

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

SESSION XXVII.  
HELD AT MONTREAL, 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY,  
1855.



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**The Commission of Synod**

Meets at Kingston, in St. Andrew's Church, on the First Wednesday in October, 1855.

**The Next Meeting of Synod**

Will be held at Kingston on the last Wednesday in May, 1856.



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

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

MAY, 1855.

REV. ALEXANDER MACKID, GODERICH, *Moderator.*

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

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

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

**3. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.**—*Clerk, REV. J. B. MOWAT, A. M., Niagara.*

*Meets at Hamilton on the Second Wednesday in January, May and September.*

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PREBYTERY OF HAMILTON—Continued.

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<i>Chatham</i> . . . . .	John Robb	
<i>Woodstock and Norwich</i> . . . . .	Frederick P. Sim . . . . .	Donald McTaggart.
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<i>London</i> . . . . .	John Skinner, D. D. . . . .	Donald McNaughton.
<i>Hamilton</i> . . . . .	Robert Burnet . . . . .	James D. Pringle.
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William King,  
George McClatchey, } Retired Ministers.

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

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<i>South Gower</i> . . . . .	Joseph Anderson, A. M. . . . .	
<i>Pakenham</i> . . . . .	Alexander Mann, A. M. . . . .	Hugh Dickson.
<i>Kitley</i> . . . . .	David Evans . . . . .	William Smith.
<i>Lanark</i> . . . . .	Thomas Fraser . . . . .	Robert Mason.
<i>Perth, St. Andrews</i> . . . . .	William Bain, A. M. . . . .	John McIntyre.
<i>Ramsay</i> . . . . .	John McMorine . . . . .	Robert Bell.
<i>Bytown</i> . . . . .	Alexander Spence . . . . .	Hon. Thomas McKay.
<i>Smith's Falls</i> . . . . .	Solomon Mylne . . . . .	Robert Graham.
<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> . . . . .	Peter Lindsay . . . . .	
<i>Litchfield</i> . . . . .	John Lindsay . . . . .	
<i>Cumberland and Buckingham</i> . . . . .		
<i>Huntley</i> . . . . .		

James Sinclair, Ordained Missionary.

5. PREBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—Clerk, REV. PROF. GEO. WEIR, A. M., Kingston.

Meets at Kingston on the First Wednesday of every month.

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

## 6. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Clerk, REV. J. BARCLAY, D. D., Toronto.

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

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Pickering.....	Peter McNaughton, A. M.	John Madill.
Esquesing and Milton...	Peter Ferguson .....	Duncan Campbell.
King.....	John Tawse, A. M.	
Chinguacousy.....	Thomas Johnson.	
Mono.....	Alexander Lewis.	
Eldon.....	John McMurchy.	
Toronto.....	John Barclay, D. D.....	Hon. Judge McLean.
Gwillimsbury West.....	Alexander Ross.	
Clarke and Hope.....	Samuel Porter.....	Alexander Bradley.
Hornby.....	William Barr.....	David Forrest.
Nottawasaga.....	John Campbell, A. M.	
Thorah.....	David Watson, A. M.	
Darlington.....	John H. McKerras, A. M.	Alex. Colville.
Mulmur .....	Archibald Colquhoun....	James Aberdeen.
Scott and Uxbridge.....	William Cleland.....	Henry Madill.
Newmarket.....	John Brown.....	Jacob Wells.
Markham.....	James Gordon, A. M.....	James Daniels.
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,

Begun at Montreal, the 30th day of May, and concluded on the 6th day  
of June, 1855 years.

SESSION XXVII.

DIET I.

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

The which day, after sermon by the Rev. Dr. Williamson, of Queen's College, Kingston, Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from 1 Cor. iii. 7,—“So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase,”—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, Dr. James Williamson, *Moderator*; Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. William Mair, Mr. James Anderson, Mr. James C. Muir, Dr. John Cook, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Merlin, Dr. Robert McGill, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. James T. Paul, Mr. Thomas Haig, Mr. John McDonald, Mr. Duncan Anderson, Mr. George D. Ferguson, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Aeneas McLean, Mr. Donald Monro, Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Robert Dobie, Mr. Alexander Mackid, Mr. Colin Gregor, Mr. George Beil, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. Hamilton Gibson, Mr. John Robb, Mr. Frederick P. Sim, Mr. Kenneth McLennan, Dr. John Skinner, Mr. Robert Burnet, Mr. James McEwen, Mr. George Macdonnell, Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. John Whyte, Mr. Duncan Morrison, Mr. George Thomson, Mr. Peter Lindsay, Mr. John Lindsay, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. Archibald Walker, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. Alexander Lewis, Mr. John McMurchy, Dr. John Barclay, Mr. David Watson, Mr. John Hugh



McKerras, Mr. William Cleland, Mr. James Gordon, and Mr. James Bain, *Ministers* :—together with Mr. Alexander Morris, Mr. Robert Robertson, Mr. Hew Ramsay, Dr. Donald Livingston, Mr. John McLennan, Mr. James Croil, Mr. George Malloch, Mr. John Mowat, and Mr. George Neilson, *Elders*.

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

Dr. Mathieson having specially called the attention of the Synod to the circumstance that no less than five Ministers of this Church have, in the Providence of God, since last annual meeting of this Synod, been called away by death, viz. :—the Rev. Hugh Mair, D.D., of Fergus; the Rev. Duncan Moody, of Dundee; the Rev. Archibald H. Milligan, of Norvaltown; the Rev. John McLaurin, of Martintown; and the Rev. John Mackenzie, of Williamstown,—the Synod engaged in solemn prayer, Mr. Urquhart, at the desire of the Moderator, leading in the exercise. It was then agreed, on motion of Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Mann, that the Synod record the following expression of their sentiments and profound sorrow on this occasion :—

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

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

And further, the Synod instruct their Moderator to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, in reference to the

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Churches made vacant by the lamented death of these brethren, and set forth in the strongest light the sad spiritual destitution of their vacant congregations in general, and more especially of that portion of them requiring Gaelic.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Synod Records, and report on them, viz. :—Dr. Barclay, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Morris.

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

The Synod next proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in room of the Hon. John Hamilton and William Edmonstone, Esq., who retire from office at this time, according to the Regulations of the Synod, of 1848, when the Hon. John Hamilton and William Edmonstone, Esq., 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.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, with instructions to meet this afternoon, at four 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. McGill, Mr. Haig, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McPherson, Mr. George Bell, Mr. J. B. Mowat, Mr. J. McEwan, Mr. William Bain, Mr. Mann, Mr. Spence, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Neill, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Barclay, Mr. McKerras, Mr. James Bain, *Ministers*; and Mr. Morris and Mr. John McLennan, *Elders*.

Presbytery Records were ordered to be laid upon the Table for examination as soon as convenient.

Leave was given to Presbyteries to meet in Montreal for all competent business, during the meeting of 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 continue in Session till Five o'clock, P. M., with an interval of an hour between One and Two,—meeting

in the evening, when considered necessary:—And it was further agreed that the first part of each morning's Sederunt be devoted to devotional exercises.

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

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

#### EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

##### *Of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.*

Since the presentation of the last Report the Managers, in common with the whole Church, have to deplore the deaths, in rapid

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

In their Report dated 8th March last, the Managers stated that the amount at the credit of the Fund formed from Ministers' Contributions was..... £1365 0 0

And at the credit of the fund formed from Congregational Collections,..... 1765 8 5

Since then there has been received a payment from the Ministers, amounting to..... 120 0 0

Nearly a like amount from the same source will be available on the 1st July next,—say..... 120 0 0

Up to this date there have been received on account of Congregational Collections..... 286 18 8

And it is probable that there will yet be received on that account..... 49 10 0

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

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The proportions of this total amount applicable to the two Funds will be :—

Ministers' Contributions.....£1547 17 4

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

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

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

Montreal, 30th May, 1855.

The Synod having heard the same, it was unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Managers for the care, prudence, and disinterested zeal with which they have managed the Fund intrusted to their care.

The Synod instructed the Committee of Bills and Overtures to meet at Nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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

DIET II.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—  
Thursday, the Thirty First Day of May, One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five  
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. George Bell conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt as before, &c.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in room of the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Alexander Simpson, Esq., and Hew Ramsay, Esq., who retire from office at this time, in conformity with

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the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, when the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and Hew Ramsay, Esq., were re-elected, and Alexander Morris, Esq., was elected in room of Mr. Simpson, he being absent in Britain, and their names were directed to be placed at the head of the lists of Ministers and Laymen respectively composing the Board. The Synod also elected Archibald Ferguson, Esq., in room of William Whiteford, Esq., who has left the Province, and directed his name to be inserted in that part of the list of Managers formerly occupied by the name of Mr. Whiteford.

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

The Synod 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. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Dr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Robb, Mr. Burnet, Mr. Mann, Mr. McMorine, Mr. Spence, Dr. Machar, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. McKerras.

The Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the Records of Presbyteries, and report on them, viz.: Mr. Mann, Mr. Neill, and Mr. Malloch, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal; Mr. George McDonnell, Mr. Haig, and Mr. Ramsay, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary; Mr. McKerras, Mr. McMorine, and Dr. Livingston, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton; Mr. Burnet, Mr. McMurchy, and Mr. Morris, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst; Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. Dobie, and Mr. Robertson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston; Mr. Muir, Mr. McPherson, and Mr. Croil, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Objection having been taken by Mr. Whyte to the validity of Mr. George Malloch's election as a Representative Elder in the Presbytery of Bathurst, it was moved by Mr. John Mowat, seconded by Dr. Williamson, that "the Synod sustain the election of Mr. George Malloch as Representative Elder from the Session of Brockville." It was also moved in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Burnet, "That inasmuch as the rules for the election of Elders had not been observed in the election of an Elder, in the case of Brockville, and inasmuch as there are many points involved in the



consideration of this case, that complicate a question that will come up for the decision of this Synod, that the Commission of Mr. Malloch be rejected as irregularly given." The Roll having been called, and the votes marked, the motion was carried by a majority of votes, and the Synod accordingly sustained the election of Mr. Malloch.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Dr. Mathieson, to the effect that the Synod would appoint a Committee to enquire into the condition of the fixed property of the Church, such as glebes, town lots, lots for building churches and school houses, and for burial grounds, and report concerning the tenures by which glebes or lots are held, and how far the Trustees by whom these glebes or lots are held in trust for Congregations have implemented the duties of their office." After lengthened deliberation, it was resolved, That the Synod appoint the following Committee to enquire into the condition of the public property of the Church, to correspond with Presbyteries, with Legal Agents, and others, and to take such action as may be expedient for the preservation of that part that may be in jeopardy, or recovering such as may be illegally in possession of others, viz. : *Central Committee in Montreal* :—Alexander Morris, Esq., *Convener* ; Hew Ramsay, Esq., William Edmonstone, Esq., John Greenshields, Esq.; *Corresponding Members* ; John Thompson, Esq., Quebec ; J. F. Pringle, Esq., Cornwall ; George Malloch, Esq., Brockville ; John G. Malloch, Esq., Perth ; Alexander Campbell, Esq., Kingston ; John Bell, Esq., Belleville ; John Cameron, Esq., Toronto ; John Young, Esq., and J. D. Pringle, Esq., Hamilton.

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

### DIET III.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—  
Friday, the First Day of June, One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five 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. Kenneth McLennan conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt as before, &c.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to draft an Address to Her Majesty the Queen: Dr. Skinner, Mr. Robb, and Mr. Morris; and the following to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, viz.: Dr. Barciay, Mr. William Bain, and Mr. George Bell.

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

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Memorial from the Congregation of Westminster to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, for aid in erecting a Church for their use and benefit, together with an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Hamilton, approving of the same. The Synod, having heard from members of the Presbytery all the circumstances of the case, agreed to sanction the application, and instructed their Clerk to transmit the same to the Colonial Committee as soon as a satisfactory Title Deed for the property, in conformity with the Model Deed of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, shall be produced to the Presbytery, and a properly authenticated copy of the same furnished to him, to be transmitted to Scotland.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Hamilton, to the effect that the Presbytery had agreed to bring before the Synod the claims of the Congregation of London upon the Church generally,

for aid in liquidating the debt incurred in carrying on the Chancery suit lately terminated, together with a number of documents connected with the said case. The Synod appointed the following Committee to consider and report on the same to the Synod, viz.: Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Malloch, together with the Moderator.

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

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte, against the name of Mr. George Malloch, Elder, being entered upon the Sederunt of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date 26th July, 1854; also Mr. Whyte's reasons of Protest and Complaint, and the Presbytery's answers to the same. The said papers were read, and Mr. Whyte and several members of the Presbytery of Bathurst were heard.

It was then moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Dr. Barclay, "That the Synod sustain the protest and complaint of Mr. Whyte, in respect of their being no election of Judge Malloch as Representative Elder for the Session of Brockville for the Synodical year then current, and declare that Judge Malloch was not a member of the Presbytery at the time referred to in said Protest: nevertheless, in the circumstances of the case, the Synod declare that their decision on this point shall not be held to affect the validity of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Bathurst in case of Mr. Whyte."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. George Bell, seconded by Mr. John Mowat, "That the reasons of appeal not being sufficient to unfit Judge Malloch for sitting in the Presbytery of Bathurst as a constituent member thereof, the appeal be dismissed."

It was then moved in amendment by Dr. Williamson, seconded by K. McLennan, "That Mr. Whyte's second reason of appeal be sustained, that the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th reasons be not sustained, that whereas the Presbyteries and Synod of this Church are composed of a Minister and Elder of due standing from each congregation, and the enactment of this Synod provides that the re-election of the Elder

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may take place at any time within two months, Mr. Malloch was entitled to his seat in the Superior Church Courts until the expiration of the two months from the rising of the Synod held in June, 1854, a successor not having been elected in the meantime, and that, although from various causes no election of an Elder to represent the Kirk Session of Brockville in the Presbytery took place within the two months specified in the Law of the Church, the Synod do not consider that Mr. Malloch's sitting as a member for that Kirk Session thereafter vitiated its proceedings or affects the essential merits of the question in Mr. Whyte's case."

It was also moved in amendment by Dr. McGill, seconded by Mr. John Davidson, "That the Synod reject the first reason of appeal and complaint; and they do now decide that the proper and right interpretation of the law of this Church, respecting the election of Elders, is, that the Elder elected within the two months after the meeting of Synod shall continue in office one full year after the date of his election, and that the law contemplated a re-election, or a new election, within the close of the year."

After due consideration, the vote was taken on the amendments of Dr. Williamson and Dr. McGill, when Dr. McGill's having been carried by a majority of votes, that of Dr. Williamson was declared to be lost.

The vote was then taken on the amendment of Mr. George Bell and that of Dr. McGill, when the votes being equal, the Moderator gave his casting vote for Dr. McGill's, and Mr. Bell's was declared to be lost.

The vote was next taken on Dr. McGill's amendment and Mr. Burnet's motion, when the votes being equal, the Moderator gave his casting vote for Mr. Burnet's motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried, and the Synod decerned in terms thereof.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Appeal, by Mr. John Whyte, against a sentence of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date 27th September, 1854, finding the libel against him, as remitted to the Presbytery by the Synod, last year, proven,—suspending him, *sine die*, from the exercise of the functions of the Holy Ministry, and dissolving the pastoral connection between him and the Congregation of Brockville; also, Mr. Whyte's reasons of appeal, and the Presbytery's answers to the same. The said papers were read. The Synod also had read the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst, in regard to the whole pro-

ceedings, and then entered upon the reading of the Minutes of Evidence taken by the Presbytery.

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

DIET IV.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—  
Saturday, the Second Day of June, One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Fifty Five 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. George D. Ferguson conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt as before, &c.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

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

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

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

Mr. Whyte was then heard in reply.

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

DIET V.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—  
Monday, the Fourth Day of June, One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five 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 Scripture and prayer.

Sederunt as before, &c.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

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

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

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

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

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DIET VI.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—  
Tuesday, the Fifth Day of June, One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five 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. Peter Lindsay conducted the religious exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scripture and prayer.

Sederunt as before, &c.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.



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

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The Synod resumed consideration of the case of Mr. Whyte's Protest and Appeal against the sentence of the Presbytery of Bathurst, when, after mature deliberation, it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Muir, "That the Appeal be dismissed, and that the sentence of the Presbytery be sustained, but that Mr. Whyte be instructed that, on satisfactory evidence of repentance, and of Christian temper in the conjugal relation, the Synod will be prepared to remove the suspension."

It was then moved in amendment by Dr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, "That the Synod sustain the Appeal, on the ground of the undue severity of the sentence pronounced, remove suspension, dissolve the relation of Mr. Whyte to the Church of Brockville, on the ground that, by reason of the indiscretion of both parties, his Ministerial usefulness in Brockville is at an end, and admonish them respectively to cultivate the things that make for peace."

It was next moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Burnet, "That the Synod, from the nature of the evidence in this case as it has come up from the Presbytery of Bathurst, are not in a position to come to a fair and equitable decision on the particular counts of the libel submitted for probation, and as it seems probable that it may be impossible to arrive at a satisfactory decision unless the libel with the evidence in probation of it be printed for the use of the Ministers, and, inasmuch as extracts of said evidence have been refused to the Appellant, the Synod sustain the appeal, and dismiss the case *ad hunc*. But inasmuch as there is sufficient evidence now before the Court, both in the general tenor of the Record, and in the manifest unsuitableness of the dispositions and feelings both of Mr. Whyte and many of the members of the congregation of Brockville towards each other, and also proving the general charge of Ministerial misconduct on the part of Mr. Whyte, and a spirit and temper unbecoming the character of a Minister of the Gospel, which if unchecked would be subversive of religion, and injurious to the interests of this Church, the Synod, in full view of the evidence confirming the general charge in the libel, find Mr. Whyte guilty of frequently acting towards his wife in a way inconsistent with the duties and happiness of those united in the marriage bond, and also of separating himself from his wife, as libelled, subjecting himself to the censures of the Church, and the Synod find him to be liable to such punishment as the nature of the

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offence and the laws of the Church demand; and further, in accordance with this finding, the Synod, with a view to mark their abhorrence of the offence charged and of which Mr. Whyte has been found guilty, dissolve the pastoral connection subsisting between Mr. Whyte and the Congregation of Brockville and declare the Church vacant, and, further, suspend Mr. Whyte from his Ministerial functions, aye, and until he give satisfactory proof of genuine repentance."

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

The vote was then taken on the Amendments of Mr. Bain and Dr. Mathieson, when Mr. Bain's having been carried by a large majority, that of Dr. Mathieson was declared to be lost.

The vote was then taken on the Amendments of Mr. Bain and Dr. Skinner, when Mr. Bain's having been carried by a majority of votes, Dr. Skinner's was declared to be lost.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Bain's Amendment and Dr. Cook's Motion, when Mr. Bain's, (the last,) was carried by a majority of votes, and the Synod decerned in terms thereof.

It was then moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Robb, and unanimously agreed to, "That although Mr. Whyte, being both loosed from the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Brockville, and by suspension *sine die* rendered incapable of any Ministerial duty, has forfeited his claim to the provision from the Clergy Reserves Fund; yet, inasmuch as the Synod, desirous to temper judgment with mercy, has left a door open for his repentance and restoration, the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be requested to continue his Allowance till the next meeting of Synod."

Mr. Whyte being then called, the sentence of the Synod, suspending him from the functions of the Holy Ministry, and dissolving the pastoral relations between him and the Church at Brockville, was judicially intimated to him by the Moderator, as also the request of the Synod to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to continue his allowance till next meeting of Synod.

It was further agreed that, on the death of a Minister, his widow shall be entitled to the Stipend from the Fund for the whole of the half year upon which he had entered at the time of his death ; but that this arrangement shall be considered, in the meantime, as only a temporary one, subject to be modified at next meeting of Synod.

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

The Synod called for the report of the Committee appointed to consider and report upon the application of the Congregation of London for aid from the Church generally, in liquidating the debt incurred in carrying on the Chancery suit, in regard to their Church, lately terminated, which was given in and read. The Synod, having considered the same, agreed to the following deliverance, viz :—The Synod, protesting against the decision of the Court of Chancery in the suit instituted by certain members of the Congregation of London for the recovery of the Church there, erected by members of the Church of Scotland upon property, which, by a minute of the Executive Council was vested in that Church, and which had been subsequently by Patent, (notwithstanding the said Order in Council) conveyed to the seceding portion of the Congregation, and declaring that the said property, in justice and equity, is the property of the Church of Scotland, authorize the Rev. John Skinner, D. D. to take such legal advice as he may see fit in the matter, and direct him to be guided by such advice in counselling the persons acting as parties on behalf of this Church, as to such ulterior measures of appeal or otherwise as may be requisite, and, further, authorize the said Rev. John Skinner, D. D., to apply to the members of the Church in this Province for their countenance and pecuniary support, hereby commending him to their sympathy, in order that the Congregation of London may be enabled to defray the expences already incurred or which may be incurred in arriving at such a termination of the matter in dispute as Counsel may, in the circumstances, advise ; the Synod declaring and being persuaded that the rights of the said Congregation of London, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to said property are clear and just ; and the Synod further recommend the case of the people of the London Congregation, to the consideration of the Colonial Committee for aid, in the event of the said Congregation deciding on erecting a suitable Church for their accommodation, on such site as may be at their disposal.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Dr Cook, anent the re-organization of the Presbytery of Quebec, and the same having been read and

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agreed to, the Synod do hereby re-organize the Presbytery of Quebec, adding Three Rivers to the former territorial limits of that Presbytery, and appoint the first meeting to take place in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, on the First Wednesday of October next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon,—with the understanding that the members of the said Presbytery, so to be constituted, shall remain constituent members of the Presbytery of Montreal until the said meeting shall take place;—and the Synod instruct their Clerk to inscribe an extract of this minute in the Record Book of the Presbytery of Quebec.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Dr. Mathieson, anent the necessity for a declaratory enactment, in reference to their Act of 1845, in order to produce greater uniformity in the manner of electing Representative Elders, the time for returning their Commissions, and laying them before the Presbyteries, and the term during which they should legally hold office. The same having been read and considered, it was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that "The Synod, in order to produce uniformity in the election of Representative Elders, and remove doubts respecting the time for returning them, declare, in reference to their Act of 1845, that the Synodical year shall terminate at the rising of the Annual Ordinary Meeting of Synod:—and the Synod enjoin all Kirk Sessions to elect their respective Representative Elders with all convenient speed after the rising of the Synod, and give in their Commissions to the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries, within two months at farthest from the rising of the Synod, to be by them laid before the *first* meeting of Presbytery occurring after the receipt of such commissions, and, in case of neglect or irregularity in this matter, Presbyteries are enjoined to take order and enquire, at their first meeting after the expiry of the two months, into the causes of such neglect or irregularity, and provide such a remedy as, in their wisdom, and in accordance with the laws of the Church, may seem meet; and the Synod further instruct their Clerk to furnish Kirk Sessions with printed forms of Elders' Commissions."

It was then moved in amendment by Dr. Machar, seconded by Mr. Muir, that "Whereas it is necessary to define the term of office of Representative Elders, the Synod enact that all Representative Elders elected in conformity with the laws of this Church, shall hold office from the period of their election until two months shall have elapsed, after the rising of the Annual Meeting of the Synod, unless within such two months, such Elder shall be re-elected, or a successor shall be appointed."

The Roll having been called, and the votes marked, Dr. Mathieson's motion (the first) was carried by a majority of votes, and the Synod decerned in terms thereof.

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Bathurst, referring to the Synod, the case of the Rev. James Sinclair, an ordained missionary, originally from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, who had applied to be admitted into this Church, and was temporarily labouring as a missionary at Huntly, within the bounds of the Bathurst Presbytery,—also, Mr. Sinclair's reasons, in writing, for desiring to join this Church,—and a petition from the Congregation of North and South Huntly praying the Presbytery to continue Mr. Sinclair's Missionary services among them, and expressing a strong desire to have him settled as their Pastor, as soon as the laws of the Church would permit. The said papers having been read, the Synod directed Mr. Sinclair to appear before the Examining Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Overture anent appointing deputations of members of this Synod to meet with the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick at their approaching meetings, which was given in and read by Mr. Morris, strongly recommending the proposed measure and making divers suggestions as to the carrying out of the same. After due deliberation, it was resolved, that, the Synod,—deeply impressed with the great desirableness of closer brotherly and Christian fellowship between this Synod and the other Synods, in the Lower Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and convinced of the great advantages which would result from occasional mutual counsel and encouragement, in the way of furthering the cause of Christ in these lands, in which this Synod and those other Synods are engaged, as well as drawing closer the feelings of union between these different branches of the Church of their Fathers on this Continent,—appoint the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D. D., and the Rev. Professor George, to be correspondent members and delegates from this Synod to the Synod of Nova Scotia, which is to meet at Halifax on Tuesday, the 3rd day of July next,—and the Rev. Robert McGill, D. D., and the Rev. Professor Weir, to be correspondent members and delegates from this Synod to the Synod of New Brunswick, which is to meet at St. John's on Thursday, the 16th day of August next, and in the event of any of the above named delegates being unable to attend to this duty, then the Synod also appoint the Rev. Alexander McKid, and the Rev. Andrew Bell, to be alternate correspondent members and delegates from this Synod to either of the aforesaid Synods, in their room, in such way as may be most conveniently arranged amongst themselves:—and the Synod Clerk or Moderator

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is hereby authorized to issue, in the name of the Synod, commissions to the above named correspondent members,—and the Synod, with all affection and sympathy, invite the aforesaid Synods respectively to receive with brotherly kindness the said correspondent members, and to appoint, on their part, correspondent members to attend the next annual meeting of this Synod; and, further, the Synod instruct their delegates, with the sanction of the respective Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, to spend such time as may be at their command in visiting the congregations, and stirring up a greater degree of fraternal feeling and Christian sympathy:—and the Synod consider it desirable that a continuance of this interchange of deputations may be kept in view, and they trust that members of the Church throughout the Province, who are friendly to this measure may make such special contributions to the Synod Fund as may enable that Fund to meet the expenses of the deputations.

The Committee appointed to prepare a draft of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, presented the same, which having been read, the further consideration of it, was deferred until to-morrow.

Dr. Cook certified to the Synod, on behalf of the Examining Committee, that the Rev. James Sinclair had appeared before them, and had been examined, and that they were satisfied with him, and recommended him to be received as a Minister of this Church. The Synod, having heard this Report, agreed to receive and approve the same, and instructed the Presbytery of Bathurst to proceed in the case of Mr. Sinclair 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 congregations as may appear to the Presbytery to be desirable and necessary.

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

DIET VII.

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

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



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

Sederunt as before, &c.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to draw up such a scheme for the order and arrangement of the public business, as shall tend to facilitate the same in future meetings of the Synod, viz: Dr. Mathieson, Dr. McGill, and Mr. Morris,—and, in the meantime, the Synod strictly enjoin the Conveners of all Synodical Committees, Chairmen of Boards of Trustees or Managers, Clerks of Presbyteries and others in charge of the business of the Church, to be prepared, to submit to the Synod all Reports, Returns, Statements, References, Overtures, Appeals, &c., &c., on the first day of the meeting of Synod.

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

*Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

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

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

In view of the emigration to this country, of multitudes who have been accustomed to a public provision for the maintenance of the ordinances of religion, it is much to be deplored that the only provision of a public kind for the support of religion, existing in this Province has lately been swept away by Legislative enactment,—and this is all the more to be deplored, considering the scanty and scattered state of the population in the newly settled parts of the

country, and the difficulties with which emigrants have always to struggle for many years after their settlement,—difficulties which, to a great degree disable them from supporting the public ordinances of religion for themselves, while at the same time their families are growing up, and having their characters moulded by the circumstances in which they are placed. It is true that the individual rights of the majority of our Ministers have been respected, though those of others have been disregarded; and in availing ourselves of the authority to commute our interests, given by the enactment in question, we shall endeavor, in a spirit of self-denial, to place the matter in such a position, as that the blow may fall more lightly than it would otherwise have done. Yet, we cannot but regard the measure of alienation, as much to be deplored in every point of view.

We would avail ourselves of this renewed opportunity of tendering our heartfelt sympathy with Your Majesty, in the righteous contest in which Your Majesty's forces are engaged, and into which Your Majesty and your Imperial Ally of France have been forced for the purpose of vindicating the rights of the injured, and maintaining the great principles of equity and justice. Our earnest prayer is, that the God of Battles may be with our country, defending the right, and that as the result of the present warfare, an honorable and lasting peace may be, in due time, brought about.

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

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

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

ALEXANDER MACKID,

*Moderator.*

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, embrace the opportunity of our being assembled in Annual Synod, to offer our congratulations to Your Excellency on your assuming the Government of British North America, and to express our best wishes for your personal and domestic happiness.

In the exercise of your administrative functions, in the high office entrusted to you by Her Most Gracious Majesty, it must be matter of gratification to your Excellency, as it is to us cause of thankfulness to God, that so large a measure of material prosperity should prevail in this portion of the Queen's dominions and that the blessings of peace and plenty should, under the Divine favour, be so abundantly vouchsafed to this dependency of the British Crown.

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

Provision for the support and extension of religious ordinances must ever be a matter of deep interest to every truly patriotic and Christian heart, and, as Office-bearers of a Church which has ever sought to inculcate loyalty to their earthly Sovereign, and obedience to Him by whom kings reign, and princes decree justice, we cannot be indifferent to whatever affects the support and extension of true religion in this land. Whilst thankful that the individual rights of the majority of the Ministers of this Church have been respected in the recent legislation on the Clergy Reserves, we cannot conceal from Your Excellency, our deep regret that the public provision for the maintenance of a preached Gospel, should have been alienated from that object to which it had been solemnly devoted. In order that this blow may fall as lightly as possible upon the general interests of religion, and more especially of the Church of which we are Office-bearers, we desire to avail ourselves of the permission to commute the reserved claims as provided for in the recent Statute to which the Royal Assent has been lately given, it being the desire of those of our number whose pecuniary interests are involved therein, to constitute a fund towards the maintenance and extension of religious ordinances in connection with the Church of Scotland in this Province.



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

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

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

ALEXANDER MACKID,  
*Moderator.*

The Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. Cook, and John Thompson, Esq., of Quebec, together with such other members of the Synod as can conveniently join with them, to be a Deputation 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 had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Congregation at Beech Ridge and Overtures, an application from the Congregation at Beech Ridge to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, for aid in repairing or rebuilding their Church, together with an extract minute of the Presbytery of Montreal, recommending the same. The Synod agreed to sanction the said application, and instructed the Presbytery of Montreal to forward it to the Colonial Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to conduct the French Mission in Canada East, which was given in and read by Dr. McGill. An abstract follows:—Mons. T. J. Charbonell is the only missionary at present employed by the Committee, although Mr. Baridon, formerly an Agent of the Committee, had rendered some services during the past year, and had been paid for the same. Mr. Charbonell chiefly distributes his labours amongst various stations in and around the Township of Milton, C. E.,—and since last report to the Synod, he is described as having "prosecuted the objects of his mission with devotedness and diligence." After alluding to certain difficulties and afflictions suffered by him, the Report goes on to say: "He is prosecuting his labours with sted-

fastness and perseverance amidst all the difficulties by which he is surrounded. Your Committee declare their growing conviction that Mr. C. will discharge the duties of his office to the satisfaction of those who are appointed to watch over him, and so as to draw the full support and confidence of the Synod. Mr. Charbonell has been instructed to present to the Committee monthly reports of his labours and progress. From these it appears that a very considerable number of the French Canadians in the vicinity of Milton have been formed into a Church, and receive at his hands the ministration of sacred ordinances. In his missionary visitations among the Canadians scattered throughout that locality he generally meets with a cordial welcome. His practice is to read the Holy Scriptures, to expound Christian doctrine in a familiar way, and to pray with those families and little assemblies; and he is encouraged by the hope that the good seed which he is scattering upon the ground is not lost, but will spring up on another day. Your Committee do all in their power to encourage him; and, to relieve his necessities during the past year, they gave him a donation of £10, to enable him more easily to meet the increased expenses, which the severe afflictions in his family occasioned."—The Report then goes on to state that the Committee have had brought under their notice the names of two persons, one of them formerly a Roman Catholic priest, who have been recommended to them to be employed in the work of the French Mission. "The Committee have not come to any decision on these proposals, first, because they are not sufficiently informed concerning the character and qualifications of the persons recommended; and, secondly, because unless the income of the mission be greatly increased, they could not venture upon the increased expenditure which the employment of two additional agents would create. But the Committee are unanimous in the conviction that the most effectual way to carry on the mission would be to procure, from France or Geneva, a minister of character and attainments, who might be qualified to gain a high position in the Cities of Montreal and Quebec, and to avail himself of the opportunity now understood to be presented by remarkable changes in the opinions and movements of large bodies of French Canadians. The Committee earnestly recommend this matter to the consideration of the Synod."—A portion of the Report is occupied with statements in regard to the property connected with the mission, belonging to the Synod, and the various financial matters of the mission. The property consists, 1st, of the house in Dorchester Street, Montreal, formerly used as a small Church for the French adherents of the Church of Scotland, and which now brings a rental of £20. 2nd, the Church at Sorel. And 3rd, a sum of money collected for the building of a French church in the City of Montreal, and deposited in the Bank of Montreal. Under the head of "Congregational Collections," the Report

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goes on to shew that these, for a few years past, have not been sufficient to meet the current expenditure—small though that has been, and that there is consequently a considerable amount due to the Treasurer, which ought to be made good. The Report then says: "Before the Synod can sanction the attempt to engage the services of a minister from France or Geneva, the probable increase of expenditure should previously be taken into serious consideration. The salary of Mr. Charbonell is £75, and with incidental charges it may be stated at £80. A minister of suitable qualifications, from France or Geneva, cannot be expected for a stipend less than £175 per annum, which with various incidental charges may be taken at £200 per annum. These two agencies, therefore, would require a constant annual revenue of about £300. The Synod would require to determine whether an annual sum of this amount could be depended on, provided a Minister from France or Geneva could be engaged." "On a review of the affairs of the French Mission in the Township of Milton, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Charbonell, it appears desirable that a piece of land be got, now when land is cheap, for a Glebe for the Congregation now established in that township, in connection with the Presbytery. In all probability the French language will be absorbed in the English tongue, and a large Protestant congregation will in time be settled there. We would earnestly recommend that the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be requested to appropriate the sum of £100 for the purchase of a Glebe, to be held by Trustees appointed by the Commissioners."—The Committee also submit to the Synod that a Convener of the Committee should be appointed, distinct from the Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal, who would be specially charged with watching over the interests of this mission.—The Synod having heard this Report agreed to receive and approve the same; and the thanks of the Synod were given to the Committee for the care and attention they have bestowed upon the interests of this mission. The Synod re-appoint the members of the Presbytery of Montreal a Committee to take charge of the Mission during the present year, the Rev. Robert McGill, D. D., to be Convener, with instructions to use their best endeavours to put the French Mission in a more favorable condition and to exercise a wise discretion in extending their agencies and operations, should the increased liberality of the Church during the year appear to warrant them in doing so; and the Synod also instruct them to publish in "the Presbyterian" from time to time, for the information of Congregations, such portions of the monthly reports given in to them, as they may think fit and advisable, and such results of the operations of the mission as may be within the knowledge of the Committee, and may be an encouragement to the support of the Mission. And the Synod, further, en-



join Ministers to bring the claims of this Mission before their congregations and to advocate the same, and have collections made for the support of it. And, while the Synod have to lament the very limited contributions of many of their congregations, for a year or two back, as well as the very limited agency which their Committee were enabled to employ, yet, now that God in His Providence is opening out to them more extended prospects of usefulness in this particular field of missionary labour, they would affectionately and earnestly call upon all their Ministers, Elders and people to give a serious and prayerful consideration to the facts and statements brought out in the Report of the Committee, and, by an increased and generous Christian liberality, enable the Committee to put the Mission into a state of greater efficiency and on a broader basis, at least to the extent indicated in the Report, as desirable. And the Synod request the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to appropriate the sum of £100 for the purchase of a glebe for the benefit of the Congregation in the Township of Milton, to be held by Trustees appointed by the Commissioners.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committees 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 considered, and the Synod ordered their Clerk to attest the Records of the several Presbyteries as carefully and correctly kept.

The Synod had brought before them a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, for advice and instruction in regard to the case of the Rev. Alexander Ross, of West Gwillimbury, who, by reason of severe illness, and extreme bodily infirmity, has been unfitted for the regular discharge of Pastoral duty, and desires, on certain conditions, to be released from the Pastoral charge of his congregation. Members of the Presbytery of Toronto having been fully heard in regard to the case, and the Synod having considered the same, it was agreed to authorize the Presbytery, in their discretion, to receive Mr. Ross' demission of his charge, and to dissolve the Pastoral connection between him and the congregation of West Gwillimbury, on the condition stated in the Reference.

The Synod agreed to re-transmit the Draft of the Form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers, to Presbyteries, for their consideration, and instructed them to send up their opinions thereon to the next meeting of Synod; and, in the meantime, did, and hereby do,

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convert the same into an Interim Act for one year. And the Synod, further instructed Presbyteries, in connection with this matter, to take into their consideration, and report to next meeting of Synod, as to whether, and how far, it may be proper for Presbyteries, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to relax, in the case of *new* congregations, that law of the Church (July 1846—Act XXI) which requires that there shall be at least Forty families adhering to this Church, in a Congregation, before the Pastoral relation can be formed.

The Synod agreed to re-transmit the proposed Act anent the Status of Retired Ministers, 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;—and the Synod, in the meantime, converted the same into an Interim Act, for one year,—as follows:—

“ 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 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 Finance Committee, which was given in by Mr. McKerras, showing the amount of contributions paid in to the Synod Fund. And the Synod ordered the accounts against the Synod to be paid.

And the Synod enjoin all Ministers who have not already sent in to the Treasurer the proposed contribution of one pound each towards the expense of publishing the earlier Records of the Synod, to pay the same to the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries at their first meeting,—and Presbytery Clerks are instructed to remit without delay to the Treasurer at Toronto.

Hew Ramsay, Esq., the Treasurer of the Synodical Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the soldiers and sailors who may fall in the present war, as recommended by the special meeting of

Synod in January last, reported that the sum of £473 19s. 9d. had been already transmitted to him, but, inasmuch as a number of congregations had not yet made their returns, and further time would have to be allowed before closing the list, the final report would have to be deferred until next meeting of Synod.

John Mowat, Esq., the Treasurer for Collections towards the Jewish and Foreign Missions of the Church of Scotland, gave in a Report showing that the sum of £54 5s. 5d. had been paid in to him by seven congregations, as per detailed account given in.

The Synod appointed Mr. Haig, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. G. Bell, together with the Clerk, to be a Committee to revise the minutes of this session of Synod.

The Synod appointed Mr. Alexander Mackid, *Moderator*, and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Clerk of Synod*; and from the *Presbytery of Montreal*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. John Cook, Dr. Robert McGill, Mr. Thomas Haig, Mr. George D. Ferguson, *Ministers*; Mr. Alexander Morris; Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Hew Ramsay, Mr. L. J. McNair, *Elders*; from the *Presbytery of Glengary*, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Robert Dobie, *Ministers*; Mr. James Pringle, Mr. James Croil, Hon. John McGillivray, *Elders*; from the *Presbytery of Hamilton*, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. John Robb, Mr. Kenneth McLennan, Mr. Robert Burnet, *Ministers*; Mr. David Allan, Dr. William Craigie, Mr. James D. Pringle, Mr. Alexander D. Fordyce, *Elders*; from the *Presbytery of Bathurst*, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, *Ministers*; Mr. John G. Malloch, Mr. Robert Bell, Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. George Malloch, *Elders*; from the *Presbytery of Kingston*, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Dr. James Williamson, Mr. John M. Smith, Mr. James George, Mr. Archibald Walker, *Ministers*; Mr. John Mowat, Mr. David Allan, Mr. George Neilson, *Elders*; and from the *Presbytery of Toronto*, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Dr. John Barclay, Mr. John H. McKerras, Mr. James Bain, *Ministers*; Hon. Judge McLean, Mr. Alexander Colville, Mr. Alexander Sterling, and Mr. Donald Cameron, *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, Kingston, on the First Wednesday in October next, at Twelve o'clock, noon;—and oftener, when and where they shall think fit and convenient. And the Synod fully empower the 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 causes 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 Presbyteries 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.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Kingston, on the last Wednesday in May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six 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.

## APPENDIX.

**ACT ANENT REGULATING THE PUBLIC COLLECTIONS IN THE SEVERAL CONGREGATIONS.***As renewed, Toronto, 6th June, 1854.*

Whereas great inconvenience has resulted from the irregular manner in which many Congregations have contributed to the several Funds for carrying on the Missionary and other operations of the Church; and whereas it is desirable that a more uniform and regular mode of raising the said Funds should be observed throughout the Church,—the Synod enact, that all Ministers of this Church shall annually have collections made in their several Congregations on behalf of each of the following objects at the time specified, viz:—

1. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the First Sabbath of January.—
2. For the Synod Fund, on the First Sabbath of March.—
3. For the French Mission Fund, on the First Sabbath in June.—
4. For the Bursary Fund, on the First Sabbath in September.—
5. For the Home Mission Fund, of the Presbytery of the Bounds, on the First Sabbath of November.—

Provided always, that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper happens to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or any of the said Sabbaths is otherwise deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then the collection shall be made within at least four weeks thereafter; and provided also that in case of any Congregation preferring to raise the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so. The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain and advocate the object for which the collection is to be made, upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod, also, enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of the Synod in giving their Congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed, unless a sufficient reason be given.

**ACT DEFINING THE EXTENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ELDERSHIP IN CERTAIN CLASSES OF CONGREGATIONS.***Montreal, 23rd September, 1844.*

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Bathurst, that the Synod would adopt some specific rule, defining the extent to which Sessions in vacant congregations, and where two or more

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congregations are under the charge of one Pastor, should be represented in the Superior Courts. The Synod having fully considered this Overture, agreed to declare, as they hereby do declare, that Elders representing the Sessions of such vacant congregations, only, as have been fully organized by their once having had Ministers, shall be admissible as constituent Members of Presbytery and Synod, on their being duly elected and commissioned at a meeting of Session moderated in by a Minister appointed by the Presbytery;—that where two or more congregations are, or have been, under one Minister's charge, with separate Sessions in each, the whole Eldership in such Ministerial charge shall, for the purpose of representation in the higher courts, be considered as one Session, and shall be represented in Presbytery and Synod by one Elder, to be elected by each Session in turn, or by a joint meeting of the whole, as may be most convenient:—and that while Elders from Missionary stations and newly-formed congregations, that have never been fully organized by having settled Ministers, shall not be considered admissible as members of Presbytery and Synod,—Presbyteries are nevertheless instructed to encourage such Elders to be present at their meetings, in order that they may have an opportunity of learning the condition of the new congregations, and of giving them such counsel and assistance as their case may require.

XVIII.

**ACT ANENT GREATER PUNCTUALITY IN THE ELECTING OF REPRESENTATIVE ELDERS BY SESSIONS.**

*Kingston, 5th July, 1845.*

Whereas many of the Kirk Sessions connected with the Synod are very neglectful of their duty in returning Representative Elders to the Church Courts, the Synod enjoin Sessions to use greater diligence in this matter, and instruct Presbyteries to employ all competent means to secure a compliance with this injunction on the part of Sessions:—And the Synod, further, enact that all Representative Elders shall be elected within two months after the annual meeting of Synod, to attend the meetings of the Presbytery of the bounds, and the ensuing annual meeting of the Synod; that in case of death or demission, a new election shall be made within one month of the same; and that the extract minutes of such elections, duly certified, shall be laid on the tables of Presbyteries at their first ordinary meeting after such elections shall have taken place.

☞ *Attention is also called to the new Declaratory Act anent the time for electing Representative Elders, and the term during which they shall hold office, as passed at the late meeting of Synod, 5th June, 1855.—See minutes, page 23.*



## MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

*For the Synodical Year 1854-5.*

1854.—June 10. Mr. John Lindsay, A. M., Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

June 10. Mr. James Gordon, A. M., Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

June 10. Mr. James McEwen, A. M., Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

June 28. The Rev. John McDonald, an ordained Minister, from the Church of Scotland, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Lochiel, by the Presbytery of Glengary.

August 2. Mr. George Weir, A. M., Student of Divinity, licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

August 2. The Rev. William Cleland inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Scott and Uxbridge, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

August 23. Mr. John Lindsay, A. M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Litchfield, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

August 30. The Rev. John Brown, an ordained Minister from the Church of Scotland, inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of New Market, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

September 7. Mr. George Dalrymple Ferguson, Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Montreal.

September 26. Mr. James Gordon, A. M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Markham, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

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1854.—October 10. The Rev. James Bain inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Scarboro', by the Presbytery of Toronto.

October 12. Mr. James McEwen, A. M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Westminster, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

October 17. The Rev. James Thom, formerly of Three Rivers, inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Woolwich, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

November 1. The Rev. Hugh Mair, D. D., Minister of Fergus, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, died.

November 8. The Rev. John McDonald, formerly of Lochiel, inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Beech Ridge, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

December 21. Mr. Duncan Anderson, A. M., Preacher of the Gospel, from the Presbytery of Garioch, Scotland, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation at Point Levi, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

1855.—January 5. The Rev. Duncan Moody, Minister of Dundee, in the Presbytery of Montreal, died.

February 7. The Rev. Archibald H. Milligan, Minister of Norvaltown and Russeltown, in the Presbptery of Montreal, died.

March 22. The Rev. John McLaurin, Minister of Martintown, in the Presbytery of Glengary, died.

April 21. The Rev. John Mackenzie, A. M., Minister of Williamstown, in the Presbytery of Glengary, died.

May 3. The Rev. George McDonnell, formerly of Nelson, inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Fergus, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

May 16. Mr. George D. Ferguson, Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Three Rivers, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

June 5. Sentence of suspension and separation from the pastoral charge of Brockville, against the Rev. John Whyte, by the Presbytery of Bathurst, confirmed by the Synod.

1855.—June 7. The Rev. Peter Lindsay, formerly of Richmond, inducted to the Pastoral charge of the united Congregations of Cumberland and Buckingham, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

June 10. The Rev. Æneas McLean, Minister of Côte St. George, in the Presbytery of Glengary, died.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SYNOD FUND,

Montreal, June, 1855.

1. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

		£	s.	d.
Montreal, St. Andrew's.....	per Rev. Alex. Mathieson, D. D.....	2	10	0
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