

THE  
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE SYNOD  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SESSION XXIV.  
HELD AT KINGSTON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY,  
1853.

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1853.

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**ROLL OF THE SYNOD**  
OF THE  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,**

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

**JULY, 1853.**

REV. ALEXANDER SPENCE, BYTOWN, *Moderator.*  
REV. ANDREW BELL, L'ORIGINAL, *Synod Clerk.*  
JOHN CAMERON, ESQ., TORONTO, *Treasurer.*

1. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—*Clerk, pro. tem., REV. J. WILLIAMSON, A. M.,*  
*Kingston.*

*Meets at Kingston on the first Wednesday of every month.*

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Kingston .....	John Machar, D. D. ....	William Ferguson.
Seymour .....	Robert Neill .....	George Davidson.
Queen's College .....	James Williamson, A. M. ....	
Queen's College .....	John M. Smith, A. M. ....	
Belleville .....	William McEwen, A. M. ....	George Neilson.
Camden .....		Mark Hermiston.
<i>Otonabee, Dummer, Asphodel, Percy, Belmont,</i> <i>Archibald Colquhoun, Ordained Missionary.</i>		

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

*Meets at Toronto, on the Third Tuesday of February, May, August & November.*

Pickering .....	Peter McNaughton, A. M. ....	William Gourlie.
Esquering and Milton .....	Peter Ferguson .....	Duncan Campbell.
Scarboro' .....	James George .....	Robert Hamilton.
King .....	John Tawse, A. M. ....	
Chinguacousy .....	Thomas Johnson .....	James Currie.
Mono .....	Alexander Lewis .....	Alexander Skelton.
Eldon .....	John McMurchy .....	
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Gwillimbury West .....	Alexander Ross .....	Francis Kirkpatrick.
Clarke and Hope .....	Samuel Porter .....	Robert Johnson.
Hornby .....	William Barr .....	
Markham .....	James Stuart .....	
Nottawasaga .....	John Campbell, A. M. ....	
Vaughan .....		Donald Cameron.
<i>Darlington, Scott and Uxbridge, Thora, Brock and Reach, Caledon, Newmarket,</i> <i>Whitby, Mara, Georgina, Mulmur.</i>		

3. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—*Clerk, REV. THOMAS HAIG, Beauharnois.*

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

Montreal, St. Andrew's .....	A. Mathieson, D. D. ....	John Smith.
Dundee .....	Duncan Moody .....	
Chatham and Grenville .....	William Mair .....	John Somerville.
Ormstown .....	James Anderson .....	Neil Campbell.
Georgetown .....	James C. Muir .....	Robert Robertson.
Quebec, St. Andrew's .....	John Cook, D. D. ....	John Thompson.
Lachine .....	William Simpson .....	John Learmont.
Hemmingford .....	John Merlin .....	John Reay.

ROLL OF SYNOD—JULY, 1853.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>New Richmond</i> .....	John Davidson .....	John Jamieson.
<i>Three Rivers</i> .....	James Thom .....	L. J. McNair.
<i>Huntingdon</i> .....	Alexander Wallace, A.B. ....	Hugh Barr.
<i>Montreal, St. Paul's</i> .....	Robert McGill.....	Thos. A. Gibson.
<i>St. Louis</i> .....	James T. Paul.....	William Paton.
<i>Beauharnois</i> .....	Thomas Haig.....	Robert H. Norval.
<i>Melbourne</i> .....	Thomas Morrison .....	Robert Ross.
<i>Norvaltown</i> .....	Archibald H. Milligan.....	Donald A. Livingston.
<i>Beech Ridge</i> .....	.....	Donald Finlayson.
<i>Laprairie</i> .....	.....	McIntosh.
<i>Valcartier</i> .....	.....	William Brown.
<i>St. Eustache, New Carlisle.</i>		
<i>French Congregation Mon-</i>	} Robert Dobie, Missionary.	
<i>treal and Quebec.</i>		

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

<i>Williamstown</i> .....	John McKenzie, A.M. ....	Hon. Jno. McGillivray.
<i>Cornwall</i> .....	Hugh Urquhart, A.M. ....	James Pringle.
<i>Martintown</i> .....	John McLaurin.....	Alexander McMartin.
<i>Lancaster</i> .....	Thomas McPherson A.M. ....	John McPherson.
<i>Dalhousie Mills and Cote St.</i>		
<i>George</i> .....	Eneas McLean.....	Angus Catanach.
<i>Finch</i> .....	Donald Monro.....	Duncan McMillan.
<i>Williamsburgh</i> .....	Thomas Scott.....	David Johnston.
<i>L'Original</i> .....	Andrew Bell.....	Chas. P. Treadwell.
<i>Lochiel</i> .....	.....	John Fraser.
<i>Osnabrock</i> .....	.....	Wm. R. Croil.
<i>Coteau du Lac</i> .....	.....	Robert McIntyre.
<i>Indian Lands.</i> .....	.....	McCrea.

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

<i>Goderich</i> .....	Alexander Mackid.....	
<i>Guelph</i> .....	Colin Gregor.....	William Alexander.
<i>Fergus</i> .....	Hugh Mair, D.D. ....	A. D. Fordyce.
<i>Stratford and N. Easthope</i> .....	William Bell, A.M. ....	Samuel Robb.
<i>Simcoe and Vittoria</i> .....	George Bell, A. B. ....	Abraham Youngs.
<i>Niagara</i> .....	John B. Mowat, A.M. ....	John McFarland.
<i>Hamilton</i> .....	Daniel McNee.....	John Brown.
<i>Galt</i> .....	Hamilton Gibson.....	Alexander Allan.
<i>Chatham</i> .....	John Robb.....	John Mackay.
<i>Woodstock and Norwich</i> .....	Frederick P. Sim.....	Donald Mactaggart.
<i>Saltfleet and Binbrooke</i> .....	William Johnson, A.M. ....	Charles Anderson.
<i>Nelson and Waterdown</i> .....	George Macdonnell.....	James Glasgow.
<i>Dundas and Ancaster</i> .....	Kenneth McLennan, A.M. ....	Hon. James Crooks.
<i>London and Westminster, Williams, Amherstburg, Dorchester, Woolwich, Clinton, Dover and Fredericksburgh, St. Thomas, Wellesley, Aldboro', Yarmouth, Brantford.</i>		

Robert Burnett, }  
John Skinner, D.D. } Ordained Missionaries.

William King, }  
John Bryning, } Retired Ministers.  
George McClatchey, }

6. PRESBYTERY

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6. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.—Clerk, REV. WILLIAM BAIN, A. M., Perth.  
*Meets at Perth on the Second Wednesday in January, May and September.*

CONGREGATIONS.

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

<i>Perth, 1st Church</i> .....	William Bell, A. M. ....	John Ferguson.
<i>South Gower</i> .....	Joseph Anderson, A.M. ....	Jacob VanAllan, jun.
<i>Pakenham</i> .....	Alexander Mann, A.M. ....	Hugh Dickson.
<i>Kitley</i> .....	David Evans .....	James Edgar.
<i>Lanark</i> .....	Thomas Fraser .....	Alexander Stewart.
<i>Perth, St. Andrew's</i> .....	William Bain, A.M. ....	Donald Robertson.
<i>Ramsay</i> .....	John M'Morine .....	Robert Bell.
<i>Bytown</i> .....	Alexander Spence .....	Hon. Thomas McKay.
<i>Smith's Falls</i> .....	Solomon Mylne .....	Hugh Flook.
<i>Buckingham &amp; Cumberland</i> .....	David Shanks .....	Archibald Petrie.
<i>Brockville</i> .....	John Whyte .....	George Malloch.
<i>Beckwith</i> .....	Duncan Morrison .....	John McArthur.
<i>McNab and Horton</i> .....	George Thompson, A.M. ....	Peter McIntyre.
<i>Richmond</i> .....	.....	William McFarlane.
<i>Dalhousie</i> .....	.....	Robert Urquhart.
<i>Newboro' and Bedford</i> .....	.....	J. Atcheson.

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## ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with  
the Church of Scotland, begun at Kingston the 13th day  
of July, and concluded the 19th day of  
July, 1853 years.**

SESSION XXIV.

DIET I.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there,—  
Wednesday, the Thirteenth day of July, One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three years :*

The which day, after Sermon by the Rev. John McMorine, Minister of Ramsay, Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from Psalm cxxvi. 6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him,"—the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, and was by him constituted with prayer.

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

Sederunt Mr. John McMorine, *Moderator*; Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. John Malcolm Smith, Mr. William McEwen, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Alexander Lewis, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. Alexander Ross, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. John Campbell, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. James C. Muir, Dr. John Cook, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Merlin, Mr. James Thom, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. Thomas Haig, Mr. Thomas Morrison, Mr. Archibald Milligan, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John McLaurin, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Æneas McLean, Mr. Donald Monro, Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Colin Gregor, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. George Bell, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. Daniel McNee, Mr. Hamilton Gibson, Mr. John Robb, Mr. Frederick P. Sim, Mr. William Johnson, Mr. George Macdonnell, Mr. Kenneth McLennan, Mr. William Bell (Perth), Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. David Evans, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. Solomon Mylne, Mr. David Shanks, Mr. John Whyte, and Mr. Duncan Morrison, *Ministers*: together with Mr. William Ferguson, Mr. George Davidson, Mr. George Neilson, Mr. Charles P. Treadwell, Mr. John Brown, and the Hon. Thomas McKay, *Elders*.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Alexander Spence, Minister of Bytown, was unanimously elected, and, at the Synod's desire, took the Chair.

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

The Synod next proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in room of Hugh Allan, Esq., and Dr. Alexander Mathieson, who retire from office at this time, according to the Regulations of the Synod of 1848, when Hugh Allan, Esq., and Dr. Alexander Mathieson, of Montreal, were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed, in terms of the aforesaid Regulations, to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners; and the Clerk was instructed to certify the above appointment to the Board of Commissioners, and also to the Government.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, with instructions to meet to-morrow morning, at Nine o'clock; and all papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee, viz:—the Moderator and Clerk, Dr. John Machar, Professor Williamson, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Barclay, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. John Cook, Mr. James Thom, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. John McLaurin, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. George Bell, Mr. Daniel McNee, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, *Ministers*; and Mr. William Ferguson, the Hon. Thomas McKay, and Judge Malloch, *Elders*.

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

The Synod agreed that, during their present Session, they shall meet at Ten o'clock, A.M., and that there shall be an interval of an hour from One till Two; and it was further agreed that the first part of each morning's Sederunt be devoted to devotional exercises.

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

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DIET II.

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

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

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

Sederunt as before.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved of.

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

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

The Records of the Commission of Synod were called for and produced, and the Synod had read the proceedings of the Commission during the past year.

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

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

The Synod appointed the following Committee to draft an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, viz.:—Dr. Cook, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. George,

and Judge Malloch; and the following to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, viz.:—Professor Smith, Mr. Barclay, Dr. Mair, Mr. T. A. Gibson, and Mr. Treadwell.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Records of Synod and report on them, viz.:—Mr. Williamson, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Haig, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Bain.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were given in, when the Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the same and report on them, viz.:—Mr. Muir, Mr. McPherson, and Mr. Malloch, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston; Mr. Williamson, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Gibson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto; Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Mann, and Mr. George Bell, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal; Mr. Mowat, Mr. McLennan, and Mr. W. Ferguson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary; Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Morrison, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton; Mr. Neill, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Milligan, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst.

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

The Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was given in, and read, and is as follows:—

### SIXTH REPORT.

#### THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Managers congratulate the Synod on the steady improvement which has marked the progress of this Fund, since its creation, six years ago. During the past year, there have been added from Congregational Collections, £234 14 11 and it is estimated, that there will yet be received from the same source. 25 0 0

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The present state of the Fund, is as follows:—

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MINUTES OF SYNOD, KINGSTON, THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1853. 11

The amount at the credit of the Fund, composed of Ministers' Contributions of £3 each annually, is.....	1127	6	0
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There are now five widows receiving Annuities from the Fund—the last added being Mrs. Isabella Brown, whose husband, formerly Minister at Scott and Uxbridge, died on the 11th of April last. The Managers are also prepared to place the widow of the late pious and estimable Mr. Purkiss, of Osnabruck, on the Fund, whenever the requisite certificates are supplied by the Presbytery of Glengary.

The Ministers who have not remitted collections for the present year, are

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| Rev. Dr. Cook, | Rev. A. Ross, |
| D. Munro,      | W. King.      |
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In the case of the Rev. D. Munro, it is proper to remark, that he requested the Managers to receive and appropriate, as a Congregational Collection, the sum of £3 annually, from his own allowance from the Clergy Reserves; but this not being in accordance with the directions of the Synod, the proposal was declined.

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

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

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

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

MONTREAL, 1st July, 1853.

11th July.—Rev. Dr. Cook has since remitted his Congregational Collection.  
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It was then moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Professor Smith, and unanimously agreed to, That the Report now read be received and approved of, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Managers of the Fund, for the faithful and admirable manner in which they have managed the Fund entrusted to their care.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of Three Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in room of the Rev. James C. Muir, William Edmonstone, Esq., and W. Gordon Mack, Esq., who retire from office at this time, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, when the said Rev. James C. Muir, William Edmonstone, Esq., and W. Gordon Mack, Esq., were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed to be placed at the head of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board.

The Synod had laid before them a Statement from the Clergy Reserves Commissioners, in regard to the state of the Fund. The accompanying documents were referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Barclay, Mr. George, Judge Malloch, Mr. T. A. Gibson, and Mr. William Ferguson, who thereafter reported "That they had examined said documents, and found ample evidence that the whole business has been managed with the greatest care and prudence, and obviously with an earnest desire not only for the advancement of the temporal interests, but also for the future spiritual efficiency of the Church;" whereupon the Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, "Agreed to express their entire confidence in the wisdom and fidelity of the Commissioners, and tender to them the hearty thanks of the Church."

The Synod appointed the following Examining Committee, in terms of the Act anent the Examination of Ministers, Preachers, and Students, coming from other Churches not in connection with this Church, viz.: the Moderator and Clerk, Dr. Machar, Professor Williamson, Professor Smith, Mr. George, Mr. Barclay, Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. J. B. Mowat, Dr. Mair, Mr. McNee, Mr. Mann, Mr. Bain, and Mr. McMorine.

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

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

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Presbytery of Toronto for leave to take Mr. David Watson, Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, on trials for license, of the following tenor:—"Mr. David Watson, Student in Divinity, applied to be taken on trials for license. Mr. Watson's Certificates were produced, read, and duly considered. It appeared that, although the prescribed number of terms had elapsed since Mr. Watson commenced his College course, his actual attendance at Queen's College lacked one year, in consequence of his absence from the Divinity Hall for one Session, and that not the last. The Presbytery, considering the high standing of Mr. Watson at Queen's College, as testified to in said certificates, and verbally by the Rev. James George, Professor of Systematic Theology, a member of this Presbytery, —considering that the deficiency of one Session from the full Theological Course was occasioned by his absence for cause assigned, while his studies were not laid aside, but his private readings were continued,—considering more especially Mr. Watson's qualifications in the Gaelic language, and the great want of Gaelic Ministers, particularly in this Presbytery, in which there are several very important Gaelic charges that have for many years been destitute of public ordinances and whose urgent calls for Ministers have met with so many disappointments,—therefore the Presbytery would, for all these reasons, respectfully request the Synod, in the special circumstances of the case, to authorize their taking Mr. Watson on trials for license."

The Synod also had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Presbytery of Bathurst for leave to take Mr. John Hugh McKerras, Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, on trials for license, of the following tenor:—"Mr. John Hugh McKerras, Student of Divinity, laid on the Table, with the view of being taken on trials for license, his certificates of attendance at Queen's

College, from which it appears that he has attended the Literary and Theological Classes of said College five full Sessions and one partial Session, and that he highly distinguished himself in all the classes. The Presbytery, after consideration, agreed to instruct the Clerk to issue the usual Circular letters informing Presbyteries that it is the intention of this Presbytery to apply to the Synod for leave to take Mr. McKerras on probationary trials for license."

Several members of the Presbyteries of Toronto and Bathurst were heard in support of the said applications, when it was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. ———, That the Synod grant the said applications, in so far as to remit the said Students to the Examining Committee. It was also moved, in amendment, by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mr. Andrew Bell, that the length and amount of attendance on the Theological Classes of Queen's College, prescribed in the Synod's Act anent the Course of Study for the Holy Ministry, being the least that is considered by the Church as necessary, the Synod insist on the law of the Church being carried out,—and accordingly decline to grant the aforesaid applications.

After lengthened discussion upon the specialties of these cases, it was agreed that the amendment be withdrawn, and that the said Students be remitted in the meantime to the Examining Committee.

The Synod called for Returns from Presbyteries in regard to the Overture anent remodelling the Constitution of the Commission of Synod, brought before the Synod at last meeting, and sent down for the opinion of Presbyteries,—when three returns were given in disapproving the same. The said returns having been considered, the Synod agreed to stay the further consideration of the Proposed Constitution, and to abide by the present Constitution of the Commission of Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, Memorials from the Congregation of Binbrooke, and the Congregation of Waterdown, to the Colonial Committee for aid in building and finishing their Churches, with certified copies of the Title Deeds of both Properties, together with Extract Minutes of the Presbytery of Hamilton, recommending both cases. The same having been read and maturely considered, it was moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. ———, That the Petitions be transmitted in accordance with the recommendation of the Presbytery. It was also moved, in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Mann, That the Papers before the Synod be remitted to the Presbytery of Hamilton to enquire into the whole facts of the case,—and state them clearly and truly, certifying the same, before the Memorials to the Colonial Committee be transmitted, authorizing them to transmit them without coming again

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

DIET III.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there,—  
Friday, the Fifteenth day of July, One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Fifty-three years:—*

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

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

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The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Synod made the following appointments for the public services of the Sabbath, viz:—Mr. Macdonnell to preach in St. Andrew's Church in the forenoon, Mr. Milligan in the afternoon, and Mr. Dobie in the evening; Mr. Duncan to preach at Glenburnie, Mr. Mowat at Pittsburgh, Mr. McPherson at Long Island, and Mr. Shanks at Camden.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, to the effect that the Synod would recommend all Ministers and Congregations within the bounds to make collections in aid of the Jewish and Foreign Missions of the Church of Scotland. After some consideration, the said Overture was withdrawn, when it was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, and unanimously agreed to, That the Synod enjoin Presbyteries to call the attention of the Congregations within their bounds to the decisions of the Church in 1840 and 1841, in regard to the duty of holding meetings for united prayer, and making collections in behalf of the Jewish and Foreign Missions of the Church of Scotland; and that the Synod appoint the Moderators of the several

Presbyteries for the time being, together with the Ministers of Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal, and Quebec, to be a Committee to take charge of this matter.

The Examining Committee gave in a Report to the Synod, in regard to the case of Dr. Skinner, which was read, and is as follows:—"It is hereby certified that the Rev. Dr. Skinner compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Ministers from other Churches; that the Committee were satisfied with his knowledge and acquirements, and sustained his examination accordingly; that they likewise examined his certificates of character, and of Literary and Theological curriculum, and were satisfied with the same." ALEXANDER SPENCE, *Convener*.

The Synod, having heard this Report, agreed to receive and approve the same,—and instructed the Presbytery of Hamilton to proceed in Dr. Skinner's case, according to the Laws of the Church,—authorizing them, in the event of his receiving a call, to proceed to his settlement at the expiry of the prescribed period of probation, without again reporting to the Synod, or even within that period, should the circumstances of the case appear to them, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to warrant that step;—and in the meantime to employ him as a Missionary in such congregation or congregations as may appear to the Presbytery to be desirable and necessary.

The Examining Committee also reported the following certificate in favour of Mr. Peter Lindsay, A.B.:—"It is hereby certified that Mr. Peter Lindsay, Student in Divinity, compeared before the Examining Committee in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Students, and, having been examined on the several branches of education required by this Church, the Committee were well satisfied with his knowledge and acquirements, and sustained his examination accordingly. ALEXANDER SPENCE, *Convener of Committee*.

The Synod, having heard and approved the same, agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Kingston, to take Mr. Lindsay on trials for license.

The Examining Committee, further, reported the following certificate in favour of Mr. John Hugh McKerras, A.M., and Mr. David Watson, A.B.:—"It is hereby certified that Mr. John H. McKerras and Mr. David Watson, Students in Divinity, compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Students, and having been examined on the several branches of education required by this Church, the Committee were well satisfied with their knowledge and acquirements, and recommended that the respec-

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Whereupon the Synod, having fully considered the specialties of these cases, agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Toronto, to take Mr. Watson—and to the Presbytery of Bathurst, to take Mr. McKerras, on trials for license.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to conduct the French Mission in Lower Canada, which was given in by Mr. McGill, showing the operations of the past year, and the present state of the Funds,—and stating that Mons. Baridon, for some time the only remaining Agent employed by the Committee, had resigned, so that the operations of the Mission would be in the meantime suspended,—and making divers suggestions for the consideration of the Synod. The Synod agreed to receive and approve of this Report, and to offer their thanks to the Committee ;—and, further, the Synod, feeling that a duty is laid upon them, in the Providence of God, to prosecute this work and persevere in the same, appointed the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Committee of the Synod, to attend thereto, and instructed them to use their best endeavours to put the French Mission in a more favorable condition.

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

DIET IV.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church, there,—  
Saturday, the Sixteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three years:—*

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

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

Sederunt as before.

The Synod called for the Report of the Deputies appointed by them at last meeting to procure an additional number of Preachers from Scot-

land; when Dr. Cook and Dr. Mathieson reported at length the efforts which they had made in Scotland for this end; and Dr. Cook also gave the Synod a statement of the steps which had been taken with the view of obtaining an additional number of Professors for Queen's College. The Synod having heard the Report, agreed to receive and approve the same, when it was moved by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Mann, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the deputation, for the efforts they have made,—which was done by the Moderator accordingly.

The Synod appointed the Rev. Robert Burnett, an ordained Missionary from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, to labour within the bounds, and under the direction, of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee for obtaining and assisting in educating Students for the Ministry, which was given in and read by Mr. McGill, the Convener. On motion of Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Mann, the Synod agreed to receive and approve the Report, and thank the Convener and Committee for the zeal and care bestowed by them upon the matter in hand. The Synod, further, agreed to re-appoint the Committee, with instructions to follow up the work already begun, in such way as they may think best to secure success, and enjoin Ministers, Elders, and Congregations to co-operate more zealously and cordially with the Committee in furthering the very important object in view.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, of the following tenor:—"The Presbytery of Hamilton respectfully overture the Synod to declare the status to be held by retired Ministers, in the Church Courts." The Synod appointed Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Dr. Cook, Mr. McMorine, and Judge Malloch, as a Committee to consider and report on the same.

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

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#### DIET V.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there,—  
Monday, the Eighteenth Day of July, One Thousand  
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On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. Frederick P. Sim conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

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The Minutes of Saturday were read and sustained.

The Synod agreed to continue, for the present year, the suspension of the Act anent the training of Licentiates for the Pastoral work,—and instructed those Presbyteries, within whose bounds there are Students who have been permitted to be taken on trials for license, to meet as soon as possible, for the purpose of taking said Students of Divinity on trials for license, at such time and place as they may deem convenient.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, when the Committee gave in a Draft, which was read, and, having been fully considered and adopted, was ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

There was also given in and read a Draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, which, having been considered and adopted, was ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's Signature.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to attend to the interests of this Church in regard to the Clergy Reserves, and take whatever steps may appear to them to be necessary towards the protection of the same, and in particular to watch over the progress of legislation thereanent; to call the attention of Presbyteries and Congregations to what may be the proper course of action as indicated by circumstances; and, if necessary, to take steps to be heard at the Bar of the Houses of Parliament; viz., Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Ministers; Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Alexander Morris, and Mr. Thomas A. Gibson, Elders; and the Hon. Wm. Morris, and Hugh Allan, Esq., were requested to act as members of this Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent the Status of retired Ministers, which was given in and read by Mr. McGill, the Convener, and duly considered, and on the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod adopted the following as an Interim Act, and ordered the same to be transmitted to Presbyteries, that they may send up their opinions thereon to the next meeting of this Synod,—which they are hereby strictly enjoined to do. "The Synod, having fully considered the Overture anent the status of retired Ministers, decree that, agreeably to the views of this Church respecting the permanency of the Pastoral relation, when a Minister becomes unfit, through age

or infirmity, for the discharge of his pastoral duties, the case shall be referred to the Presbytery of the bounds for examination and judgment, and, if it shall appear that the facts are as stated, the Presbytery shall meet with the congregation, and declare its duty to make such provision as may be within its power for the maintenance of their Minister, until God shall be pleased to restore his health, or remove him to the inheritance of a better life. But in the meanwhile his name shall remain on the Roll of the Presbytery as the Pastor of that Church, and as such he shall retain authority to perform all the ministerial duties for which he is competent, yet so as not to interfere with the rights and duties of the Pastor that may be ordained to fill his place; and in all the Church Courts, except the Session, of which he shall cease to be the Moderator, he shall retain full liberty, to counsel and advise, though not to vote, on all matters that shall come up before them.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Records of the Synod, and the Records of the several Presbyteries. A Report on the Synod Records was given in, read and sustained; and the Synod ordered the Records to be attested by their Moderator, as carefully and correctly kept. Reports were also given in on the Records of the Presbyteries. The same were read and sustained, and the Synod ordered their Clerk to attest the Records of these several Presbyteries as carefully and correctly kept.

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

#### DIET VI.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there,—  
Tuesday, the Nineteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three years:—*

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

On the Call of the Moderator, the Rev. Thomas Scott conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

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The Address of the Synod to Her Majesty the Queen was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod, and is as follows:—

UNTO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

*May it Please Your Majesty,—*

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, embrace the opportunity, thus afforded us, of again most heartily testifying our warm attachment to your Majesty's person, and to the government of that Empire on the throne of which an All-wise Providence has placed you.

It is to us no small pleasure that we can again congratulate your Majesty on the birth of another prince. This auspicious event, while it must add to your Majesty's domestic felicity, is hailed by us with peculiar satisfaction, as furnishing an additional security for the perpetuation of a family under whose sway the British Empire has enjoyed a larger portion of liberty and prosperity than has fallen to the lot of any other people.

In approaching the Throne at this time it would have afforded us the highest gratification, had it been in our power to have uttered nothing but the language of esteem, loyalty, gratitude, and hope. But, painful as it must be to your Majesty as well as to us, we cannot, as the ardent friends of civil and religious liberty, forbear adverting to certain unhappy occurrences which have lately taken place in two of the principal cities of this Province. Peaceable Christian people, lawfully assembled in Protestant places of worship, have been assailed by infuriated mobs. While no government is to be held responsible for a sudden burst of popular folly or malice, yet in these cases there has been manifested indeed openly acknowledged an alarming inability on the part of the public authorities either to restrain violence or sustain the power of the law. Had this weakness or want of inclination to restrain violence and vindicate the majesty of the law been manifested on a violent conflict arising out of merely secular matters we should nevertheless have felt much uneasiness and grief: but, when we remember that these deplorable events, which have brought disgrace upon the Province and filled many bosoms with poignant sorrow, can be clearly traced to the avowed determination of a great number of persons to put down freedom of speech in our very churches, and by consequence to deprive us and our fellow Protestants of liberty of conscience, we cannot but feel extreme alarm. The British constitution secures many precious blessings to those who live under it, but none so valuable as entire liberty of conscience. Indeed, if this should ever be lost little would then remain in that constitution to which the enlightened friends of liberty could look with veneration, or which they would care to defend. The religion which we profess, the doctrines in which we have been nurtured, as well as the whole history of our Church so entirely identified as it is with the struggles and triumphs of liberty of conscience, render it impossible for us to contemplate that principle in peril with any other feeling than that of intense anxiety. As Presbyterian Protestants, we hold this principle to be sacred, and we shall by all lawful means calmly but firmly defend it. Our forefathers have left us no more precious inheritance. We are determined to transmit it to our children. Nor can we for a moment doubt that our Most Gra-

cious Queen fully sympathises with us in this sentiment. And what we demand in reference to this for ourselves we heartily accord to all our fellow colonists, of what Christian denomination soever they may be.

Entertaining, as we do, the hope that the majesty of the law shall yet be fully vindicated, and the sacred principles of the constitution fully preserved, so that Christian men can in conformity with the law meet in safety to express and inculcate their own religious views and sentiments, we forbear at this our present session to do anything that would produce agitation among our people as to the above matter.

Our wish has ever been to make the preaching of the Gospel of peace our great business. For we are well assured that by teaching its principles fully and faithfully to our people we shall not only lead them, through the Lord Jesus Christ, to the Heavenly inheritance, but also fit them for being quiet, orderly, and loyal subjects to their sovereign, and forbearing and just to their fellow-men.

Our prayer is that your Majesty may share largely in the choicest earthly blessings, and that, after you have reigned long and happily over a religious, prosperous, and loyal people, you may be raised to that crown that fadeth not away.

Signed, at Kingston, this Eighteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Years :—In Name, in Presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by ALEXANDER SPENCE, *Moderator*.

The Address of the Synod, to His Excellency the Governor General, was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod, and is as follows :—

*To His Excellency, the Right Honourable, James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, gladly avail ourselves of the return of our Annual Meeting of Synod, to express our profound attachment and devoted allegiance to the Person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, the Queen, and our loyalty, respect and dutiful submission to your Excellency, as the Representative of her Majesty in this Province of her dominions. While we rejoice in the peace, tranquillity and temporal prosperity, which now so generally prevail throughout all parts of the Empire, we feel especial satisfaction in contemplating the growing prosperity of this, the land of our adoption, and the development of the vast resources with which a bountiful Providence has enriched it. In the extension of the great Public Works, which are now in course of construction, throughout the Province, we cherish the hope of a far higher degree of prosperity and social advancement, than this country has yet experienced, through the increase of facilities which will be afforded for turning to account the industry of its inhabitants, and its mineral and agricultural wealth. As the Ministers and Office-bearers

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of a Christian Church, it is our earnest prayer and endeavour that the increase of true piety among the people, may keep pace with an enlarged communication of temporal blessings.

We continue to take a warm interest in the promotion of a sound, moral and religious education among all classes of the people, and we are making our best exertions to increase the efficiency of the University in connection with our Synod, for training young men for the Ministry, in our Church, as well as for general usefulness.

It is a matter of extreme regret to us, that an act has been passed by the Imperial Parliament, by which the subject of the Clergy Reserves, is liable to be opened up anew to public discussion, and to fresh legislation. As a Church deriving benefits from this Fund, for the maintenance of our ministers, and regarding the settlement made in 1840, as a final settlement, to which the faith of the British Crown was distinctly pledged, we must enter our decided protest against any interference with it; and we shall consider it our bounden duty to contend most zealously for the maintenance of our rights and privileges.

In common with all true Protestants and Christians, and with all who venerate the British Constitution, we cannot but express to your Excellency the deep shame and indignation which we feel at the events which have lately taken place in Quebec and Montreal, whereby the reputation of this country has been seriously injured, the lives of many innocent persons sacrificed, and public order and tranquility subverted.

While we look to the Executive and Legal authorities of the Province, for the redress of these outrages, and while we disclaim all personal recrimination, as tending only to promote further discord and disturbances, we cannot refrain from avowing our determination, in so far as lies in us, to resist temperately, yet firmly, all encroachments on the freedom of conscience and liberty of speech, which we have ever been taught to regard as part of the sacred birth-right of every British subject. We feel confident that your Excellency and your advisers will use the powers of Government to vindicate the majesty of the Law, and to maintain, unimpaired, the fundamental principles of the Constitution, by which course alone we believe that good order will be restored, and a spirit of unity and concord fostered among the people of this Province.

That Almighty God, the Sovereign Disposer of all things, may bless your Excellency and your Excellency's family, with all temporal blessings, and make you partakers of His Heavenly treasure in Christ Jesus, is our ardent wish and fervent prayer.

Signed, at Kingston, this Eighteenth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Years:--In Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by ALEXANDER SPENCE, *Moderator*.

The Synod appointed a Deputation, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Cook, the Rev. Professor Smith, John Thompson, Esq., and such other members as can conveniently join with them, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, and present the Synod's Address to His Excellency, and also to request that he would be pleased to transmit the

Synod's Address to Her Majesty the Queen, to the proper quarter, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Synod called for the Draft of the Form of Procedure, in the Calling and Settling of Ministers, and, having considered the same, adopted it as an interim Act for one year, and instructed Presbyteries to send up their opinions thereon to the next meeting of Synod. The said Act is as follows:—

DRAFT OF A FORM OF PROCEDURE ANENT THE CALLING AND  
SETTLING OF MINISTERS IN CONGREGATIONS, &C.

Whereas, it is highly expedient that the form of Process in the Calling and Induction of Ministers, into the Congregations of this Church, should be clearly defined, both for the preventing confusion in said congregations, and securing uniformity in the manner of procedure throughout the Church;—Be it therefore enacted, &c., &c., &c.

1. That no Congregation shall be received as a Congregation of this Church, and entitled to have a Minister set over them in Holy Things by any Presbytery of this Church, until, through means of Elders, Trustees or other adhering Members, duly authorised thereunto, they shall have first solemnly declared their willingness to adhere to the faith, government, worship, and discipline of this Church; and, in all cases, submitting to the jurisdiction thereof,—which said declaration shall be subscribed and presented to the Presbytery; and, farther, said Congregation shall satisfy the Presbytery of the bounds, of the security of church property by good and sufficient title to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. The said Declaration shall be of the following tenor:—

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*Humbly Sheweth,—*

That we, your Memorialists, residing in \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ and neighbourhood, Members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, desirous of being formed and received as a Congregation within the bounds of your Reverend Presbytery, crave to be so received, as we, by these presents, declare our willingness to adhere to the faith, government, worship, and discipline of the above said church, and to submit in all matters affecting our interests, as a congregation, to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. In Witness Whereof, &c., &c.

II. That no Minister or Probationer shall be eligible to become the Pastor of any Congregation within the bounds of this church, until he has been received as a Minister or Probationer by one of the Presbyteries thereof, and taken the oath of allegiance.

III. That no Minister or Probationer shall be admitted a Minister of a Congregation by any Presbytery without his having been called thereunto by said Congregation, or by such a part thereof as the Pres-

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IV. That no Call shall be moderated in favour of any Minister or Probationer, unless he shall have preached to said Congregation.

V. That no Minister or Probationer is to receive any call to a vacant congregation, but through the hands of the Presbytery of the bounds; for it is by their determination that the Calling, as well as the Induction of a Minister, is to be ordered and concluded.

VI. That, when in consequence of a vacancy occurring in any Congregation, or any Congregation newly formed, requiring a Minister, application shall first be made to the Presbytery, on the part of the Elders, Trustees, or Managers, or any part of them, of the said Congregation, requesting the Presbytery to moderate in a Call in favour of some fit person, having already preached to said congregation. Whereupon the Presbytery shall appoint some convenient day, not less than ten days after, (notice whereof shall be given in the most practicable way to the parties concerned), for meeting for said purpose, or the Presbytery may appoint one of its Members to act in the matter, in the event of not meeting as a Court.

VII. On the day appointed for moderating in the Call, the Minister officiating, by order of the Presbytery, having ended sermon and dismissed the congregation, shall call on the Elders, and Heads of families, being communicants, (or, in case of a new congregation of the Heads of families solemnly declaring their adherence to the church), to remain as parties concerned, and, after prayer, shall request these present to Call, by subscribing a form thereof, some fit and qualified person to be their Pastor. The form of which shall be as follows:—

VIII. We, the Elders and male Heads of Families, being Members of the Congregation and Communicants in the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ desirous of promoting the Glory of God, and the good of the Church, being destitute of a fixed pastor, and being most assured, by good information and our own experience, of the ministerial abilities and prudence, and also the suitability to our capacities, of the gifts of you \_\_\_\_\_, Preacher of the Gospel, have agreed to Invite, Call, and Entreat, like as we, by these presents, do hereby Invite, Call, and Entreat you to undertake the office of Pastor among us, and the charge of our souls; and, farther, upon your accepting this, our Call, promise you all dutiful respect, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord. In Witness, whereof, &c., &c.

(OR WHERE A NEW CONGREGATION IS FORMED.)

We, the subscribed, declaring ourselves to be adherents and supporters of the Gospel, of the Congregation of \_\_\_\_\_, desirous of promoting, &c., &c.

IX. After the Call has been subscribed the Moderator shall attest on the Call, that agreeably to the appointment of Presbytery he did moderate at the meeting of electors of the Congregation of \_\_\_\_\_ the majority, or all, or any part thereof present, made choice of \_\_\_\_\_ to be their pastor at such time and place

X. That when the Call has been subscribed, the Presbytery may then, or shall at its next meeting afterwards, judge as to said Call being

sustained, when, if it should appear to them that the said Call has not been subscribed by such a number of Heads of Families, in full communion, as to warrant them, without damage to the Congregation to proceed, the said Call shall be rejected. But if said Call be sustained as good and sufficient, the Presbytery shall then, through the Moderator, present the said Call to the Minister or Probationer, in whose favour it was given, and obtain from him an answer, whether he accepts, and closes with said call, when, if an affirmative reply is given, he shall, if a Probationer, be immediately put on trials for Ordination.

XI. That along with the Call and before adjudging thereon, there be required to be afforded to the Presbytery, on the part of the Congregation, a good and sufficient guarantee of at least a *minimum* annual payment or stipend, for the support of said person Called, during the whole period of his lifetime or incumbency, which said guarantee shall be to such an amount as the Presbytery shall judge to be sufficient for the support of the Minister, and, at the same time, according to the accredited ability of the Congregation.

XII. That the person Called, if a Probationer, shall, after these previous steps being taken by the Presbytery, submit himself to the Presbytery to undergo trials previous to Ordination, all which trials shall be of the same order as when receiving license, viz: a Homily, a Lecture, an Exercise and Additions on some part of the Greek New Testament, an Exegesis in Latin, on some controverted point in Divinity, and a popular sermon. He shall be examined also on his knowledge of the Greek of the New Testament, the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and on his acquaintanceship with Church History and Divinity. All which trials being undergone and sustained, the Presbytery shall then appoint some day, other than the day on which said trials have been received, for the Ordination and Induction of said Probationer, as Minister of said Congregation, in which case notice shall be given by proclamation to the Congregation, or affixing the same to the church door, or other most public place of resort, an Edict of the following tenor:

XIII. The Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ having sustained the trials of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Called to be Minister of the Congregation of \_\_\_\_\_  
 and having resolved to proceed with the Ordination of the said \_\_\_\_\_  
 to the pastoral charge of the said Congregation,  
 according to the rules of the Church, Notice is hereby given, to all concerned, especially the members of the Congregation, that if any of them have any thing to object to the life and doctrine of the said \_\_\_\_\_ they may repair to the Presbytery, which is to meet in \_\_\_\_\_  
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 o'clock, with certification that if no person offer any relevant objection, the Presbytery shall then forthwith proceed to the Ordination of the said \_\_\_\_\_ to the office of the Holy Ministry, and admit him to the pastoral charge of the said Congregation of \_\_\_\_\_

XIV. Although by use and wont, it has been the practice of the Church of Scotland to allow ten free days to intervene between the serving of the Edict and the day of Meeting for Ordination, the Presbytery, if they see meet, may dispense with this practice, as the person to be Ordained is to be admitted a Member of the Church, upon the Call of the Congregation, and not as in Scotland, upon any crown or laick presentation, in which case it is presumed that the Congregation shall

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have previously taken care to obtain sufficient knowledge of the character and principles of the person called by them.

XV. The Presbytery having met according to appointment, proclamation shall be made at the church door, three several times, that if any person has any objection to offer against the life, doctrine or conversation of Mr. A. B. being Ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and Inducted as Minister of this Congregation, the said person shall immediately repair to the Presbytery, and lodge certification, with proof why the said A. B. should not be ordained. If notice be given to the Presbytery that no one objected, the Presbytery should then proceed in the proper and more solemn work of the day.

XVI. After public worship being dispensed by the Minister appointed to officiate on the occasion, who shall preach on some suitable portion of Scripture, applicable to the qualifications of Ministers, and the reciprocal duties betwixt them and their people, the said Minister officiating shall, from the pulpit, shew to the congregation assembled the occasion of the day's meeting, and all the steps of the Presbytery's proceeding hitherto with respect to that affair.

XVII. Then the Minister presiding shall call on the Intransigent, who, in the face and audience of the Congregation, is to answer the following questions:—

- 1.—Do you believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners?
- 2.—Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland, and ratified by law in the year 1690, to be founded upon the Word of God, and do you acknowledge the same, as the confession of your faith; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the purity of Worship as presently practised in this Church, and asserted in Act xv. Assembly 1707, entitled "Act against innovation in the Worship of God?"
- 3.—Do you disown all Popish, Arian, Socinian, Arminian, Bourignian, and other doctrines, tenets, and opinions, whatsoever, contrary to and inconsistent with the foresaid Confession of Faith?
- 4.—Are you persuaded that the Presbyterian government and discipline of this Church, are founded upon the word of God, and agreeable thereto; and do you promise to submit to the said government and discipline, and to concur with the same, and never to endeavour, directly, or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof, but, to the utmost of your power, in your station, to maintain, support and defend, the said discipline and Presbyterian government, by Kirk Sessions, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies, during all the days of your life?
- 5.—Do you promise to submit yourself willingly and humbly, in the spirit of meekness, unto the admonitions of the brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them and all other Presbyteries and superior judicatories of the Church, where God in his Providence shall cast your lot; and that, according to your power, you shall maintain the unity and peace of this Church, against error and schism, notwithstanding of

whatsoever trouble or persecution may arise, and that you shall follow no divisive courses from the present established doctrine, worship, discipline and government of this church ?

6.—Are not zeal for the honour of God, love to Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls, your great motives and chief inducements to enter into the functions of the holy ministry, and not worldly designs and interest ?

7.—Have you used any undue methods, either by yourself or others, in procuring this call ?

8.—Do you engage in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to rule well your own family, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to discharge all the parts of the Ministerial work, to the edification of the body of Christ ?

9.—Do you accept of and Close with the Call to be Pastor of this Congregation, and promise, through grace, to perform all the duties of a faithful Minister of the Gospel among this people ?

According to the standing rule of this Church the following Act requires to be read over and assented to by the Intransit :—

WHEREAS, this Synod has always, from its first establishment, possessed a free and supreme jurisdiction, over all the congregations and ministers in connection therewith ; and although the independence and freedom of this Synod, in regard to all things spiritual, cannot be called in question, but has been repeatedly and in most explicit terms affirmed, not only by itself, but by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, yet as in present circumstances it is expedient that this independence be asserted and declared by a special act :—

It is, therefore, hereby declared, That this Synod had always claimed and possessed, does now possess, and ought always, in all time coming, to have and exercise a perfectly free, full, final, supreme and uncontrolled power of jurisdiction, discipline and government, in regard to all matters ecclesiastical and spiritual, over all the ministers, elders, church members and congregations under its care, without the right of review, appeal, complaint or reference by or to any other Court or Courts whatsoever, in any form or under any pretence ; and that in all cases that may come before it for judgment, the decisions and deliverance of this Synod shall be final. And this Synod further declares, that if any encroachment on this supreme power and authority shall be attempted or threatened, by any person or persons, Court or Courts whatsoever, then this Synod, and each and every member thereof, shall, to the utmost of their power, resist and oppose the same. And whereas, the words in the designation of the Synod, “ In connection with the Church of Scotland,” have been misunderstood or misrepresented by many persons, it is hereby declared, that the said words imply no right of jurisdiction or control, in any form whatever, by the Church of Scotland over this Synod, but denote merely the connection of origin, identity of standards, and ministerial and church communion.

XVII. In the most conspicuous place in the church, and near to the pulpit, a table and seats being placed where the brethren of the Presbytery and Elders of the congregation are to sit, together with the Intransit, so that all the Ministers may conveniently give him imposition of hands, and the others may take him by the hand, when thereunto cal-

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led—the minister is to come from the pulpit to the foresaid place, where the Intransigent kneeling and the brethren standing, he, as their mouth, in their Master's name and authority, shall, in and by prayer, set the candidate apart, (not only the minister who prays but all the brethren that conveniently can, laying their hands upon his head,) to the office of the ministry, invoking God for his blessing.

XIX. The prayer being ended, the Minister who moderates in the action shall take the person ordained by the right hand, and say unto him, "We give unto you the right hand of fellowship, to take part of the ministry with us,"—and thereafter all the ministers of the Presbytery. The minister officiating shall then return to the pulpit and suitably exhort both minister and people, and conclude the worship of God by Singing and the Apostolic Blessing.

XX. The Presbytery shall then require the Intransigent to subscribe the usual Formula, also Bonds in Duplicate, in behalf of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, whereupon his name shall be added to the roll of the Presbytery.

The Formula is as follows :—

I,  
do hereby declare that I do sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by the General Assemblies of the National Church of Scotland, and ratified by law in the year 1690, and frequently confirmed by divers acts of Parliament, since that time, to be the truths of God; and I do own the same as the confession of my faith; as likewise I do own the purity of worship, presently authorised and practiced in this church, and also the Presbyterian government and discipline, now established therein, which doctrine, worship and church government, I am persuaded are founded upon the Word of God, and agreeable thereto; and I promise that, through the Grace of God, I shall firmly and constantly adhere to the same; and, to the utmost of my power, shall, in my station, assert, maintain and defend the said doctrine, worship, discipline and government of this church, by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies; and that I shall, in my practice, conform myself to the said worship, and to submit to the said discipline and government, and never endeavour directly or indirectly the prejudice or subversion of the same; and I promise that I shall follow no divisive course from the present establishment in this church, renouncing all doctrines, tenets, and opinions whatsoever, contrary to or inconsistent with the said doctrine, worship, discipline or government of this church.

TRANSLATION OF MINISTERS.

I. In the event of an ordained minister having a pastoral charge, and accredited as a regular constituent member of this Synod, being called from his present charge by any other congregation to be their minister, the same rules regarding Probationers shall be followed, viz: that he shall have previously preached to the congregation calling him, that the Call shall be moderated in by the Presbytery, within whose bounds the congregation calling him lies, and, through the Moderator, presented to him.

II. If the Minister called be a member of another Presbytery, then the Presbytery within whose bounds the congregation calling lies, shall

communicate, by letter or commissioners, with the Presbytery within whose bounds the minister called resides,—lay before it the Call, their own proceedings thereon, the grounds for transportation and craving deliverance on the subject of said Call, in the matter of acceptance thereof, and concurrence in his transportation.

III. Before any Presbytery shall be empowered to concur in sustaining a Call from any congregation in favour of a minister having a pastoral charge, it shall be required that notice shall have been given to the congregation of which the person called is minister, at least *ten* days before the meeting of Presbytery, for adjudicating on the case, that said congregation may have opportunity of objecting and showing to the Presbytery, satisfactory reasons why the said minister should not be loosed from his present charge.

IV. If no sufficient objections are made to the transportation of the minister called, the Presbytery shall accordingly concur in releasing him, from the day of his admission as minister of the congregation calling him, and shall appoint him to wait for and obey the orders of the Presbytery within whose bounds he is to be transported, as to the time of his Induction to his new charge. Extracts of these proceedings shall be forthwith sent to the Presbytery where the vacant congregation lies, by whom the necessary steps for Induction shall be taken, the forms of which shall be, in all respects, the same as in the Ordination of Probationers, excepting there is no re-imposition of hands, nor any trials, as in the case of Probationers, required.

#### CONGREGATIONS APPLYING TO OTHER CHURCHES FOR MINISTERS.

I. That in the event of any Congregation of this Church applying, through means of their Elders, Trustees, or Committee, appointed for that purpose, for a Probationer or Minister, being sent them from any other church in communion with this church, the said application shall first be presented to the Presbytery of the bounds where the vacant congregation lies, by which Presbytery the same shall be adjudged, homologated, and transmitted to the proper quarter,—parties being allowed to be heard in case of a difference amongst the members of the congregation.

II. On the arrival of said Probationer or Minister, the nomination of whom by said other church in communion with this church, proceeding upon the faith of said congregation, having determined and pledged themselves to adhere to the choice made for them, no new Call shall be necessary, but, previous to his becoming a member of the Presbytery or of the Synod of this church, he shall be required to be Inducted by the Presbytery of the bounds, as Minister of the said Congregation, according to the rules for the Ordination and Induction of Ministers.

The Synod, having had their attention called to the subject of Sabbath Observance, agreed to express their regret of the failure in Parliament, of the measure for relieving the servants of the Public, from Sabbath labour, agree to declare anew their determination to use every effort to promote the better observance of the Sabbath, and renew their injunction to Ministers, to urge the observance of the Fourth Commandment, on their people; and, further, the Synod recommend the Congregations under their care, anew to petition Parliament for the abolition of all Sabbath desecration, in the various departments of the Government.

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### MINUTES OF SYNOD, KINGSTON, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1853. 31

Presbyteries were again enjoined, in terms of the minute of last year, without delay, to take such steps for securing the public property of the Church, within their bounds, as may be considered necessary.

Several of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners being present, the thanks of the Synod were publicly given to them, by the Moderator, for the ability, faithfulness, and diligence with which they have managed their important trust, for the benefit of the Church.

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in, and read, showing the amount paid in, towards the expenses of the Synod, and by what congregations. Accounts were directed to be paid; and all arrears due to the Fund, were ordered to be remitted to the Treasurer, without delay. On the suggestion of the Committee, the Synod agreed to recommend "that in all cases, the contribution from a congregation, with a settled Minister, be not less than One Pound, Currency; and that the sum of One Pound, Currency, be added to the amount assessed, on each Presbytery, for every congregation with a settled Minister, additional to the number of such congregations, when the present rate of minimum assessment was made." And, further, the Synod, finding from the Report of the Committee, that but few of the Ministers have paid the separate contribution, towards the expense of printing the older Records of the Synod, agreed to call their attention again to this important matter.

The Synod, having had their attention called to the circumstance, in connection with the Report of their Deputation to Scotland, to procure an additional number of Preachers, that several Ministers and Licentiates had been sent out to this country, from Scotland, during the past year, agreed to embrace the present opportunity, to express the feelings of deep gratitude they entertain towards the Church of Scotland, for the affectionate interest she has always taken in the well-being of the Church, in this Province,—for the exertions made by the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, in regard to procuring and sending out Preachers,—and for their liberality in pecuniary grants for various purposes connected with the Church;—and at the same time, earnestly to request that there may be a continuance of the same.

The Synod appointed Mr. Alexander Spence, *Moderator*, and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Clerk of Synod*;—and from the *Presbytery of Kingston*, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Professor Williamson, Professor Smith, *Ministers*; Mr. William Ferguson, Mr. George Davidson, *Elders*. From the *Presbytery of Toronto*, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. John Campbell, *Ministers*; Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. John Cameron, *Elders*;—from the *Presbytery of Montreal*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. James C. Muir, Dr. John Cook, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. Thomas Haig, *Ministers*; Mr. John Smith, Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Thomas A. Gibson, *Elders*;—from the *Presbytery of Glengary*, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Ur-

quhart, Mr. John McLaurin, *Ministers*; Hon. John McGillivray, Mr. James Pringle, Mr. Charles P. Treadwell, *Elders*;—*from the Presbytery of Hamilton*, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. George Bell, Mr. John B. Mowatt, Mr. George McDonell, Mr. Kenneth McLennan, *Ministers*; Mr. A. D. For-  
 dyce, Mr. John Brown, Hon. James Crooks, *Elders*;—*and from the Presbytery of Bathurst*, Mr. William Bell, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. John Whyte, *Ministers*; Mr. Robert Bell, Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. George Malloch, *Elders*;—**TO BE COMMISSIONERS** of this Synod, to the effect after mentioned; with power to the said Commissioners, or their quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Five of the said Commissioners, whereof Three are always to be **Ministers**, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on Wednesday, the 5th day of October, at 12 o'clock, noon; and in St. Andrew's Church, at Montreal, on Wednesday, the first day of February, being the day appointed for the meeting of the Montreal Presbytery; and oftener, when and where they shall think fit and convenient. And the Synod fully empower their said Commissioners, or their quorum above-mentioned, to transact all business referred to them by the Synod, and to determine in the same as they shall see cause,—also to attend to such emergent cases as may require immediate action on the part of the Church,—and to watch over the general interests of the Church, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent: Further, the said Commission is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Presbyteries, and ripen such affairs for next Synod,—and to give all needful advice to Presbyteries, upon application to them for that end: And in all their actings they shall proceed according to the Laws of the Church, and they shall be accountable for the same to next meeting of Synod. And this Commission is to continue until the next meeting of Synod; and members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission: And such members of the Presbytery within whose bounds the Commission meets, as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to attend,—and other Presbyteries are to take care that at least two of their members, who are named on the Commission, shall attend.

It was unanimously agreed, that the thanks of the Synod, be given to Dr. Machar, and the members and friends of his congregation, for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of the Synod, on this occasion.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Toronto, on the last Wednesday in May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Years, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod; when, after prayer, and singing the last half of the CXXII Psalm, the Synod was closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

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**MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS,  
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- 1852.—August 5. Mr. John Campbell, A.M., Student of Divinity of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Kingston.
- August 25.—Mr. William Johnson, A.M., Student of Divinity of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Kingston.
- September 9.—Mr. Robert Dobie, Preacher, a Missionary from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of Church of Scotland, for the Presbytery of Montreal, arrived from Scotland.
- September 8.—Rev. William King's demission of his Pastoral Charge at Nelson, on account of ill health, accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- September 8.—Rev. George McClatchey's demission of his Pastoral Charge at Clinton and Grimsby, on account of ill health, accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- September 29.—Mr. Frederick P. Sim, Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Woodstock and Norwich, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- October 16.—The Rev. Isaac Purkis, Minister of Osnabruck, in the Presbytery of Glengary, died.
- October 21.—The Rev. Andrew Bell, formerly of Dundas and Ancaster, inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation at L'Orignal and Plantagenet, by the Presbytery of Glengary.
- November 16.—Mr. William Johnson, A.M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Saltfleet and Binbrook, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- November 17.—The Rev. George McDonnell, A.M., inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Nelson, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- 1853.—February 2. The Rev. Thomas Morrison, Missionary for the Presbytery of Montreal, arrived.

1853.—March 8.—Mr. Kenneth McLennan, A.M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation at Dundas and Ancaster.

March 10.—Mr. Thomas Morrison, Preacher of the Gospel, from Scotland, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation at Melbourne.

May 4.—The Rev. Archibald H. Milligan, an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, arrived, as a Missionary, for the Presbytery of Montreal.

May 11.—The Rev. Robert Burnett, an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, and Missionary from the Colonial Committee, received by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

May 11.—The Rev. John Skinner, D.D., lately of the (Old School) Presbyterian Church in the United States, engaged as Missionary by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

June 8.—Mr. John Campbell, A.M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Nottawasaga, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

June 30.—The Rev. Archibald H. Milligan, inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation at Norvaltown, County of Beauharnois, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

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