Committee agreed to note, that important documents had not been put in by the Presbytery, viz.: copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Irvine by Mr. Starke, as convener of a Committee appointed by Presbytery to confer with parties interested; and Dr. Irvine's reply thereto. By the kindness of Dr. Irvine, however, and the use of the Records of Presbytery, the Committee were enabled to obtain a perusal of these documents.

The Committee regard the first action of the Presbytery, in seeking an amicable conference, as deserving of approval, inasmuch as it appeared to be an effort to carry out the decision of Synod of last year, and regret that Dr. Irvine and the congregation did not meet the Committee in conference.

The Committee cannot approve of the subsequent action of the Presbytery, inasmuch as it is not in harmony with the spirit of the decision of last Synod; charges being therein brought against the congregation which had not been substantiated in the Presby-

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The Committee further regret that the Presbytery took the unusual mode indicated in the papers, of serving the citation on the congregation, although the declinature of Dr. Irvine to do so may have rendered some such mode of procedure necessary, if the congregation were to be cited at all. Notwithstanding these peculiar features in the case, however, and keeping in view the important interests involved, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Synod that the Reference of the Presbytery be sustained.

II. The Dissent and Complaint of Dr. Irvine and others against the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in receiving the Memorial of James Walker, anent the removal of his name from the Communion Roll of Knox's Church, Hamilton, was then taken up.

With consent of parties, the complaint was fallen from. The Committee agreed to recommend that the Synod consent to the withdrawal of this case, at the same time expressing their disapproval of proceedings which tend to impede the action of Presbyteries by Protests which are afterwards fallen from, when the matter comes up for adjudication.

III. The Committee proceeded to take up the Protest and Complaint, with Petition and Memorial of the Kirk Session of Knox's Church, Hamilton, against the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton. The papers were read, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Synod that the complaint be received.

Parties were heard, and the Committee agreed to the following deliverance:—That under the 1st and 2nd heads of Complaint there is no ground for complaint, and in regard to the 3rd and 4th heads, that although the intentions of the Presbytery seem to have been to carry out the Deliverance of the Synod, as understood by them, and merely to ascertain the facts in the case, the Committee are nevertheless of the opinion that the character of the citation, and mode of serving it, afford ground for complaint. The Committee further recommend the Synod to declare that the *status* of Mr. Walker, as a member and office-bearer of the Church, cannot be affected by any action of the Session, until the matter in which he is a party shall have been adjudicated.

IV. The Protest and Appeal of Mr. Bethune and Dr. Irvine, against the decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in receiving the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the congregation of Knox's Church, was taken up. Papers were read and parties heard. It was agreed to recommend to the Synod that the Dissent and Complaint be dismissed.

V. The Memorial of James Walker was then taken up. Parties being called for, there appeared James Walker for himself, and was heard at length. The congregation, though regularly cited,

made no appearance. Important documents in the case, viz., the Session Records of Knox's Church, and the Minute Book of the Deacons' Court, were found to be wanting.

The Committee regret that in the absence of the party and papers above referred to, they find themselves precluded from entering on the merits of the case, declare that the right of appeal has been unjustly denied to Mr. Walker at the congregational meeting, referred to in the Memorial, although he is lying under a heavy pecuniary obligation, owing to his former position as Deacon of the Church, and recommend in the circumstances that the Synod appoint a Commission with power to dispose of the whole matter.

All which is respectfully submitted by

(Signed)

JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT,

Convener of Committee.

Causes Committee Report adopted.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to receive the Report, and to adopt its recommendations, like as the Synod did, and do hereby receive and adopt the same.

Extracts craved.

Dr. Ormiston, on behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton, craved extracts, which were granted.

Mr. Wilson Kennedy, on behalf of the congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, craved extracts, and these were granted.

The Synod adjourned, the diet being closed with the benediction.

TWENTY-THIRD SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

THURSDAY, June 23, 7½ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Proudfoot, at the request of the Moderator, engaging in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Record, Report on.

The Committee on the Home and Foreign Record gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. Gregg, the Convener. The Report was on motion received.

Ontario Presbytery, reference from Utica.

There was received a Reference from the Presbytery of Ontario, in regard to the congregation of Utica.

The Synod, on account of the vague and informal nature of the Reference, agreed to dismiss the same.

WIDOWS' FUND, SPECIAL.

Widows' Fund Special, Report of Committee.

The Synod took up and read the Report of the Special Committee on Widows' Fund, in relation to the ministers and congregations of the la

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The Report recommended that the time for making up the full sum required, in order to secure an interest in the Fund, should be still further extended to the 1st of March, or, if preferable, the 1st of June, next year; and requested that the Synod should take into its own hands, and under favourable consideration, the application of the Presbytery of Huron, that Mr. Chas. Fletcher should be admitted to an interest in the Fund for Widows and Aged and Infirm Ministers.

On motion made and seconded, the Report was received, and its recommendations adopted, with the exception of that relating to the Rev. C. Fletcher, of Goderich, which it was agreed to deal with separately. Report received, and adopted with exception.

MR. FLETCHER'S CASE.

It was moved by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. McRuer, Mr. Fletcher, application for motion. That Mr. Fletcher be admitted to the benefit of this Fund, on condition that he pay into the Fund the amount which an Actuary may say he is in justice entitled to pay, either in one sum or in annual instalments, and remit to the Committee to deal with the case accordingly.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. 1. Amendment. Ure, That upon the payment of £20, Mr. Fletcher be admitted to the privileges of the Widows' Fund.

It was moved by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, That ^{2. Amendment.} in consideration of the services of the Rev. Chas. Fletcher, while a minister of the late United Presbyterian Church, he be admitted to the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, upon the payment of an amount equal to that required from each of the congregations of the late United Presbyterian Church, the amount to be paid in four annual instalments.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. Waters was carried against the amendment of Mr. Gillespie and the motion of Mr. McPherson, and the Synod decided in terms of the said amendment. Decision, Mr. Waters' amendment.

Messrs. McPherson and McRuer craved leave to have their dissent, with reasons, entered in the Synod's Minutes. Dissent.

The Dissent and Reasons are of the tenor following:

I dissent from the decision of the Synod in regard to the conditions on which it was agreed to admit Mr. Fletcher to the benefit of the Widows' Fund for the following reasons: Dissent, reasons for.

1. Thereby fundamental rules of the Fund have been violated.

2. Injustice is done to those who have claims upon it, and an interest in it.

3. The contributions in our congregations to the Fund will consequently be influenced injuriously to the Fund.

(Signed)

THOMAS MCPHERSON.

I join in the above reasons of Dissent with Mr. McPherson against the decision referred to.

(Signed)

D. McRUER.

Dissent, reasons of Committee to answer.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to answer the Reasons of Dissent by Messrs. McPherson and McRuer, namely: Dr. Ormiston, Convener, Mr. Ure, Mr. Waters.

APPLICATION—MR. D. M'LEAN—PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

Mr. D. McLean, application on behalf of.

The Synod took up and read an application from the Presbytery of Grey, on behalf of Mr. Donald McLean, of Mount Forest, who has been prostrated by seemingly incurable disease, praying that, notwithstanding the comparatively short term of Mr. McLean's ministerial service, he be admitted to a participation in the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers.

Mr. McLean, application granted.

On motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, the Synod agreed to entertain the application on behalf of Mr. McLean to be admitted to the benefit of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and remit to the Committee on said Fund to deal with this case as liberally as the means at their disposal will admit.

DR. CAIRNS—APPLICATION OF.

Dr. Cairns, Memorial.

There was taken up and read a Memorial from Dr. Cairns, praying for an addition of fifty dollars (\$50) to the allowance which he already received from the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers.

Motion.

It was moved by Laing, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, That the prayer of the Memorial of Dr. Cairns be not granted.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. T. Wardrope, seconded by Principal Willis, That, in consideration of Dr. Cairns' long services and growing infirmities, his application be remitted to the Committee, should the recommendation that the grant to him be increased, should the Fund admit of it.

Amendment carried.

The amendment and the motion being put to vote, the amendment was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

HAMILTON CASE—COMMISSION.

Hamilton case, Commission.

The Moderator now appointed the Commission recommended in the Report of the Committee on Causes, and agreed upon at the afternoon Sederunt, to deal with, and finally dispose of the Hamilton case, as set forth in the aforesaid Report, as follows: Mr. Topp, Mr. Mitchell, Convener, Messrs. Gregg, Gillespie, Caven, J. M. King, ministers; Messrs. J. Parker, Wm. Johnston, and M. C. Lutz, elders.

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WIDOWS' FUND—MEMORIAL.

The Synod took up and read a Memorial from Chalmers' Church, Elora, in relation to the Widows' Fund, setting forth that the sum taken from the said Fund for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund endangered the first-mentioned Fund, and representing the necessity of relieving the Widows' Fund from the charge aforesaid, and that a separate Fund be established for the support of Aged and Infirm Ministers. Widows' Fund.
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The Synod agreed to give a general approval of the object of the memorial, and to put it into the hands of the Committee on the Widows' Fund, with instructions to give it careful consideration. General approval, referred to Committee.

DISSENT, ANSWERS.

The Committee appointed to answer the Reasons of Dissent handed in by Messrs. McPherson and McRuer, in the matter of Mr. Charles Fletcher, brought in a Report embodying such answers, which were adopted, of the tenor following: Dissent, answers to reasons of.

First.—That though from the peculiarities of the application, the rules could not be literally applied to the case, their spirit has not been violated by the finding of the Synod.

Second.—In reply to the second Reason of Dissent, it is answered, that from the conditions attached to Mr. Fletcher's admission, no injustice is done to those interested in the Fund.

Third.—The third Reason of Dissent, being a mere expression of individual opinion, does not appear to call for any reply.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

TWENTY-FOURTH SEDERUNT.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO,
FRIDAY, June 24, 1864, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Meldrum, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

CHURCH MUSIC.

The Report of the Committee on Church Music, appointed last year, was given in and read. Church Music, Report.

It was moved by Mr. J. K. Smith, seconded by Dr. Holden, that the Report be received, and that the Synod express general approval of its recommendations. Motion.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That the Report be received.

Amendment
carried.

A vote was taken, the amendment was carried, and the Synod decided accordingly.

FINANCE.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was handed in and read.

Finance,
Report on.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed, That the Report be received, and thanks be given to the Committee for the great care exercised by them, and that satisfaction be expressed with the results exhibited in the Report.

BUXTON FINANCE.

Buxton Mission
Finance.

The Synod took up and read the Report of the Finance Committee of the Buxton Mission.

On motion made and seconded, the Report was received.

BEQUESTS, INSTRUCTION ON.

Bequests,
resolution as to.

On motion of Mr. Gauld, seconded by Mr. Gregg, it was agreed, That the Record Committee be instructed to procure from a competent party, a legal Form, for the guidance of all who may be disposed to leave bequests to the Church, and that the same be printed on the cover of the *Record*.

Sabbath Schools.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. No report was given in.

PRAYER FOR KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox College,
prayer for.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to recommend as the Synod did, and do hereby recommend that on the second Sabbath in October, special prayer be offered in all the congregations of the Church, on behalf of Knox College.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thanksgiving
Day.

The Synod agreed to empower the Moderator to call on the congregations of the Church, when it shall appear to him to be seasonable, to engage in such religious exercises, or to aid by correspondence with others concerned, in securing a general recognition by the community at large, of the hand of God, in such a way as may be suitable to the circumstances of the country towards the close of the year.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance,
no Report.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Temperance. The Convener of the Committee being absent, no report was presented.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The Convener stated verbally that they had no special information to form a Report, but that it would be well

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for the Synod to instruct the Committee to petition Parliament, Sabbath Observance, verbal Report.
or the Government, to close the St. Lawrence Canals on the Lord's day.

There was read, in connection with this subject, a letter from Dr. Mair's letter.
Dr. Mair, Secretary of the Sabbath Observance Association of Kingston.

It was agreed to refer this whole subject, together with the Sabbath
letter of Dr. Mair, to the Sabbath Observance Committee, with Committee, instruction to.
instructions to take such steps as to them may seem right, to promote the important object intrusted to them.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, the following resolution Sabbath and
was unanimously adopted: The Synod would express its satisfac- Railways.
tion that Railway Companies generally have evinced a desire to
avoid unnecessary traffic on the Lord's day, and hope that they
will continue to guard the sacredness of the Sabbath in every
possible way; at the same time would instruct the Committee to
use all means in their power to promote this most important object.

THANKS TO RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT COMPANIES.

It was, on motion, resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are Thanks to
due, and are hereby tendered to the several Railway and Steam- Railway and
boat Companies for the ready and generous manner in which they Steamboat
attended to the request to permit the members of the Synod, Companies.
attending this session, to pass at half fares, or at reduced rates over
the routes of travel under the control of such Companies.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

The Synod ordered that the stated collections for the schemes Collections.
of the Church be made at the times undermentioned, namely:

For the Synod Fund, on the third Sabbath of July.

For the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and for the Aged and
Infirm Ministers' Fund, on the third Sabbath of October.

For the Home Mission Fund, on the third Sabbath of January.

For the Foreign Mission Fund, on the third Sabbath of April.

The Synod also recommended that a collection be taken up for French Canadian
the French-Canadian Missionary Society, on the third Sabbath of Missionary
September, or on such other day as may be most convenient to Society.
congregations.

On motion of Mr. J. K. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, it Special Collec-
was unanimously agreed, That the Synod recommend to congre- tors, Home
gations, that instead of simply taking up a collection on the Mission Fund.
Sabbath day for Home Missionary purposes, they employ special
collectors, so as to draw forth larger contributions for this impor-
tant object.

KNOX COLLEGE.

In regard to contributions for the support of Knox College, the Knox College,
Synod resolved, That the instructions of last Synod, in regard to Ordinary Fund,
apportioning the contributions to be raised by the several Pres- order on.

byteries and Congregations, be again acted on by the Board of Management, and that the last week of February be appointed as the time at which all contributions shall be remitted, and that congregations who can do so be urged to remit the money as much earlier as possible.

THANKS.

Thanks recorded. On motion made and duly seconded, the Synod agreed to record their thanks,

1. To the Accommodation Committee, for the faithful and efficient performance of the onerous duties with which they were charged.

2. To the Trustees and Congregation of Cooke's Church, Toronto, for the use of their Church during this meeting of Synod.

3. To the members of the Church, and other friends in the city of Toronto, for the hospitality extended to the Members of Synod.

PRINTING—ORDER.

Printing,
order for.

The Synod ordered that 2,500 copies of the Minutes of this Session be printed, for the use of ministers and elders.

Synod closed.

The business being finished, the Moderator addressed the Synod. Devotional exercises were then engaged in, Psalm cxvii. 6-9, being sung, and the Moderator offering prayer.

The Moderator then declared the Session of Synod closed, announced that the next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the city of Montreal, and within Coté Street Church, there, on the first Tuesday of June, 1865, at 7 o'clock in the evening, and closed the Session by pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

JOHN McTAVISH, *Moderator.*

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APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL RETURN, for the Year ending 30th April, 1864.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

No.	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	No. of Stations.		NAME OF MINISTER.	Date of Ordination.	No of Communicants.	Addition by Examination and Certificate.	Diminution by Death, Removal, &c.	No of Baptisms.	No. in Lib. Class.		No. of Weekday Meetings.	Pastoral Visitations.	No. of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	Vols. in Libraries.		No. of Sitzings in each Church.	Sittings Occupied.	Average Attendance at Principal Diet of Worship.
		Of Regular Charge.	Not of Regular Charge.							Sabbath School.	Bible Class.					Congregational.	Sabbath School.			
1	Amherst Island.....	1	..	James McIntosh...	July, 1828	108	2	4	7	20	50	..	1	3	6	..	..	180	..	120
2	St. Andrew's, Gananoque...	1	..	Henry Gordon	June, 1833	75	2	1	..	60	80	1	1	5	7	..	..	..	..	180
3	Chalmers' Ch., Kingston...	1	..	Patrick Gray	June, 1846	138	10	8	16	96	..	1	1	3	6	..	..	700	260	350
4	Brock St. Ch., Kingston...	1	..	Andrew Wilson	Sep. 1851	235	27	17	36	160	12	1	1	3	3	..	..	484	404	275
5	Picton and Demorestville...	1	..	Robert C. Swinton	Jan., 1850	95	13	..	..	120	20	2	1	5	..	..	18	600	..	200
6	Belleville.....	1	..	Wm. McLaren	June, 1853	209	25	8	23	142	18	4	1	6	9	..	..	464	450	340
7	Madoc	3	4	David Wishart	April, 1857	140	23	7	35	86	..	1	1	8	2	..	..	320	200	300
8	Storrington and Pittsburgh	2	2	Thos. S. Chambers	May, 1855	78	12	2	9	..	..	..	1	6	14	..	79	740	230	150
9	Napanee	3	3	John Scott	June, 1853	82	7	5	5	60	80	3	1	5	..	..	100	200	..	280
10	Camden.....	3	..	James Hanran.....	July, 1861	68	5	6	14	40	50	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	76
11	Melrose and Lonsdale..	2	1	John Turbull	June, 1862	69	4	1	5	40	35	1	1	3	5	..	..	..	..	110
2	Trenton and Consecon	3	..	Thos. Killough	May, 1863	55	15	3	7	25	..	1	1	3	6	..	..	200	150	100

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

1	Millbrook.....	1	..	James Douglass	June, 1823	85	13	4	..	..	..	..	1	5	15	..	..	240	150	250
2	Centreville	1	..		John M. Roger	Mar. 29, 1833	433	47	3	40	145	37	1 1/2	1	6	8	..	..	400	..	600
3	Percy	1	..	Thos. Alexander	1835	86	5	5	20	..	50	oc.	1	5	3	..	..	1000	..	150
3	Seymour	1	1		1835	24	2	16	2	20	12	mon.	1	1	2	180	60

4	Verulam	2	..	John Paterson	1840	30	2	1	6	8	300
5	Emily	1	..	John Ewing	1846	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	7	..	..	..	..	216
6	Vernonville	1	..	John W. Smith..	April, 1849	167	21	15	19	30	33	3	1	5	7	..	..	..	..	120
7	Baltimore	1	..	W. J. McKenzie	Oct. 15, 1850	180	7	18	16	..	15	1	oc.	5	7	..	..	..	..	216
8	Keene.....	1	..		Francis Andrews	1852	120	6	5	9	..	23	2	oc.	5	7
9	Westwood	1	..	John Leing	1854	300	16	5	30	100	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	270
10	Cobourg	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	220
11	Springville	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	160
12	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—Continued.

No.	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	No. of Stations		NAME OF MINISTER.	Date of Ordination.	No. of Communicants.	Addition by Examination and Certificate.	Diminution by Death, Removal, &c.	No. in Rel. Classes.		No of Weekday Meetings	Pastoral Visitation.	No. of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers	Vols. in Libraries.		No. of Sitzings in each Church.	No. of Sitzings Occupied	Average Attendance at Principal Diet of Worship
		Of Regular Charge.	No. of Regular Charge.						Sabbath School.	Bible Class.					Congregational.	Sabbath School.			
10	Wick	2	..	R. McArthur	Nov. 29, 1854	104	10	..	40	..	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	80
	{ Greenbank	..	..						..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	50
11	Newton	2	..	George Riddell	Nov. 2, 1858	89	9	16	60	37	2	1	4	8	..	..	230	212	..
	{ Newcastle	..	..						..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..
12	Columbus and Brooklyn	2	..	Vacant	..	54	6	16	8	50	13	1	1	7	..	..	170	..	410
	{ Ashburn	1	..						196	14	1	oc.	4	12	..	1137	..	..	..
	{ Utica	1	..						..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..
18	Whitby	1	..	Vacant	..	70	2	8	50	..	1	..	..	6	..	166	250	..	140

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

1	Fergus, Melville Church	1	..	George Smellie	Mar., 1836	394	18	17	100	14	1	1	9	3	..	..	..	..	500
2	{ Eiors, Knox's Church	1	..	{ John Duff	Aug. 10, 1836	234	18	35	27	55	..	1	6	12	..	..	..	..	380
	{ Alma	1	..			77	..	..	..	..	..		2	5	..	..	..	..	140
3	Eramosa, Ist.	1	..	Wm. Barrie	Jan. 4, 1843	148	9	13	23	66	15	1	5	6	..	491	373	240	250
4	Guelph, Ist.	1	..	Robert Torrance	Nov. 11, 1846	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	Guelph, Knox Church	1	..	W. S. Ball	Feb. 28, 1849	826	76	31	41	200	80	1	3	12	..	650	540	460	460
	{ Erin	1	..			115	5	8	7	82	..	1	5	8	..	..	..	..	280
	{ Caledon West	1	..	{ J. A. Thompson	July 25, 1855	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	150
7	East Puslinch, Duff Ch.	1	..	* Alex. McLean	Nov. 14, 1855	203	25	..	..	..	..	oc.	6	..	..	..	..	..	480
8	Eiors, Chalmers' Church	1	..	J. Middlemiss	June 3, 1856	179	20	22	16	90	..	1	6	9	..	300	310	250	350
9	West Puslinch	1	..	And. McLean	Mar. 10, 1857	95	10	5	19	30	mo.	1	6	12	..	186	370	350	350
10	Berlin, St. Andrew's Ch.	1	..	John McMechan	May, 1857	55	7	..	..	..	..	2	2	5	..	100	175	100	100
11	Garafraxa, St. John's Ch.	1	..	Wm. Millican	Sep. 21, 1859	223	17	2	31	85	35	1	6	9	..	200	242	222	200

* Since dead.

12	{ Eden Mills	1	..	{ James Thom	Oct. 23, 1859	47	10	8	4	55	10	1	1	3	10	..	..	..	185
	{ Rockwood	1	..			17	6	2	1	60	20	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
18	{ Hesper	1	..	{ M. Mackenzie	Feb. 12, 1862	70	20	3	11	46	..	1	2	7	..	..	..	..	105
	{ Galt, 2nd	1	..			52	18	5	9	..	..	1	2	7	..	..	..	..	200
14	{ Hesper	1	..	W. T. Murdoch	Sep. 10, 1862	295	43	36	28	90	20	1	1	4	8	..	..	..	300
15	Acton	1	..	L. Cameron	Nov. 5, 1862	117	9	8	11	30	60	1	1	4	12	..	..	..	180
16	Glenallan & Hollin	2	..	Thos. McGuire	Mar. 8, 1864	106	1	1	4	9	524
17	{ Galt, Knox Ch.	1	1	4	12	380
	{ ..	1	1	4	12	380
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PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD—Continued.

No.	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	No. of Stations.	NAME OF MINISTER.	Date of Ordination.	No. of Communicants.	Addition by Examination and Certificate	Dissolution by Death, Removal, &c.	No. in Rel. Classes.		Pastoral Visitations.	No. of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	Vols. in Libraries.		No. of Sitzings in each Church.	No. of Sitzings Occupied.	Average Attendance at Principal Diet of Worship
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13	{ Elma Centre, Monkton, } { Molesworth & Listowell }	4	Robert Renwick...	Jan. 28, 1863	169	95	5	42	63	...	2	1	6	29	250
14	Knox Ch., Mitchell.....	1	Vacant.....		104	12	...	...	80	...	1	2	7	...	300	205	200

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

1	Brick Ch., Bayfield Road ...	1	James Duncan.....	June, 1836	111	2	1	17	40	...	1	4	4	...	90	170	170
2	{ W. Church, Kincardine } { and Pine River	2	Walter Inglis	October, 1842	119	10	8	17	46	13	1	6	...	30	120	...	120
3	Egmondville	1	Wm. Graham	Jan. 15, 1845	329	27	6	48	67	7	occ.	4	10	...	230	200	...
4	Warrenville & Franconton..	2	John Logie	Dec. 2, 1849	248	18	14	22	100	20	2	7	12	200	300	450	380
5	Knox Ch, Goderich	1	Robert Ure	October, 1850	150	...	...	150	22	1	1	7	9	...	500	750	860
6	Brucefield.....	1	John Ross.....	Sept. 25, 1851	167	17	4	...	100	...	occ.	3	5	...	...	400	300
7	McKillop.....	1	Matthew Barr.....	Feb. 14, 1854	153	8	6	22	140	30	1	4	8	200	200	180	200
8	{ Knox Ch, Ainsleyville } { Wroxeter.....	2	Wm. C. Young.....	Sept. 6, 1854	101	13	1	16	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	110	...
9	{ Blythe, Hullett, and } { Manchester.....	3	John Stewart	Mar. 8, 1855	243	23	...	30	150	80	4	6	13	...	300	650	400
10	Wills' Ch., Clinton	1	A. D. McDonald....	Apr. 28, 1859	160	23	3	26	130	30	2	6	9	...	525	338	338
11	South Bruce and Greenock.	2	Alex. McKay	Apr. 25, 1860	105	9	3	12	100	12	1	8	10	...	150	250	200
12	North and Centre Bruce ...	2	Wm. Mathieson ...	May 1, 1862	42	7	3	18	60	...	1	5	5	...	...	...	...
13	Cross.....	1	Adam McKay.....	July 24, 1862	129	23	11	45	...	...	4	7	...	...	...	...	200

14	{ Riversdale, Inniskillen, } { North Kinloss.....	3	A. G. Forbes	Dec. 11, 1862	72	26	5	67	124	62	8	6	10	...	120	...	100
15	Knox Church, Kincardine...	2	Vacant.....	...	100	2	2	24	32	...	2	3	4	...	250	...	60
16	Calvin Ch., St. Helens	2	Vacant.....	...	88	19	2	20	22	25	1	2	5	...	100	...	40
17	South Kinloss.....	1	Vacant.....	...	12	...	3	44	...	20	1	3	6	300	130
1	{ Division St. Ch., Owen } { Sound.....	3	Thomas S.....	100

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

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15	{ North Kinloss, ... }	2	...	Vacant	...	100	2	2	24	32	3	4	...	{ 250	...	{ 60	
16	{ Knox Church, Kincairdine, }	2	...	Vacant	...	88	19	2	20	22	25	1	...	2	5	...	{ 100	...	{ 40	
17	{ South Kinloss, ... }	1	...	Vacant	...	12	...	3	44	...	20	1	...	3	6	...	{ 800	...	{ 130	
PRESBYTERY OF GREY.																				
1	{ Division St. Ch., Owen }	3	...	Thomas Stevenson	June 21, 1840	127	28	24	18	100	20	1	2	3	9	...	400	300	...	250
2	{ Sound, ... }	2	...	Andrew Tolmie	June 2, 1853	110	40	2	15	100	...	2	1	3	12	...	400	...	...	350
3	{ West Arran, ... }	3	...	Patrick Greig	...	1853	33	7	25	50	30	1	1	3	15	33	100	...	...	...
4	{ Lake Shore, Sydenham, ... }	1	...	Robert Dewar	Oct. 17, 1855	102	15	14	14	35	15	...	1	5	6	...	250	200	180	140
5	{ Walkerton, ... }	...	...	R. C. Moffatt	Oct. 14, 1857	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	{ West Brant, ... }	...	...	Alex. Grant	Aug. 4, 1858	80	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	6	...	...	...	...	...
7	{ Knox Ch., Owen Sound, ... }	3	...	James Cameron	Feb. 15, 1859	212	16	6	30	220	...	4	1	6	11	100	400	...	250	200
8	{ Durham, ... }	1	...	Wm. Park	May 18, 1859	123	8	5	22	62	10	...	1	5	7	...	410	250	214	120
9	{ Paisley, ... }	2	...	G. Bremner	...	1860	23	3	21	60	12	3	1	8	14	...	100	...	...	200
10	{ Mount Forest, ... }	...	...	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	{ Rocky Saugeen, &c., ... }	4	...	Chas. Cameron	May 1, 1861	157	19	7	41	147	...	2	1	11	6	...	240	...	...	200
12	{ Thornbury, &c., ... }	4	...	Jno. Gauld, A.M.	June 3, 1856	82	23	3	10	40	33	...	1	5	15	...	...	...	...	100
13	{ 2nd Southampton, ... }	...	...	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	{ Port Elgin, ... }	1	...	Alex. Fraser	Oct. 22, 1861	60	7	9	9	75	...	4	1	5	7	...	103	200	150	...
15	{ St. Vincent, &c., ... }	3	...	James McDowall	Dec. 31, 1862	107	18	5	10	70	28	...	1	2	...	...	50	...	...	80
16	{ Carrick, ... }	4	...	Wm. Hay	Sept. 24, 1863	Rec. set.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

1	{ Essa, 1st, ... }	1	...	Wm. Fraser	1834	95	17	3	12	40	26	1	1	5	5	...	137	250	250	220
2	{ West Gwillimbury, ... }	1	...	David Coultis	1836	47	3	1	3	...	...	...	3	5	188	225	150	...	100	100
3	{ Chinguacousy, 1st, ... }	2	...	Alex. Topp, A.M.	1838	78	6	5	14	50	15	...	1	4	7	75	122	164	88	120
3	{ Chinguacousy, 2nd, ... }	2	...			49	2	3	4	...	...	...	1	4	6	...	...	180	100	100
3	{ Knox Church, Toronto, ... }	1	...			588	65	64	59	310	85	2	1	9	5	...	585	1250	1000	1000

15	Gould-st. Church, Toronto.	1	John M. King.....	1857	155	65	15	8	112	74	2	2	5	7	.....	250	480	380	300
16	Caledon and Orangeville.....	1	Alex. McFaul.....	1858	78	9	...	6	80	...	1	4	3	10	...	220	300	250	300
17	York Mills and Fisherville.....	1	Nath'l Paterson.....	1859	65	12	2	11	28	11	2	4	6	4	150	200	200	115	120
18	Fios and Medonte.....	4	George Crow.....	1859	160	14	1	124	...	40	1	2	3	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	400
19	Brown's Corners and Melville Church.....	2	Julius Strauss.....	1860	155	10	5	7	6	2	1	.....	10	4	.....	220	.....	400	300
20	Scarborough.....	2	D. H. Fletcher.....	1860	231	21	14	24	...	65	1	1	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	300
21	Oakville.....	1	Robert Scott.....	1860	109	15	4	13	130	80	1	1	7	12	.....	150	200	182	150
22	Bradford and West Gwillimbury.....	1	CMMcKerracher.....	1862	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	King and Laskey.....	2	James Milligan.....	1861	107	6	7	7	...	30	1	1	8	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	250
24	Collingwood.....	1	Robert Rodgers.....	1850	38	7	6	4	60	15	1	3	.....	7	.....	150	150	100	80
5	Alliston, &c.....	4	John K. Hislop.....	1862	95	30	3	83	60	40	2	2	4	16	.....	200	.....	.....	200
26	Mono.....	.....	Archibald Brown.....	1863	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4	.....	800	.....	.....	250
27	Stayner, &c.....	.....	J. Greenfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Streetsville.....	1	Walter Wright.....	Sept. 7, 1858	140	...	6	60	38	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	West Oro.....	1	Vacant.....	.....	75	6	3	46	...	...	1	.....	3	9	.....	180	180	200	200
30	West Church, Toronto.....	1	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	120	...	1	1	2	5	.....	508	.....	.....	150
31	Georgetown.....	1	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

1	Dumfries St., Paris.....	1	David Caw.....	204	14	13	18	55	25	1	1	6	.....	.....	200	357	279	400	400
2	Willis' Ch., Bienheim.....	1	John Gillespie.....	153	10	4	16	50	20	1	1	3	3	5	.....	350	.....	.....	300
3	St. Andrews, East Oxford.....	1	Wm. Inglis.....	22	2	...	2	Unk	.....	.....	1	2	4	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	150
4	Erskine Church, Woodstock.....	1	Arch. Cross.....	67	4	13	3	49	12	1	2	5	9	.....	274	200	130	130	130
5	Knox Church, Ingersoll.....	1	Duncan McRuar.....	126	8	7	7	46	21	1	1	5	12	.....	60	250	200	200	200
6	Knox Church, Ayr.....	1	D. McDiarmid.....	298	...	24	103	90	2	1	1	7	3	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	600
7	Chalmers' Ch., Woodstock.....	1	John Dunbar.....	86	5	4	27	50	...	1	occ.	4	7	9	.....	350	.....	.....	150
8	Knox Ch., Woodstock.....	1	W. T. McMullen.....	142	6	10	15	70	35	1	1	4	5	416	.....	300	220	200	200
9	Knox Church, Ingersoll.....	1	John Strath.....	15	12	29	125	...	...	1	1	7	12	.....	350	580	438	488	488
10	Chesterfield.....	1	W. Robertson, A.M.....	31	20	21	155	55	2	1	1	8	12	.....	600	400	330	300	300
11	Zion Church, Brantford.....	1	W. Cochran.....	185	23	13	20	80	20	1	1	4	7	250	.....	330	290	240	240
12	Mount Pleasant.....	1	W. Peattie.....	275	56	14	17	343	71	2	2	7	17	150	600	504	450	450	450
13	St. George.....	1	R. Hume, A.M.....	68	4	5	6	35	20	.....	1	4	8	250	.....	160	.....	.....	120
				117	20	27	16	60	20	1	1	3	5	.....	412	244	140	170	170

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—Continued.

No.	DESIGNATION, OF CONGREGATION.	No. of Stations.		NAME OF MINISTER.	Date of Ordination.	No. of Communicants.	Addition by Examination and Certificate.	Diminution by Death, Removal, &c.	No. of Baptisms.		No. in Rel. Classes.		Pastoral Visitations.	No. of Elders.	No. of other Office-bearers.	Vols. in Libraries.		No. of Sitzings in each Church.	No. of Sitzings Occupied.	Average Attendance at Principal Diet of Worship.
		Of Regular Charge.	Not of Regular Charge.						Sabbath School.	Bible Class.	Congregational.	Sabbath School.								
19	Richmond	2	...	John Mackay	May 26, 1859	90	...	...	...	...	40	...	1	6	8	...	...	200	...	100
20	Cote St. Church, Montreal, } and Valleyfield	2	...	D. H. McVicar	Oct. 19, 1859	553	124	38	52	196	160	524	oc.	8	8	...	447	964	886	800
21	New Glasgow	2	...	Walter Couthart	Nov. 22, 1860	166	8	16	10	75	20	200	2	5	6	...	...	200	...	200
22	Mille Isles	1	1	Robert Binnie	May 29, 1861	67	2	3	5	20	...	100	2	4	6	...	...	146	...	80
23	Winstow	2	2	John Irvine	Feb. 26, 1864	140	...	...	...	...	...	90	1	1	9	...	...	60	...	110
24	Chateauguay	1	1	D. Black (Or. Mis.)	Sep., 1867	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	80
25	St. Joseph St. Ch., Montl. }	2	2	Thos. Feuwick, do.	Oct. 30, 1861	58	3	3	5	15	14	...	1	3	4	...	...	236	...	92
26	Farham	2	2	D. P. Muir, A. B., do.	Oct. 30, 1861	96	96	6	...	200	40	470	often.	2	6	...	...	200	...	150
27	Laguette, Calvin Church ..	2	2	Vacant .....	...	113	...	...	...	24	30	...	oc.	2	5	...	...	200	...	100
28	Durham	1	1	Vacant .....	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	...	...	200	...	80
29	Martintown & Williamstown }	2	2	Vacant .....	...	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	7	...	...	600	...	600

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1	English Settlement	1	...	James Skinner	Mar. 31, 1834	183	6	2	8	57	58	...	2	5	6	...	...	320	...	250
2	Embro	1	1	D. McKenzie	May,	201	11	7	8	49	45	...	2	6	6	...	...	340	...	220
3	Thamesford	1	1	John Fraser	1843	309	19	...	30	150	40	...	2	9	7	...	...	200	...	500
4	Exford	1	1	Alex. W. Waddell	Dec. 30, 1847	104	...	...	...	80	40	...	Var.	7	11	...	...	850	...	400
5	...	3	3	Wm. K. Sutherland	Feb. 16, 1848	75	...	...	...	2	10	...	Par.	1	4	...	...	100	...	444
7	1st Congregation, London ..	1	1	Angus McColl	Feb.,	109	12	6	20	100	...	...	1	8	10	...	...	...	...	350
8	Williams	1	1	J. J. A. Proudfoot	July 10, 1848	117	5	7	27	...	12	...	1	6	17	...	...	...	...	350
9	Sarina St. Andrew's Ch.	1	1	L. McPherson	Feb. 7, 1849	28	4	15	75	20	...	...	1	4	...	...	117	...	...	...
10	St. Andrew's Ch., London ..	1	1	Vacant .....	...	131	9	18	12	96	17	...	1	3	5	...	...	290	...	270
11	Buxton	1	1	Jno. Scott	October, 1850	309	25	16	27	300	131	...	1	6	15	...	...	500	...	550
12	Napier	1	1	Wm. King	May 14, 1851	70	4	1	10	76	24	...	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	150
13	Mandawmin	1	1	Wm. Troup	Aug. 7, 1851	108	7	7	9	100	...	...	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...
14	Wellington St. Ch. Chatham }	1	1	Jas. W. Chesnut	Mar. 10, 1853	120	10	3	12	120	40	...	1	7	7	...	...	250	...	170
15	Fingal	1	1	Wm. Walker	Oct. 25, 1853	120	10	3	12	120	40	...	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Ridgetown, &c.	1	1	Jno. McMillan	Jan. 29, 1857	120	10	3	12	120	40	...	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	St. Thomas	4	4	Wm. Forrest	Feb. 18, 1857	120	11	6	9	1	7
18	Detroit, Mich. Scotch Ch. }	1	1	Geo. Cuthbertson	Oct. 7, 1857	105	9	7	4	2	7

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		Of Regular Charge.	Not of Regular Charge.						Sabbath School.	Bible Class.	Congregational.	Sabbath School.									
7	Aylmer and Nepean	4	2	J. L. Gourlay, A. M.	1851 March	184	10	16	25	87	36	1	1	10	12	400	880	250	880	400	350
8	Bristol	1	1	David Wardrope...	1855 June	158	15	1	17	2	1	5	6	...	920	250	920	...	200
9	Osgoode	2	2	James White	Nov. 24, 1858	265	19	10	36	110	90	7	1	10	12	560	560	150	560	560	280
10	Ramsay	1	1	Wm. McKenzie	Dec. 8, 1858	259	24	13	26	220	6	14	330	400	400	446	...	350
11	Wakefield	2	...	Joseph White	Aug. 7, 1862	137	19	4	7	91	10	2	1	4	7	...	190	255	200
12	Pembroke	Vacant.
13	Renfrew	Vacant.
14	Cumberland	Vacant.
15	Pakenham and Tarbolton...	Vacant.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

1	Flamboro', West	1	...	Thomas Christie...	...	...	14	15	27	86	18	1	...	7	10	...	150	70	...	70	70
2	Saltfleet	1	1	G. Cheyne, A. M.	July 8, 1831	159	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
3	Binbrook	1	1	R. Irvine, D. D.	Nov. 13, 1840	492	52	23	54	160	32	1	1	4	10	200	600	1240	860	680	80
4	Caistor	1	1	J. Porteous	Dec. 7, 1842	180	11	5	12	60	40	2	1	6	7	200	150	480	280	240	80
5	Knox Church, Hamilton...	1	1	A. McLean, A. M.	Feb. 14, 1844	147	16	8	12	50	25	2	1	4	7	250	300	800	280	250	250
6	Beverley	1	1	D. Inglis	Jan. 17, 1846	403	63	28	38	257	70	5	1	8	16	310	1200	...	630	...	630
7	Nairn Ch., Flamboro' West..	1	1	R. F. Burns	July 1, 1847	127	26	12	15	144	55	3	1	2	7	250	400	340	300	250	250
8	McNab-st. Ch., Hamilton...	1	1	Robert Wallace.	July 15, 1846	58	11	10	5	70	20	1	2	4	5	...	250	300	250	200	200
9	St. Catharines	1	1	Wm. Ormiston, D.D.	Oct. 13, 1846	44	8	35	51	224	25	5	1	2	5	...	300	500	1500	175	160
10	Central Church, Hamilton...	1	1	...	...	480	94	...	...	...	...	5	...	6	9	...	...	...	...	950	700

10	Alton St. ...	1	1	James Black.	Nov. 9, 1853	210	14	16	20	140	...	2	oc.	7	7	...	400	260	...	440	830
11	Ancaster Village	1	1	John Lees	July 10, 1855	68	10	12	6	58	40	...	1	8	6	...	290	180	...	160	150
12	Ancaster East	1	1	Wm. Craigie	June 5, 1856	126	8	11	21	80	15	1	oc.	4	6	...	150	200	...	120	160
13	Knox Church, Ft. Dover, and Simcoe	1	1	John Rennie	April 22, 1857	172	10	7	19	60	...	1	oc.	2	2	...	300	240	...	216	200
14	Dunnville	1	1	John M. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	15	...	38	200	...	...	40
15	Wellandport	1	1
16	North Cayuga	1	1
17	Knox Church, Jarvis... and Walpole	1	1

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6	McNab-st. Ch., Hamilton...	1	1	1	5	1	1	8	16	...	310	1200	...	630
7	St. Catharines.....	1	1	1	3	1	2	7	250	400	340	340	200	250
8	Thornold and.....	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	5	450	250	500	175	160
9	Central Church, Hamilton...	1	1	1	5	1	2	5	9	300	1500	1500	950	700
10	Chateaux and Allan Settlement.....	1	1	1	140	210	14	16	20	140	...	...	...	...
11	Ancaster Village.....	1	1	1	6	68	10	12	6	58	40	...	...	...
12	Ancaster East.....	1	1	1	5	60	7	6	8	50	12	...	...	...
13	Knox Church, Pt. Dover, and Simcoe.....	1	1	1	3	50	3	8	7	32	12	...	...	...
14	Dunville.....	1	1	1	8	126	8	11	21	80	15	...	...	...
15	Wellandport.....	1	1	1	5	36	6	5	5	...	...	...	...	...
16	North Cayuga.....	1	1	1	60	172	10	7	19	60	...	...	...	...
17	Knox Church, Jarvis, and Walpole.....	1	1	1	Un.	75	11	6	12	Un.	18	...	...	...
18	Grimsby.....	1	1	1	9	63	1	2	9	...	...	...	...	...
19	and Beamsville Port Dalhousie.....	1	1	1	7	94	12	3	9	70	46	...	...	...
20	and Niagara.....	1	1	1	107	54	8	5	7	107	...	...	...	...
21	Sutherland St. Ch., Caled'a (Thompson Ch., Indians...)	1	1	1	4	39	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...
22	Oneida.....	1	1	1	45	75	14	2	14	45	9	...	...	...
23	Eastern Seneca.....	1	1	1	5	25	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
24	Knox Church, Dundas	1	1	1	set.	R ec.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Crowland.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	Waterdown.....	1	1	1	80	120	7	9	8	100	30	...	...	...
27	and Wellington Square	1	1	1	...	35	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
28	Kilbride.....	1	1	1	3	44	2	...	3
29	Chippewa.....	1	1	1	1

** Without charge—Mark Young Stark, A. M.

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No.	Congregation.	Minister.	Stipend Promised.	Stipend really Paid.	Arrears actually Due.	All other Congregational and incidental Contributions not otherwise reported.		Total Contributions for strictly Congregational purposes.		College Fund (Ordinary).		College Building Fund.	Home Mission Fund.		Foreign Mission Fund.		Widows & Orphans' and Aged Ministers' Fund.		Synod Fund.		French-Canadian Mission		Other Benevolent objects, not otherwise specified.		Total for Congregational, Benevolent and other objects.	
						\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
12	Columbus and Brooklyn	Vacant	...	407 00	...	302 29	...	709 29	10 00	10 00	...	26 14	12 25	6 00	8 80	9 70	8 10	9 21	6 00	...	...	...	...	...	773 68
13	Ashburn and Utica	do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Whitby	do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1	English Settlement, and Proof Line	James Skinner	300 00	288 25	...	44 49	332 74	17 42	...	...	...	...	39 72	16 43	9 70	8 10	9 21	6 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	481 02
2	Enburo	Donald McKenzie	200 00	207 06	...	33 00	240 06	6 41	...	...	...	...	25 49	10 10	10 70	18 08	59 14	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	295 49
3	Thamesford	John Fraser	600 00	600 00	...	168 52	649 72	55 79	...	...	...	...	50 00	25 15	10 70	7 00	19 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1168 58
4	Everich	W. R. Sutcliffe and Alexander W. Waddell	240 00	240 00	...	432 00	1032 00	18 00	...	...	...	...	8 00	6 00	6 00	12 00	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1142 00
5	Kirkaldy	John J. A. Prondfoot	400 00	400 00	...	10 00	250 00	32 45	...	...	...	...	28 50	13 78	8 12	6 25	9 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	629 38
6	Chatham, Adelaide, &c.	John J. A. Prondfoot	600 00	613 25	...	151 75	765 00	16 00	...	...	...	...	50 54	31 37	20 75	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	866 91
7	First Church, London	Leobhan McPherson	...	750 00	...	261 31	1136 31	24 05	...	...	...	...	17 08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1225 07
8	Sarnia	Vacant	700 00	700 00	...	408 27	1108 27	...	...	...	...	...	30 00	19 40	...	9 90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1311 96
10	St. Andrew's, London	John Scott	1000 00	1000 00	...	351 49	451 49	71 00	...	...	...	...	9 00	47 00	20 00	14 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4737 00
11	Buxton	William King	...	...	...	...	48 23	7 00	...	...	...	...	9 00	3 00	6 80	7 76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84 79
12	Nepier	William Troup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Mandawmin	James W. Chestnut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Chatham	William Walker	600 00	636 00	...	195 40	831 40	8 97	...	...	...	...	16 15	7 89	6 50	4 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	864 89
15	Fingal	John McMillan	600 00	612 35	...	90 40	702 75	12 00	...	...	...	...	11 45	9 00	6 00	4 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	753 20
16	Ridgeway	William Forrest	600 00	377 25	303 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60 68	5 00	5 00	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	474 68
17	St. Thomas	George Cathbertson	600 00	650 00	...	767 50	817 50	18 00	...	...	...	...	43 00	6 00	7 00	10 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	901 50
18	Detroit, Michigan, Scotch Church	Stanhope Balmor	1000 00	1000 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000 00
19	Orrville	William Fletcher	400 00	350 00	...	4 00	354 00	5 00	...	...	...	...	9 50	4 00	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	375 50
20	St. Andrew's, Danwich	Archibald McDiarmid	300 00	293 00	66 00	62 32	355 32	10 70	...	...	...	...	1 80	6 00	3 50	6 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	384 07
21	Balmont and Yarmouth	Archibald Curr	600 00	600 00	...	60 00	226 00	6 00	...	...	...	...	5 90	...	4 00	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	249 90
22	Wardville and N. E. of Alabore	Neil McKinnon	600 00	611 83	...	29 93	635 76	37 38	...	...	...	...	15 00	...	14 00	7 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	739 00

23	Boonacrest	Peter Goodfellow	400 00	350 00	50 00	84 50	434 50	35 54	...	...	...	...	8 89	15 30	...	10 18	36 27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	540 68
24	Westminster	George Stinson	700 00	602 68	97 32	245 00	798 00	20 10	49 30	10 00	7 25	7 80	10 00	772 01
25	Moss	Archibald Stewart	550 00	550 00	...	...	647 48	62 00	...	...	...	...	9 00	20 00	...	9 00	8 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	906 00
26	St. Ann's, Kanakoo	Vacant	500 00	508 00	...	40 00	545 00	23 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	571 00
27	Adelaide	Vacant	400 00	309 70	25 00	...	...	12 60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	336 48
28	Warwick	Vacant	500 00	328 74	...	43 91	208 28	15 58	...	...	...	...	38 00	10 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	456 23
29	Plympton, North and South	Vacant	...	93 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90 30
30	Vienna and Port Burwell	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

1 St. Andrews
2 ...
{ Arch. Henderson, A.M. }

19	Orville	400 00	350 00	50 00	84 50	434 50	35 54	10 18	36 27	3 00	3 00	375 50
20	William Fletcher	400 00	350 00	50 00	44 80	647 48	50 10	7 25	10 00	3 50	3 50	540 68
21	Archibald Stewart	500 00	500 00	...	248 00	798 00	62 00	...	8 00	...	...	772 01
22	Vacant	500 00	508 00	...	40 00	545 00	23 20	...	...	...	...	906 00
23	Vacant	400 00	338 74	...	43 91	208 28	15 58	...	14 18	...	...	571 00
24	Vacant	...	38 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	336 48
25	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	436 23
26	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90 30

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

1	St. Andrews	600 00	602 00	224 00	169 57	772 00	6 00	11 65	24 11	5 00	3 50	37 00	37 50
2	Lacneuchetiere Street, Montreal	1440 00	1440 00	...	911 05	2351 05	34 75	974 69	196 83	200 00	23 00	10 00	166 20
3	Chalmers' Church, Quebec	300 00	1400 00	...	2872 00	...	225 00	49 00	36 85	98 27	25 15	13 00	3856 53
4	Henry's Church, Lachine	600 00	760 00	...	280 00	1040 00	10 00	10 25	7 00	5 00	5 52	4 00	1981 77
5	Huntingdon and Athelstane	400 00	422 40	...	34 00	456 00	4 00	9 00	7 00	60 00	4 00	5 00	545 40
6	Indian Lands	600 00	360 00	300 00	666 19	2066 19	46 78	446 00	17 00	12 00	6 00	15 00	1884 00
7	St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal	600 00	1400 00	...	...	312 00	...	3 50	4 50	4 50	6 00	6 00	2617 97
8	St. Sylvester	416 00	312 00	...	63 10	563 00	16 20	6 86	6 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	324 50
9	Lancaster and Dalhousie	560 00	671 00	202 00	224 00	895 00	17 60	5 00	4 00	8 12	5 00	6 00	649 36
10	Inverness	364 00	300 00	6 00	248 00	548 00	...	5 00	11 14	9 14	9 12	...	942 00
11	Vanek Hill	418 00	380 00	38 00	344 69	724 69	...	...	...	...	...	...	651 00
12	English River	520 00	520 00	...	135 73	665 43	12 15	11 23	7 00	5 00	4 00	2 62	759 24
13	St. Eustache, &c.	600 00	529 70	70 30	60 00	567 10	5 00	26 50	3 00	5 50	1 50	...	571 04
14	Kenyon	480 00	360 00	600 00	40 00	340 00	...	3 00	3 00	...	...	...	707 43
15	Langwick	440 00	501 00	...	48 00	549 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	638 00
16	First Church, Lachine	532 00	380 00	80 00	80 00	460 00	...	3 60	...	40 00	...	...	638 00
17	Richmond	2000 00	2000 00	...	2177 45	4177 45	332 65	168 59	311 79	100 00	50 47	143 67	411 50
18	Outé Street Church, Montreal	600 00	600 00	...	180 00	780 00	...	7 00	...	6 72	11 12	...	822 24
19	St. Louis and Valleyfield	400 00	350 00	20 00	100 00	480 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	460 00
20	New Glasgow	600 00	600 00	...	56 00	56 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	822 24
21	Wills Isles	184 00	40 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	467 00
22	Chateauguay	360 00	800 00	...	377 00	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	63 00
23	St. Joseph St., Montreal	100 00	100 00	...	537 82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300 00
24	Fernham	...	65 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120 00
25	Lechere	...	84 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	377 00
26	Durham	537 32
27	Martintown and Williamstown	100 00
28	Vacant	79 46
29	Vacant	84 00
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CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1ST MAY, 1863, TO 30TH APRIL,
1864, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

KNOX COLLEGE—ORDINARY FUND.

1864.	RECEIPTS.	
	Amount received during year	\$5,966 67
April 30. Balance at Dr.		2,314 66
		\$8,281 33

1863.	EXPENDITURE.	
May 1. Balance at Dr.		\$2,904 39
	Paid on account of Salaries	4,348 86
	Mr. McColl, Tutor	50 00
	Mr. Willing, on account	350 00
	Sundry repairs, &c.	153 46
	Printing and Advertising	62 51
	Books for Library, &c.	21 13
	Interest on unpaid bal. purchase money.	146 34
	Interest for sundry advances	93 59
	Insurance	93 62
	Corporation for Sewerage rate	30 13
	Discount an silver, &c.	27 30
		8,281 33

BURSARY FUND.

1863.	RECEIPTS.	
May 1. Balance on Cr.		\$307 21
	Hon. I. Buchanan, M.P.P.	80 00
	Mrs. Esson and Mrs. Sparks, for H. Esson Bur.	20 00
	Philacademus	10 00
	Interest	68 00
	Mrs. Gibb, Woodfield, Quebec, for "Gibb Scholarship"	800 00
		\$1,285 21

	EXPENDITURE.	
	Paid A. B. Simpson, Prince of Wales Prize..	\$60 00
	J. Baikie, John Knox Bursary	40 00
	F. W. Farries, G. Buchanan Bursary...	40 00
	J. Aull, Henry Esson Bursary	20 00
	D. Davidson, 1st Gaelic Bursary	20 00
	H. Currie, 2nd Gaelic Bursary	20 00
	John McColl, Prize for Pulpit Reading..	20 00
	Sundry sums granted to Students	125 00
	Balance in hand	940 21
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LIBRARY FUND.

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RECEIPTS.		
May 1. Balance at beginning of year	\$14 00	
Matriculation Tickets, &c.	84 50	\$98 50
EXPENDITURE.		
Paid for Librarian's salary	\$60 00	
Balance at Cr.	38 50	
		\$98 50

COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.		
From Friend to Education, \$10; Clarke, \$24; Eramosa, \$10.	\$44 00	
Amount at Dr. now	612 64	\$656 64
EXPENDITURE.		
Amount at Dr. at beginning of year		\$656 64

In addition to the sum of \$612 64, there is also due on the Mortgage the sum of \$1,625 98.

WIDOWS' FUND.

1863.

RECEIPTS.		
May 1. Balance in hand at the beginning of year	\$1,327 57	
Rates paid by Ministers.	1,442 00	
Congregational collections.	1,640 75	
Interest	2,320 16	
Special Widows' Fund,—for Investment	3,200 00	
Principal repaid	250 00	
		\$10,180 48
EXPENDITURE.		
Annuities paid	\$950 00	
Amount invested	7,620 00	
Rates repaid	112 00	
Sundry expenses.	21 50	
Transferred to Special Fund from Chinguacousy	30 00	
Discount on silver, &c.	25 00	
Proportion of General Expenses.	70 00	
" Salary	250 00	
Credited to Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers.	820 00	
Balance on hand	281 98	
		\$10,180 48

The following is the present state of the Fund :

Invested in Debentures	\$9,852 00
" Mortgages	32,547 68
Cash, exclusive of \$635, balance of Special Widows' Fund	281 98
	\$42,681 66

SPECIAL WIDOWS' FUND.—The total amount received, up to 30th April, for Special Widows' Fund, including Interest, was \$3,897 02. There has been received up to June 24th, in all the sum of \$5,100.

FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

1863.		RECEIPTS.	
May 1.	Balance at beginning of year	\$974	51
	Sundry receipts	227	62
	One-half Cong. collections for Widows' Fund.	820	00
	Proportion of Interest	25	00
		2,047	13
		EXPENDITURE.	
	Annuities to Ministers	\$660	00
	Amount invested	700	00
	Proportion of General Expenses	25	00
	" Salary	30	00
	" Discount on silver, &c.	8	00
	Balance in hand	624	13
		\$2,047	13

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1863.		RECEIPTS.	
May 1.	Balance at beginning of year	\$3,484	55
	Received during the year	3,475	59
	Amount in hands of J. Redpath, Esq. at beginning of year	2,106	44
	Total Interest received	184	34
		\$9,250	92
		EXPENDITURE.	
	Paid Rev. R. Jamieson, on account	\$1,550	00
	Rev. J. Nisbet	1,005	80
	Rev. D. Duff, for Outfit	200	00
	" Passage	210	00
	" Quarter's salary	250	00
	For Church at New Westminster	300	00
	" Assiniboine	200	00
	Advertising, &c.	14	10
	Sundry expenses incurred by Rev. R. F. Burns, Convener	26	19
	Proportion of General Expenses	52	50
	" Salary	45	00
	" Discount on silver, &c.	16	00
	Balance in hand	5,381	33
		\$9,250	92

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HOME MISSION FUND.

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RECEIPTS.

May 1. Balance at beginning of year.....	\$1,034 83	
Receipts during year	1,526 44	
		<u>\$2,561 27</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Paid balance of apportionments on account of 1862-'63, viz.:

Presbytery of Grey.....	\$116 55
" London	35 00
" Huron	100 00
" Stratford.....	88 00
" Toronto.....	230 00
" Ontario	55 00
" Cobourg.....	50 00
" Kingston	100 00
" Brockville.....	40 00
" Ottawa	50 00
" Montreal	23 00
" Paris	100 00
Rev. W. Scott, St. Sylvester.....	25 80
Buxton Mission.....	200 00
Rev. P. Greig.....	50 00

Paid on account of 1863-'64: \$1,264 35

Presbytery of Grey, on account..	44 00
" Toronto.....	299 00
Rev. P. Greig, Normanby	17 50
Printing and sundries	15 60

Proportion of general expenses	\$376 10
" Salary.....	27 50
" Discount on silver	25 00
Balance	10 00
	<u>858 32</u>

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Since the above accounts were closed, the following payments have been made:—Presbytery of Montreal, \$68; Ottawa, \$52 38; Brockville, \$65 20; Kingston, \$64; Cobourg, \$99 32; Ontario, \$57 10; Toronto, \$151; London, \$111 50; Huron, \$50; Grey, \$76; Buxton Mission, \$212 64.

SYNOD FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year	\$88 94	
Received during year.....	1,583 98	
		<u>\$1,672 92</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. J. Gray, Expenses connected with Statistics	\$40 88
Mr. J. Henderson, expenses at Hamilton meeting of Synod.....	15 00

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Rev. W. Fraser, salary.....	100 00	
" postage account.....	4 56	
Printing Statements, &c., for Synod.....	87 25	
Engrossing Addresses to Queen, &c.....	8 00	
Printing Synod Minutes.....	156 25	
Stamps, and Express charges for Synod Minutes.	23 28	
Account, <i>Globe</i> Office, for advertising.....	7 79	
W. Oliver, account for Printing.....	15 00	
Sundry accounts for printing.....	44 95	
For general expenses.....	85 00	
Discount on silver, &c., &c.....	15 00	
On account of salary of general agent.....	900 00	
Balance.....	169 96	
		1,672 92

FRENCH-CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$135 75	
Congregational collections, &c.....	1198 68	
		1,334 43

EXPENDITURE.

Amount paid.....	\$1,050 35	
Proportion of general expenses.....	25 00	
" Salary.....	25 00	
" Discount on silver.....	6 00	
Balance.....	228 08	
		1,334 43

BUXTON MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$11 28	
Balance of grant from Home Mission Fund...	200 00	
Sundry receipts.....	47 42	
Balance at Dr.....	501 62	
		\$760 32

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. W. King, balance of salary for last year, 1862-3.....	\$50 00	
Rev. W. King, on account of 1863-4.....	393 42	
For Teachers.....	317 00	
		760 32

BUXTON BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$1,628 01	
Interest.....	85 00	
		1,713 01

PAYMENTS.

Paid Mr. W. Clark.....		1,713 01
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HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

RECEIPTS.

Received, subscriptions during year	\$2,055 68	
Balance at Dr.	192 86	2,248 49

PAYMENTS.

Balance at Dr. at beginning of year	\$384 77	
On account of Printing	762 20	
" Paper	656 70	
Sundries	83 81	
Discount on Silver	10 00	
Proportion of General Expenses	51 01	
" Salary	300 00	2,248 46

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MISSION TO AMERICAN INDIANS.

Balance at beginning of year	\$263 25	
Received from a Friend	55 00	318 25

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JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sundry Receipts during the year	\$53 49	
Remitted to John McDonald, Esq., Treasurer of Free Ch.	53 49	

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FOREIGN MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.

Received	\$52 00	
Remitted	52 00	

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RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year	\$61 44	
Paid Rev. J. Nisbet	61 44	

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SCHOOL AT KILDONAN.

Received as per statement	\$389 45	
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PAYMENTS.

Rev. J. Nisbet	\$219 01	
Balance in hand	170 44	389 45

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The above accounts have been examined, vouchers compared, and found correct.

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THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee were this year prepared to submit the Statistical Return and Financial Statement along with this Report, at the opening Sederunt of the Synod, but they have, as usual, been prevented by the neglect of several congregations in not transmitting their returns. At first numbering upwards of twenty settled charges, they have since been reduced to thirteen, with about an equal number of vacant congregations.

They are as follows:

Verulam, in the Cobourg Presbytery; Erskine Church and Claremont, in the Ontario Presbytery; First Church, Guelph, in the Guelph Presbytery; Walkeron, and West Brant and Carrick, in the Grey Presbytery; Winchester, in the Brockville Presbytery; Smith's Falls, in the Ottawa Presbytery; Napier and Mandawmin, in the London Presbytery; Stayner, &c., Mono, and Bradford, and West Gwillimbury, in the Toronto Presbytery. To these are to be added the vacant congregations of Ashburn and Utica, Chippawa, Cumberland, Georgetown, Kilbride, Mount Forest, Morrisburgh, Pembroke, Perrytown and Oakhills, 2nd Church Southampton and Dumblane, Pakenham and Tarbolton, Renfrew, and Yonge, and Lyn.

Your Committee have pleasure in stating that the following Presbyteries have sent in returns, which may be regarded as complete, viz.: Montreal, Kingston, Stratford, Huron, Paris and Hamilton, and six other Presbyteries have complete returns, so far as the settled charges are concerned, with the exception of one congregation in each.

When, however, the two elements of completeness in the filling up of each blank column, and the duly ascertained correctness of the figures which comprise the various items are taken into account, much yet requires to be accomplished, and the careful superintendence of the whole matter is again earnestly urged upon Presbyteries, with the view of not merely a few, but the whole of the fourteen, into which our Church is divided, taking a deeper interest in the subject than they have hitherto done.

The usual table, exhibiting in a small compass the general results derived from a comparison of the Returns, is next submitted:

PRESBYTERY.	Communicants	Addition.	Diminution.	Baptisms.	Sab'th Schools	Bible Classes.	Weekly Meetings.	Elders.	Other Office-bearers.	Ministers.	Preaching Stations.	Average Attendance.
Montreal	4,588	578	195	401	1,887	960	721	52	269	29	66	8,562
Brockville	1,335	125	82	104	852	260	12	53	70	10	35	2,200
Ottawa	1,931	162	70	171	858	212	20	62	96	11	36	3,095
Kingston	1,352	145	62	157	849	215	10	66	58	12	33	2,600
Cobourg	2,598	251	204	312	865	357	19	84	125	14	31	4,500
Ontario	1,656	128	107	160	1,142	299	28	60	116	11	28	3,800
Toronto	4,248	484	284	531	2,023	849	30	163	204	30	66	8,000
Guelph	3,430	366	232	427	1,389	379	20½	116	180	16	32	6,866
Hamilton	3,436	413	233	368	1,863	467	33	101	154	17	41	6,000
Paris	2,800	254	173	301	1,392	407	20	108	175	17	27	4,360
London	3,334	314	148	388	2,140	856	40	129	214	25	66	8,000
Huron	2,446	245	76	445	1,261	321	23	90	110	14	35	4,000
Stratford	2,056	261	90	265	889	425	28	68	162	13	27	4,110
Grey	1,477	247	85	195	869	148	18	59	108	14	36	2,400
Total	37,067	3,973	2,041	4,225	18,279	6,155	380	1,301	2,031	233	559	68,157
Approximate estimate ...	40,000	4,100	2,100	4,500	21,000	6,400	410	1,450	2,200	.....	600	73,000
Do. of last year	38,000	4,000	1,900	4,100	20,000	6,000	440	1,400	2,100	232	550	67,000
Probable increase	2,000	400	1,000	400	30	50	100	1	50	6,000

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96	11	36	3,095
68	12	33	2,600
25	14	31	4,500
16	11	28	3,500
04	30	66	8,000
80	16	32	6,800
64	17	41	6,000
75	17	27	4,300
14	25	66	8,000
10	14	35	4,000
62	13	27	4,110
08	14	36	2,400
31	233	659	68,167
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Until the Returns from every congregation are complete, it is impossible to get more than approximate results based upon a careful comparison made with great labour of the various returns sent in; and this investigation exhibits cheering proofs of growth and progress, except in two important particulars—ministers and weekly meetings. So far as the former are concerned, the past Synodical year has been marked by unusually numerous changes. Five have been removed by the hand of death, two superannuated, one obliged to retire from ill health, and another declared to be no longer a minister of our Church, making in all a diminution of nine. To these are to be added several who, for various reasons, have demitted their respective charges. When these circumstances are taken into account, the wonder is that there has been no actual decrease, instead of an increase of one. These facts, however, call for more earnest prayer to the Lord of the vineyard that He may raise up a more numerous body of labourers to replace those who have fallen, bearing the heat and burden of the day. Looking, moreover, at the failing health of so many ministers, and the advancing years of others, the number of those disabled in the Lord's work must continue to increase, and the attention of the Synod is, therefore, called to their cases, with the view of legislating respecting their *status*, duties, &c.

The decrease in the number of weekly meetings is also deserving of serious consideration, though it is fondly hoped that it indicates no decay of vitality, and no diminution of the spirit of prayer.

Attention is again directed to the ascertained discrepancy between the number of sittings and of worshippers in many of the Churches, and to the consequent necessity of increased efforts being put forth to augment the attendance on the means of grace.

The numbers present at the meeting of the Supreme Court exhibit year by year a gratifying increase, and shew, not only the deep interest taken in its proceedings, but also the growth of our beloved Zion.

This year there are present, of ministers, 175, and of elders 98, in all, 283. Last year there were present, of ministers, 170, and of elders 90, in all, 260. Increase of ministers, 15, and of elders 8; in all, 23.

The total number of ministers on the roll of Synod, including professors, &c., are 243.

With these explanatory remarks, the Committee next submit the usual Tabular Financial Statement:—

PRESBYTERY.	Stipend paid.		Arrears due.		All other Contribs.		College Fund.		Home Mission Fund.		Foreign Mission Fund.		W. & O. & A. M. Fund.		Synod Fund.		F. Can. Mission Fund.		Other benevolent objects.		Total Congreg'l Contributions.		Congr's in Arrear.		Ministers reporting.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.				
Montreal	15,654	20	2,010	72	8,779	78	756	13	3,113	33	661	72	577	25	178	98	245	74	933	70	30,419	36	12	29		
Brockville	4,461	37	1,186	04	2,108	53	96	84	192	07	76	48	73	95	31	43	36	53	117	20	9,116	35	4	9		
Ottawa	5,775	88	654	35	2,984	00	182	12	281	24	119	87	101	74	59	89	145	70	334	71	9,909	55	5	10		
Kingston	6,629	52	629	55	2,692	55	254	67	621	06	54	72	74	58	56	41	25	40	54	02	10,472	94	4	12		
Cobourg	7,048	84	1,549	91	9,866	61	284	73	407	35	207	87	121	19	84	12	178	16	405	50	19,461	84	7	13		
Ontario	5,459	17	1,261	47	1,244	76	196	83	255	43	213	77	120	15	61	20	160	87	209	10	8,973	53	5	10		
Toronto	12,689	81	528	07	10,828	09	1,009	56	523	71	422	12	284	51	144	44	295	24	530	25	28,267	36	4	25		
Guelph	10,887	30	1,664	67	7,413	03	513	40	1,188	36	270	25	282	52	175	95	202	28	861	02	21,413	61	5	15		
Hamilton	12,752	68	242	39	11,771	68	654	27	586	97	458	70	345	06	169	89	309	22	1,038	77	28,087	37	3	18		
Paris	10,630	92	.....	.....	6,955	59	.....	.....	308	18	184	35	284	89	121	69	122	07	746	70	20,044	05	.....	.....	.....	.....
London	12,662	21	592	00	6,769	22	554	19	603	10	335	02	145	55	163	13	187	55	133	88	20,300	42	6	22		
Huron	5,909	94	1,376	39	4,108	17	171	07	585	82	160	12	29	65	36	33	38	28	462	92	11,812	47	7	14		
Stratford	6,656	93	1,492	96	2,925	75	219	33	175	85	132	06	89	73	58	01	144	38	121	30	10,924	15	7	13		
Grey	4,814	48	1,765	37	1,246	71	83	34	70	19	37	66	154	49	44	97	10	00	18	23	7,223	97	9	13		
Total	122,033	25	14,953	99	79,694	47	5,457	22	8,912	71	3,334	71	2,695	26	1,396	44	2,101	42	5,968	30	237,426	97	78	220		
Last year	112,504	76	16,067	57	70,696	92	4,851	25	5,571	67	2,743	89	2,292	25	1,379	75	1,821	96	6,486	04	219,035	21	83	216		
Increase	10,528	49	.....	.....	8,997	55	605	97	3,341	04	590	82	463	01	16	69	279	46	.....	.....	18,390	76	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease .....	.....	.....	1,113	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Many of the gravest thoughts which has characterized the Fund amount to \$15,000, or one-seventh for last year. Ontario, Toronto, Brockville, Guelph, and Stratford are the Presbyteries of our Province which are indebted to the Financial Report, 1878 out of 220. Of that sum to upward of \$10,000 call the earnest attention to the undesirable position in which these large congregations are placed. Toronto, three in the Huron, and six in which these large congregations enjoy any real comfort by such heavy pecuniary charges. Perhaps the most serious part of Presbyterian investigation on the proposal of such an increase in the case of these congregations, there are other ministers a large number of donations, or stated contributions, such as to excite the interest in the fund is encouraged not by any means such an increase only amounting to a few cents for each of the thirty-three congregations of the year. These you will find twelve are in the Montreal, three in the Hamilton, and three in the Presbyteries of Paris, Guelph, and Stratford. The congregation has contributed charges is left to their credit. The Presbytery is directed to this unfavourable position.

The Home Mission Fund continues to hold its place as the most popular and best supported of the Synodical schemes. This year, owing partly to a special effort of the Montreal Presbytery, the increase, as compared with last year, amounts to \$3,342, raising the Fund to nearly \$9,000. Were it possible to get a complete statement from the numerous Mission Stations, this large sum would be considerably augmented.

All the other schemes shew an increased income, and prove that they are benefitted as the cause makes progress.

A comparison of the Returns shews a small increase in the average contribution of each communicant to the Stipend Fund from \$3.15 last year to \$3.20 this year, and in the total contributions from \$6.25 to \$6.39.

Last year it was recommended that a Pastoral Letter be issued, setting forth the privilege and duty of Christian liberality, but, as no one was specially charged with the duty, no practical steps could be taken to carry out the recommendation. Your Committee now leave the whole matter in the hands of your reverend Court, with the hope that such a course as in its wisdom may be deemed best may be pursued for the purpose of removing the painfully oppressive load of arrears which burdens the Stipend Fund, and of infusing into our people a spirit of more self-denying liberality.

JOHN GRAY, *Convener.*

Toronto, June, 1864.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The following is a summary of the Home Mission operations in the several Presbyteries during the past year:—

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.—This large and important Presbytery has, in all, seven groups of stations, viz.: Collingwood Mountain, and Craigleith, Proton, Egremont, Brant, North and South Sullivan, Tara and Derby, Keppel and Sarawak. Were there the necessary means, other stations might be occupied. The stations are mostly self-sustaining, except Proton and Collingwood Mountain. The amount raised for missions during the year was \$1,045.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—In this Presbytery we have one vacant congregation and nine groups of stations, viz.: Kincardine, Knox's Church, with 8th Line, with about 300 families and 70 members; Ashfield and Huron, with 150 families and about 70 members; South Kinloss, 100 families and 40 members; St. Helens, 55 families, 70 members; Ainleysville, Cranbrook, and Walton, 120 families and 86 members; Thames Road and Kirkton, about 100 and 146 members; Wingham and Bluevale, with associated stations, 100 families and 130 members. Stations could be opened also in Stephen and Hay. The amount raised and expended for missionary operations was \$1,255.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—In the bounds of this Presbytery there is one vacant congregation (Mitchell), and one mission station, the station being Burns' Church, East Zorra, where there are 34 families and 17 communicants. The total amount raised for Home Mission purposes was \$521 27, the additional sum of \$368 having been paid by Mitchell, for their supplies.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—In this extensive Presbytery there are, in all, eight vacant congregations and nine mission stations; the number of families connected with them being about 956. Of the vacancies and stations, four

require Gaelic. Stations: Sarnia, London, Florence and Beaufort, Oilsprings and Fenwick, Wisconsin. The amount raised at \$2,103, exclusive of

PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.—This Presbytery has 10 congregations, viz.: Wrentham, Beachville, the last two vacant. There is a large amount raised, able to sustain one of the stations. Gillespie, of Blenheim, is the minister.

PRESBYTERY OF GAINSBORO.—This Presbytery has 10 congregations, viz.: Wrentham, Gainsboro'; also 10 mission stations, viz.: Gainsboro', Kincardine, Chippewa, Kincardine, the Sabbath service being \$1,352 75.

PRESBYTERY OF KNOX.—This Presbytery has 10 congregations, viz.: Knox, Lincoln, also eight mission stations, viz.: Arthur and Kenilworth, for Home Mission purposes with \$1,000.

PRESBYTERY OF MUSKOGA.—This Presbytery has 10 congregations and eight mission stations, viz.: Wrentham, and Temple, Tecumseh, Streetsville, and Muskoka, and Mara. The station at Muskoka and Mara is vacant. The station at Line. In addition to the stations, there is a Presbytery, viz., Pelee Island, Newmarket and Muskoka, for encouraging. The number of members is 31. The whole amount raised is \$3,004.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery has 10 mission stations in all, viz.: Utica, Whitby, Manly, and others, about 1,250. The amount raised is \$1,250.

PRESBYTERY OF COLLINGWOOD.—This Presbytery has 10 congregations of Perrytown and others, with 13 families and 50 members. Minden, 50 families and 100 members. The mentioned groups of families are in the following places where the openings are made. The amount raised in the June meeting was \$1,250.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery has 10 congregations of labour, viz.: Lansdowne, Hastings. The last meeting raised \$1,250.

require Gaelic. The following are the principal vacant congregations and stations: Sarnia, Lobo, Aldboro', Plympton, Tilbury, Windsor, Amherstburgh, Florence and Bothwell, Delaware, Strathroy and Adelaide, Dunwich, Brooke, Oilsprings and Petrolia, Vienna and Port Burwell, North Dorchester, Grant Co., Wisconsin. The total amount raised for Home Mission purposes may be stated at \$2,103, exclusive of amount raised for supply by vacant congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—In this Presbytery there are, in all, three vacant congregations, viz.: Ratho and Innerkip, Wellington St. Brantford, and Beachville, the last mentioned being scarcely in a position to support ordinances. There is also an organized congregation in East Oxford, which is not able to sustain ordinances by itself, and has been supplied by the Rev. J. Gillespie, of Blenheim. The amount raised for Home Missions was \$308 13.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery reports three vacant congregations, viz.: Waterdown and Wellington Square, Dundas, Pelham, and Gainsboro'; also six mission stations, viz.: Port Colborne, Welland, Crowland, Chippewa, Kilbride, and Walsingham. The average attendance at all the Sabbath services may be stated at 830. The total amount raised was \$1,352 75.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—In this Presbytery there are four vacant congregations, viz.: Knox's Church, Galt, Nassagaweya, Woolwich, and East Puslinch; also eight mission stations, the principal being Rothsay and Wallace, Arthur and Kenilworth, Everton and Mimosa. The amount raised for Home Mission purposes was \$1,188 36.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—In this Presbytery there are four vacant congregations and eight mission stations. The vacant congregations are Brampton and Temple, Tecumseth 1st and 2nd, Caledon and Mono Mills, Oro West, Streetsville, and Mono centre and west having recently obtained each a settled minister. The stations are Georgetown and Limehouse, Weston and Maltor, Muskoka and Mara, West Church, Toronto, Cedar Grove and York Town Line. In addition to these, three mission fields have just been commenced by the Presbytery, viz., Penetanguishene and Coldwater, Mulmur and Melancthon, Newmarket and Mount Albert. The state of the field is, on the whole, encouraging. The number of distinct stations supplied more or less regularly is 31. The whole amount raised for the Home Mission work may be stated at \$3,004.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.—This Presbytery has of congregations and mission stations in all fifteen, including Columbus and Brooklin, Ashburn and Utica, Whitby, Manilla, Lindsay, &c. The ordinary average attendance was about 1,250. The amount raised for Home Mission objects was \$2,992 73.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery, (beside the vacant congregations of Perrytown and Oakhills,) has four groups of stations, viz.: Warsaw, with 13 families and 25 members; Kinmount, 30 families and 20 members; Minden, 50 families and 20 members; and Burleigh Road. The three last mentioned groups of stations are in the newly-settled townships of the north, where the openings are most important. A detailed account of these stations appeared in the June number of the *Home and Foreign Record*. The amount raised by the congregations was \$407 35.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—In this Presbytery there are five different fields of labour, viz.: Lansdowne, Ballynahinch, Bath, Hinchinbrook, and North Hastings. The last mentioned place embraces an extensive district, in which

there are many Presbyterians, although much scattered. It is a necessitated field, but the working of it would require a large outlay of means. The amount raised for Home Mission purposes was \$1,042.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE—In this Presbytery there are five groups of stations, viz : Yonge and Lyn, with 50 families; Williamsburgh, 44 families; Finch, 30 families; Merickville, 50 families; Beverley, 40 families. Finch would require a Gaelic Missionary. The amount expended for Home Missions was \$560 25.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery has, in all, ten vacancies and mission stations, viz.: Pembroke, Cumberland, Dalhousie, Renfrew, Thurso, and Lochaber, Russell and E. Gloucester, Tarbolton and Pakenham, Aylwin, and Templeton. The last two mentioned places are new stations. The congregations and stations have been supplied with more or less regularity. The amount raised for Home Missions was \$700.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—This Presbytery has about fifteen congregations and stations, several of them in remote and necessitous districts. The following are the vacant congregations and mission stations: Martintown and Williamstown, Farnham, Durham, Laguerre, Metis, (supplied by an ordained missionary) Alexandra, Harrington, Kennebec, Lake Beauport, Stoneham, Frampton, Port Neuf, Sherbrooke, Cote des Neiges, Sherbrooke. The amount raised for Home Mission purposes was \$3,113.

The following tabular statement will give, at one glance, a view of the mission field of the church:

Presbyteries.	Vacant Congregations.	Mission Stations.	Amount raised within Presbytery for Home Missions.
Presbytery of Grey		7	1,045 00
“ Huron	1	9	1,255 17
“ Stratford	1	1	547 27
“ London	8	9	2,103 00
“ Paris	3	0	308 18
“ Hamilton	3	6	1,352 75
“ Guelph	4	5	1,188 36
“ Toronto	4	8	3,004 00
“ Ontario	3	12	2,992 78
“ Cobourg	1	4	407 35
“ Kingston	0	5	1,042 00
“ Brockville	0	5	560 25
“ Ottawa	4	6	708 00
“ Montreal	3	12	3,113 33
	35	89	\$19,593 39

There were 50 labourers engaged during the year in Home Mission work, 30 being probationers, and 20 students.

SYNOD'S CENTRAL FUND.—The amount received for the Synod's Central Fund was, exclusive of balance from last year, \$1,526 44, being contributed as follows: Presbytery of Montreal, \$11 50; Ottawa, \$26 19; Brockville, \$32 60; Kingston, \$32; Cobourg, \$49 66; Ontario, \$28 55; Toronto, \$489 20; Guelph, \$51 29; Hamilton, \$216 47; Paris, \$183; London, —; Stratford, \$219 81; Huron, \$5 87; Grey, \$60: Donations, &c., \$93 16. The published accounts show the disbursement.

- I. STUDENTS.—The amount was 55. Of the Second Year Class, the following are:
1. THIRD, OR SENIOR CLASS.—Young, George; John M. Giblin.
 2. SECOND THEOLOGICAL CLASS.—James Baikie; A. B. Simpson.
 3. JUNIOR THEOLOGICAL CLASS.—McLennan, A.; Peter Wright; R. Knowles, T.
 4. SENIOR CLASS I.—G. Calder, J.; Carswell, James; son, John Rile.
 5. SECOND LITERARY CLASS.—Hugh Currie, J.
 6. JUNIOR LITERARY CLASS.—
- II. FUNDS.—The amount compared with the special means of the Presbyteries. The amount for the Presbyteries for

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF COLLEGE BOARD.

- I. STUDENTS.—The total number of Matriculated Students in the several classes was 55. Of these there were in the Senior Theological Class, 9, in the Second Class, 9, and in the Junior Class, 14; in the Senior Preparatory Class, 13, in the Second Class, 7, and in the Junior Class, 3. The following are the names of the Students:—
1. THIRD, OR SENIOR THEOLOGICAL CLASS.—E. Bauld, John Ferguson, Stephen Young, George McLennan, William Caven, James Hubbert, John Burton, John M. Gibson, O. Labelle.
 2. SECOND THEOLOGICAL CLASS.—W. M. Roger, K. McDonald, Allan Findlay, James Baikie, H. McQuarrie, D. Fotheringham, John McColl, R. N. Grant, A. B. Simpson.
 3. JUNIOR THEOLOGICAL CLASS.—W. H. Simpson, J. Hastie, J. F. Forbes, A. McLennan, Archibald McLean, J. Little, R. H. Warden, Duncan Davidson, Peter Wright, George Sutherland, Alex. Thompson, William Grant, R. Knowles, T. H. Burkitt.
 4. SENIOR CLASS IN LITERARY DEPARTMENT.—John Aull, F. W. Farries, J. A. G. Calder, J. Becket, Edward Reeve, Thomas McKee, H. B. Crozier, J. Carswell, James Pritchard, John McNabb, Mungo Frazer, J. B. Edmondson, John Riley.
 5. SECOND LITERARY CLASS.—W. Burns, R. M. Croll, N. Clark, J. P. Baikie, Hugh Currie, J. A. F. McBain, K. McRae.
 6. JUNIOR LITERARY CLASS.—John M. Munro, James Allison, Jos. H. Paradis.
- II. FUNDS.—The Treasurer's account shows an increase of over \$1,200 as compared with the preceding year—an increase no doubt mainly owing to the special means adopted by the Board and carried out by most of the Presbyteries. The following statement shows the contributions by the several Presbyteries for the last three years:—

PRESBYTERIES.	1861-2.	1862-3.	1863-4.
Presbytery of Montreal	\$397 77	\$997 52	\$846 48
“ Ottawa	120 20	204 32	212 23
“ Brockville	83 93	52 60	120 05
“ Kingston	211 60	244 15	253 60
“ Cobourg	293 68	245 05	260 24
“ Ontario	144 71	140 20	181 19
“ Toronto	1,129 71	934 36	1,084 96
“ Guelph	231 52	401 05	520 52
“ Hamilton	539 32	573 00	637 75
“ Paris	76 65	284 80	475 15
“ London	238 72	231 92	772 81
“ Stratford	28 50	120 99	248 72
“ Huron	61 19	132 78	151 25
“ Grey	54 32	86 36	100 23
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Sabbath Schools	10 00	9 00
	\$3,628 82	\$4,739 96	\$5,964 67

sions prepare an interim Roll, to be called at the opening of said Assembly, and which, being amended and corrected if necessary, shall be confirmed as the Roll of the General Assembly.

3. If uneven numbers should occur in the Rolls of Presbyteries, then they shall in every such case make an equitable adjustment of the representation thereto, subject always to the review of the Assembly.

III.—The General Assembly shall hold its first meeting at Toronto, C. W., on such day and in such place as may on adjournment be determined by the Synod, and thereafter as the Assembly itself shall determine; and the Moderator shall be nominated and appointed in the same manner as the Moderator of the Synod has heretofore been, or as may otherwise be hereafter determined.

IV.—There shall be constituted three District Synods, immediately subordinate to the General Assembly, but having superior and appellate jurisdiction over Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations within their respective bounds; and which shall possess and enjoy all such other subordinate powers and privileges as may from time to time be granted them by the General Assembly. There shall also be the right of appeal, reference, petition and overture from and to said Synods; and they shall be styled and constituted as follows, viz:

1. The Synod of Toronto, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the Rolls of the Presbyteries of Toronto, Hamilton, Grey, Ontario, and Cobourg. The Synod shall meet at Toronto, within Knox Church, on the — day of —, one thousand eight hundred and sixty—, at — o'clock, —, and thereafter by regular adjournment at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev —.

2. The Synod of London, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the Rolls of the Presbyteries of London, Huron, Stratford, Paris, and Guelph, and shall meet at London, within — Church, on the — day of —, one thousand eight hundred and sixty—, at — o'clock, and thereafter by regular adjournment at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev —.

3. The Synod of Montreal, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the Rolls of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville, and Kingston, and shall meet at Montreal at Lagachetiere-street Church, on the — day of —, one thousand eight hundred and sixty—, at — o'clock, and thereafter by regular adjournment at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev. —.

4. The Clerks of the several Presbyteries shall send certified Rolls of their Presbyteries to the Clerks of their respective Synods, at least eight days before the meetings of said Synods; and such Rolls shall be the rolls respectively of the several Synods.

5. The Moderators of said Synods shall, in all meetings after the first, be nominated and appointed by open vote, or in such other manner as the Synod itself may from time to time determine. The business shall be conducted in the same manner *mutatis mutandis*, as is the business of the General Assembly; provided, nevertheless, that the Synods shall have power from time to time to frame, alter, and amend such other and additional standing orders as they may deem necessary for their own orderly procedure.

6. Said Synods shall meet once and not oftener than twice during the ecclesiastical year, and shall annually send up their Minute Books for examination by the General Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee have to report that, in prosecution of the solemn and important trust received from you in their appointment to be a Committee on the State of Religion, they met, on the call of the Convener, in Galt, upon the 9th February last, when there were six members present, and agreed upon a series of questions, which they thought fitted to elicit the information which the Synod, and the Church, through you, required. Owing to circumstances to which it is unnecessary here to do more than advert, it was concluded that there would not be time to communicate, through Presbyteries, with Sessions and Congregations, and obtain replies, although your Committee believe that this would have been the orderly course of procedure, while it would have saved them a large amount of labour. Printed circulars were prepared, one of which was addressed to each Minister (241 in all) whose name stands upon the Roll of Synod for 1863, and to every vacancy in which the Convener knew the Post Office address of any office-bearer or member. To these, returns from 73 congregations have been received, or fewer than one-third. While we may learn from these the state of religion in the congregations to which they refer, it must be quite manifest that we can have no correct knowledge of it throughout the Church. It is, therefore, with anything but a spirit of alacrity that they apply themselves to give a summary of the contents of the replies with which they have been furnished. A report from the Committee on the State of Religion, to be of any value, should embrace the great majority of the congregations which the Church comprises. Out of respect, however, to your Court, and to the parties who have had such a sense of courtesy as to supply us with the information sought, and in the hope that in future years there will not be the same ground of complaint that we have now stated, your Committee will proceed to give a brief view of the religious condition of the congregations that have reported.

To the first question, "Do you see any fruit as the result of your labours in the congregation, prayer meeting, Bible class, or Sabbath school, and in what form do they manifest themselves?" almost all the answers are in the affirmative, and to the effect, that although nothing striking or special has occurred during the past year, yet fruits are visible in the increased attendance upon public ordinances, in the increased attention and seriousness of those who take part in them, and in the increased number that meet in the Bible class and Sabbath school—those nurseries of the Church, or schools of divinity, in which so many of the doctrines of the gospel are communicated and may be acquired. One writer says, "Not in any extremely marked manner, except by improved attendance upon the means of grace, greater outward seriousness, more intelligent acquaintance with divine truth, a higher tone of morality, occasional striking cases of conversion, a gradual increase of communicants, and warmer interest in divine things." Another says, "It would not be right to say that we see no fruit as the result of the preaching and teaching of the word of God. Some, who were neglecting God and living in sin, have, so far as human judgment can discern, returned to him. Prayer meetings and the services of the sanctuary on the Lord's day are numerous attended, and with apparent seriousness; but, after all we can say with regard to promising appearances, decided fruit is rare indeed." A third replies, "Some; though less than we could desire. The profession of Christ's name by a considerable number, a spirit of earnest inquiry on the part of a few, manifesting itself in a desire for conversation with the pastor on the way of salvation, and a very general waiting

upon God for the week day as well." increase of membership, the number of prayer meetings, conscience, not only years." Another a increase of membership than formerly, and Sabbath school, no membership, 252; which about 100 members were died. There are 10 weekly prayer meetings, 10 teachers. We attended us, yet fifteen members done their fifteen answers which confine themselves to cause for devout thanksgiving during the public ordinances, prayer meetings are communicants' roll profession of their faith. The cases are compared the second question, show a disposition to "ances?" and the in the majority, and persons do not evince lasting covenant, and body and shed blood. But it is one worthy of and of every pastor of them do, although a Another, with two sta not." A third gives a to a limited extent." is "Yes," that the fact is "qualified with such exp tion," or "some do," To the third question dealings with them, are them by their baptism, profession of the faith deficient in this duty; o presented in the questions and visits from home that most are faithful ministers but elders also congregation at large to

upon God for the blessing not only in the Sabbath meetings but in those of the week day as well." A fourth says, "Progress can be reported in attendance, increase of membership, and the general morality of the neighbourhood; in the number of prayer meetings, and attendance upon them; in some cases of conscience, not only among the young, but of persons pretty well advanced in years." Another answers, "Yes; the fruits in which these fruits appear are, increase of membership and of general attendance; also school better attended than formerly, and more interest taken in it. In 1849, membership, 90; no Sabbath school, no prayer meetings. Between 1849 and 1864, admitted to membership, 252; formed a new congregation in King, seven miles distant, to which about 100 members were dismissed from Richmond Hill in 1861; about 100 members were dismissed to other congregations individually. Some few died. There are presently on the roll 142 members in full communion. Our weekly prayer meeting is attended by 20; Sabbath school averages 80, with 10 teachers. We are thankful to our God and Saviour for what success has attended us, yet think that it might have been much greater had minister and members done their duty more efficiently. We feel and grieve over this." Of fifteen answers which your Committee had marked for quotation, they must confine themselves to one more than those already given: "We have abundant cause for devout thanksgiving for the evident tokens of His presence and blessing during the past year, as manifested in increased attendance upon public ordinances, reverent attention and deep interest in the services. The prayer meetings are largely attended; and, of the 94 members added to the communicants' roll during the year 1863, 41 were admitted on a credible profession of their faith."

The cases are comparatively few, in which an affirmative answer is given to the second question, "Do the young baptized persons of the congregation show a disposition to avail themselves of the full enjoyment of sealing ordinances?" and the impression left upon the minds of your Committee is, that in the majority, and in by far the great majority of our congregations, young persons do not evince a disposition to join themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant, and profess their faith in Christ over the symbols of his broken body and shed blood. Your Committee state the fact, and forbear comment. But it is one worthy of the earnest and prayerful consideration of the Church, and of every pastor and elder in particular. One writer reports, "Very many of them do, although a few come to years do not, come to the table of the Lord." Another, with two stations, says, "In the one they do, in the other they do not." A third gives an unqualified affirmative reply. A fourth says, "Only to a limited extent." On referring to the answers, we find that the minority is "Yes," that the far greater number is "No," and that the majority is qualified with such expressions as "Young females show the greater disposition," or "some do," or "considerable."

To the third question, "In the ministrations of the pulpit, and in personal dealings with them, are they urged to consider the obligations resting upon them by their baptism, to give themselves to the Saviour, and to make a full profession of the faith of Christ?" a few acknowledge that they have been deficient in this duty; others say that they have never pressed it upon the basis presented in the question; and others say that both in their pulpit ministrations and visits from house to house, they inculcate the obligation. We believe that most are faithful in the matter, while we could like to see that not only ministers but elders also urged the young both of their own districts and of the congregation at large to make a full profession of the faith of Christ.

Fourth question: "In pulpit services, is due prominence given to the exposition of the Word?" Almost all report that due or considerable prominence is given to the exposition of the word of God in pulpit services. Some appear to make merely running comments on the chapter they read; others lecture upon portions of the inspired oracles, and upon books in succession, both in their Sabbath day and prayer meeting exercises; and some characterise their sermons as being expository.

Fifth question: "Do the members of the congregation contribute to the support and extension of the Gospel, as God has prospered them, and are they instructed in the duty of systematic benevolence?" Only a few claim for their congregations the credit of contributing to the support and extension of the Gospel, as God has prospered them. Some declare that they are unable to judge; others say that their contributions will bear a favorable comparison with other churches. Some refer us to their statistical report. Very few pastors appear to instruct their people in the nature and duty of systematic benevolence; most confine themselves to the inculcation of liberality, when some special collection is mentioned or taken up.

Sixth question: "Do the Elders take their part in visiting the congregation? How are their meetings with the people conducted, and with what results?" Elders do not seem to take their part in visiting in the congregations. In some instances they neither attend to it as a stated duty, nor accompany the pastor in his annual or semi-annual visitation. In other instances their visits are confined to those who are in affliction; while in very few they consider it a part of the service to which they were consecrated when they were ordained to be office-bearers in the Church, and took the oversight of souls. Some of those who are faithful in the matter, sing, read the Scriptures and pray in the households they visit; others tender the words of exhortation. As might be expected, the visits of such elders are prized, and themselves respected. Your Committee humbly think, judging from the reports before them, that Ruling Elders are sadly deficient in this duty; and that were they more attentive to it, they would magnify their office, secure the esteem of the people, exert a greater influence over them, and be much more serviceable to the Church of Christ. One answer which we quote may be regarded as an example, from which to learn the purport of all: "Two or three elders visit the members of the congregation near them when sick. Generally they leave this duty to the minister. Some of the few who visit read the Scriptures and pray with the people. One result is, the people are led to a high regard of those who do so with them."

To the seventh question, "What are the most prominent hindrances to the power of vital godliness in your bounds?" one who is characterized for penetration and shrewdness replies, "Absorbing occupation with the world; conformity to the social life of unconverted men, on the part of families and the Church; frivolity, conceit, want of reverence, of moral earnestness, of intellectual culture, on the part of the young; too lax family discipline; failure on the part of parents, and even of the more prominent members of the Church, to exhibit a suitable example of interest in the religious movements of the congregation; drunkenness, gambling, licentiousness." Another says, "It is difficult to answer this question. I may refer to the calls of the world; undue attention to things seen and temporal, to the neglect of things unseen and eternal, combined with worldliness of spirit, and spiritual deadness, as forming a powerful opposition to the progress of true godliness." Another refers to the connexion which the locality in which he labours has with the shipping trade.

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Eighth question: "Is family worship generally practised, and do parents attend to the religious training of their children?" Family worship appears to be the rule in households in which the parents are members of the Church, but by a very great many it is neglected, and this neglect is the rule, as might be anticipated, among those who have not publicly declared their faith in a crucified Saviour. We quote the following answer because of the minuteness of the information it communicates, and the illustration it affords of the conscientious manner in which the writer gives himself to the work of his Master: "In the course of my last pastoral visitation, by putting the question, 'Do you observe family worship?' to the heads of families visited, I am enabled to give this answer: Of eleven families visited, in which either husband or wife are members of the Church, five answered 'No,' four 'Yes,' and two 'Occasionally.' Of forty-four families, in which both husband and wife are members of the Church, thirty answered 'Yes,' eleven 'No,' and three 'Occasionally.' Of the eleven families who did not observe family worship, there are three in which some of the children have been received into the fellowship of the Church. With one exception, in the families of adherents I have not found the duty attended to." The reports regarding the religious training of children are far from being favorable.

Ninth question: "How is the Sabbath observed in your locality, and especially by those connected with your congregation?" The Sabbath is generally well observed by those in connexion with congregations. By mere adherents, and many young persons in families whose parents are members, it is profaned by walks of recreation." And some mention that there is improvement visible.

Tenth question: "Is the discipline of the Church faithfully administered?" According to the answers generally, it is. One or two report that they have had no case calling for its exercise. Another says, "There is not the strictness that is desirable." Another replies, "That it is administered with more, he thinks, than usual strictness;" and adds, "But a serious obstacle against its effect is the somewhat lax discipline of other churches around, especially other denominations." And another remarks, generally, "For various reasons, it cannot be faithfully administered."

To the last question proposed by your Committee, "Do you observe any change in the moral and religious sentiment of the general community, resulting from the preaching of the gospel and the maintenance of Christian ordinances?" one sends the following reply: "There is much more respect shown to religious ordinances. A number who were living without any profession of religion have declared themselves believers in Christ, been received into the Church, and had their children baptised." A second says, "There is less intemperance, less profanity, less Sabbath-breaking, greater interest in ordinances, and in many cases a genuine religious sentiment." A third says, "There is a marked change in the outward observance of the Sabbath since we had the stated ministry of the gospel; also the sins of drunkenness and swearing are on the decrease; and, upon the whole, we think that a radical change has taken place in the religious sentiment of many among our community." A fourth says, "The moral and religious sentiment of the community is unquestionably improved, and by such means as the question specifies. The claims of religion are more thoroughly felt, the beauties of morality are better respected, and the heaven of Christian worth is gaining ground. But, oh! there is room for higher,

warmer, wiser, holier endeavours of minister, elders, and our church members." And, to close, one who has laboured now for many years in the vineyard of Christ, who has experienced, we may well suppose, many of the trials, and realized many of the comforts of pastoral work, says, "Judging of the zeal and of the religious feeling of the people by their willing and large attendance on the Lord's day, and occasionally on week days, on the preaching of the word, they would seem to be a very religious people; and no doubt there are some who truly fear the Lord, while others are only an imitation." Most of the answers are of the same tenor. One says, "The change is slight, if any;" another, "that he cannot say that he perceives any improvement;" but nearly all speak more favorably.

Such is the Report which your Committee crave leave to submit. They regret that they have not had the means of making it so full as they could wish, and so worthy of the subject as it deserves. May they take the liberty of saying to any brother whose path is beset with obstacles, "Trust in the Lord, and he of good courage, and he will strengthen your heart." Fear, and bless the work of your hands; for 'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him.' To those whom God is prospering, we would say, "Labour, and labour with growing energy, faith and love, in endeavouring to guide souls to the cross, and to build them up in their most holy faith." And to all whose names are written in Zion, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; give the Lord no rest till he arise and make her a praise in the earth." O, Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, and say unto Zion, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is even upon thee."

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT TORRANCE,
Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARREARS OF STIPEND.

The committee appointed to take into immediate consideration the question, how to liquidate the large arrears due to ministers of this Church, and devise means for the support of the ministry, having met and seriously deliberated on the matter committed to them beg to report the following recommendations:—

1. That the Rev. W. S. Ball be relieved for some weeks of his pastoral duties, for the purpose of raising a special fund to aid and stimulate congregations in arrears, to pay such arrears in full and at once.
2. That this special fund be placed under the administration of a committee, consisting of the ministers of Toronto with their Synod Elders and the Rev. Mr. Ball, the Hon. J. McMurrich to be convener.
3. That Presbyteries be enjoined to do their utmost to stir up the defaulting congregations to pay off the arrears of salary due, without application to this special committee; and that said committee shall entertain no application for aid from any congregation without the recommendation of its Presbytery, and without ascertaining that the Presbytery has previously used such diligence; after which the committee shall take such measures as they think necessary, either by proposals of aid through the Presbytery, or by deputations appointed to visit congregations in co-operation with the Presbytery.
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5. That all existing arrears having, as is hoped will be the case, been wholly wiped away by the action of this committee, Presbyteries be enjoined to use diligence to prevent the accumulation of arrears for the future, that they make themselves acquainted with the financial state of the congregations under their charge, by calling for exact returns from them within the year, at such intervals as they think best, that when congregations are falling behind in the payment of salary, they deal with them at once, and take measures to have these arrears immediately paid up by them, or have the aid which may be required to stimulate them furnished from the Home Mission Fund.

6. That Presbyteries be further enjoined, in the case of all defaulting congregations with which they have to deal, to satisfy themselves in the most particular manner regarding them, that they have each a regular and efficient congregational management, that their financial affairs are faithfully and diligently attended to, that the terms for payment of salary be definitely settled, and promptly attended to, and that payment be made as frequently as possible, when the salary is not paid in advance.

7. With reference to means to be devised for the better support of the ministry amongst us, the committee beyond what they have already advanced, do not consider themselves in a position to make any further recommendations. They consider that any further regulations on this subject properly belong to arrangements connected with the Home Mission Committee; and they would content themselves with urging, that the supplementing of weak congregations shall always be made a special and very prominent work of the Home Mission committee, and that this committee make the most strenuous efforts to raise every salary to at least the minimum already fixed by the Synod as the lowest that can be thought of with any tolerance, viz., \$600 per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

ABSTRACT REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The last year has been one of progress. The new church, a comfortable, commodious building, was opened for public worship in December last. Between two and three hundred dollars were realized in connexion with the opening services, including a soiree. The church cost \$3,500, and is \$500 in debt. Considering their numbers, the people have done well. At the first week-day meeting held in their new church, they unanimously resolved, while cordially thanking our church for the timely aid received, to endeavour, during the present year, to raise at least \$400 of the minister's salary. It is of importance that steps be taken, as soon as practicable, to have a Session formed at New Westminster. To set in order the things that are wanting, a British Columbian Presbytery should speedily be formed.

Repeated testimonies have reached your Committee, of the efficiency and acceptability of Mr. Jamieson's labors. It is cause of thankfulness that the

health of your missionary and of his excellent partner continues so good, and that God is evidently showing to them tokens for good.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY SENT FORTH.

The correspondence entered into with the Free Church of Scotland issued in a generous offer of £100 sterling a year for the support of a missionary in British Columbia. It was regarded by your Committee as providential that they had, at the time, in their hands, the offer of a volunteer, in all respects qualified, who, with a whole-souled consecration (which, of itself, is a primary pre-requisite) was ready to go forth wherever they might choose to send him. With the consent of the Committee, Mr. Duff carried out an intention previously formed of spending the winter in the old country. He was ordained and designated at London by the Presbytery of the bounds on the 19th April (a blessed meeting long to be remembered), and set sail for his distant destination from New York on the 23rd May. Since the sessions of Synod commenced, advices have been received from him, announcing his safe arrival at Panama.* Special thanks are due to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church for their liberal grant; nor can we lose sight, in this connexion, of the great loss which we, in common with the other sections of the Colonial field, have sustained by the death of Dr. John Bonar, the indefatigable Convener, to whose singular energy, urbanity and tact this wide-spread enterprise lies under such lasting obligations.

RED RIVER.

After a tedious journey, Mr. Nisbet reached Red River in September, and has been labouring (in concert with our beloved brother Black) diligently and devotedly.

The new school house at Kildonan is nearing completion, but increasing exertions will have to be made, ere it be relieved from an incubus of debt. Much importance is attached by our brethren to this object, and it is hoped the children of the Church will not lose sight of it. The people on the spot, it has been freely testified, have "done what they could."

The four Stations at Red River continue in much the same condition as when last Report was submitted. Nothing as yet has been done for the Saskatchewan. It is earnestly hoped that ere very long we shall be in a position to occupy that wide district, which forms such a leading link of connexion with our British Columbian possessions.

MISSION TO THE AMERICAN INDIANS.

Last Synod pledged itself to present this object before our people, as one having particular claims on their sympathies and benevolence. Mr. Black has recently issued an address, bringing this whole matter in powerfully persuasive terms before us. It lies with the present Synod, by the practical response which they give to this appeal, to say, whether or not, as a Church, we are forthwith to discharge this old debt to the poor Indian. Four thousand miles away, beyond the great Mackenzie River (2,500 miles long, and navigable 1,200 miles from its mouth), there stretches an area of two millions square miles, with the pure light of the Gospel glimmering in only two spots, 1,500 miles apart. Scattered over this vast territory are thousands of Indians, for whose souls no one stately cares. This field, which is white already to harvest, and from which a melting Macedonian cry has reached us, we cannot enter successfully, unless our missionary contributions are considerably increased.

* A letter has been since received, dated San Francisco, July 1st.

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STATE OF THE FUNDS.

Though coming short of what we might do, and ought to do, we have, in this respect, ground for gratitude. Our Foreign Mission contributions exceed those of last year by \$700; and, although \$3,859 have been expended during the year, we have \$5,196 still on hand.

CONCLUSION.

Still, as a Church, we are very far from having attained to the level of our duty and destiny. We must do something among the Heathen Proper. Our "little sister" in England (not to speak of Nova Scotia) may well teach us an example. Though little among the thousands of Israel, she has thrown herself on the very Malakoff of Paganism. It is like the stripling David going forth to do battle with the vaunting giant. Let us imbibe the same heroic spirit. Time is pressing; the forces are mustering. It behoves us to get up into the high mountain, to take a wide survey; and to devise plans in some degree commensurate with the vastness of the field to be overtaken, and the magnitude of the work to be done. The children of this world, the emissaries of the enemy, our business and political men, are all wide awake. Surely it is now high time that we awake out of sleep, and respond promptly to the inspiring summons, Awake, awake! put on thy beautiful garments; lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up; be not afraid!

R. F. BURNS, *Convener.*

PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

LICENSE.—Mr. W. M. Mackey was licensed to preach the Gospel on the 5th of August, 1863. Mr. George Grant was licensed on the 4th Nov., 1863.
 DEMISSION.—Mr. John McEwen was loosed from his charge of Cumberland on the 1st of September, 1853. Mr. Walter Scott was loosed from his charge of Dalhousie on the 4th May, 1864.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

TRANSLATION.—Rev. D. Waters was translated from Southampton, &c., to Port Hope, Presbytery of Cobourg, July 15th, 1863.
 ORDINATION.—Rev. Wm. Hay was ordained in Carrick, September 24, 1863.
 RESIGNATION.—Rev. D. McLean resigned his charge in Mount Forest on account of bad health, April 12, 1864.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF QUELPH.

1. LICENSURE.—Mr. Thomas McGuire was licensed to preach the Gospel, on the 5th of August, 1863.

2. **ORDINATION.**—Mr. Thomas McGuire was ordained on the 8th of March, 1864, and at the same time admitted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Glenallan and Hollin.
3. **TRANSLATION.**—Dr. John Thomson was released, on the 9th of March, 1864, from the pastoral charge of Knox's Church, Galt, with a view to his being admitted to that of the Grand Street Presbyterian Church, New York.
4. **DEATHS.**—Mr. Andrew J. Macaulay, minister of Nassagaweya, died on the 10th of April, 1864. Mr. Alexander McLean, minister of East Puslinch, died on the 25th of May, 1864.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

1. The Rev. Thomas Sharp ceased to minister of the congregation of Ashburn and Utica on the 31st of October, 1863.
2. Calls were sustained in favour of Mr. Wm. Moore Mackey from the congregations of Columbus and Brooklin on 16th February, 1864, and from the congregation of Whitby on the 8th of March, 1864.

R. MONTEATH, *Clerk Pres. Ontario.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

1. **DEMISSIONS.**—The Rev. R. Boyd, D. D., demitted the pastoral charge of Prescott, on August 4th, 1863. The Rev. Hugh Campbell demitted the pastoral charge of Cornwall on May 4th, 1864.
2. **INDUCTIONS.**—The Rev. E. W. Garner was inducted into the pastoral charge of Spencerville and Edwardsburg, 18th November, 1863. The Rev. William Bennett was inducted into the pastoral charge of Winchester on 26th May, 1864.

J. K. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

1. **LICENSE.**—Mr. Daniel Duff was licensed to preach the Gospel, July 8th, 1863.
2. **INDUCTIONS.**—Rev. William Troup was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Napier, July 20th, 1863; Rev. J. F. A. S. Fayette was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Warwick, April 27th, 1864; Rev. Peter McDermid was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Moore, April 28th, 1864.
3. **ORDINATION.**—Mr. Daniel Duff was ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel with the view of his going as a Missionary to British Columbia, April 19th, 1864.
4. **DEMISSION.**—Rev. Wm. Bennett having resigned the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Windsor, was loosed therefrom, November 3rd, 1863.
5. **DEATH.**—Rev. David Walker, Minister of Sarnia, died April 30th, 1864.

JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT, *Pby. Clerk.*

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PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

1. DEMISSIONS.—The Rev. Robert Ure's demission of that part of his charge called McDougal's Mills was accepted on the 13th day of October last, 1863; the Rev. W. Inglis's demission of the part of his charge called Bervie was accepted on the 6th day of August, 1863.
2. LICENSES.—Mr. J. B. Taylor was licensed to preach the Gospel, on Wednesday the 15th day of July, 1863; Mr. John Morrison was licensed to preach the Gospel, on Wednesday the 14th day of October, 1863.
A. D. McDONALD, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

1. DEMISSION.—Mr. M. Y. Stark demitted the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Knox's Church, Dundas, on October 28th, 1863; Mr. Wm. M. Christie, that of Chippawa, on February 3rd, 1864; Mr. Alexander McGlashen, that of Pelham and Gainsboro', on May 17th, 1864.
2. DEATH.—Mr. James Findlay, of Waterdown and Wellington Square, on May 25th, 1864.
3. ORDINATION.—Mr. Alexander Grant to the charge of the Oneida, Indiana, and Eastern Seneca Congregation, on January 27th, 1864.
WM. PORTEOUS, *Clerk of Pby.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

- DEATH.—The Rev. Joseph Young, of Brantford, was removed by death.
JOHN GILLESPIE, *Pres. Clerk,*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

1. LICENSES.—5th August, 1863, Mr. John Davidson. 15th October, 1863, Mr. Edward Graham.
2. PROBATIONERS RECEIVED.—14th October, 1863, Mr. John Macdonald, from the Free Church of Scotland, by Commission.
3. MODERATIONS IN CALLS.—5th August, 1863, at Mille Isles, to Mr. J. Irvine; 25th February, 1864, at Winslow, to Mr. J. Macdonald.
4. TRANSLATION AND DEMISSION.—10th June, 1863, Mr. James Greenfield translated from Martintown to Stayner, Bowmore, and Osprey, in the Presbytery of Toronto; 5th August, 1863, Mr. Daniel Anderson, demitted the charge of Farnham, C. E.
5. ORDINATION AND INDUCTION.—26th February, 1864, Mr. John Macdonald ordained at Winslow; 2nd March, 1864, Mr. John Irvine, inducted at Mille Isles.
ALEX. F. KEMP, *Pres Clerk.*

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ERRATA.

Attention is requested to the following errors and omissions:—

1. Page 3rd, in the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal, the name of W. Wilson should have appeared as elder from Alexandria.
2. Page 4th, in the Roll of the Presbytery of Brockville, Thomas Henry represented the Session of Prescott, not that of Winchester.
4. Page 4th, in the Roll of the Presbytery of Kingston, the name of John Geddie, elder, from Napanee, is omitted.
5. Page 4th, in the Roll of the Presbytery of Cobourg, for "Perrytown and Oakville," read "Perrytown and Oakhills."
6. The Post Office Address of the Rev. J. Turnbull, Melrose and Lonsdale, is *Melrose*.
7. The Post Office Address of Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Scarboro', is *Agincourt*.
8. Page 5th, in the Roll of the Presbytery of Toronto, for "Hugh Freeman," elder, from Innisfil, read "Hugh Truman."