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CONSUMMATION OF THE UNION.

Long before this number of the RECORD reaches our readers, they will have heard of the important event which took place in Montreal on the 15th June,—the consummation of the Union of four Presbyterian churches hitherto maintaining a distinct position. The consummation of this Union may be truly regarded as one of the most important events that ever took place in Canada. It is true the Union has not brought into one church all the ministers of the four distinct churches. In our own Assembly two brethren, both highly esteemed, felt it to be their duty to oppose the motion to proceed to the consummation of the Union on the basis previously agreed to. We trust, however, that they will not feel it to be necessary to remain permanently in separation from brethren, with whom they have hitherto been in sympathy and in harmony. In the former Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, some brethren have taken a position of separation from the United Church, and in the former Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, there are also some who have not come into the Union with their brethren, although in their case it is believed that the separation is but temporary. In the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces there was perfect harmony of feeling and action—not one was left behind. It would have been pleasant had it been so in all the churches; but, as it is, Presbyterianism may be said to be substantially one now throughout the Dominion.

The churches now united,—The Canada Presbyterian Church, The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland,—form a body with from 640 to 650 ministers, but we have not the rolls at present so as to give the precise number. The Church is divided into four Synods: 1. The Synod of the Maritime Provinces; 2. The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; 3. That of Toronto and Kingston; and, 4. That of Hamilton and London. There is, in addition, the Presbytery of Manitoba, with Synodical powers. Eventually, it is likely that there will be a General Assembly of a representative character; but next year the General Assembly, which is appointed to meet in Toronto, will consist of all the ministers and elders on the rolls of the respective Presbyteries.

Much yet remains to be done before the United Church shall have all its schemes and operations thoroughly amalgamated. It may be a work of time; but much has been already accomplished in the consummation of the Union, and, no doubt, by the blessing of God on the counsels of the Church, everything will before long be in a consolidated condition and in healthy action. A large Committee meets in September to consider various matters which could not receive full consideration at the meeting in Montreal.

It becomes us all to thank God for what He has wrought, and to take courage, and go on in dependence upon Him for His blessing, which alone can give success. Let it be our great desire and aim that there shall be something more than a merely external and ecclesiastical union, even a real union of heart and spirit, of effort and aim, and a pressing forward after a more close and intimate union with the living Head of the church. Without Him, although strong in numbers and material resources, we are nothing, and can do nothing. With His presence and blessing we shall do valiantly, and be largely instrumental in manifesting His power and advancing His kingdom and glory.

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#### MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church took place in Erskine Church, Montreal, on the 8th June, at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator for the past year—the Rev. Thomas McPherson, of Stratford—preached from Ephesians iv. 16: “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” The sermon was a very suitable and impressive one. For it, and for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the moderatorship, he received the thanks of the Assembly. The Rev. Principal Caven was unanimously called to the chair, and on taking it made a few suitable remarks.

#### CHANGES IN THE ROLL.

The Clerk submitted a statement of the changes in the rolls of the several Synods, and of the Presbytery of Manitoba since last year. There had been eight deaths, viz., Mr. C. C. Stewart, Mr. John Baird, Mr. James Nisbet, Dr. Thornton, Mr. Andrew Melville, Mr. John I. Dunlop, Dr. Cairns, and Mr. Andrew Milne, formerly of Waterdown and Wellington Square. There had been twenty-six ordinations, sixteen translations, nine ministers received, twenty-one students licensed, nineteen new charges erected, and six new mission stations added to those already organized.

#### DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

In accordance with the usual practice, the first hour of the second day's proceedings was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by Professor Gregg, Messrs John M. Roger, J. Dick, and W. B. Clark.

## BUSINESS.

At the close of the devotional services, the Assembly proceeded to business, various committees having been already appointed. We present to our readers the more important parts of business transacted.

## HOME MISSION REPORT.

Rev. W. Cochrane, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, presented his report on the evening of Wednesday, the 9th. The report was full and interesting. The amount received for Home Missions during the year was \$22,000, and the expenditure, \$24,000; leaving a deficiency of a little over \$2,000. The contributions were in advance of those of last year; but the expenditure, in consequence of the expanding nature of the work, had increased still more. To enable the Treasurer to wipe off the debt, it had been proposed to ask the congregations of the Church to make a special collection on the Sabbath before the sitting of the Assembly, and from this it was expected that the greater part of the amount required would be realized. The report gave detailed statements of the amounts contributed by the congregations in the different Presbyteries. The Presbytery giving the largest sum per member was Montreal, and the congregations giving most liberally according to membership, were Erskine Church, Montreal, and Gould Street, Toronto—the rate in these congregations being \$1.82 per member. After reading the Report, Mr. Cochrane made a few suitable remarks in explanation of some parts of the report, and urging the importance of cultivating a missionary spirit. Mr. Robertson, of Winnipeg, gave an interesting account of the state of the work in the Province of Manitoba, speaking of the great destitution prevailing in many parts of the country, and of the necessity of vigorous efforts with the view of meeting this destitution.

The report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Assembly given to the Committee, and in a special manner to the Convener.

## TEMPERANCE.

On Thursday forenoon the Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Temperance. This was given in by the Convener, Mr. John Smith. The report having been read, was referred to a committee to prepare a deliverance on the subject. At a subsequent diet the committee reported the following deliverance, which was adopted:—"The General Assembly would take this opportunity to renew the testimony borne against the evils of intemperance. Every year makes it plainer that intemperance is the chief cause of poverty, the great source of crime, and a most prolific cause of disease and death in the community. The Assembly also cannot but express their conviction that intemperance is a great external barrier to the progress of the Church, being a frequent occasion of scandal and discipline, and hindering in a large measure in every department of our work as a Church of Christ. The Assembly consider that intemperance is maintained chiefly by the customs of society in the use of intoxicants as a common beverage, and by the public traffic in strong drink. The Assembly, therefore, would earnestly recommend for the office-bearers and members of the Church the practice of total abstinence, and, further, would express a decided conviction of the expediency and desirableness of an immediate and total prohibition of the public traffic in this Dominion."

## SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Assembly then took up a memorial from the Synod of London, expressing satisfaction with the past management of the Home Mission business by a Central Committee, and regret that, while the salaries of some ministers are ample and increasing, those of others are totally inadequate, thus occasioning a discrepancy hardly compatible with the unity implied in Presbyterianism, and the ecclesiastical parity of its ministers; and praying the Assembly to take such steps as may tend to secure, if possible, the management of the Home Mission business of the united Church by a Central Committee, whose labours and resources shall be confined to strictly Home Mission work; and also to have a large Sustentation Fund, out of which the stipends of ministers may be supplemented, so that such a degree of equality may be attained as may be practicable in the different spheres which ministers occupy, and as may be sufficient to secure adequate and comfortable support to all.

After long conference on the important subject, a resolution, on the motion of Dr. Topp, was adopted in the following terms:—"The Assembly receive the memorial from the Synod of London, and heartily endorse the object contemplated by said memorial, in the hope that at the earliest opportunity, such action may be taken by the United Church as will effectually promote the establishment of a Sustentation Fund for the support of the ministry."

## REPORT OF KNOX COLLEGE.

On Thursday afternoon the Assembly called for the report of the Board of Management of Knox College. The same was read by Dr. Proudfoot, Chairman. The report of the Senate was also given in, and the report of the Board of Examiners was, in the absence of Rev. John King, the Chairman, read by Professor Gregg.

It appeared from the reports that there were in the College during the past session thirty-two theological students; twelve students in the preparatory department, while not a few students were taking a full University course. The report stated that the subscriptions for the new College buildings amounted to \$110,000, of which amount \$51,000 had been paid. The buildings are now almost completed. The work of canvassing the remaining congregations of the Church is being carried on by Mr. Warden. It was hoped that the amount received might be sufficient for the erection of houses for the Professors. The report referred to the fact that there was a balance against the ordinary fund of \$2,700, the greater part of which had been contracted in former years. The report of the Senate referred to the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme, and gave the names of the successful competitors.

On the motion of Dr. Topp, seconded by Mr. R. Hamilton, the Assembly adopted the following resolution:—

"That the Assembly receive the report of the Board of Management of Knox College with the accompanying documents, and adopt the same, expressing its thankfulness for the large liberality which has been manifested towards the erection of the new College, and earnestly recommending that strenuous efforts be made by the congregations of the Church, that the regular income of the College may be sufficient to meet the expenditure."

## MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The report of the Board of Management of Montreal College was

given in and read by Mr. John Scrimger. The report of the Senate was also submitted and the College accounts. The reports and documents connected with Montreal College were referred to a committee, which subsequently presented a report with the following recommendations, which were adopted by the Assembly:—

1. "That the Assembly express its pleasure at the continued prosperity of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and satisfaction with the general efficiency of the work.
2. "That the second and third recommendations in the College report be adopted, viz., (1) That the Rev. John Scrimger, M.A., who has discharged the duties of Lecturer in Greek and Hebrew Exegesis during the past year, be reappointed for the following session at a salary, as before, of \$500; (2) That the Board, not being prepared to recommend a successor to Professor Coussirat, be empowered to continue their efforts towards this end, and that in the meantime the Senate be directed to provide suitable instructions for the French students under its care, the amount to be expended for the same not to exceed \$500.
3. "That with reference to the basis of the future annual income of the Montreal College, the Assembly take no action in the meantime."

#### MANITOBA COLLEGE.

The Assembly called for the report of the Board of Management of Manitoba College. The report of the Board and of the Senate, and an abstract of the College accounts were read by Mr. James Robertson, of Winnipeg. There was read, further, an extract, bearing on the interests of the College, from the minutes of the Presbytery of Manitoba.

The reports and documents connected with the Manitoba College were referred to a committee for consideration, and to prepare a deliverance on the same. The Committee presented a report at a subsequent sederunt. The report proposed the sending of a deputation to Manitoba to investigate thoroughly all matters connected with the College, with power, if need be, to make such changes in the staff of teachers as may be necessary. After conference, this was not agreed to; but a committee was appointed to gather information by correspondence or otherwise, and report to next Assembly. A recommendation that the Assembly should suggest some method by which the sum of \$3,500, required in order to secure suitable premises, was left for consideration by the Assembly of the united Church. It is pleasing to add that steps were taken for raising the amount required at once.

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

On the evening of Thursday, 10th, the Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The same was given in and read by Professor McLaren, Convener. The report referred with expressions of sorrow to the death of Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet. The Presbytery of Manitoba had sent up Mr. Hugh McKellar, a probationer, to take the place temporarily left vacant by the death of Mr. Nisbet, and the Committee had recognized him as their missionary, and have invited him to become their permanent missionary, but had not yet received an answer. Mr. McKellar reports, since his arrival, fourteen baptisms and five marriages among Indians at the mission station at Prince Albert's. Mr. George Flett, who is labouring among the Indians at Port Pelly, reports an encouraging field of usefulness there. The report refers to the prospect

of the Indians being gathered together and settled on their reserves, and states that the mission work among them can be much more efficiently carried on when that is done. The report next refers to the mission work being done in India by Miss Fairweather and Miss Rodgers, labouring about 750 miles north-west of Calcutta in connection with the missions of the American Presbyterian Church. In this place they have charge of several schools. The report recommends that the Assembly do more than heretofore towards carrying on the mission work in India, and that a mission be commenced in that country next year—referring to the Province of Indore, in Central India, which at present is entirely unoccupied. The work in Formosa had gone on prosperously during the year, where Rev. Mr. McKay is labouring, and who has recently been supplemented by the arrival of Rev. Dr. Fraser, from Canada. The report gives a detailed account of the work being done by these two missionaries, showing that it is in a prosperous condition. Other men were urgently required for Formosa, but the Committee had been unable to secure the services of a third missionary for that field. Three who had been invited had declined, and the Committee were now in negotiation with a gentleman in the Lower Provinces well qualified for the work, and also willing to engage in mission work in India, China, or Japan. The contributions of the Church towards foreign missions were steadily increasing, the amount being \$2,067 in 1861, and in 1874-5, \$12,558. The receipts for the past year were \$20,989, including \$8,481 balance on hand at the beginning of the year. Expenditure, \$12,228; leaving a balance of \$8,761, which would be reduced before the report could be published to about \$3,700.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the report be received and adopted, and that the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener and Secretary, for their diligence and zeal in conducting the important business committed to them.

#### ORPHAN CHILDREN OF LATE REV. J. NISBET.

In connection with the Foreign Mission Report, special attention was called to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet had left four orphan children, and that it was necessary that steps be taken to provide for them. A committee was appointed to consider the matter. At a subsequent sederunt the committee reported, recommending that steps be taken at once for raising the sum of \$2,000, to be invested for the benefit of the orphan children of Mr. Nisbet. It was understood that the amount would be raised without any general appeal being made to the congregations of the church. The report was adopted; and it was agreed that Rev. Messrs. W. Reid, W. Meikle, and Mr. John Barclay, be a committee to take charge of the fund for the present year.

#### MR. GEORGE FLETT.

On application from the Presbytery of Manitoba, asking the Assembly to grant leave to the Presbytery to ordain Mr. George Flett, at present a missionary to the Indians in the neighbourhood of Fort Pelly, was taken up by the Assembly, and in accordance with said application, the Presbytery received authority to license and ordain Mr. Flett.

#### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Report of Committee on Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers was given in, and read by Mr. John McTavish, Convener. The report

stated the number of annuitants at present on the Fund, 12; and the amount received and expended during the year:—receipts, \$6,821.99; expenditure, \$5,015.79; balance on hand, \$1,806.20, exclusive of \$6,000 invested. The report embodied various regulations for management and administration of the scheme, including one requiring a payment from the ministers of the church. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and adopt the report, and tender the thanks of the Assembly to the committee, and especially to the Convener; refer the case of Mr. Monteath to the favourable consideration of the committee, to be dealt with as they see fit; further, it was agreed that no action be taken at present on the recommendations contained in the report.

#### CASE OF REV. J. G. CARRUTHERS.

In connection with the Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers, there was laid before the Assembly a memorial from the Presbytery of Owen Sound, with reference to the case of Mr. J. G. Carruthers, a licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church before the Union, who has been, under the afflicting hand of God, laid aside for years, with but little hope of recovery. An effort was made, on two several occasions, to raise such a sum as might be sufficient for his support, but with very partial success, although the sum of about \$600 is on hand for this object. The memorial prayed the Assembly to place the name of Mr. Carruthers on the list of annuitants from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, transferring to that Fund the amount at present in hand for Mr. Carruthers. After full conference the prayer of the memorial was granted, and the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund instructed to grant an annual allowance for his support, that they may regard as consistent with the interests of the fund, and in some measure adequate to Mr. Carruthers' support.

#### WIDOWS' FUND REPORT.

The Report on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was read by Mr. Reid. It stated the receipts and expenditure for the year: receipts, \$16,370 73; expenditure, \$14,347 18; balance, 2,023 60; and referred to the fact that, although no collection had been taken during the year from the congregations of the church, the capital of the fund had increased \$3,700. The number of annuitants on the fund is now 27. The report was received and adopted, and the committee were instructed to place on the list of annuitants the family of the late Rev. Andrew Milne, formerly of Waterdown and Wellington Square, deducting from the first payment the amount which should have been paid by Mr. Milne from the time of his ordination to his death.

#### FINANCE REPORT.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented and read, embracing,—(1.) statement of receipts and expenditure for the Assembly Fund, and the means adopted, in accordance with the instructions of last Assembly, to raise the requisite amount; (2.) statement of receipts for the various schemes of the church, with comparative statement, showing increase or decrease as compared with former years; (3.) report of auditors, attesting accuracy of accounts, and bearing testimony to the correctness and business-like manner in which the general agent had discharged the duties connected with the finances of the church. On motion made and



seconded it was agreed that the report be received and adopted; that the thanks of the Assembly be given to the auditors for their attention to the work committed to them; and also, and especially, that the thanks of the Assembly be given to the general agent of the church for the faithful and highly successful manner in which he has always conducted the financial business of the church.

#### MINISTERS TO BE RECEIVED.

On application made by the several Presbyteries, the Assembly granted permission to receive the following ministers and probationers, viz.:—

Messrs. C. D. McDonald, D. Smythe, A. Schroeder, G. M. Clark, J. A. M'Almon, M. Ami, R. Harkness, M. M. Bouse, Allan Bell, R. M'Kenzie, A. C. Stewart, W. Stewart, J. R. Battsby, J. Frazer, W. Johnston, J. P. Casey.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Chatham in behalf of Mr. F. X. Jacquemet, formerly a priest of the Church of Rome. It was agreed that, after attending Montreal College for one year he may be licensed by the Presbytery of Chatham, and that in the meantime he be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Montreal, under whose direction he may be employed in missionary work as they may see proper.

#### STUDENTS TO BE LICENSED.

The General Assembly, on application made, granted leave to Presbyteries, to license the following students:—

Messrs. C. Brouillette; W. S. Dey, B.A.; T. Muir; W. M. McKibbin; D. McRae; E. D. Pelletier; A. F. Tully; W. Reid; Alexander Stewart, B.A.; P. Straith, M.A.; J. S. Stewart; A. M. McClelland, B.A.; D. B. McRae; Robert Scott.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The report on Sabbath Schools was presented by Mr. J. Thompson, of Sarnia, the Convener. The report stated that there were 37,675 scholars attending the Sabbath Schools connected with this Church—the number of teachers being 4,478, while there were 96,726 volumes in the libraries. The Committee recommend the formation of Juvenile Missionary Societies in the Sabbath Schools; also, that in all the principal cities there should be established training classes for teachers, such as those that have been conducted by Dr. MacVicar in Montreal.

After conference on the subject, it was agreed that the report be received and printed in the minutes: and the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for his diligence; further, the Assembly desires to record their gratitude for the evident progress and blessed results of Sabbath School work within the bounds of the Church during the past year, and again renew their frequently expressed opinions as to the close relations which should exist between our Kirk-Sessions and Sabbath Schools, and the duty of parents carefully watching over the religious training of their children, and supporting by their prayers and countenance in the Sabbath Schools the teachers in their self-denying labours.

#### STATISTICS.

The Rev. R. Torrance, Convener of the Committee on Statistics, presented, on behalf of the Committee, a very full report of the statistics

and finances of the Church during the past year, and also a comparative statement, showing the progress made since the union in 1861. According to the report the number of ministers is now 389, an increase of 17 since the preceding year; vacant congregations, 78; mission stations, 96; stations in regular charge supplied by pastors, 677; families, 80,940; communicants, 56,241. The total income of the Church for all purposes was \$618,553.78.

On motion made and seconded, the Assembly received the report, and agreed that the thanks of the Assembly should be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener; that the Assembly express its gratitude to God for the continued prosperity of our Church as manifested in its largely increased ministry, membership and liberality; that the Convener be requested to accept the sum of \$125 as some compensation for his great labour in preparing the statistics; and that the returns which have been received at a period too late for insertion in the report be added to the Statistical Statements, and published in the appendix to the Minutes of Assembly.

#### HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

The Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Convener of the Committee on the HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD, gave in a report stating the receipts and expenditure for the year, and stating that the circulation had increased to nearly 15,000. The report was received and adopted, and gratitude expressed for the past and present support of the RECORD of the Church.

#### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. McVicar, Convener of the Committee, presented the report. It stated that there are at present six ministers and fourteen students in connection with our Church labouring among the French Canadians. Two of the students have finished their college studies, and are to be ordained shortly. Recently a French Protestant church has been organized in Ottawa under the charge of Mr. Mark Ami, who is shortly to be ordained as a minister. The labours of Father Chiniquy in Montreal had been abundantly blessed to the conversion of over 300 Roman Catholics. Many of these had been turned out of employment for changing their faith, but the Christian people of Montreal had come nobly forward and given them employment. The Bishop of Montreal had denounced threats against all who would read the papers in which Chiniquy's sermons were printed; but, nevertheless, many Roman Catholics persisted in reading these papers, and great good had resulted therefrom. The report further recommended that Father Chiniquy receive a salary of \$2,500 per annum while labouring in Montreal.

Dr. McVicar made some further remarks in explanation of the report and in recommendation of the scheme. An eloquent address was then delivered by Father Chiniquy.

It was agreed that the report of the Committee be received, and that the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence, and that the Committee be continued in office until the Union be completed.

#### HEARING OF DEPUTIES FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Although it was not the privilege of the Assembly to have the presence of so many representatives of other churches, as on some previous

occasions, yet they had the pleasure of hearing several deputies. The Rev. Mr. Gardner, deputy of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Rev. Mr. Sankey, from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America, and the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, favoured the Assembly with seasonable and stirring addresses in the course of the session of Assembly. The Rev. Mr. Gillies, Agent of the Scottish Religious Book and Tract Society, and a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, also addressed the Assembly. To all these deputies and representatives the Moderator replied in suitable and appropriate terms.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion was given in and read by Rev. W. Donald, in the absence of Mr. T. Wardrope, Convener. The report was highly interesting and encouraging, referring to the improvement in the state of religion, and especially to the marked indications of revival which had been witnessed in various parts of the church. On motion made and seconded the report was received and adopted; the thanks of the Assembly were given to the committee, and especially to the Convener; and the report was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

#### REPORT OF UNION COMMITTEE.

Dr. Topp, on the part of the Union Committee, charged with all matters connected with the completion of the Union, presented first an *interim* report, and, before the conclusion of the proceedings, a more full and formal report. The report included the various arrangements for the completion of the Union, and especially the concluding minute to be adopted by the Assembly, resolving to go in to the Union with the other negotiating churches, and authorizing the Moderator, in behalf of the Assembly, to sign the Basis of Union and accompanying resolutions. It was moved and seconded, to receive and adopt the report of the committee, and forthwith to carry out the Union. It was moved in amendment, by Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. L. McPherson, that the report be recommended, with the view of securing, if possible, several changes in the basis and resolutions. After full discussion a vote was taken, when the motion was carried by a large majority. The "Yeas" and "Nays" having been called for, 224 voted "Yea," and 4 "Nay." Mr. Ross dissented in his own name, and in name of all who might unite with him. In accordance with his memorial, Mr. G. Smelhe, who was prevented by circumstances from being present, was allowed to have his name entered as dissenting. A number of members entered their dissent from the Resolution having reference to "Modes of Worship." At the following sederunt several other members joined in this dissent. At the same time sixty-four (64) members who were not present when the vote was taken were allowed to have their votes added to the votes of the preceding diet, making the majority 288.

On the morning of Tuesday, 15th June, the Assembly, having disposed of all its business, in accordance with its resolution then formally agreed to, proceeded to Victoria Hall, to take its part in forming THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

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

This Synod met in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the evening of Tuesday, 8th June, and was constituted. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. Rannie, M.A., the retiring Moderator. Principal Snodgrass, of Queen's College, was called to the chair as his successor. Our space will not allow us to give any full account of the proceedings of the Synod. The reports of the various Standing Committees were given in, and the various Schemes of the Church were reported as being in a healthy and prosperous condition.

### QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The report as to Queen's College was encouraging. The number of students enrolled was sixty, being ten more than in the preceding year. The number of students in theology are greater by two than the largest number ever enrolled before in any session. The whole amount realized for the Endowment Scheme is \$87,669.37, and this amount is available as assets or capital. It was agreed to raise the salaries of the Professors to \$2,000 per annum, and that of the Principal to \$2,500. The report was received, and the Synod expressed anew its confidence in the Institution.

### WIDOWS' FUND.

The Rev. Robert Campbell presented the report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. From the report it appeared that the income for the year had been \$9,042.03, and that \$5,440 had been added to the capital. The report recommended an increased scale of annuities for the widows and orphan children of ministers. The report was received and adopted.

### MISSIONARY REPORTS.

A report was given in by Mr. A. Drummond of Ottawa, in regard to the Mission to the Lumbermen on the Ottawa, and one by Dr. Jenkins with reference to the French Mission. In connection with the latter scheme, the Rev. Mr. Tanner gave a report of his operations in the City of Montreal. These reports were received and adopted.

### REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, AND THE CONSUMMATION OF THE UNION.

The deputies appointed to proceed to Scotland and wait upon the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland reported. In connection with this there was a paper from the Rev. Gavin Lang, one of the deputies, who had not yet returned to the country. The consideration of this report, and of the report of the Committee on Legislation, and the proposal to proceed, in terms agreed to, to the consummation of the Union, led to a protracted discussion. Ultimately, after several amendments had been proposed, it was decided, by a vote of ninety to seven, to proceed to the consummation of the Union. Two did not vote. When the time came for the different bodies proceeding to Victoria Hall to consummate the Union, those voting in the minority resolved to remain, and constitute themselves as the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. It is to be hoped that

before long all or most of these brethren will see their way to the United Church.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.

The report on Christian Life and Work was given in by Rev. Mr. Morrison. The report embraced a number of questions to be sent to ministers, with the view of bringing out the state of religion in the various congregations.

On Tuesday evening, the business of the Synod having been disposed of, the Synod proceeded to Victoria Hall to unite with the other Churches in the formation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

### THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces was constituted in Knox Church on Thursday, the 10th June, at 10 a.m. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, who was again elected Moderator. A short time having been spent in devotional exercises, the Synod then proceeded to business. The space at our command will not permit of us giving anything like a full and complete synopsis of the proceedings of the Synod; but we shall notice the more important items.

#### RECEIPTS FOR VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR THE PAST YEAR.

The report of the General Treasurer and the Auditing Committee was read, showing the accounts for the year to be as follows:—

Foreign Mission—receipts, \$7,942.78; expenditure, \$7,474.84; balance due treasurer, \$664.46. Home Mission—receipts, \$3,479.63; expenditure, \$2,783.50; balance on hand, \$1,023.32. Mission Ship and Trinidad Schools—receipts, \$2,417.73; expenditure, \$1,934.87; balance on hand, \$1,009.60. Synod Fund—receipts, \$1,726.74; expenditure, \$1,526.26; balance on hand, \$206.45. Supplementary Fund—receipts, \$3,657.73; expenditure, \$3,070.40; balance on hand, \$608.34. Acadia Mission—receipts, \$1,256.12; expenditure, \$1,120.84; balance on hand, \$222.99. Professorial and General Education Fund—receipts, \$4,563.51; expenditure, \$4,553.51. Ministerial Education—receipts, \$6,939.54; expenditure, \$7,897.14; balance due, \$421.31. Clerical Mission Fund—receipts, \$491.64, which was transferred to other funds. Foreign Mission Bursary—receipts, \$156; expenditure, \$70; balance on hand, \$236. Fund in support of J. A. McDonald—receipts, \$382.75; expenditure, \$418; balance due, \$35.25. Jewish Mission—receipts, \$87.89. Comparative statements of the funds for the past two years were also read, showing a very gratifying increase in all the funds but two, and an aggregate increase in the revenue of the Church of \$1,574.67

In connection with the Financial Report, the Moderator announced that the late Mr. C. D. Hunter, of Halifax, who had bequeathed large sums of money to the schemes of the Church, had also left a sum of not less than \$50,000 for the formation of a fund for building churches, and for the liquidation of church debts, and he suggested that a committee should be appointed for the proper distribution of this fund. A motion to that effect was carried.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Moderator read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The report, which was full, referred to the missions of the Church in the New Hebrides and in Trinidad. While the work was not without difficulties and trials, it was in an interesting and prosperous condition. The report was received and adopted, and the Synod expressed its sense of the faithfulness and success of its missionaries, and its sympathy with them in their arduous labours.

## HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Report was presented by the Moderator. The report gave a detailed statement of the work of probationers and catechists throughout the various Presbyteries of the Church. While the report was under consideration, the question as to whether or not the system of employing catechists should be discontinued. Various opinions were expressed as to the expediency of employing such an agency. Ultimately it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Home Mission Board. The report on Home Missions was then adopted, and the Synod agreed to express its appreciation of the work of the Home Mission Schemes, and its desire for the sympathy and prayers of the Church in their behalf.

## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The report of the Board of Theological Education and the Theological Hall, Halifax, led to some discussion. The Church now supports two Professors in Dalhousie College. On the part of some there is a desire to withdraw that support and make Dalhousie College a non-sectarian and Provincial one. Ultimately the whole matter was referred to the Board of Superintendence to deal with as circumstances may require.

## COMPLETION OF BUSINESS.

The business of the Synod having been satisfactorily disposed of, the Synod with perfect unanimity resolved to adopt the final resolution to go into Union, and to authorize the Moderator in their behalf to sign the Basis of Union and resolutions agreed on, and accordingly repaired at the time appointed to Victoria Hall, where the Union was appointed to take place.

## SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Synod met in St. Gabriel Street Church on the evening of Wednesday, 9th June. The Rev. G. M. Grant was called to the Moderator's chair.

We give as many items of business transacted as our space will allow.

## DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

Rev. Mr. McRae presented the Treasurer's Report on the assets of Dalhousie College Fund, which now amounts to \$20,157.84, of which \$16,000 are in Montreal Corporation bonds. Increase for the past year,

\$88,40, and this after the payment of a half-year's salary, \$600, to Professors. He moved that the report be adopted, and the following be elected Trustees:—Hon. James Fraser, of New Glasgow; W. Gordon and D. A. Perry, Esqrs., of Pictou, N. S.; J. Gibson, G. P. Mitchell, and Brenner (Treasurer), Esqrs., of Halifax; and Revs. G. M. Grant and Pollock, and if vacancies occur, they shall be supplied by the Synod in which the College exists.

#### WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Rev. Mr. McRae presented the report for this fund. Assets in hand, \$6,099 39; other items since received, etc., made it amount to \$8,000.

Rev. Mr. McRae moved, seconded by Rev. James Murray, that the Committee and Convener be thanked for the diligence and wisdom displayed in the management of the fund. They rejoice that the contemplated amount of \$8,000 has been so nearly reached, and trust that the expectation of the Convener as to the increase of the fund may be fully realized. The Committee, with certain alterations, was re-appointed.

#### HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Moderator presented the Report on Home Missions. It appeared that in 1868, when organized, the Synod consisted of thirty-one ministers, the number now being the same, while in some cases there has been a change as to individuals. The report referred to some causes which had led to the want of growth, the chief being the scarcity of ministers, and the fact that so few young men had studied for the ministry. There had, however, been an improvement, chiefly from the fact that they had received labourers, principally catechists, from the Colonial Committee. The church is to a great extent self-sustaining, although there is a necessity for raising the salaries of ministers. The report referred to the appointment of Rev. Mr. Pollock, as Professor in the Hall at Halifax. From the Treasurer's report it appeared that \$556 13 had been collected for the Synod's Home Mission, about one-third of the congregations having failed to make any collection. After several members had expressed their views the report was received.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Mr. McLean read the Annual Report of the Mission Board; while the mission at Santa, one of the South Hebrides Islands, had to be discontinued, the work on the Island of Erromanga was progressing most satisfactorily under the charge of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, who now employed ten native assistants. There have been twenty-four members added to the church out there, and between four and five hundred attend Divine service on the Sabbath. Miss Johns had gone to Madras as a missionary, the entire expense being borne by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church. It presented to the entire body a signal example of true Christian liberality, and should erase for ever from the Treasurer's returns, the pitiful figures of \$20, \$30, etc., showing the sums given by various congregations to the work.

It was agreed that this Synod cordially adopt the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee; thank the Committee, and very especially the Convener, for the zeal and fidelity with which they have discharged the important duties entrusted to them, and re-appoint them to continue the good work in the foreign field.

Rev. James Fraser Campbell, who had offered his services to the Synod as a missionary to a foreign field, was called on to state his views. He believed the foreign mission work was decidedly the most important; and that a church by extensively devoting its energies to this branch would quicken the home churches. He quoted the passage in which our Lord called on his disciples to preach the Gospel to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem, but not remaining there. He desired to go to some field where he could use the English language. After prayer on the subject,

Rev. Mr. McRae believed, from all he knew, that the Rev. Mr. Campbell would be extremely useful in Madras, India, where there is a very large heathen population that speaks English; under God it was probable English would eventually become the written and spoken language of India's 300,000,000 people. He moved a resolution, expressing a willingness to allow Mr. Campbell to go as a missionary, and noting two propositions from the Church of Scotland for him to go to Madras, and from the Canada Presbyterian Church inviting him to go to Formosa.

#### UNION.

Before the close of the proceedings a document was presented signed by several members intimating that, for reasons, they could not go into the Union at present. A friendly conference took place, and the general feeling was entertained that the separation could not be permanent. All business having been completed the Synod proceeded, as did the other bodies, in a constituted capacity, to Victoria Hall for the consummation of the Union.

### FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

On the 15th June, 1875, in Victoria Hall, Montreal, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was organized, being composed of the four churches, The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland. On the several bodies taking their places in the Hall, the four Moderators of the respective churches jointly presided. After devotional exercises the concluding remarks of the several Courts were read, and then the Basis of Union and Resolutions accompanying. These were then signed by the several moderators in name of their respective Churches, the ministers and elders of the several bodies rising in succession while their Moderator signed the document. Thereafter the Union was declared to be consummated, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada to be organized. The Moderators gave each other the right hand of fellowship, and in this were joined by their brethren, the Assembly uniting in singing the cxxxiii. Psa. The Senior Moderator then called for the reading of the several rolls, and on these being completed declared the First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to be constituted, and called on the Assembly to proceed to the election of a Moderator. Dr. John Cook, of Quebec, was nominated as the first Moderator. The motion was seconded, and was unanimously agreed to. Dr. Cook then took the Chair, and addressed the Assembly in appropriate terms.



The Clerks of the several courts formerly in existence, viz.: Messrs. W. Reid, W. Fraser, Prof. McKerras, Messrs. Falconer and McKinnon, were appointed Clerks *ad interim*. It was agreed to hold a diet for prayer in St. Paul's Church at three p.m., and to meet on the following morning in Erskine Church for business at eleven o'clock. A Committee to prepare business was also appointed.

The Meeting for Devotional Exercises was held, the Moderator presiding. The meeting was largely attended, and earnest, fervent prayers, were offered up. In the evening there was no regular meeting of Assembly, but a large Social Meeting in Victoria Hall,—a meeting of welcome to the Assembly on the part of the members of the Presbyterian Churches in Montreal. This meeting was largely attended,—three or four thousand were present. Principal Dawson presided with great ability, and several speeches were delivered, while an opportunity was given for social intercourse, which was gladly taken advantage of. Some met there who had never seen each other since they were attending the same classes in college or in the Divinity Hall.

On the morning of Wednesday 16th, the Assembly met in Erskine Church, and was constituted. The first thing done was to call for and receive the report of the Committee on Business. This report was considered and with some slight amendments, was adopted.

#### RE-CONSTRUCTION.

The Assembly proceeded to hear the Report of the Joint-Committee on Re-construction of Presbyteries, which was read by Mr. W. Moore, and adopted with some slight changes.

The Assembly did not meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, as this was left for the meetings of Synods, for the purpose of arranging the boundaries of Presbyteries. The Synods instituted by the Assembly were four, viz.: 1. The Synod of the Maritime Provinces; 2. Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; 3. Synod of Toronto and Kingston; 4. Synod of Hamilton and London. In the Synod of the Maritime Provinces there are eleven Presbyteries, viz.: 1. Sydney; 2. Victoria and Richmond; 3. Picton; 4. Wallace; 5. Truro; 6. Halifax; 7. Lunenburg and Yarmouth; 8. St. John; 9. Miramichi; 10. Prince Edward Island; 11. Newfoundland. The arrangement of Presbyteries in the other Synods will be found in another column.

#### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The first business on Wednesday evening was to hear a Report and memorial as to the consolidation and extension of the French work. The report was presented by Dr. Jenkins, who requested Prof. Campbell to read the same. The Report referred to the present position of the French work, stating that these were at the disposal of the church: 9 ministers, 3 licentiates, 3 teachers, and 16 students, who during summer acted as Colporteurs. There were five French congregations, and two in which French and English were preached. There were eight mission-fields, six schools, and three large districts occupied by Colporteurs. The property of the church consisted of four churches, a school-house, and a manse. The report sought the consolidation of the French work under one board, whose headquarters should be in Montreal. Principal McVicar, Chairman, Mr. R. Campbell, of Montreal, and Dr. Waters, of St. John, Vice-Chairman, and with ministers in other parts of the church; Mr. Chiniquy to be engaged to preach in Montreal to French Canadians, and Mr. Tanner

as secretary and agent. The report was, after some consideration and conference, adopted.

The rest of the time on Wednesday evening was taken up with addresses on Home and Foreign Missions, by Rev. W. Cochrane, and Rev. Prof. McLaren. Dr. Cowan, Missionary to the Nestorians, addressed the Assembly. Mr. Fraser Campbell, who was about to proceed to India as a missionary, also addressed the Assembly. Remarks on the importance of missions as the great work of the church were made by Mr. G. M. Grant and other ministers.

#### CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

On Thursday, after the arrangements as to the reconstruction of Synods and Presbyteries had been finished, the Assembly proceeded to consider the Constitution of the General Assembly. The report was given in by Professor Gregg. After somewhat lengthened discussion, it was agreed that next year the General Assembly should meet in Toronto, on the second Thursday of June, 1876, as this year composed of all the Ministers and Elders in the rolls of the several Synods, and that a draft act be sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries, for the constitution of a representative General Assembly, on the basis of *one third* of the entire number to be elected as Commissioners; Presbyteries to report their decision to the next General Assembly.

#### GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE.

The General Assembly appointed Rev. Dr. Willis, Rev. Dr. Topp, Rev. Principal Snodgrass, Rev. P. Gray, Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., and Mr. Henry B. Webster, delegates to attend a preliminary meeting to be held at London, on the 21st July, for the purpose of making arrangements for a General Presbyterian Conference to be held in 1876.

#### DELEGATE FROM AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Mr. B. Lyman, one of the delegates appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, was introduced to the Assembly, and addressed them, congratulating the Assembly on the union just accomplished, and expressing, on the part of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, their Christian salutations and best wishes. The Moderator made an appropriate reply to the delegate.

#### BIBLE IN COMMON SCHOOLS, ETC.

The subject of the case of the Bible in Common Schools was brought before the Assembly, and a Committee was appointed on the subject. The subject of Sabbath observance, especially with reference to the Government railways and public works, was brought before the Assembly by a memorial from the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces. A Committee was appointed on the subject; it was agreed to memorialize the Dominion Government.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The Assembly appointed a large Committee, consisting of members of all the Presbyteries of the Church, to meet in Montreal, on the 1st September, to consider maturely various matters connected with the working of the Schemes of the Church and of the Assembly; to report to the Assembly, and also, if they think fit, to print the result of their

deliberations for the information of the members of the Assembly and of the Church.

#### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the report of a Committee appointed for the purpose of nominating the Standing Committees, the Assembly proceeded to appoint the Standing Committee's College Board, etc.

#### CHURCH AGENCY.

The Assembly agreed that the General Agents of the several Churches be continued in their several positions for the year, and that it be remitted to the Committee to meet in September to consider how, for the future, the agency of the Church shall be arranged.

#### MANITOBA COLLEGE.

In connection with the appointment of the Board of Manitoba College, the matter as to how the sum of \$8,500 required for securing suitable College accommodation could be raised, was brought before the Assembly. Ultimately it was agreed that a Committee be appointed to receive contributions for this object. The Committee was appointed, with Mr. G. M. Grant as convener.

#### ARREARS OF STIPEND.

On motion of Mr. Moore, it was agreed that Presbyteries be instructed to deal with congregations in arrears for stipend, for the purpose of securing payment of arrears and increased liberality for the future. Presbyteries were also instructed to secure financial returns from congregations that may have omitted to send them.

#### STATED COLLECTIONS.

Stated Collections were appointed as follows:—

1. For French Evangelization, on 1st Sabbath of July.
2. For Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on 1st Sabbath of August.
3. For General Assembly Fund, on last Sabbath of October.
4. For College Fund, on 1st Sabbath of December.
5. For Home Mission Fund, on 4th Sabbath of January.
6. For Foreign Mission Fund, on 3rd Sabbath of March.

#### PASTORAL LETTER.

It was moved by Mr. Croil, seconded and agreed to, that the Moderator issue a pastoral letter explaining the Union, and asking the congregations to contribute a thank-offering for the accomplishment of the Union; also, that Presbyteries be instructed to appoint deputations to visit the congregations within their bounds, for the purpose of explaining to them the nature of the Union, and the different schemes of the Church.

On motion of Dr. Waters, it was agreed that the Committee, to meet in September, be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of raising a Memorial Fund, or take such steps as may be most appropriate for attaining that object.

#### DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

The Assembly agreed to appoint the first Sabbath of September as a day of special thanksgiving to God, for the accomplishment of the Union.

#### THANKS.

Votes of thanks were passed by the Assembly to the citizens of Montreal for their hospitality, to the managers of the churches in which the

several bodies met, to the committee of management, to the railway and steamboat companies, and to the press.

## COURTESY FROM DIOCESAN SYNOD.

A resolution of congratulation from the Diocesan Synod of the Church of England in Session, transmitted by the Metropolitan, was well received, and acknowledged in suitable terms by the Moderator.

## CLOSE.

After a brief but very suitable address from the Moderator, prayer was offered up by Rev. A. Henderson, of St. Andrews, the oldest minister of the Church, part of the cxxii. Psalm was sung, and the Assembly was dissolved in the usual way.

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## Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

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### CALLS, Etc.

Rev. John Smith, of Bowmanville, has been called by the congregation of *Bay Street, Toronto*; Rev. D. Mitchell, of New York, has been called by the congregation of the *Central Church, Toronto*, recently organized; Rev. T. F. Fotheringham has been called by the congregation of *Norwood and Hastings*; Rev. J. Somerville, M.A., has been called by the congregation of *Division Street Church, Owen Sound*; the congregation of the First Church, *St. Catherines*, have agreed to call Rev. G. Bruce, M.A.; Rev. A. Stewart has been called by the congregation of *North Gower, etc.*

CHURCH ORGANIZED.—A new congregation has been organized in Toronto, under the designation of the Central Presbyterian Church. The members were formerly connected with the congregation of Bay Street.

DEGREE CONFERRED.—We observe with pleasure that the Rev. W. Cochrane, M.A., of Brantford, has received from the Senate and Board of Trustees of Hanover College, Indiana, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. For his ability, energy, and devotedness, Dr. Cochrane is worthy of all honour. We trust that he may be long spared to bear the title recently conferred upon him, and to be, as he has been, an eminently useful and successful minister of the church.

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### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

DEAR SIR,—By the action of the First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a comprehensive scheme of French Evangelization has been adopted. The Presbyterian French Missions hitherto carried on separately have been united in one board, whose office is in Montreal.

The board has already under its care eight French Ministers, three Licentiate, three Missionary Teachers, sixteen Students for the Ministry, five French Congregations, two in which French and English are preached, six Mission Schools, and thirty-one districts more or less occupied by colporteurs.

The property of the mission consists of four churches, a manse, and a school house. The board directs the services of thirty-one Missionaries of

all sorts, including students, teachers, and colporteurs, and the work is being prosecuted with encouraging success. As a special instance of what is being done, it may be stated that through the Divine blessing upon the labours of Mr. Chiniquy in Montreal last winter, over 800 persons left the communion of Rome to follow the teachings of the Gospel. Mr. Chiniquy is now settled in Montreal, and is to devote himself to the work in the city and throughout the Dominion. In order to carry on and to extend a mission already so prosperous, and to plant Mission Schools and Stations where openings can be made in the wide extent of the French and Acadian field, a large annual revenue is required. The board therefore desire it to be distinctly understood that all the available contributions of our people will be needed for the work which the General Assembly has so cordially undertaken. The Assembly has accordingly appointed a collection to be taken in all congregations on the first Sabbath of July, or as soon after as possible; and it is respectfully suggested, in view of the vast importance of the work, that sermons should be preached on the Sabbath preceding the collection, setting forth the evils of Popery, the dangers with which it is fraught to the souls of men and the institutions of the country, as well as the duty of giving the Gospel to the million of our fellow-countrymen so long enslaved by this system.

In cases where the Sabbath-day collections are deemed insufficient, they should be supplemented by subscriptions; and it is hoped that the claims of the mission will be presented to Sabbath schools and Bible classes; and that in congregations where missionary associations exist, liberal appropriations may be made in aid of a work to which God in his providence specially calls the Church.

All contributions to be sent to A. B. Stewart, Esq., Official Assignee, Montreal.

Ministers are requested to read this circular to their congregations on the Sabbath preceding the collection.

By authority of the Executive Board,

D. H. MACVICAR, *Chairman*.

C. A. TANNER, *Secretary*.

R. CAMPBELL, *Vice-Chairman*.

A. B. STEWART, *Treasurer*.

#### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The newly appointed Home Mission Committee met in Erskine Church, Montreal, on the 17th June, the Convener, Rev. Wm. Cochrane, M.A., presiding. Mr. R. H. Warden was appointed Secretary of the Committee. Mr. Alexander Stewart, whose appointment to Nanaimo, B.C., was cancelled, owing to that field being about to be supplied by a minister from the Church of Scotland, was appointed to Fort Pelly, the Capital of the North-West. Mr. H. Currie was appointed for three years to Manitoba, and it was resolved to secure immediately another missionary for a newly settled district on the Saskatchewan, where 50 families have recently come from Scotland, and 150 others are expected this season. Within the past three months *six* Missionaries have been appointed to the Presbytery of Manitoba. Two months ago three were designated to that field and the appointment of three others now, (*two days after the Union was consummated*), is an earnest of the determination of the United Church to prosecute with vigour the work of Home Missions in the Great North-West. The Committee engaged the services of Mr. James Miller

from the Free Church of Scotland,—who comes highly recommended by Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Barclay Free Church, Edinburgh,—as Missionary to the western part of the town of Brantford, where the congregation of Zion Church have just planted a mission, and are about to build a church. A grant of \$800 per annum was promised to this field. Messrs. W. Cochran, D. J. Macdonell, J. M. King, and R. H. Warden, were appointed a sub-committee to attend to all matters that may emerge in the intervals of the meetings of the General Committee during the year.

The following sub-Committee for the distribution of Probationers during the year was appointed:—Messrs. Torrance, Mullen, Cochran, McCuaig, Macdonnell, and Warden, *Ministers*, and Mr. T. M'Crae, *Elder*. Mr. Torrance, Convener.

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### Missionary Intelligence.

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#### CHINA.—LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MCKAY.

FORMOSA, SIN-TIAM, 21st April, 1875.

MY DEAR MR. REID:—Monday, 5th inst., I left Tamsui before day-break and went up the river to Go-Ko-Khi, where a number of our converts, hearers, and all our helpers but one, assembled in order to start together for our southern station. The party consisted of thirty-four, including myself. The first day was exceeding hot, and on arriving at Tiong-lek, found our usual halting-place occupied, so that we had to pass the night in a dark, damp, dirty hovel. Tuesday, we walked to Tek-chham, and passed the night in a part of the city where I never halted before. On that account patients were not so numerous as on former occasions. Still, I gave thirty medicine. One woman was insane, and it required several men to hold her. Wednesday, we were accompanied by scores of idolaters, who were on a pilgrimage to the South to worship the goddess of the sea, "Ma'-tso'-po." Many of them walked along, grumbling under the heavy rain, and at the slippery road. Blessed be Jehovah, not a murmur escaped the lips of our party. Arriving at Sin-Kaig, I left those who were weary and worn and proceeded on Thursday morning to Lai-sia, a station in connection with the work of our dear brethren in the South. The rain continued so that all were glad when little children and old men and women came out to welcome us. On Friday, all our party, helpers excepted, slept on the benches in the chapel. I spent the whole day giving medicine to sick brethren, or talking to them about Jesus. Our helpers rendered good assistance. Saturday morning we started back under heavy rain. When we bade our Lai-sia brethren farewell, many were in tears. This was the most difficult day's travel, because the heavy rains caused the mountain torrents to rush wild over rocks and stones; in many places, two, three and four feet deep. A man was drowned when attempting to cross one of the streams an hour or two before we crossed. Myself and three of our helpers joined hands and waded through current after current bare-footed. The streams were somewhat like what they are in Canada in spring, when the snow melts and heavy rains fill the rivers. It was impossible to wade through without thinking of 2 Cor. xi. 26.

It was nearly midnight on Saturday before I got through the Sin-Kaig enquirers. Twelve applied for admittance. I admitted two on profession of faith, and on Sabbath all sat around the Lord's Table to commemorate the love of Him who suffered such as man never suffered in order to save a guilty world. Monday, 12th, we arrived at Tek-chiam towards eve, and found the insane woman in her right mind. To God be all the praise. The result was that upwards of one hundred applied for medicine. Quite a number pleaded to establish a chapel in the city. There will be a chapel there before long. *God promised and will perform.* Wednesday evening, I was again with Dr. Fraser and family. Was glad to find all well. The doctor is vigorously carrying on the work in the Tamsui Hospital, and diligently acquiring the language.

Saturday, 17th, I went to the Pat-h-hun chapel. Preached on Sabbath. Monday, went to Go-ko-khi. Tuesday, passed through Chiro-nih and Toa-liang, where the people are building a chapel. In the evening I arrived here at Sin-tiam in time to perform the *simple* ceremony of marriage. Our second convert in Northern Formosa, who has been a faithful helper for two years past, got married to a convert in this place. About one hundred were present, and thought the ceremony superior to anything in connection with heathenism. May God bless all for His name's sake. It becometh us to be very *humble in heart and dependent upon the Almighty power of Jehovah.*

Who will come to labour in this field for Jesus? Kindest regards to all who pray and give for poor Formosa. I am ever yours sincerely.

G. L. McKAY.

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## REVIVAL AT SHERBROOKE.

BY REV. A. C. GILLIES.

On hearing there was a remarkable work of grace going on in New Glasgow, I at once, in company with my next neighbour and brother, the Rev. Robert Cumming, proceeded to that place in order to study the movement for myself, in the hope and with the prayer that my visit to New Glasgow might be the means of bringing a shower to our own corner of the parched field. Before leaving I wrote a letter to our own Street Prayer Meeting, stating the circumstances, and repeating the apostolic request, "Brethren, pray for us." Mr. Cumming and myself remained two evenings in New Glasgow, and one evening in Hopewell, assisting our worthy brother, Rev. John McKinnon, after which we returned to our respective congregations for the Sabbath. But on learning that a similar work was going on at Lochaber, in the congregation of the Rev. John F. Forbes, (a thorough Barnabas, Acts iv. 36, with whom I studied years ago in Knox College), I went there on Monday, where I remained to the end of the week, and where, as in the other places, I saw enough to convince me that "the Lord was working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Mr. Cumming was also there Monday and Tuesday evenings. Having observed and studied the movement in all those places, I returned home, and on Sabbath morning, the 28th of March, I preached from Acts xi. 19-24, closing with the detailed account of what I had seen at New Glasgow, Hopewell and Lochaber, and intimating that in place of the usual service, we should

hold a prayer meeting in the evening. I wished it to be distinctly understood that there would be no preaching in the evening, in order that the attendance might be taken for evidence as to whether or not God was working on the public mind, and thus visiting us with His salvation; and to the great encouragement of all who were looking for redemption in Israel, the attendance in the evening was fully as large as it used to be when preaching or lecturing was expected. It was enthusiastically agreed to meet again on Monday evening; and thus our meetings were continued in Sherbrooke for *thirty-five* evenings without interruption, increasing both in numbers and interest to the end. *Benches were placed in the aisle, and on many evenings every available spot in the Church was occupied with an attentive listener.* There were only a few individuals in Sherbrooke so hardened against God as not to attend, and fewer still who attended without being benefited. It was the general experience, and therefore a common remark, at the end of each meeting, that the last was always the best. The only means employed were, as usual, praise, preaching and prayer. There was no excitement; and yet I saw in the enquiry meetings muscular, strong, healthy men, who had lived godless lives, so completely broken down like little children, and so overcome with weeping, that for a while they could not speak to me.

It would be neither wise nor kind to bring personal or individual cases into public print. But suffice it to say that, so far, drunkards and atheists have given every desirable evidence of having been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. I am quite prepared to leave a wide margin for mere impressions, religious dreams, moral emotions and pious fancies; and still a vast amount of real good has been accomplished—how much, no wise person will attempt to conjecture. The following mathematical fact tells its own tale:—The Colporteur of the Bible Society sold last year in this community good literature to the amount of \$46.00, and this year, while the revival was in progress, he sold to the amount of \$142.57. *One fact like this is worth a thousand theories.* A most disgraceful quantity of *literary dirt* had been read here before, but now think of the above sums in favor of good literature, and that this difference was effected in less than a month. Having conducted the meetings for *thirty-five* evenings in Sherbrooke, we commenced them in Goldenville, the other wing of the congregation, which is about three miles from Sherbrooke, and where the gold mines are worked. In Goldenville we have continued the meetings for over three weeks with very happy results. Vulgar and profane swearing, once the order of the day, is now almost unknown in the community. Even Roman Catholics and others who would not attend the meetings, are ashamed to run to their usual excess of riot. The whole community is reformed. Young men and young women, and even boys, have held several delightful prayer-meetings. Many profane swearers have told me that they have lost all taste for their former habits, and that now they delight to pray. There is a noon prayer-meeting held daily in the ship-yard, immediately after dinner, by the ship-carpenters, some of whom were profane atheists a few weeks ago. Those desecrated chips on which they denied their Maker, are now the consecrated cushions on which they kneel, and through Jesus Christ pray to Him as their Father in Heaven. We have lately held a most delightful meeting on board the "Mary Ann," which is now undergoing a thorough repair. Whether in the mines, in the shops, on the street, or in the ship-yard, religion is almost the only subject of



conversation. Many tears of joy have been shed here during the present season of mercy. Parents praying for their children, and children praying for their parents, have literally fulfilled the last verse of the Old Testament. We have closed the meetings against the desire of many, because I must prepare for my departure to Montreal. In spite of the open opposition of some, and the *pious* opposition of others "who steal the livery of the Court of Heaven to serve the devil in," we have had a season that will be long remembered in Sherbrooke. May God give us a better one soon.

### SCOTTISH ECCLESIASTICAL MEETINGS.

We have but little space at command for any notice of the proceedings of the Supreme Courts of the several Presbyterian Churches in Scotland.

THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH met on 10th May, in the Queen Street Hall. Rev. Dr. McGavin, of Dundee, was elected Moderator. The attendance was unusually large, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The questions in which most interest was felt were those relating to the Divinity Hall and to the English Union. It has been agreed to make great changes in regard to the Divinity Hall—the session is to be extended, and the Professors to be separated from their congregations, so that their whole time will be given to the Court of their respective chairs. The union in England between the brethren in England and those of the English Presbyterian Church was virtually agreed to by a vote of 253 to 164. The report as to missionary operations was most encouraging. There is, perhaps, no Church which does more according to its membership, for Foreign Missions, than the United Presbyterian Church. In regard to general statistics, it was stated that the total number of congregations on the roll of the Synod in December last was 616.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND met on 20th May. Dr. Sellar, of Aberlour, was elected Moderator. The report of the Committee on Patronage and the regulations for proceedings in the election of ministers in vacant congregations occupied considerable time and called forth some discussion. The reports on Sabbath Schools, the Conversion of the Jews, Education, Foreign Missions, were encouraging and interesting. In India there are 11 European missionaries, 4 native pastors, 21 preachers and catechists, and 133 teachers. The receipts were £7,823. In connection with the Home Mission Report there was some discussion with reference to conditions attached to grants to congregations from the funds so liberally given by Mr. Baird. The action of the Committee was sustained. The report on CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK was given in by Professor Charteris.

LIBERALITY OF THE CHURCH.—It was reported that the total amount raised for all purposes was £282,834 1s. 7d. The returns, however, had not been complete.

In connection with the Colonial Committee, the Canadian delegates, —Dr. Cook, Messrs. Gordon and Lang, with Professors McKerras and Ferguson, and J. Croil, Esq.—were heard. After some discussion a deliverance was adopted expressing regret that on the subject of an Incorporating Union in Canada there was the prospect of a division; but setting forth that there was nothing in the Committee's report to prevent the Assembly very cordially wishing God-speed in their labours to the brethren.

ren who proposed to accept the Union, or from co-operating with them in any way in promoting the interests of Scotch Presbyterians in the Canadian Dominion.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH met also on the 20th May. Dr. Moody Stuart was unanimously elected Moderator. The reports of the Committees on Religion and Morals, on the Conversion of the Jews, and on other schemes of the Church, were given in by the respective conveners. The report of the Sustentation Fund was given in by Dr. Wilson of Dundee. The report referred to the death of Dr. Buchanan, to whom a warm tribute was paid. The total income for the year was £525,424, being £14,340 in excess of last year. The amount afforded an equal dividend of £157; and, in addition, each minister whose congregation contributed at the rate of ten shillings per member received £36, and those whose congregations contributed at the rate of seven shillings and sixpence, received £18. The report on FOREIGN MISSIONS stated that during the year 10 missionary agents had been added to the staff, and left for their respective fields of labour; 5 missionary artizans had proceeded to Kaffraria, and other 3 were about to go. The report contained interesting information as to the establishment of missionary establishments at Lake Nyassa and Zululand. The total income of the Committee had been £58,884 2s. 11d. There are now 52 central and branch missionary stations in India, and 37 in South Africa. The number of communicants is 2,387; baptized adherents not communicants, 1,986; and the number admitted on profession of their faith since the commencement of the mission, 4,227. In 159 schools connected with the Free Church Missions, there are 11,303 scholars. On the subject of the Abolition of Patronage in the Established Church there was a long discussion. A motion of Dr. Rainy, in favour of the disestablishment of the Church, was carried over an amendment by Dr. Begg, by a vote of 397 to 84. Measures were adopted for the union of the Reformed Presbyterian Church with the Free Church. Professor Douglas, of Glasgow, was elected Principal of the Free Church College there, and Mr. Bruce, of Broughty Ferry, was appointed Professor of Divinity.

AMERICAN CHURCHES.—We had prepared a brief notice of the proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Meetings in the United States; but we are obliged to leave it over.

### Book Notice.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW, April, 1875.

We received, in due time, the April number of the *Princeton Review*, although we have been unable to notice it sooner. The contents are varied, but throughout of ability and merit. The articles for the month are the following:—1. The Spirits in Prison; 2. An Open Letter to Professor Tyndall; 3. Calvin's Life and Labours; 4. Materialism in Germany; 5. Christian Work; 6. The Controversy with Pharaoh not upon a False Issue; 7. Theistic Reactions in Modern Speculation; 8. Dr. Gillett's Works on Natural Theology; 9. The Papal Question in England; 10. Current Notes; 11. Contemporary Literature; 12. Theological and Literary Intelligence. The "Open Letter to Prof. Tyndall" is from the pen of one of our own Ministers—Rev. J. Laing, M.A., Dundas. It is a well-reasoned and well written letter. It is gratifying to find one of our ministers so ready and prepared to enter the lists with Professor Tyndall. The earnest spirit of the writer adds pungency to his remarks.

*Monies Received up to 22nd June.*

HOME MISSION.		St. Louis & Ganzague and Val-	
Amount received to 22nd May, \$275 18		leyfield .....	10 57
A. Clark, Esq., Smith's Falls..	50 00	Perth, Knox church.....	10 44
Millhaven .....	17 50	Cooke's Church, Carradoc .....	1 00
Newtonville .....	8 00	Guthrie church, Longwood .....	3 00
North Keppel.....	2 68	Lucknow.....	8 00
Thamesville .....	12 94	Grimsby .....	4 00
Cumnock .....	10 00	Emiskillen, etc. ....	8 00
Chatham, Wellington street ..	20 00	Kinburn .....	8 00
Hamilton, Knox church .....	25 00	Eramosa, 1st.....	8 00
Elora, Chalmers' church.....	65 00	Orillia .....	10 00
Guelph, Knox church .....	53 79	Montreal, St. Joseph Street....	20 00
Quebec, Chalmers' church .....	30 00	Port Hope .....	21 00
Hespeler.....	5 50	Mille Isles .....	5 00
Manilla .....	6 00	Cheltenham .....	14 00
Paisley, Knox church .....	5 00	Strathroy .....	13 02
Forest Sabbath School.....	8 63	Rodgersville, etc. ....	21 59
Pine River .....	10 00	Wakefield .....	11 38
Glamis .....	4 00	Hull.....	6 50
Union .....	7 50	Lyndoch, etc.....	4 00
Norval .....	3 90	St. Andrews .....	12 00
Doon .....	4 00	Indian Lands .....	5 00
Listowel .....	12 16	Bethel Hill S. S. ....	6 00
Barrie Sabbath School .....	25 00	Bristol .....	4 00
Ashburn .....	7 00	Baltimore .....	8 00
Guelph, 1st .....	8 00	Cold Springs .....	12 00
Beckwith .....	8 00	Paris, River street.....	10 00
Tilbury East .....	6 40	Toronto, East church .....	10 00
Oneida .....	6 00	York Mills and Fisherville .....	6 00
E. Munro, Thorold .....	2 00	Admaston .....	6 00
Cannington .....	6 00	Cote des Neiges .....	20 00
Verulam and Bobcaygeon .....	5 50	Argyle church (London Pres.) ..	20 00
Molesworth .....	8 00	Culross .....	7 07
North Bruce .....	14 00		
Hullet .....	16 00	REV. J. CARRUTHERS' FUND.	
Harriston, Knox church .....	5 50	Amount received to 22nd May, \$29 00	
Galt, Knox church .....	50 00	Napier.....	4 66
Milverton, etc. ....	14 00		
Dalhousie Mills.....	4 15	WIDOWS' FUND.	
Almoute .....	10 00	Elora, Chalmers' church.....	8 00
Chippawa .....	3 00	With Rates from Rev. R. W.	
Drummondville.....	4 00	Leitch, Rev. J. McAlister, Rev.	
Brampton, 1st, etc. ....	17 40	Wm. Craigie, Rev. R. D. Fra-	
London, 1st .....	15 00	ser, Rev. D. Coutts Rev. Wm.	
R. W. Bennett, Springville.....	10 00	Bennett, Rev. J. Robertson,	
Vanklcekhill .....	10 10	Rev. S. W. Fisher	
Madoc, St. Peters.....	5 50	ASSEMBLY FUND.	
A. Macalister, Esq., Kingston ..	5 00	Amount received to 22nd May, \$33 00	
St. Catharines, Knox church ..	22 00	Lyn and Yonge.....	4 00
" 1st " .....	12 00	Goderich, Knox church .....	20 00
Alexandria .....	15 00	Detroit .....	16 00
Lancaster .....	12 00	Florence and Dawn .....	3 87
Amherstburgh .....	1 50	Lobo, Melville church .....	4 00
Trenton .....	18 00	Elora, Chalmers' church .....	15 50
Camden, etc. ....	8 50	Sydenham and Lake Shore, om-	
Arthur, St. Andrew's .....	11 11	mitted last month.....	7 10

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.  
 Amount received to 22nd May, \$19 00  
 Elora, Chalmers' church ..... 10 00  
 Guelph, Knox church..... 10 00

KNOX COLLEGE.

Amount received to 22nd May, \$58 00  
 North Keppel ..... 3 92  
 Sydenham ..... 1 40  
 Cumnoek ..... \$10 00  
 Boston church..... 10 50  
 Milton, Knox church ..... 9 50  
 Bequest of the late R. Wilson, 200 00  
 Guelph, Knox church ..... 45 00  
 Chinguacousy, 1st ..... 8 44

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Amount received to 22nd May, \$28 63  
 Guelph, Knox church ..... 10 00  
 Chinguacousy, 1st ..... 5 68  
 " 2nd ..... 12 35

FOREIGN MISSION.

Amount received to 22nd May, \$106 33  
 A. Clark, Esq., Smith's Falls.. 50 00  
 Melrose and Lonsdale, etc.... 10 00  
 Indiana ..... 20 25  
 Guelph, Knox church ..... 30 00  
 Chinguacousey, 1st ..... 8 00

Friend, McKillop ..... 2 00  
 Forest Sabbath School ..... 8 62  
 Barrie Sabbath School ..... 25 00  
 Culross ..... 17 25

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Amount received to 22nd May, \$611 67  
 Wingham, per Rev. J. Pritchard 10 00  
 Hibbert, per Rev. R. Hamilton.. 8 00  
 Port Hope, per J. Craick, Esq., 327 37  
 Warwick, per Mr. A. McKenzie, 73 70  
 Coldsprings, per A. Ainslie... 33 00  
 Norval, per Rev. J. Alexander, M.A. 8 00  
 Springville, p. Rev. Wm. Bennett 17 00  
 St. Thomas, p. Rev. R. H. Warden 183 33  
 Port Dalhousie ..... 22 00  
 St. Catharines' ..... 33 32  
 Ashburn and Utica ..... 39 50  
 Proof-line, ..... 46 00  
 Vaughan and Albion ..... 191 00  
 Ridgetown ..... 64 00  
 Elora, Chalmers' church, per  
 Rev. J. Midlemiss ..... 40 66  
 Toronto ..... 608 31  
 Thamesville, per G. Shirran .. 30 00  
 Dumblane, per Robert Scott .. 16 00  
 Brantford, per J. Sutherland .. 4 00  
 Culross ..... 16 00

RECEIVED BY MR. WARDEN KING, MONTREAL.

ORDINARY REVENUE.

Mrs. Redpath, Terrace Bank,  
 Montreal ..... \$100 00  
 St. Joseph St. School, Montreal 52 00  
 Cote Street church, " 278 21  
 Chalmers' Church, Kingston .. 77 00  
 Chalmers' Church, Quebec .... 130 00  
 Valleyfield and St. Louis..... 9 57  
 St. Andrews ..... 10 00  
 Melrose and Lonsdale ..... 7 00  
 Roderick McLennan ..... 5 00

Robt. Gage, " ..... \$10 00  
 Jas. Shaw, " ..... 5 00  
 A. Rankin, " ..... 5 00  
 W. Robinson, " ..... 5 00  
 D. P. McFavish, " ..... 2 00  
 T. R. Burke, " ..... 2 00

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

St. Mary's, Ont., Sabbath School  
 to assist in supporting  
 French student..... 40 00  
 R. Crawford, Red Rock, Lake  
 Superior ..... 20 00  
 W. Harkness, Carrick ..... 2 00

BUILDING FUND.

A. A. Stevenson, Montreal .... 25 00  
 Rev. Principal McVicar, Montreal 250 00  
 Waddington, N.Y. (Am. cur'y) 30 00  
 A. McAlister, Kingston ..... 50 00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Peter Redpath, Montreal..... 50 00

RECEIPTS FOR RECORD, TO 22ND JUNE, 1875.

D. McL., Amberley, Mrs. P. N., A. A., A. McK., Welland Port, P. McG.,  
 Widder Station, \$1 25; J. T. S., Olinda, W. P., Almonte, \$1 50; J. C.,  
 North Keppel, \$2; Rev. W. C., Port Dover, \$7 50; J. D., North Keppel, \$1;  
 H. McP., Cartwright, \$2; A. B., Ziska, W. D. Dunbaiton; J. N., Almira;  
 Rev. N. McD., Creiff, \$8 50; A. S., Flesherton, Mr. McN., Toronto, Miss C.,  
 Amherstburgh, \$1 50; J. McK., Avonton, \$7 25; J. A., Elmira, Illinois, Mr.  
 H. S., Niagara, J. L. Kilyth, J. M., Thorold, J. K., Esq., \$1 50; D. McK.,  
 Esq., \$2 00; Miss G., Toronto, \$1 50; G. H., Mrs. McG., J. S., Longwood,  
 J. R., Saugeen; Rev. P. N., Elders Mills; D. S., Braemar, A. P., Eastwood,  
 C. H., Carluke; Rev. W. K. Buxton, \$0 50.

## ARRANGEMENT OF PRESBYTERIES IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEETINGS.

### SYNOD OF MONTREAL.

1. Presbytery of QUEBEC....meets in Quebec, in St. Andrew's Church, on 2nd Wed. of Sept..at 12 noon.—Dr. Cook, *Moderator*.
2. " MONTREAL...meets in Montreal, in St. Paul's Church, on 2nd Tues. of July, at 11 a.m.—Dr. Taylor, *Moderator*.
3. " GLENGARRY meets in Cornwall, in St. John's Church, on 1st Wed. of Aug., at 12 noon.—Dr. Lamont, *Moder.*
4. " BROCKVILLE meets in Brockville, in St. John's Church, on last Tues. of June, at 3 p.m.—Dr. Bain, *Moderator*.
5. " OTTAWA ....meets at Ottawa, in Knox's Church, on 1st Tues. of July, at 3 p.m.—Mr. A. Mann, *Moderator*.

### SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

1. Presbytery of KINGSTON...meets in Kingston, in Chalmers' Church, on 13th July, at 10 a.m.—Prof. Mowat, *Moderator*.
2. " PETERBORO'...meets at Millbrook, in the Church, on 6th July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. John M. Roger, *Moderator*.
3. " WHITBY ....meets in Whitby, in Second Church, on 6th July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. Kennedy, *Moderator*.
4. " LINDSAY....meets in Lindsay, in St. Andrew's Church, on 13th July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. A. Currie, *Moderator*.
5. " TORONTO ....meets in Toronto, in Knox's Church, on 8th July, at 11 a.m.—Dr. Topp, *Moderator*.
6. " BARRIE.....meets in Barrie, in Church there, on 6th July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. Cleland, *Moderator*.
7. " OWEN SOUND meets in Owen Sound, in Knox Church, on 13th July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. Morrison, *Moderator*.
8. " GUELPH ....meets in Guelph, in St. Andrew's Church, on 13th July, at 10 a.m.—Dr. Hogg, *Moderator*.
9. " SAUGEEN ....meets in Mount Forest, in Knox Church, on 13th July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. W. Park, *Moderator*.

### SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

1. Presbytery of HAMILTON....meets in Hamilton, in St. Paul's Church, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. J. C. Smith, *Moderator*.
2. " PARIS.....meets in Woodstock, on 1st Tuesday of July, at 1 p.m.—Mr. J. M. Aull, *Moderator*.
3. " LONDON.....meets in London, in St. Andrew's Church, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. Gordon, *Moderator*.
4. " CHATHAM.....meets in Chatham, in St. Andrew's Church, on last Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. Rannie, *Moderator*.
5. " STRATFORD....meets in Stratford, in Knox's Church, on 1st Tues. of July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. Wilkins, *Moder.*
6. " HURON.....meets in Goderich, in Knox's Church, on 2nd Tues. of July, at 11 a.m.—Mr. Gibson, *Moder.*
7. " BRUCE.....meets in Kincardine, in St. Andrew's Church, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 2 p.m.—Mr. D. Cameron, *Moderator*.