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OF THE

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CONDUCTED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION.

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BARRIEFIELD, C.W.

We have received a communication containing an address and presentation from several inhabitants belonging to the different denominations in the village and neighbourhood of Barriefield to Messrs Barr and Porteous, students of Divinity in Queen's College, who have been labouring among them in extending the kingdom of Christ, especially by superintending the Sabbath school. Such conduct on the part of the inhabitants recalls to our mind the words of the Psalmist; "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The proceedings of the General Assembly and the Synod of Canada, together with other matter of a more general character, prevent us from publishing the documents entire, but we cannot forbear noticing (what singularly enough is too often forgotten by Christians of every denomination), that the people of Barriefield have given the best evidence of their devotion to the Christian standard by remembering that the laborer is worthy of his hire. This is the point that pleases us most, and which claims publicity. It is a practice worthy of encouragement, and capable of large development in many congregations in Canada. Professions of attachment to the Christian cause without liberal contributions to its support must ever be regarded as wells without water, fig-trees without fruit, life without hope.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Bursary Fund of Queen's College is of essential importance to our Church, as without its aid many most deserving young men would be totally prevented from prosecuting their studies for the Ministry. During last session this limited fund was soon exhausted, the number entitled to participate being so much larger than in any former year. It is with regret that we learn the serious disappointment to several promising students which arose from this source—some of whom must give up all hope of again coming up to College, if a little temporary aid is not extended. There are many benevolent individuals in our Church, who would doubtless gladly render assistance, were the circumstances known to them; and we are requested to state that the Rev. Prof. Weir, Secretary to the Senatus, or Mr. Paton, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, will gladly receive contributions and furnish further information.

This appeal is one which should meet with a ready response from all with means at their disposal, who have at heart the interests of our Church.

SABBATH SCHOOL ENTERPRISE IN SCOTLAND.

The following extract from the proceedings of the last General Assembly gives a gratifying statement of what is being done for the young by the Church of Scotland:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. Leitch, of Monimall, gave in the report on Sabbath Schools. It showed that there were 1550 schools in connection with the Church of Scotland, being a decrease of 8 as compared with last year. The number of scholars on the roll in January was 111,215, or an increase of 1436, the whole number enrolled throughout the year being 126,961, and the average attendance having been 93,378, showing an increase of 848. The number of teachers was 9773, being an increase of 222. There were 418 congregations furnished with Sabbath School libraries. Of the entire population of Scotland one in every 23 attended Sabbath Schools in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Free Church is also active in this good work, the following being from the proceedings of their Assembly:

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Dickson read the report of committee, which showed that there were, according to the returns which had been received, 1237 Sabbath schools in operation, showing an average of two schools in connection with each congregation. Of these 694 were distinguished as congregational, and 543 as mixed or missionary. The largest number of schools in any one Synod of the Church was that of Glasgow and Ayr, and the next Aberdeen. There were 76,274 scholars on the roll, 29,500 being boys, 35,000 girls, and the remainder not classified. The average attendance at each school was 61. The five congregations standing highest in connection with Sabbath school operations were the following:—St. Matthew's, Glasgow, 732 scholars; St. Peter's, Glasgow, 800; Forfar, first congregation, 831; South Church, Paisley, 918; and St. John's, Glasgow, 937. There were, according to the returns, 1066 teachers, male and female—St. Peter's, Glasgow, having 85, the largest number.

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

JUVENILE MISSION.

Already acknowledged, \$132 38

CANADIAN SCHOOL.

From St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Fergus, per Rev. G. Macdonell, 4

\$136 38

JOHN PATON, Treasurer.

Kingston, 22nd June, 1859.

The Treasurer of the French Mission Fund acknowledges the following payments.

April 30, Rec'd from Rev. D. Allan, Guelph, being a collection in St. Andrew's Church, \$12-00

May 5, Received from Rev. Dr. Muir, Georgetown, a collection made in Sabbath School Mission Box, 4-00

May 10, Received from Rev. Arch. Walker, Belleville, a Congregational collection, 10-00

May 17, Received from Rev. J. Tawse, King, do. do., 6-00

May 19, Received from Rev. S. Milne, Smith's Falls, do. do., 4-00

June 16, Received from Rev. W. Simpson, La-shine, do. do., 4-00

June 16, Received from Rev. F. McCallum, Milton, 6-00

June 20, Received from Rev. J. Campbell, Brock, do. do., 5-00

June 24, Received from Rev. Dr. Barclay, Toronto, do. do., 26-00

\$77 00

ARCH. FERGUSON, Treasurer.

Montreal, 25th June, 1859.

HOME MISSION FUND

IN CHARGE OF THE TEMPORALITIES BOARD.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

St. Andrew's, Quebec, per Rev. Dr. Cook, \$204 05
Valcartier, per Rev. D. Shanks, 4 00
Three Rivers, no remittance, 0 00
Inverness, no remittance, 0 00
Melbourne, per Rev. Mr. Sievright, 9 75
Point Levi, per Rev. Mr. Anderson, 5 00

\$222 80

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

St. Andrew's, Montreal, no remittance, 0 00
St. Paul's, Montreal, per Joseph M. Ross, Esq., 125 35
Chatham, per J. Cushing, Esq., 4 00
Oranstown, per Rev. James Anderson, 6 00
Georgetown, per Rev. J. C. Muir, D. D., 12 00
Lachine, no remittance, 0 00
Huntingdon and Athletane, per Rev. A. Wallace, 8 00
St. Louis de Gonzague, no remittance, 0 00
Heimingsford, no remittance, 0 00
Rauseltown, no remittance, 0 00
Beechridge, no remittance, 0 00
Laprairie, per Rev. J. Moffat, 6 00
Beauharnois, per Rev. P. L. Legat, 11 02
Hawkesbury and Grenville, per Rev. J. Hannie, 12 00

\$183 37

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

Cornwall, (St. John's), per Rev. H. Urquhart, D. D., 30 00
Lancaster, no remittance, 0 00
South Finch, no remittance, 0 00
Osnabruck, per W. R. Croil, Esq., 7 00
Martintown, per P. W. Conroy, Esq., 12 00
Lechiel, per Rev. D. McDonald, 5 00
Williamstown, no remittance, 0 00
L'Original, per Rev. Mr. Johnson, 6 75
Plantagenet, no remittance, 0 00
Williamsburgh, no remittance, 0 00
Matilda, no remittance, 0 00

\$ 63 76

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

South Gower, no remittance, 0 00
Pakenham, per Rev. Alex. Mann, 10 00
Kitley, per Rev. D. Evans, 4 00

Laurel, per Rev. W. C. Clarke, 8 50
Middleville, }
Dalhousie, } Do Do, 10 25
Hopeton, }
Perth and Bathurst, per Rev. W. Bain, 28 00
Ramsay, per Rev. J. McMorine, 20 00
Smith's Falls, no remittance, 0 00
Brockville, no remittance, 0 00
McNab and Holton, per Rev. G. Thomson, 9 00
Cumberland and Buckingham, per Rev. P. Lansay, 18 00
Huntley, per Rev. J. Sinclair, 5 00
Beckwith, per Rev. Mr. McFutchison, 15 00
Richmond, per Rev. Mr. White, 3 00
Oxford Mills, per Rev. Jos. Evans, 5 00

\$149 88

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

St. Andrew's, Kingston, per W. Ireland, Esq., 98 00
Seymour, per Rev. A. Neill, 12 00
Belleville, per Rev. A. Walker, 29 55
Camden, no remittance, 0 00
Stirling, per Rev. A. Buchan, 12 00

\$151 35

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

King, per Rev. J. Tawse, 7 00 00
Chinguacousy: no remittance, 0 00
Moto do, 0 00
Eldon, do, 0 00
Toronto, do, 0 00
Clarke do, 0 00
Horaby, per Rev. W. Barr, 4 00
Nottawasaga: no remittance, 9 00
Thorax: remittance promised, 0 00
Darhugton: no remittance, 0 00
Mulmar, do, 0 00
Uxbridge, do, 0 00
Newmarket, per Rev. J. Brown, 7 00
Markham, per Rev. Mr. Gordon, 12 00
Scarboro': no remittance, 0 00
Pickering, do, 0 00
Brook, do, 0 00
West Guillianburg, per Rev. Mr. McKee, 20 00
Peterboro': no remittance.

\$50 00

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

St. Andrew's, Hamilton: no remittance, 0 00
St. John's, do, 0 00
Clifton, do, 0 00
Galt, per Rev. H. Gibson, 25 00
Fergus, per Rev. G. Macdonnell, 13 00
Paisley, per Rev. K. McLennan, 4 00
Woolwich: no remittance, 0 00
Saltfleet, do, 0 00
Arthur, per Rev. J. White, 1 40
Simcoe and Vitoia, per Rev. Mr. Livingstone, 5 00
Guelph, per D. Allan, Esq., 12 00
Nelson, no remittance, 0 00
Dundas, per Rev. J. Herald, 8 35
Niagara, no remittance, 0 00

\$71 75

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Goderich, per Rev. A. McKid, 12 41
North Ex-shope, per Rev. W. Bell, 4 75
North Dorchester, no remittance, 0 00
Woodstock, per Rev. J. Stuart, 1 72
Westminster: no remittance, 0 00
Williams, do, 0 00
Stratford, per Rev. W. Miller, 3 25
London, no remittance, 0 00

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Total \$225 39

J. W. COOK,

Secretary-Treasurer Temporalities Board. Quebec, 20th June, 1859.

The following is the Reply to the Address presented to Wm. R. Croil, Esq., by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Osnabruck, which appeared in last issue of the Presbyterian:—

ARCHERFIELD, 31st May, 1859.

REV. ROBERT DONIE: Dear Sir,—I duly received your kind and friendly letter, accompanying the documents sent me by you from the Congregation and Session of our Church, testifying to the friendly terms in which we have lived and parted; and I beg to assure you that I feel deeply impressed with the most gratifying sensations at the expressions so kindly entertained to me by all parties; and do heartily believe, what in your letter you say, that it is no mere formal, unmeaning compliment, meant to be paid to me, but an honest and sincere expres-

sion of kindly feeling on the part of all concerned.

I beg of you to return to the Session and Congregation, on my part, my grateful thanks for their kind remembrance of me and my family; and trust that they will accept of this acknowledgment of my entire participation in every kind expression conveyed to me by them. And, although I feel that they very much overrate any services I have been able to render during my eldership amongst them, still I am happy to think that it has been in my heart to do all that they have attributed to me; and that I have failed in many, many ways of coming up to the standard of duty more from laxity in fulfilling them than from want of good purpose and earnest desire for the prosperity of the Church of Christ.

I trust that many will be raised up from among the congregation to carry out far greater measures for the cause of Christ than have ever yet been attempted in Osnabruck. Only let us faithfully commit our cause to God, and seek His aid more earnestly, and He will be found of us. I will never think that He has so far favoured our attempts to build-up the outward walls of Zion amongst us, and that He will leave us to stand still there. But I feel that we must apply more earnestly for His aid and blessing, trusting less to our own feeble efforts; for indeed Paul may plant, but God alone can give the increase.

Before closing, I beg to assure yourself and every member of your Session and Congregation of my cordial participation in all that concerns the prosperity of the Church of Osnabruck; and hereby return my sincere thanks for the very handsome testimonial presented to me by them; and pray that God may bless and prosper His cause in turning many to the Truth, and in building-up His Church in your midst.

I am, my dear Sir, Yours very truly, (Signed) WILLIAM R. CROIL.

ADDRESS TO THE REV. PETER MACVICAR, MARTINTOWN.

At the annual meeting of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Martintown, held on the Monday of the Communion, the following Resolution was unanimously agreed to, "that an Address be presented to the Rev. Mr. MacVicar, previous to his leaving for Scotland, expressive of approval of his Ministrations since he became Pastor of this Congregation, and of regret that he considers it his duty to resign his important charge." The following address was accordingly presented to him at a Soiree, at which he was entertained by the Congregation on the 18th inst.

We, the Committee, appointed to carry out the views expressed in the Resolution of the Congregation passed at the Annual Meeting; beg, on behalf of the Congregation, to thank you for your many valuable services amongst us, both as a faithful Minister of the Gospel, and as a private Christian.

Your pulpit Ministrations have been characterized by ability, skill and discrimination. You have denounced the threatenings of God's Law against the wayward and rebellious. You have sought to confirm the wavering by the invitations of the Gospel—to console the timid by its love. Your people have ever found you a wise counsellor, a faithful friend, and a safe spiritual guide, instant in season and out of season, doing the work of your Divine Master in one department, of which we cannot forbear to make mention, viz. in the Sabbath School you greatly distinguished yourself. We tender to you our hearty thanks for your instructions, care and love to the Lambs of the Flock, for your assiduous endeavors to imbue their minds with

a knowledge of the Truth as it is in Jesus, and trust that the fruit of your labour in the Sabbath School may appear in the after lives of our young people. It is due to you also to say that, mainly through your exertions, the Congregation is put upon a better footing with regard to its temporalities than it has hitherto been. It has not only increased in number but its property has also been increased, and secured to it by proper deeds.

You moreover introduced a systematic plan in conducting the more sacred services of the Sanctuary, thus securing order and regularity in the administration of Word and Ordinance.

These are only a few of the services which you have rendered, but they are of the most vital importance and such as to call forth our gratitude and approbation.

In view of these things, we cannot but regret your loss. It is with unfeigned sorrow that we learn the causes which have led to your resignation. We trust, however, that God in His goodness will speedily restore your present impaired health, and enable you long to labour in His vineyard, for which you are so eminently fitted. That a portion of the Congregation were remiss in their duty is to us a matter of extreme regret, as it could not but operate detrimentally, not only on you but on the whole of your people.

Little more remains for us now than to wish you a safe and prosperous passage to the shores of your native country: and may He, who stills the tempest, and tempers the storm to the shorn lamb, be near you to protect you as well as your partner in life and your little ones. May you continue steadfast and immovable in the work to which the Lord has called you, and, when that work is done, may He receive you into everlasting habitations, cheered by the joyous welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

To this address Mr. MacVicar made the following reply:—

The address you have presented to me is couched in such terms that I am doubtful whether I should not regard it more as the offspring of affection than the unbiased expression of your judgment. Nevertheless it would be affectation on my part to pretend that my labours in Martintown have been unworthy of your appreciation. When I came among you, I resolved, with the help of God, to devote my time, and the talents entrusted to me, to the work unto which I was called: and I have endeavoured, however imperfectly, to carry out that resolution. In the study, in the pulpit, and in the parish, my unremitting care (if I know myself) has been the spiritual welfare of the Congregation, while in the Sabbath School I hope I have been able, aided as I have been by an efficient staff of Teachers, to present the Word of life to the young in such a manner as to meet their apprehension, and win their hearts to Jesus. In working the parish, and in all matters pertaining to the house of God, I have acted on the principle that order and system are essential to decorum, devout worship, and even the temporal prosperity of a Congregation. There is one thing, however, which, being a party in the matter, I have had a delicacy in touching. I mean the mode according to which the stipend has been raised and paid. But be assured that, by observing a well-known law of the Church regarding this, you will not be impoverished, and your minister's circumstances will be greatly improved. On the part of Mrs. MacVicar and my family, I thank you for your kind wishes, and, if we may not meet again on earth, my heart's desire and prayer to God is that we may all meet in Emmanuel's land, where parting is unknown.

We understand that at the close of Mr. MacVicar's reply Mrs. MacVicar was presented by

the Ladies of the Congregation with a beautiful gold ring, bearing the inscription, "To Mrs. MacVicar from L. S. A. C. M.," as a token of their love and esteem.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

ECCLESIASTICAL ITEMS.

INDIAN CHAPLAINCY.—Rev. J. M. Thomson, M.A., pastor of the North Church of Stirling, has just received an appointment to a chaplaincy in India.

ORDINATION AT ELIE.—On Thursday the Rev. Mr. Buchanan was ordained and inducted by the Presbytery of St. Andrews to the parochial charge of Elie.

The Rev. Robert Wright has been appointed to the Working Man's Church, Grassmarket. On Thursday the Rev. Thomas Buchanan was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Church at Barrhead.

The Rev. Mr. Patullo, missionary in St. John's parish, Glasgow, has been presented to the parish of Parton, the Rev. Mr. Law having resigned the presentation issued in his favour.

The Presbytery of Stranraer met in the Sheuchan Chapel last Thursday and moderated in a call to the Rev. John McGuffie.

The Rev. William Gordon, minister of the second charge, Kirkwall, was last week inducted to the pastoral superintendence of the parish of Rothwell. The Presbytery and their friends were afterwards entertained at dinner by Lord Mansfield.

ORDINATION AT ABERDEEN.—The Presbytery of Aberdeen met in the East Church there on Thursday, when, after an appropriate discourse from Romans x, 2, by Rev. Geo. Jamieson, Old Machar, the Rev. Robert Flint, lately assistant to Dr. Norman Macleod, Barony Parish, Glasgow, was ordained minister of the East Church and Parish. The settlement is a harmonious one.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—Proceeding upon the permissive decision of the General Assembly of Wednesday, we understand that the congregation of the East Church here are to-morrow (Sunday) to adopt what they had previously almost unanimously acted upon for two Sundays—namely, standing during praise, and keeping their seats at prayer.—*Aberdeen Herald of Saturday.*

ABBEY CHURCH, PAISLEY.—We hear that it is the Marquis of Abercorn's intention to present to the vacant charge of the Abbey Church, Paisley, the Rev. James C. Lees, minister of Carnock. We believe this young clergyman is very much valued and esteemed, and is so eloquent and popular a preacher that his fame has already reached Edinburgh, where he was recently offered the presentation to St. Bernard's Church by the unanimous wish of the managers and congregation.—*Glasgow Herald.*

DEATH OF REV. GEORGE GIBB, OF GLENISLA.—We regret to announce the unexpected demise of Mr. Gibb. For some time his health has been far from good—so much so that he proposed the appointment of a helper. The pulpit has been supplied during the past winter by several young men. Last Sabbath he was in the church hearing one of them, when he became ill and had to be removed to the manse. Medical aid was called, but so rapidly did his strength fail that he expired on Monday night. Mr. Gibb was about sixty-five years of age. He has held the living of Glenisla ten years. The presentation is in the gift of the Crown.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH, KIRK.—This handsome place of worship was opened on Sabbath last. The Rev. Dr. McCulloch, Greenock, preached in the forenoon, the Rev. Dr. Clark, minister of the united parishes of Dunoon and Kilmun, in the afternoon, and Dr. McCulloch again in the

evening. The services were most able and impressive. The church was crowded to excess in the evening, when many had to leave without obtaining admission. The collection was liberal. Contiguous to this place of worship a commodious school-house and a dwelling-house for the teacher are now in progress of completion. We understand that there are now 9 schools in active operation, and another expected shortly to be opened in the united parishes of Dunoon and Kilmun, and in connection with the Church of Scotland.

SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN ENGLAND.—The annual meeting of the Synod of the Scottish Church was held in Swallow Street Chapel, Piccadilly, London, on the 3rd inst. The Rev. Wm. Gay of Berwick was appointed Moderator for the ensuing 12 months. A debate took place regarding the propriety of the Synod's sanctioning additional hymns to be already in use, Dr. Cumming contending that the Synod had the power to do so, and Mr. Macpherson, of Swallow Street Church, maintaining the opposite. It was finally agreed to appoint a Committee to co-operate in the matter with the General Assembly's Committee. Reports were given in from the various Presbyteries respecting the condition of the congregations under their superintendence; and the other business, which was routine, occupied the reverend Court till late in the afternoon. Several army chaplains were there, and, altogether, the meeting of Synod was one well fitted to give encouragement to the friends of the Church of Scotland in England.

DEATH OF PRINCIPAL LEE.—It is with extreme regret that we announce the death, in his 80th year, of the Very Rev. Principal Lee, which took place within his house in the College at an early hour on Monday morning. Principal Lee was one of the few survivors of the old race of Scottish divines and scholars, and many will miss from our streets and book-stalls his venerable and well-known figure. His life was one of ind fatigable industry, though it is matter of regret that his numerous writings give but an inadequate impression of his great talents and extensive acquirements. In the General Assembly he filled the office of Principal Clerk, and on abstruse points of our early ecclesiastical history he was an authority from whom there was no appeal. In 1844 he was elected to the moderator's chair, and many of the pastoral letters that from time to time were addressed to the Church were from his pen. The late Principal was born about 1780 in a village on the Gala Water. He was for a time under the celebrated Dr. Leyden, and afterwards passed to the University of Edinburgh, where he took a degree in medicine. Subsequently he entered the Church, his first charge being a Scotch church in London. His next preferment was to Peebles, where he resided for 4 years; and, thus early rising to some degree of eminence, he was in 1812 elected to the chair of Church History in the University of St. Andrews. Dr. Lee, besides other appointments, afterwards successively filled the charges of the Canongate, Lady Yester's, and the Old Church in this city, until in 1840 he was elected by the Town Council to the high office of Principal of the University. In 1844 he was elected to the chair of Divinity in the University, which he held in conjunction with the principalship. Principal Lee was one of the Deans of the Chapel Royal, and a Fellow of the Royal Society.—*Edinburgh Courier.*

PRESBYTERY OF EDINBURGH.—The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh was held on Wednesday.—Dr. Paul, Moderator.

The Moderator read a letter from Dr. Fowler, Convener of the Colonial Committee, intimating that Mr. Falconer, a licentiate of this Presby-

tery, had been appointed to a station in New Brunswick, and that he was desirous of receiving ordination before going out.

SABBATH SCHOOL RETURNS.—Mr. Gray gave in a report as to the number of the Sabbath schools within the bounds, stating that he had obtained returns from all the ministers. There were 42 churches and chapels, and he had received returns of 35 having Sabbath schools, having on the roll 7370 pupils, and an average attendance of 5693, the number of teachers being 666. Of the remaining 7, the returns of 2 chapels were included in the parish church return, 2 places of worship within the bounds were closed, and 3 were without Sabbath schools, namely, Old Greyfriars', the Old Church, and Gaelic Church. There were besides, attending the Sabbath morning classes in the Heriot schools, most of the teachers of which belonged to the Established Church, 1498 pupils.

CHAPLAINCIES IN INDIA.—Dr. Bryce stated that since last meeting of Presbytery he had received a communication from the Secretary of State for India, intimating the appointment of 3 of the gentlemen who had been nominated to chaplaincies, 2 at Calcutta and 1 at Bombay. The Presbytery would therefore be called upon at an early date to grant these gentlemen induction.

Mr. Robert Falconer, licentiate, after examination by the Presbytery, was ordained as one of the missionaries of the Church of Scotland to Black River, Miramichi—the moderator conducting the ordination services.

This concluded the business before the meeting.

PROFESSORSHIP OF GAELIC.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Abertarff on the 4th inst. Mr. Macintyre, Kilmonivaig, submitted a draught of memorial and petition to the Scotch Universities Commissioners, praying to take proper steps to institute and endow Gaelic professorships in some or all of our Universities. He observed that it was a manifest defect in our national colleges that there was not in any one of them any provision for the cultivation of a language which is the vernacular tongue of a large proportion of the people of Scotland and the British colonies, so essential to them in their intercourse with each other, and especially in receiving and communicating instruction on the most momentous of all subjects—religion. He referred to the high antiquity of the language, its connection with those of ancient and modern times—how extensively the Celtic races were diffused from the seat of their Eastern origin to the Western extremity of Europe—leaving traces of their language in the graphic nomenclature of the physical features of the regions which they occupied from Galatia to Ireland—a circumstance which presented considerable and peculiar means for elucidating the history of that people. In the altered circumstances of the Highlands, with its Gaelic-speaking population not greatly diminished, but with a large decrease of those better-conditioned classes whence Gaelic-speaking young men destined for the holy ministry chiefly arose, there is a manifest short coming of that home vernacular training which caused the defect pointed out in the memorial to be less felt in bygone times. He pointed out the fact that in the sister and Celtic country, Ireland, a Gaelic professorship had been long ago instituted in Trinity College, and recently in each of the Queen's Colleges there established. He concluded by expressing the hope that every Presbytery and Synod in the Highlands would exert themselves in attaining this desirable end, and he was glad to observe that some right-thinking and patriotic associations had already moved in the matter. The Presbytery unanimously approved of the memorial, and

appointed Mr. Macintyre to transmit the same to the Universities Commission, and to report the result.

LAY ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The annual meeting of the subscribers of the Lay Association in support of the 5 Schemes of the Church of Scotland was held last evening under the sanction of the General Assembly in the Assembly Hall, the Hon. Lord Kinloch in the chair.

After the proceedings had been opened by prayer, the secretary read the annual report, which stated that the contributions for the last year amounted to £15,038, 5s. The income of 1857-58 was larger by £300 than that of 1856-57. The report went on to state, that after the payment of all schemes, the contributions to the 5 Schemes of the Church during the last year were as follow:—Education Scheme contributed by subscribers, £254—by the Committee, £210.—Indian Mission Scheme—by subscribers, £87 6s 6d—by the Committee, £74.—Home Mission Scheme—by subscribers, £205, 16s 6d—by the Committee, £177.—Colonial Scheme—by subscribers, £106 6s—by the Committee, £95.—Jews' Conversion Scheme—by subscribers, £69—by the Committee, £64.—total by subscribers, £789 2s;—by Committee, £620.

Lord Kinloch moved the approval of the report. After some appropriate remarks his Lordship concluded by urging upon the Church to support the Association both by their prayers and liberality.

The meeting was afterwards addressed at some length by Mr. Muir and Mr. Smith (Trinity College Church); after which a benediction was pronounced and the proceedings terminated.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Church of Scotland Edinburgh Sabbath School Association was held in the new Masonic Hall, George Street. The hall, the walls of which were tastefully decorated with flags and banners, was nearly filled. Mr. J. A. Macrae, W. S., LL.D., the Honorary President of the Association, occupied the chair. The chairman, in the course of his introductory address, expressed his gratification at the numerous assemblage of teachers and others interested in the prosperity of Sabbath schools who had been attracted to the meeting, and proceeded to combat the objection formerly so pertinaciously, and, to a modified extent, still urged against Sabbath schools on the ground of their presumed interference with paternal instruction and fireside piety. He showed that neither in the case of godly parents nor of the indifferent had this objection any practical force; while, in the case of the positively wicked and abandoned, the teaching of the Sabbath school was the only religious or moral instruction which the poor children could possibly receive. Then, referring to the boldness and persistency with which infidel and atheistical principles were preached from platforms, and promulgated in newspapers and periodicals, and to the results of the dissemination of those doctrines in the loose and unscriptural views with which the public mind was so largely imbued in regard to the sanctification of the Sabbath and the obligation of other religious duties, he enforced the necessity of the Church arousing herself to counteract these pernicious influences, and especially to guard the young from their contamination by early instructing them in the doctrines of Bible Christianity, and training them up under its influence in well-organized and well-regulated Sabbath schools. He concluded by referring to the peculiar fitness of the Church of Scotland to take a lead in this good work, and expressed an earnest hope that the time would never come when her blood-stained

banner would not be found in the van of the battle against error and wickedness. (Cheers.) Mr. Tawse then read the 10th annual report of the Association. It referred, firstly, to the monthly meetings held for the purpose of suggesting improvements in the modes of teaching and conducting classes, and expressed regret that the attendance had not been so large as had been anticipated. New Sabbath schools had during the past year been originated in 3 parishes in the city, but, while this was encouraging, it was matter of regret that there were still parishes without schools in districts where they were urgently required. The average number of teachers throughout the year in connection with the Association was 601, and of scholars 6031, while the actual average attendance was about 4825, being an increase on the previous year of 33 teachers and 262 scholars. The report then referred in terms of gratification to the increased interest which was being paid to classes for senior scholars, and dwelt upon the benefits to be derived from keeping up the tie between the teacher and the scholar, even when the latter had altogether out-grown the school, and had entered on the active business of life. Reference was also made to the rapidly increasing number of Sabbath school libraries, and the healthful instruction which was thereby furnished to the minds of the scholars when they began to acquire a taste for reading. The committee expressed gratification at the harmony and cordiality existing between the Association and the Edinburgh Sabbath School Teachers' Union, and alluded to the benefits which had on several occasions resulted from their friendly co-operations. After expressing satisfaction at the prosperous position of the sister association in Glasgow, the report concluded by stating that for some years the income of the Edinburgh Association had not equalled its expenditure, and appealing to all friendly to the godly upbringing of the young to strengthen its hands for the important work to which it was devoted. The adoption of the report was moved by the Rev. W. H. Gray, and seconded by Sheriff Tait, and short addresses were afterwards delivered by the Rev. William Robertson (Greyfriars'), Rev. F. L. Robertson (Bonhill) and other gentlemen.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

[Abridged from the *Edinburgh Evening Post*].

The General Assembly commenced its sittings on Thursday, May 9.

About 12½ o'clock the Lord High Commissioner, the Earl of Mansfield, took his place in the Throne Gallery in St Giles' Church. Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Leishman, Govan, the Moderator of the last Assembly, who preached from Isaiah lx. 27. After proceeding to the Assembly Hall at about a quarter to 3 o'clock, Dr. Leishman opened the proceedings with prayer, and the names of the members of Assembly being called over, proposed, as his successor, Dr. John Cook, minister of the parish of St. Leonard's in the city of St. Andrew's. The proposition was received with applause; and Dr. Cook, being called in, took the chair.

The Moderator then said—In consequence of the lamented death of our reverend and venerated father, Dr. John Lee, it is now my duty to represent to the Assembly that the office of Principal Clerk is vacant, and that it falls on the Assembly to supply it.

Dr. Hill said—Fathers and brethren, it may not be difficult to find a successor to the lamented Dr. Lee in the office which he has held in this venerable Court for so many years, but his death has caused a blank in this Assembly

which we cannot supply. The venerable man who for 30 years occupied his seat on the right hand of the Chair, whose revered aspect could never be unnoticed by those who entered the House, is now no more. The tones of his voice, so solemn and impressive, were familiar to us all, particularly in the reading of God's Holy Word, with which he was wont to commence our daily meetings. To his authority in all matters affecting the Church the greatest deference most justly was paid. A champion of the Church, he was ever sensitively alive to its honour and interests, and on more than one occasion he stood forth to maintain those interests. A great man, a true Christian, and a learned and accomplished man, he has occupied a very large space in the public eye for a very long time. His acquirements were of the most varied description, and his learning and information in its minuteness and clearness, and in its vast extent, often excited surprise. For many years he presided over the University of Edinburgh with honour to himself, and he has left behind him a name that will long be held in remembrance by his friends and fellow-countrymen. It has pleased the Great Disposer of all things to give him rest from his labours. We cannot but miss such an individual from among us. All honour to the memory of our respected and venerated father! I think it a matter of thankfulness that it pleased God to spare him so long to dignify this Assembly and to guide our counsels; and it might well be the subject of our earnest prayer that, so sage a counsellor having been removed from among us, it may please the Great Head of the Church to pour out largely his gifts and graces on all the surviving office-bearers of our Church. I trust the Assembly will forgive me when I thus express the feelings which I entertain for the memory of Principal Lee. That we shall find a fit successor to him in the office of Principal Clerk I do not doubt, and for that office I beg to propose my friend, Dr. Simpson, whose services have long been tried and valued by the Church in the office of Depute-Clerk. He is intimately acquainted with the forms of procedure in this House, and is well known to take an active interest in all that concerns its welfare. I believe I speak the sentiments not only of the members of this Assembly but of the Church of Scotland in saying that it is due to Dr. Simpson of Kirknewton that he should be appointed to the office of Principal Clerk of the Assembly. I beg, therefore, to move that this appointment be now made, and that it shall be subject to any arrangement respecting the duties of his office which the Assembly may choose to make.

Dr. HUNTER seconded the motion.

The appointment being unanimously agreed to, Dr. Simpson took his place as Principal Clerk.

THE LORD HIGH COMMISSIONER having addressed the Assembly, and the MODERATOR having addressed the Lord High Commissioner,

Dr. SIMPSON then said—I beg to return my most sincere and hearty thanks to the Assembly for the great honour which has been conferred on me. I cannot hope to come up to that venerable man who last occupied this office; and I am well aware of the comparison to my disadvantage that may be instituted between its late and present occupant. I believe it is felt throughout the length and breadth of Scotland, and in many places beyond Scotland, that a great master has fallen in Israel—that he has left no superior, and few equals in scholarly attainments and in every accomplishment which should mark a great Christian minister. It was felt, I believe, throughout all ranks and all denominations that Scotland had lost one of her most distinguished sons, and the Church of Scotland one of her brightest ornaments.

All I can say, in again returning you my most sincere thanks, is that, while in a few things I can hope to equal my predecessor, I shall not be wanting in an earnest desire and a sincere endeavour faithfully to discharge the duty with which you have entrusted me.

Dr. ROBERTSON then said he should be glad to second the motion made by Mr. Cook that they should place some record on their minutes of the late Principal Lee.

The motion was unanimously agreed to, and a small committee appointed to give it effect.

FRIDAY, May 20.

The Assembly unanimously agreed that the Rev. David Rose, of Ferryport-on-Craig, should preach before the Lord High Commissioner in the High Church on Sabbath forenoon, and the Rev. Frederick Robertson, of Bonhill, in the afternoon.

REPORT ON INDIA MISSIONS.

A report was given in by the convener, Dr. Bryce. It stated that the committee had the satisfaction to announce that the endeavours of the Church of Scotland to obtain an enlargement of the means of religious ministrations to those of her communion resident in India had at length, under the blessing of God, been rewarded by a large and liberal increase in the number of chaplains of the Scotch Church, now maintained at the several Presidencies of Bengal, Madras and Bombay. After acknowledging the services of the Marquess of Dalhousie and Earl Canning, to whom the Church was much indebted, the committee went on to say that the zeal and readiness with which the elders of the Church at the Presidencies, and all her members generally scattered over the provinces, had lent their aid to the committee in attaining the object at length achieved, demanded the warmest thanks of the Assembly. The valuable statistical returns, which they enabled the committee to lay before the "Committee on Indian Territories" of the House of Commons, established a case of spiritual wants and claims on the part of our countrymen that was felt to be entitled to all the regard which the committee from time to time advocated; and contributed not a little to the ultimate accomplishment of the Assembly's wishes. An additional staff of ministers of the Church had been placed as junior chaplains on her Majesty's ecclesiastical establishment in that country. This increase had been granted to the extent of 7 chaplains in addition to the 6 now existing, supported since 1822—of whom, as the committee were led to think, 3 would be allotted to Bengal, and 2 to each of the other Presidencies. Of this increase, the Secretary of State for India had already nominated 3; 2 of whom were to be appointed to Calcutta, and 1 to each of the other Presidencies; and his Lordship had been pleased to place the selection of the gentlemen now nominated in the hands of the committee. The Rev. Mr. Ross, minister of Woodside Chapel, Aberdeen; the Rev. Mr. Thomson, minister of the North Church Stirling; and the Rev. Mr. John Williamson, preacher, Dumfries, had been nominated by Lord Stanley to various parts of India. The report concluded by adverting to the great events which have lately taken place in India, and urging the Church to make still greater efforts in prosecuting their work there.

Dr. BISSET moved the adoption of the report and Prof. C. SWINTON seconded the motion.

CONVERSION OF THE JEWS.

Professor A. F. MITCHELL gave in the report. It gave interesting details of the progress of the mission in Germany and Turkey. It stated that the education of Jewish females was a most

important means for promoting the usefulness and success of the missions, and in this department the Ladies' Association rendered most valuable assistance to the cause. Liberal grants of Bibles and tracts had been received by the committee for their mission in Alexandria from the Scottish Bible Society and the London Religious Tract Society, and for which they recorded their thanks. Their thanks were also due to the Tract Society for a large supply of books for a library; and to several publishers for supplies of school books, furnished to them for their mission stations at greatly reduced prices. Collections had been made in 818 churches and chapels, being an increase of 35 as compared with last year. The amount of these collections was only L.2043 11s 8d, being a decrease in their amount of L. 102 10s 4d. The number of parishes from which no collection had been received this year was 239. Contributions had been received from 25 parochial or congregational Missionary Associations, being a decrease of 3 in the number contributing. In the amount of these contributions there was a decrease of £27. 1s. 5d; in the amount of legacies there was a decrease of L.416 18s 7d; in the contribution from the Lay Association there was a decrease of L.68 6s 9d; while in the contributions from individuals there was an increase of L.43 11s. 4d. The whole ordinary income was L.2663 15s 6d, being L.621 8s 9d less than the income of last year. And the whole expenditure for the same period had been L.3974 9s 8d, or L.82 0s 1d more than last year. The balance now on hand is L.188 1s 8d. The committee regarded this state of matters with much anxiety, and hoped the Church would bestir itself and remedy it.

Mr. NICHOLSON moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. FREDERICK ROBERTSON seconded it.

It was, on the suggestion of the MODERATOR, unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Nicholson to conduct devotional services on the evening of Sabbath.

THE PRESENTEE OF TRUMISGARRY.

A petition was laid on the table praying the Assembly to authorise the Presbytery of Uist to recognise the ministerial status of the Rev. Mr. McDonald, who had lately been presented to the parish of Trumisgarry, and grant him induction. Mr. McDonald, it was stated, was a native of Uist, who went to Canada in early youth, where he studied in Queen's College, and there received ordination. He laboured in Canada with great acceptance and success, but had to come back to this country a short time ago for his health. The parishioners of Trumisgarry, whose church was vacant, having heard him preach, unanimously sent a petition, backed by the principal heritors, to the Home Secretary, praying that Mr. McDonald might be presented to the vacant charge, and the consequence was that a presentation and recommendation had been issued in his favour. It was represented that, if the petition was refused, there was very little chance of that parish getting a minister so well adapted to it as Mr. McDonald; and also that the effect of the Canadian climate upon his health was such that he could not return to labour in that colony.

The Rev. R. McDONALD, of South Uist, then addressed the House at considerable length, when,

On the motion of Dr. ROBERTSON, seconded by Dr. ANDERSON, Newburgh, a committee of members residing in the west of Scotland was appointed, before whom Mr. McDonald should be cited to appear, and who, on being satisfied with his qualifications, should have power to authorise the Presbytery to grant him induction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

From our Correspondent in Scotland.

The General Assembly closed its sittings two days ago. No convocation of our high ecclesiastical Court for many years past can be compared with this one for its liberality and earnestness of tone, ability for business and admirable speaking. Her Majesty's Commissioner, the Right Honourable the Earl of Mansfield, presided and evinced his usual interest in the proceedings by his faithful attendance in his place on the Throne Gallery, and by the brilliancy of his levees and grand evening receptions. The Moderator, the Revd. John Cook, D.D., of St. Andrews, discharged the duties of the Chair with hereditary tact and dignity. The Lords Belhaven, Setkirk, and Polwarth took an active part in the general business of the House; and it was peculiarly gratifying to see the first-named peer fulfilling so gracefully the duties of the eldership, though accustomed on previous occasions under the Liberal Governments of the country to sit there as the Queen's Representative.

The array of talent on the part of the ordinary members was decidedly superior, the best speakers of the Church happening by accidental coincidence to be present. Among them were the Very Revd. Principal Tulloch, Professor Robertson, Dr. Norman Macleod, Dr. Lee, Dr. Grant, Professor Swinton, Mr. Procurator Cook, Mr. Phin. Professor Robertson, decidedly and deservedly, was the leader of the Assembly. His judgment determined the opinions of the House on almost every question; and, when at one stage he proposed to resign the laborious convenership of the Endowment Scheme, the whole Hall rose to protest against the decision, and Dr. Macleod expressed the universal sentiment when he said that there was only one name in Scotland that could be placed by the side of Robertson's—that of Chalmers. The Church of Scotland, we believe, never had a man of greater grasp of mind, catholicity of heart, earnestness of Christian love, and vitality of such simplicity of character and utter abnegation of self. He is an institution in himself, as the Bishop of London is in our Sister Church and country. Perhaps the most prominent questions discussed were Lay preaching, Innovations and the Kildalton case. The whole course of the debate on the first question was judicious and excellent. Without discouraging a Christian layman from speaking God's truth out of a warm pious heart, the Assembly required that all such services, when held in church, should be conducted under the presidency of a regular pastor set apart as a guide and ruler in the holy ministry.

This was the unanimous feeling and finding; but we think the printed reports did not do justice to the liberality of sentiment which actually prevailed and was expressed.

Dr. R. Lee's innovation of course attracted an attention quite disproportionate to the comparative insignificance of the subject. The crush and excitement were tremendous, owing to the notoriety of the affair and the dexterity of the defender. It is reported that a lady of high rank, who recently joined the Roman Catholic Church, was interested in the movement, vainly seeing in it a tendency to her own communion. But Dr. Lee's most vehement opponent would never suspect him of any leaning to credulity and superstitious forms. The Dr. defended himself with a marked ability and temperateness, prudently restraining that offensive levity which hurt his cause so much in the interior courts, as similar conduct turned the tide of popular feeling against the too janty Lord Palmerston. The decision of the Assembly, which commanded him simply to deliver and not to read his prayers, has been justly commended by the public for its prudent settlement of a matter delicate from its intrinsic triviality. It gives a wise latitude in what Sydney Smith called "postures and impostures, flections and genuflections," and such details, while it is properly peremptory upon the reading of devotions out of a printed book—a practice totally alien to our national habits and genius. We confess we are no admirers of this petty discussion, upon which so much time and talent have been squandered. We think that an earnest man, more thoroughly alive to the sweltering debasement at home and to missionary destitution abroad, would not have spent so much ingenuity in trying to bamboozle his honest co-presbyters, and show his smartness in little things. Yet we admit that the debate may do good in pointing to greater decency in our simple ceremonies, and in drawing attention to the rignarole and profane prayers of the fluent, the vulgar and careless.

By a majority of only seven the Assembly rejected the presentee to Kildalton. His sermons foolishly appeared in the form of skeletons instead of fully written-out discourses, and upon this informality the ridiculous objections were entertained. The deepest sympathy has since been felt for this presentee. A subscription to assist him in defraying his legal expenses before the House is now on foot. He is said to be superior in mental vigour, and blameless in life. But this could not save him from rejection. It was sufficient that there were 50 objectors against him for the Assembly to reject him; and we are sorry to say that the intelligent people in the West of Scotland concur vehemently in this tyrannical and democratic view.

Indeed we fear the better judgment of our Church Courts is perverted by the intimidating dread of this popular clamour; and, let objections from that quarter be right or wrong, reasonable or the reverse, they are determined to give effect to them, even at the sacrifice of our most respectable presentees. Were it advisable, we could adduce some flagrant instances in proof of the strong feeling which prevails in Glasgow and Greenock, but we forbear. It is evident that the mob will have the say in things ecclesiastical as well as civil, and, when they have got the universal franchise and the high-handed veto, it will be time for gentlemen and scholars to choose a profession other than the clerical. With this unfortunate exception the results were highly satisfactory. The addresses from Messrs. Dallas and Tait, English clergymen connected with the Irish Church Mission, from the Scotch deputation from England, from the eloquent M. Boucher, our agent in France, were profoundly interesting; and the high-toned and heart-stirring missionary appeals of Professor Robertson, Dr. Norman Macleod and Principal Tulloch made a deep and moving impression.

[For the Presbyterian.]

LADIES' ASSOCIATION ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FERGUS.

With the view of provoking others to good works of a like nature, and making our people aware of the efforts made by our country congregations through female agency, and not in the spirit of vain-glorious boasting, it is proposed briefly to notice the operations of the above Association since its establishment—

Previous to the incumbency of the present esteemed Pastor, the Rev. George Macdonnell, whatever the ladies of the congregation did for the common good—and we have no doubt they did much—they had not acted in a united capacity, or made any combined effort either to relieve or meet existing home difficulties and wants, or to send assistance abroad. Now, we are happy to say, they have accomplished something in both these respects, and, we are persuaded, will do yet much more than they have done, especially if they succeed in gaining the co-operation of such as perhaps might assist but have not heretofore taken part in a work which, though of necessity imposing some degree of trouble, is yet most happily fitted to give an interest to those engaged in it in the affairs of their own church, of which we humbly think it is wrong for any one of its members, male or female, to be wholly destitute:—and yet, without any lack of charity, we do think it may be confidently affirmed many church members are in this position—ah! ignorant of the duties, responsibilities and efforts of the Church at large and of the particular branch with which they are connected—or congregation to which

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SYNOD ROLL,

&c, &c.,

MAY 25th, 1859.

REV. JOHN MACMURCHY, ELDON, Moderator.
REV. WILLIAM SNODGRASS, MONTREAL, Clerk.

*. The column of dates gives the times of the appointment of Ministers to the first charges held by them in connection with the Synod

1. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.—REV. WILLIAM BAIN, M.A., Clerk.

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

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Joseph Anderson, M.A.	20 Aug. 1840	Robert Hyndman	South Gower. a.
Alexander Mann, M.A.	16 Feb. 1841	Alex. Fowler	Pakenham.
David Evans	26 Jan. 1842	William Smith	Kitley. b.
Thomas Fraser	14 Jun. 1844	Alexander Stewart	Lanark.
William Bain, M.A.	29 Oct. 1845	Alexander Fraser	Perth.
John McMorrie	1 39	John Lee Clark	Ramsay.
Alexander Spence	27 Jul. 1848	Thomas McDonald	Ottawa.
Solomon Mylne	16 Oct. 1850	Andrew Whitson	Smith's Falls.
Duncan Morrison	22 Oct. 1851	George Matloch	Brockville.
George Finnon, M.A.	19 Nov. 1851	Henry Airth	McNab and Horton. c.
Peter Lindsay	12 Oct. 1853	Archibald Petrie	Cumberland and Buckingham. d.
James Sinclair	21 Oct. 1855	Wm. Montgomery	Huntly. e.
William McClutcheon	18 Mar. 1857	John Ferguson	Beckwith. f.
William White	24 Jun. 1857	Samuel Davidson	Lincum.
William H. Clarke	27 Oct. 1858	John Mitchell	Middleville. g.
Joseph Evans, M.A.	3 Nov. 1858	John Stewart	Oxford. h.
		John Stewart	Litchfield.
			Ross and Westmeath.
			Bromley.
			Spencerville.

William Thomas Canning and Peter Thomson, Ordained Missionaries. Annapolis, Fitzroy, and Faribolton, Mission Stations.

B* Post Office addresses of Ministers, when not expressed by the names of their charges: a, Heck's Corners, South Gower; b, Kitley, Toledo; c, Renfrew; d, Cumberland; e, Carp, Huntly; f, Franktown, Beckwith; g, Lanark; h, Oxford Mills, County Grenville.

2. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—REV. ARCHIBALD WALKER, Clerk.

Meets at Kingston and Belleville alternately, on the first Wednesday in May, August, November, and February.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Machar, D.D.	25 Ap. 1827	Andw. Drummond	Kingston.
Robert Neill	29 Jan. 1840	Robert Cleugh	Seymour. a.
James Williamson, LL.D.	25 Feb. 1845	Robert Cleugh	Queen's College. b.
James George, D.D.	4 Aug. 1844	Robert Cleugh	Queen's College. b.
Archibald Walker	10 May 1854	George Neilson	Belleville.
William E. Mackay, B.A.	29 Oct. 1856	Geo. H. Boulter, M.D.	Camden.
Alexander Buchanan	12 Nov. 1856	Geo. H. Boulter, M.D.	Stirling.
John B. Mowat, M.A.	2 May 1859	Robert Cleugh	Queen's College. b.

Rev. Peter Ferguson, Kingston, Retired Minister.
Hugh J. Borthwick, Probationer.
Wolfe Island, Pittsburgh, and Glenburnie, Mission Stations.
c, a, Burnbrae; b, Kingston.

3. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—REV. JOHN BARCLAY, D.D., Clerk.

Meets at Toronto on the third Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Tawse, M.A.	9 Mar. 1827	James McCallum	King.
Thomas Johnson	4 Aug. 1840	James McCallum	Chinguacousy. a.
Alexander Lewis	4 Aug. 1840	William McEwanc	Monn.
John Macmurchy	19 Jan. 1842	John Campbell	Eldon.
John Barclay, D.D.	6 Dec. 1842	John Cameron	Toronto.
Samuel Porter	29 Ap. 1846	Alexander Bradley	Clark. b.
William Barr	15 Jun. 1847	David Forrest	Hornby.
John Campbell, M.A.	8 Jun. 1853	John McMurchy	Nottawasaga. c.
David Watson, M.A.	31 Aug. 1853	Thos. d.	Thos. d.
John H. MacKerras, M.A.	20 Sep. 1853	Neil Gray	Darlington. c.
Archibald Colquhoun			Mulmur.
William Cleland	2 Aug. 1854	Henry Madill	Scott and Uzbridge. f.
John Brown	30 Aug. 1854	Jacob Wells	Newmarket.
James Gordon, M.A.	24 Sep. 1854	Archibald Barker	Markham.
James Bau	10 Oct. 1854	Thomas Brown	Scarboro'. g.
Saml. G. McCaughey, M.A.	3 Sep. 1856	Samuel Somerville	Pickering.
John Campbell, M.A.	10 Sep. 1856	John Ferguson	Brook. h.
William McKee	3 Mar. 1858	Jonathan Irvine	West Guelphimbury and Innisfil. i.
James S. Douglas, M.A.	27 Sep. 1858	John Edmison	Peterboro'.
		John Turnbull	Milton and Esquesing.
		Arch'd Cameron	Vaughan.
		John Phenix	Orangeville.
			Whitby.

Walter R. Ross and A. C. Stewart, Ordained Missionaries.
c, a, Norval; b, Port Hope; c, Bowmore; d, Beaverton; e, Bowmanville f, Uxbridge; g, Woburn; h, Wick; i, Bradford.

4. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—REV. DUNCAN ANDERSON, M.A., Clerk.

Meets at Quebec on the first Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Cook D.D.	1835	David R. Stewart	Quebec.
David Shanks	1841	John Clark	Valcartier.
Duncan Anderson, M.A.	21 Dec. 1854	W. G. Russell	Point Levi. a.
George D. Ferguson	16 ay, 1855	John Howiston	Three Rivers.
James Shevright, B.A.	30 Jul. 1857	Colin McIver	Melbourne. b.
Alexander Forbes	5 Jan. 1859		Leeds and Inverness. c

c, a, Point Levi West; b, Richmond; c, Leeds.
New Richmond.

5. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—REV. JAMES PATTERSON, Clerk.

Meets at Montreal on the first Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Alexander Matheson, D.D.	19 Oct. 1826	Alex. Morris, M.A.	Montreal St. Andrews.
William Muir	26 Jul. 1833		Chatham.
James Anderson	14 Jul. 1835	George Elliot	Ormatown.
James C. Muir, D.D.	29 Sep. 1836	William Hamilton	Georgetown. a.
William Swinson	16 Mar. 1840		Lachine.
Alexander Wallace, B.A.	1 Oct. 1845	Hugh Barr	Huntingdon.
James T. Paul	5 Jun. 1850	William Paton	St. Louis de Gonzague.
John McDonald	31 Mar. 1854	Hugh McLeod	Beechridge. b.
Frederick P. Sym	29 Sep. 1852	Adam J. Reay	Russeltown.
William Snodgrass	1 Nov. 1856	John Greenfields	Montreal St. Pauls.
James Patterson	8 Sep. 1858	Fred. S. Verity, M.D.	Hemmingford.
John Moffat	23 Nov. 1858	James Fenton	Laprairie/Longueuil.
Prosper L. Leger	10 Mar. 1859	James Lang	Beauharnois.
			Dundee.
			St. Eustace.

John Merlun, Hemmingford, Retired Minister.
John Rannie, M.A., and Thomas Haig, Ordained Missionaries.
Robert Herbert Story, Probationer.
Point St. Charles, Mission Station.
c, a, North Georgetown, b, Norton Creek; c, Laprairie.

6. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—REV. ROBERT DOBIE, Clerk, p. 1.

Meets at Lancaster or wherever it appoints, on the third Wednesday in January, May, and September.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Hugh Urquhart, D.D.	18 Feb. 1827	Walter Colquhoun	Coruwall.
Thomas Macpherson, M.A.	Sep. 1837		Lancaster.
Donald Monro	19 Dec. 1850	Dun. B. Macmillan	Finch. a.
Robert Dobie	7 Oct. 1853	William R. Croil	Oranbrack. b.
Peter Macvicar	23 Ap. 1856	Alex. Robertson	Martintown.
Donald Macdonald, B.A.	3 Sep. 1856	John Fraser	Lochiel.
Peter Watson, B.A.	4 Sep. 1856	Fargr. B. McLennan	Williamstown.
William Johnson, M.A.	15 Nov. 1856	Chs. P. Treadwell	L'Original.
Colin Grier	5 Jun. 1844		Plantagenet.
John Davidson	Sep. 1844	Henry J. Merckley	Williamsburgh. c.
Thomas Scott	12 Jun. 1844		Matilda. d.
			Dalhousie Mills.
			Cote St. George.
			Indian Lands.

Robert G. McLaren, B.A., Ordained Missionary.
Vankleek Hill, East Hawkesbury, and Coteau du Lac, Mission Stations.
c, a, South Finch; b, Dickenson's Landing; c, North Williamsburgh; d, West Williamsburgh.

7. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—REV. GEORGE BELL, Clerk.

Meets at Hamilton on the third Wednesday in April, August, and December.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Bell, B.A.	30 May 1814	Gilbert McEicken	Clifton.
Hamilton Gibson	13 Nov. 1850	Alex. Turnbull	Galt.
George Macdonnell	17 Nov. 1852	Alex. D. Fordyce	Fergus.
Kenneth Maclellan, B.A.	8 Mar. 1833		Paisley.
John Skinner, D.D.	12 Oct. 1833	Andrew Hall	Nelson & Waterdown. a.
Robert Burnet	26 Oct. 1833	James Gay	Hamilton St. Andrew's.
James Thom	23 Oct. 1844	William Smith	Woolwich. b.
Hugh Niven	17 Feb. 1857	Alex. Warrack	Saltsfleet & Dindbrook. c.
John Whyte	6 Aug. 1831	Duncan Saunders	Arthur.
Martin W. Livingstone	10 May 1858	Abraham Youngs	Simcoe.
James Herald	30 Jun. 1858	Jas. Hamilton, M.D.	Dundas.
Charles Campbell	25 Aug. 1858	James Lockhart	Niagara.
William Masson	15 Sep. 1858	Robert Parker	Hamilton, St. John's.
		David Allan	Guelph.
		Francis Comfort	Beamsville.
		Alex. Mitchell	Ancaster.
			Pushtack.

David Stott, John Hay, and John Hogg, Ordained Missionaries.
Dover, Lyndoch, Brantford, Kincardine, Tara, Durlam, Priceville, Ayton, Allanpark, Mount Forrest, Mission Stations.
c, a, Waterdown, b, Winterbourne; c, Mount Albion.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—REV. JAMES McEWEN, M.A., Clerk.

Meets at Stratford on the first Wednesday in March, May, September and December.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Alexander Mackid	18 Jan. 1844	William Kay	Godersich.
William Bell, M.A.	17 May, 1848	James Creer	North Easthops, a.
William McEwen, M.A.	9 Nov. 1850	William Woods	North Dorchester, b.
James Stuart	22 Aug. 1849	.....	Woodstock & Norwich, c.
James McEwen, M.A.	12 Oct. 1854	Duncan McPherson	Westminster, d.
Robert Stevenson	25 Oct. 1855	Matthew Glass	Williams, d.
William Miller	9 Dec. 1857	Samuel Robb	Stratford.
.....	.....	.....	Chatham.
.....	.....	.....	London.
.....	.....	.....	Wawanosh.

Francis Nicol Ordained Missionary.
Bayfield and Varna, Mission Stations.
a, Shakspeare; b, London; c, Woodstock; d, Nairn.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Rev. James Murray, St. Luke's, Bathurst, New Brunswick.
Rev. Thomas Jardine, St. Matthew's, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein, Missionary to the Jews.
Rev. Louis Baridon, Missionary to the French Canadians.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Ottawa, the 25th day of May, and concluded on the 31st day of May, 1859 years.

SESSION XXXI.

DIET I.

At St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Wednesday, the Twenty-Fifth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to appointment, after sermon by the Rev. George Bell, B. A., Minister at Clifton, their Moderator, on this text, 2 Timothy, ch. i., v. 14,—“That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.”—and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. George Bell. The Synod Roll was made up from Presbytery Rolls, and read.

CORRESPONDENTS.

The Synod called for Commissions of Correspondents when there were read and sustained, (1) a Commission from the Reverend the Synod of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland, in favour of the Rev. James Murray, of St. Luke's Church Bathurst, and (2) a Commission from the Reverend the Synod of Nova Scotia in connection with the Church of Scotland in favour of the Rev. Thomas Jardine, of St. Mathew's Church, Halifax.

Their names were added to the Roll and they being present took their seats.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Revs. John Macmurchy, Moderator; Joseph Anderson, Alexander Mann, David Evans, Thomas Fraser, William Bain, John McMorine, Alexander Spence, Solomon Mylne, Duncan Morrison, Peter Lindsay, James Sinclair, William Hutchison, William White, William H. C. Clarke, Joseph Evans, John Machar, Archibald Walker, William E. Mackay, Alexander Buchan, Thomas Johnson, John Barclay, William Berr, John H. Mackerras, John Brown, James Gordon, James Bain, Samuel G. McCaughy, John Campbell (Brock), James S. Douglas, John Cook, James Sieveright, Alexander Mathieson, James Anderson, James C. Muir, Alexander Wallace, William Snodgrass, James Patterson, John Moffat, Pospser L. Leger, Thomas Macpherson, Robert Dobie, Peter Macvicar, Peter Watson, William Johnson, Colin Grigor, John Davidson, Thomas Scott, George Bell, George Macdonnell, John Skinner, Robert Burnet, James Thom, Hugh Niven, John Whyte, James Herald, Charles Campbell, Alexander Mackid, James McEwen, William Miller, Thomas Jardine, and James Murray, Ministers; and Messrs. Robert Hyndman, Alexander Fowler, William Smith, Alexander Fraser, John Lockhart, Thomas McDonald, George Malloch, Archibald Petrie, William Montgomery, John Ferguson, John Mitchell, Andrew Drummond, George Nielson, Archibald

Barker, Thomas Brown, John Edmison, David R. Stewart, Alexander Morris, John Greenshields, James Lang, Alexander Robertson, Farquhar B. McLennan, Charles P. Treadwell, Gilbert McMicken, James Gay, David Allan, and Alexander Mitchell, Elders.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Mackid, and passed unanimously, That the Rev. John Macmurchy, Minister at Eldon, be elected Moderator. Mr. Macmurchy being present took the chair.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

Moved by Mr. Spence, seconded by Mr. Morris, and passed unanimously, That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the retiring Moderator for his conduct while in the chair and for the excellent sermon preached by him at the opening of this Session. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Bell accordingly.

HOURS OF MEETING.

The Synod agreed to meet during the present Session every morning at half-past nine, and before proceeding to any business, to engage in devotional exercises—to continue each Diet till five o'clock, P.M., with an interval between one and half-past two—and to resume proceedings in the evening at seven when considered necessary.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Any Presbytery may meet and transact any competent business at any time during the Session when the Court is not sitting, but the intimation of meeting must be in writing, signed by the Moderator, or in his absence, any two members of the Presbytery of which a meeting is requested, and must be read by the Moderator of Synod from the chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS.

The report of the Committee on Bills, Overtures and Business being called for was read by the Clerk. The Synod adopt the report, agree to follow the order of business recommended by the Committee, instruct the Committee to meet on Friday morning at half-past eight o'clock, associate with them Messrs. Malloch, Morris, McMicken, Alexander Fraser, Drummond and Greenshields, Elders, and order all other papers intended to be submitted to this meeting of Synod to be laid before the meeting hereby appointed.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. To revise Presbytery Records:—Messrs. Mann, Convener, Spence, Malloch, Buchan, Drummond, Mackerras, John Brown, Douglas, Macdonnell, Greenshields, Morris, Davidson, Peter Watson, Macvicar, Treadwell, George Bell, Macdonnell, McMicken, Miller, McEwen, and Jardine—to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.
2. To revise Synod and Commission Records:—Messrs. William Bain, Convener, Campbell (Brock), Burnet, John Lockhart, and Murray, to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.
3. To draft an address to the Queen.—Messrs. Burnet, Convener, Malloch, Mackid, Drummond and Murray.
4. To draft an address to the Governor General:—Messrs. James Bain, Convener, Mackerras, McMicken and Jardine.
5. To frame a minute respecting the late Hon. William Morris:—Drs. Mathieson and Cook.

All these Committees are instructed to report as arranged in printed docket.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Revs. Robert Neil, Robert Burnet, and Dr. Williamson, having retired from the Board of Trustees of Queen's College according to the provisions of the Royal Charter, it was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Greenshields, That they be re-elected. Moved in amendment by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Mackid, That the Synod elect Mr. Neil, Mr. Burnet, and Mr. George Bell. Moved in amendment by Mr. McMorine, seconded by Dr. Cook, That the Synod elect Mr. Burnet, Rev. Duncan Morrison, and Dr. Williamson. The second amendment was put against the first and carried by a vote of 31 to 18. The second amendment was then put against the motion and carried by a vote of 34 to 17. The Moderator declared accordingly and the Clerk was instructed to intimate to the Board the names of the parties elected.

ELECTION OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

The Hon. Peter McGill and the Hon. John Hamilton having retired from the Board of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, agreeably to regulations of Synod 1848, the Synod re-elected them, ordered their names to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners, and instructed the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

MINUTES OF LAST SESSION AND COMMISSION.

The minutes of Diet VI of last year's proceedings were read and sustained. The minutes of a meeting of Commission, held as appointed at Toronto on 16th day of February last, were read, the Clerk reporting that the meeting appointed to be held at Kingston did not take place for want of a quorum. The Synod sustained the minutes and approved of the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

Reports of Correspondents having been called for, reasons satisfactory to the Synod were given for their not attending the Synods in the Lower Provinces.

MISSIONARY AND DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

The Synod agree that a missionary and devotional meeting be held under their auspices in this Church on Monday evening at seven o'clock, and appoint Messrs. Spence, Mann, Morris, and Thomas McDonald, a Committee to make all arrangements and report the same on Friday.

SERVICES ON SABBATH.

The Synod appoint the Rev. Thomas Jardine to officiate in this church on the forenoon, the Rev. James Murray on the afternoon, and the Rev. Dr. Cook on the evening, of Sabbath next.

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TEMPORALITIES BOARD.*

The Synod called for the annual report and financial statement of the Temporalities Board, when there were given in and read, (1) a letter from the Chairman intimating that at the meeting appointed for the 23rd instant, there was not a quorum; (2) a statement intended to have been submitted for the approval of the said meeting as the report of the Board for the year; (3) a statement of investments bearing interest; (4) a summary account of financial transactions, and (5) a list of congregational collections in aid of the Fund.

Moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Morris, and unanimously resolved, That the papers now read be referred to a Committee to consider the same and report to the Synod on Saturday morning the action they may deem advisable to be taken in relation to them, and that such Committee be the following, Dr. Cook, Convener, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, Messrs. Snodgrass, Morris, Greenshields, Peter Watson, Mann, Malloch, James Bain, Drummond, Gordon, Burnet, McMicken, McKid, Jardine, Murray, Barker.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

At St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Thursday, the Twentieth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. George Bell; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elected Dr. Mathieson, James Mitchell, and Alexander Morris, to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, directed their names to be placed at the top of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board, and instructed the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE AND ADMISSION.

The Synod ascertained that Circular letters were duly sent to all the Presbyteries by the Presbytery of Toronto, intimating the intention of that Presbytery, with leave of the Synod, to take David Camelon, Donald Ross, and John Livingstone, B. A., Students of Divinity in Queen's College, on public trials for License.

There were read extracts of the records of the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent an application of the Rev. John Hogg, Ordained Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in this Province—of the Presbytery of Bathurst anent applications of the Rev. William Thomas Canning and the Rev. John McMurray, Ordained Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada—and of the Presbytery of Toronto, anent applications of the Rev. A. C. Stewart, Ordained Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in this Province, and of the Rev. James Rogers, Ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, for admission to the Ministry in this Church.

The Synod directed the said Students, and the Revs. John Hogg, William Thomas Canning, William McMurray, and A. C. Stewart, to appear before the Examining Committee about to be appointed.

With reference to the application of the Rev. James Rogers it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Mathieson, That the application of the Rev. James Rogers be not received. It was moved in amendment by Judge Malloch, seconded by Rev. James Bain, That the application of Mr. Rogers be referred to the Examining Committee to report thereon. The question being put, motion or amendment, the former was carried by a vote of 48 to 22.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Synod appoint their Examining Committee for this year as follows:—The Moderator, Convener, the Clerk, Drs. Machar, Barclay, Cook, Skinner, and Mathieson, and Messrs. Spence, William Bain, McMorine, Buchan, James Bain, Douglas, Sieveright, George Bell, Burnet,

McDonnell, James Anderson, Patterson, Donald McDonald, Davidson, Mackid, James McEwen, Jardine, and Murray, instructing them to meet this afternoon at a quarter before five o'clock.

PETITION OF WILLIAM FERGUSON, M.A., FOR LICENSE.

There were read a petition of William Ferguson, M. A. to the Synod, praying that he might be taken on trials for License—a petition of elders, members, and seatholders of the Church at Indian Lands in support thereof—and an extract minute of the Presbytery of Glengarry, recommending the same to the favorable consideration of the Court. Moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. McPherson, That the petition of Mr. Ferguson be granted. Moved in amendment by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Mathieson, That the application of Mr. Ferguson to be taken on trials for License be not granted, inasmuch as he has been already licensed and deprived of his License by a Presbytery of the Church of Scotland. The question was put, motion or amendment, when the latter was carried by a vote of 47 to 9.

APPLICATION OF REV. ANDREW J. MACINTYRE, FOR ADMISSION.

There were read extracts from the Records and Minutes of the Presbytery of Montreal anent an application of the Rev. Andrew James McIntyre, for admission to the Ministry in this Church, with sundry relative documents, the said Presbytery referring the whole case to the Synod for advice. Moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Dr. Cook, That the application of the Rev. A. J. McIntyre be rejected *simpliciter*, which motion being put passed *unanimously*.

APPLICATIONS OF MINISTERS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

Extracts of the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto, anent an application of the Rev. Thomas Johnson of Chinguacousy, and of the Records of the Presbytery of Glengarry anent an application of the Rev. Colin Grigor of Plantagenet, for leave to retire from the public duties of the Ministry on account of age and infirmity, were read and referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Cook, Convener, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, Judge Malloch, and Mr. Barker, to consider them and report on Saturday evening.

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

Being called for was read by Mr. Snodgrass, Convener, together with a draft of proposed Standing Orders on motions, votes, debates, and dissents. Moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. Mackid, That the proposed Standing Orders now submitted have the force and character of an Interim Act for the purpose of testing their value and utility. It was agreed to defer the consideration of this motion till Monday, to be taken up that day the first thing after routine business.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The Convener of the Committee on Correspondence with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland reported verbally the action of the Committee during the past year. The report was approved of and the Committee continued.

OVERTURE ON THE ELDERSHIP.

Returns of opinions of Presbyteries on the Overture transmitted for their consideration anent the representation of the Eldership in Synod being called for and read, it was moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Dr. Mathieson, and unanimously resolved, That in accordance with the opinions returned by a majority of Presbyteries, the Overture be rejected, but that the whole subject of the election of Representative Elders and the attendance of Ministers on meetings of the Supreme Court be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders with instructions to consider the same, and if they see cause report by Bill or Overture to next meeting of Synod.

NATURE AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod called for returns of Presbyteries on the report referred to them for consideration on the nature and powers of the Commission of Synod, and for the report of the Committee on the same subject, which were read together with a Draft Act thereanent. Moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. George Bell, That the Synod having heard the opinions of Presbyteries on the report anent the nature and powers of the Commission, approving by a majority of the said report, and having heard the report of the Committee on the same subject with the Draft Act submitted by them thereanent, agree to fill up the first blank in Section IV of said Act, with the word "nine," and the second blank with the word "five"—to pass as they hereby do pass the said Act into a law of the church—ordain that the Commission be annually appointed agreeably to the said Act—and discharge the Committee:—which motion being put passed unanimously.

Act anent the Commission of the Supreme Court.

WHEREAS, it is desirable to pass an Act declaratory of the nature, powers, and duties of the Commission of the Supreme Court of this Church, it is enacted and declared as follows:

1. The Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland may, at its annual meeting, but

at its annual meeting only, appoint a Court of Commission to meet in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter provided.

II. The said Court of Commission shall be regularly and lawfully convened only when it meets at such times and places as the Supreme Court shall direct, and it shall have power to adjourn any meeting so convened to such time and place as it may deem expedient; Provided always that the Moderator of the Supreme Court, or, in the event of his absence from the Province or removal by death, the next preceding Moderator of the said Court present in the country, acting on his own free motion or on the written request of any three Commissioners, shall have power to convene a meeting of the Commissioners, whenever an emergency considered by him sufficient may arise, but that such meeting and the proceedings of such meeting shall not be lawful unless the said Moderator send or cause to be sent by mail, at least ten free days before the day of such meeting, a circular letter to each of all the Commissioners, notifying the time and place of meeting and the business for which the meeting is called, which business only it shall be lawful for such a meeting to enter upon and dispose of, and which business shall not be entered upon until the conduct of the said Moderator in calling the meeting be approved of and a record made to that effect; And provided also that such meeting shall have power to adjourn only for the completion of the business for which it is convened.

III. All members of the Supreme Court enrolled at the annual meeting last preceding any meeting of Commission shall be, and these only shall be, members of the Commission, provided they continue to hold the same official status held by them as Ministers and Ruling Elders at the time of their enrolment; and while it shall be the right and the duty of all such to attend the several meetings of Commission, the Supreme Court may nominate and specially charge certain of its members to attend, provided always that in so doing the nomination shall include three members of each Presbytery, of whom two-thirds shall be Ministers.

IV. It shall not be lawful for the Commission to transact any business without a quorum of Commissioners constituting the meeting, and the Supreme Court alone shall have power to declare from year to year when appointing the Commission, how many Commissioners shall be required to form a quorum and what porportion of the quorum shall be Ministers, provided always that the quorum so appointed be never less than nine of whom five must be Ministers.

V. The Commissioners lawfully convened shall have power to choose their own Moderator and Clerk; their mode of procedure in conducting business shall be in all respects the same as that of the Supreme Court; and they shall have power finally to determine as they shall see cause in every matter referred to them by any act or order of the Supreme Court, and to advert to the interests of the Church on every occasion, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Provided always that in all their acts they shall proceed in accordance with the constitution, laws, and practice of the Church, they shall keep a faithful record of their proceedings to be reviewed and attested by the next annual meeting of the Supreme Court, which may reverse the sentences of the Commission and find those who concurred in them censurable, if it shall appear that they have exceeded their powers; Provided also, that the Commissioners shall not meddle, and they are hereby specially prohibited from meddling, in any matter not committed or referred to them by the instructions of this or subsequent meetings of the Supreme Court, or in any affair or process before an inferior judicatory that is not of universal concern to the Church, and they are also hereby specially prohibited from enforcing any of their sentences which the inferior judicatories refuse to carry out, the inferior judicatories being answerable nevertheless to the Supreme Court for their conduct in regard to the sentences of the Commission; Provided also, that parties may protest for liberty to complain to the Supreme Court, before the Commission and against its sentences, but such protesting shall not be a sufficient reason to justify disobedience to the sentences of the Commission on the part of the inferior Courts; Provided also, that it shall not be competent for the Commission to receive or take up any petitions or to receive and act upon Reports of Committees appointed by the Supreme Court without express instructions given to it by the said Court; And provided also, that no private process be determined, except at one of the stated meetings, and what is determined relatively to private causes at one meeting of the Commission shall not be altered at any other meeting thereof, but stand and continue in force till disapproved of by the Supreme Court.

VI. The Commissioners shall give diligent heed and obedience to the following intructions:—

1. They are empowered and appointed to take care that the acts and orders of the Supreme Court be duly observed by all concerned.

2. The Commissioners are empowered to apply as often as they shall see cause to the Governor General and the Sovereign, through him, for the countenancing of the judicatories of the Church and concurring with them in what the law allows, to use all proper means to preserve and maintain all the rights and privileges of this Church, and to lose no opportunity of applying to obtain a redress of what is grievous with

respect to the same, and to send Commissioners to the Seat of Government for that effect if they see cause.

3. The Commissioners are empowered to appoint Fasts and Thanksgivings as they shall see occasion, and specify the causes thereof, and apply to the Governor General for the appointment of Provincial Fast and Thanksgivings.

4. The Commissioners are empowered to give advice and assistance to any inferior judicatories in difficult cases as they shall be applied unto by them for that effect.

5. The Commissioners are empowered to take special care to keep and maintain unity in the Church upon all emergencies, especially among the Ministers thereof, and to gain such as separate therefrom, and to suppress error and schism in this Church and to proceed as they shall see cause against whatever may be tending thereto, and to take notice how any who have been censured by the Supreme Court or Court of Commission have carried, and to proceed to further censure as they shall see cause.

6. The Commissioners are to take notice of what misrepresentations shall be made of the doctrine, worship, discipline, or constitution of this Church, and to take all proper methods for the vindication thereof.

7. The Commissioners are to use their best endeavours for the advancement of religion and reformation and to use all proper means in their power for extirpating idolatrous and superstitious practices, for encouraging the formation of Libraries, and aiding in the distribution of Bibles, Psalm Books, Catechisms, and copies of the Confession of Faith.

8. The Commissioners are to assist inferior judicatories in the building of new churches, in the organization of new congregations, and in procuring for weak congregations of grants in aid from any legitimate source, and to cognosce and finally determine in all petitions, references and appeals which may be brought before them in regard to the same, and that in the most expedite manner, and also to receive any representations or references that shall be made to them by Presbyteries and others concerned about large and spacious charges.

9. The Commissioners are to give all due assistance to the University of Queen's College, Kingston, when any minister is called to any office therein, and to receive appeals and references in such case, and finally to determine in the same, and likewise inquire what inferior judicatories are doing for the maintenance of Bursars in the said University.

10. The Commissioners are to use their best endeavors for the reformation of manners and the more effectual curbing and suppressing of vice, for the recommending and encouraging of family worship, and for the promotion of true religion and godliness.

11. The Commissioners are to take the most effectual course to get the printing, vending, and importing of books and pamphlets of a low, blasphemous, and obscene character, and all incorrect copies of the Holy Scriptures and of the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church stopped and prevented.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Report of Committee on the formation of a General Assembly called for and read. Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Gordon, That the Synod, having heard the report and viewing its subject as a matter of much importance to the Church, receive the same and adopt the recommendation of the Committee in so far as to enjoin Presbyteries, at their first meeting after the rising of the Synod, to consider the propriety of a subdivision thereof in order to the formation of one or more additional Presbyteries, and also an alteration of their existing boundaries, and to communicate their views thereanent to the Convener of the Committee—re-appoint the Committee and instruct them to pursue their investigations and report a scheme for the proposed General Assembly to next meeting of Synod—which motion being put passed unanimously.

METRICAL VERSIONS OF PSALMS.

The Synod called for the report of their Committee appointed to select additional metrical versions of Psalms. Dr. Cook, Convener, reported verbally. The Committee is continued.

STUDENTS FROM SCOTLAND.

A report by the Rev. Donald McDonald of the fulfilment of his commission to seek out, while in Scotland, young men of suitable qualifications to study for the Ministry at Queen's College, was read, stating that he had been the means of bringing out two Gaelic-speaking students, and that others could easily be found. Moved by Dr. Barclay, seconded by Mr. Burnet, and passed unanimously, That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to Mr. McDonald for his successful efforts. The Moderator conveyed to Mr. McDonald the thanks of the Synod accordingly. The Synod appoint Dr. Barclay, Messrs. Macpherson, Burnet, James Bain, and McMorine, a Committee on this subject to report on Monday, Dr. Barclay to be Convener.

SYNOD FUND.

The Synod called for the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod Fund, and the report of the Finance Committee, which were read. Agreed to associate Presbytery Clerks with the Finance Committee to consider the scheme of assessment proposed in the report now submitted, and instructed them to report at a future Diet.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

At St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Friday, the Twenty-seventh Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Peter Macvicar; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

FORMS OF WORSHIP.

Dr. Mathieson was permitted to bring before the Synod the publication of "Forms of Worship," by a Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, for the use of colonists, sailors, soldiers, &c. Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Mann, and passed unanimously, That the Synod having heard the communication of Dr. Mathieson, and being persuaded that the work is one of much merit and will prove of great service in vacant congregations, cordially recommend the same for use by families and vacant congregations of the Church in Canada.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Queen's College being called for was read. Moved by Mr. Mackid, seconded by Mr. Greenshields, and passed unanimously, That the Synod have heard with gratification the first annual report of the Trustees of Queen's College which has been transmitted to this body—rejoice in the evidence it affords of the growing efficiency of the Institution—sympathize with the Trustees in their exertions to maintain and extend its usefulness; and inasmuch as the appeal to congregations has not realized the expectations of the church and Trustees as to the raising of the cost of the purchase of Queen's College Buildings, the Synod afresh recommend the effort to the liberality of the congregations and members of the Church in this Province.

ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

There was read an intimation from the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Queen's College of the election of Joseph Bruce, Esq., Hon. John Hamilton, Judge Logie, and Gilbert McMicken, Esq., to be Lay Trustees of Queen's College.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Synod came to an understanding as to the time and place of next annual meeting.

MISSIONARY AND DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

At the call of the Synod the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the missionary and devotional meeting to be held on Monday next gave in their report, which was approved of.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Church Property which was given and read. Moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Mackid, and passed unanimously, That the Synod thank the Committee for their attention to their important duties and for their valuable suggestions, re-appoint the Committee and Convener, and request them to take steps to prepare a statement of the Church Property throughout the Province as they propose and submit the same to next meeting of Synod, enjoining Presbyteries to take order that the information required by the Committee be furnished to them.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Synod called for the report of the proceedings of the Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business at their meeting this morning, which was given in and read. The Synod adopted the report as to new business, and in reference to the recommendations of the Committee in amendment of the instructions of last year, under which they have been acting this session, agreed to alter and amend the said instructions and to declare as follows:—

INSTRUCTIONS ANENT PREPARATION OF BUSINESS.

The Synod at their Annual Meeting shall nominate a Committee on Business for the following year, to meet at seven o'clock, P. M., of the day immediately previous to the meeting of that year, at the place where the Synod shall be appointed to be held, to arrange as far as possible the whole business of the meeting and prepare a printed docket in a sufficient number of copies for the use of members; the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, the Presbytery Clerks, and nine other members of the Synod, of whom five must be elders, the best qualified for this purpose that the Synod can select, shall compose this Committee. Papers of every description without exception intended to be submitted to the annual meeting of Synod must be laid before the said Committee at their said meeting, and accurate intimations of their contents must be forwarded to the Synod Clerk at least four clear days before the meeting of Synod; nevertheless this order shall not be held as preventing any papers from being presented and received by permission of the Synod at any time in the course of the meeting, when they refer to matters arising out of the proceedings of the meeting to which they are presented, but such papers only shall it be competent to receive in this way.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

The Synod appoint the Rev. Alexander Spence, of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Ruling Elder of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, to be their Correspondents with the Synods in the Lower Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and in the event of the said Rev. Alexander Spence not being able to attend to this duty, the Synod appoint the Rev. Duncan Morrison, Minister at Brockville, to take his place.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF TEMPORALITIES FUND.

In conformity with the provisions of the Act Incorporating the Temporalities Board, Rev. Dr. Urquhart, John Cameron, Esq., and John Thomson, Esq., retired from the Board, and the Synod on motion of Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Mathieson, elected Rev. Dr. Urquhart, John Cameron, Esq., John Thomson, Esq., Rev. Dr. Barclay, Rev. William Snodgrass, Mr. John Greenshields, and Alexander Morris, Esq., to be members of the Board, and instructed the Clerk to give intimation of their election to the Secretary of the Board.

SYNOD FUND.

The Synod resumed consideration of the report of the Finance Committee and called for the report of the Committee appointed to consider the same which was read. Moved by Mr. Greenshields, seconded by Mr. McKid, and passed unanimously, That the report now read be adopted and that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Committee. The Moderator conveyed thanks accordingly.

COMPLAINT AGAINST PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON APPOINTING REV. R. BURNET TO BE MODERATOR OF ANCASTER SESSION.

The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint of the Rev. John Whyte, against a judgment of the Presbytery of Hamilton on the 23rd of June last, appointing the Rev. Robert Burnet to be Moderator of the Session of Ancaster. Parties were called when there appeared the Rev. John Whyte for himself and the Revs. Robert Burnet and George Bell for the Presbytery. Mr. Alexander Mitchell, Ruling Elder, Ancaster, was also heard. Parties having been heard and removed, it was moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Mann, That the Synod sustain the complaint because there could be no Session at Ancaster until the Presbytery of Hamilton formed one, and because if there were a Session there it is unwise to appoint the same member to be Moderator of more than one Session besides his own at the same time. It was also moved in amendment by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. McMorine, That the Synod dismiss the complaint because the Synod in its deliverance of last year recognised the existence of the congregation at Ancaster, and in that deliverance recognized the separation of the Session of the congregation of Dundas and Ancaster. The question being put, motion or amendment, the latter passed by a vote of 37 to 14.

The Synod called for parties in the case of dissent and complaint, the Rev. John Whyte against a judgment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, of date August 19th, 1858, allowing Mr. Burnet to vote on a motion connected with his own case, but none appeared.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

At St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Saturday, the Twenty-eighth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Peter Watson; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT OF REV. HUGH NIVEN AGAINST THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint against a judgment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, of date April 20th, 1859, refusing to allow a question to be put to a member. Parties were called when Mr. Niven appeared for himself and Rev. George Macdonnell for the Presbytery of Hamilton. Parties having been heard and removed, it was moved by Mr. McKerras, seconded by Mr. Mann, and passed unanimously, That the Synod sustain the complaint and find that the decision of the Presbytery in refusing to put a question pertinent to the subject under discussion was unwise.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics which was given in and read by Mr. Dobie, Convener. Moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Mr. Walker, That the Synod receive and approve the report together with the Tabular Statement appended—thank the Convener and Committee for the diligence and zeal displayed by them in the matter intrusted to them—reappoint the Committee and Convener with the addition of Messrs. John Davidson, James Patterson, and James Croil—and enjoin Presbyteries to take order that the various Sessions within their bounds send in answers to the queries forwarded to them by the Committee;—which motion being put passed unanimously.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.*

The Synod called for the Twelfth Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund which was given in and read by Dr. Mathieson, Chairman. The Treasurer's Report was also read. Moved by Dr. Barclay, seconded by Mr. Mackid, That the Reports now read be received and approved of, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Board of Managers for their continued attention to the interests of the fund. The Synod hear with pleasure the satisfactory condition of the fund as evinced by the increased amount reported as having been contributed by congregations, notwithstanding the existing monetary depression, but regret that the repeated injunctions of the Synod respecting the annual collection in aid of this important fund have in so many instances been disregarded. The Synod therefore renew their injunctions to Presbyteries to see to the enforcement of the law of the Church ament the collection as well in vacant charges as in settled congregations;—which motion being put, passed unanimously, and the Moderator conveyed thanks accordingly.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION.*

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Jewish and Foreign Mission Scheme which was given in and read, together with the Treasurer's report. Moved by Mr. William Bain, seconded by Mr. Murray, That the Synod adopt and approve the report with the Treasurer's statement of the action of the Committee—thank them for their valuable services in the matter—authorize them to apply to Dr. Aiton for his consent to the funding of the monies collected by him and now in the hands of the Treasurer, as they propose, to be applied to their original purpose,—sanction the Committee in causing the Missionary to visit New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and recommend him to the sympathy of the Synods and congregations of the Church in these Provinces; the Synod further instruct the Presbytery of Kingston to take the Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein on trials, with a view to his Ordination, and in the event of the said Presbytery being satisfied therewith, to proceed to his Ordination at such time as shall be found convenient before his departure. The Synod further tender their grateful thanks to the Jewish Committee of the Church of Scotland for the interest they have evinced in this effort and their substantial proffer of assistance and accept the same; the Synod agree to appoint a day for the collection at a subsequent diet, instruct Presbyteries to see that the collection is faithfully made in the congregations within their bounds, and express their confident belief that the mission will be liberally sustained and the Committee enabled to carry out the mission with efficiency: remit to the Committee to watch over the interests of the mission, and take such steps as they shall see fit in the prosecution of the mission, and re-appoint the Committee, associating therewith Messrs. David Allan and Andrew Drummond, and appointing Rev. John Machar, D.D., Rev. J.B. Mowat, Rev. Robert Burnet, Andrew Drummond, John Paton, and Alex. Morris, an Executive Committee with all necessary powers, the Rev. J.B. Mowat, to be chairman of the Executive Committee, and Vice-Convener of the General Committee, and continue Rev. Robert Burnet and Alexander Morris, Esq., as Convener and Treasurer respectively. Which motion being put passed unanimously, and the Moderator conveyed thanks accordingly.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the papers submitted by the Temporalities Board, which was given in and read by Dr. Cook. The Synod agreed to adopt the following recommendations of the Committee.

1. That in view of the pressing necessities of the Board for the present year, the Synod approve of the action of the Commission which met in February, enjoining congregational collections throughout the Church in aid of the fund for the support of Ministers, and require all congregations which have not yet collected to do so as speedily as possible, it being understood, however, that if congregations have taken another method of aiding the fund, as by subscription such shall be taken in lieu of collections.

2. That, in consequence of the rapid increase of Ministers holding charges, the long contemplated effort to raise the case of the fund cannot be longer delayed without injury to the interests of the church, and that the Synod do therefore resolve to commence operations in the month of September next, by which time it is hoped, under the blessing of a kind Providence, the agricultural and commercial prosperity of the Province may be such as to give reasonable ground for the hope of success.

3. That, for more prompt and effectual action in this matter, the Temporalities Board, or such of the members of the said Board as reside within the city of Montreal be authorized to arrange deputations to the various congregations of the Church, if possible in all cases both of Ministers and influential laymen, and to call on Ministers not employed in such deputations to supply the pulpits of those who are.

4. That in carrying out this resolution the deputations have respect to four objects, (1) the increase of the funds invested by donations given at once, or of which the payment is extended over a course of years; (2) the formation of Church Societies, the members of which shall annually contribute to the fund, such contributions to be available for

distribution annually by the Temporalities Board; (3) donations to be at the disposal of the Board either for investment at interest or distribution; (4) Legacies in aid of any branch of the fund.

5. That the Synod approve and confirm the three following By-laws which have been adopted by the Board:—

That the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to draw cheques against the Bank account of the Board for the payment of Ministers and other expenses of the Board.

That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to receive and grant discharges for all dividends and interest accruing to the Board.

That an Executive Committee be named in terms of the Act, and that it shall consist of Thomas Paton, Esq., the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and Hugh Allan, Esq., who alone shall have power to receive, accept and execute transfers of stocks or Debentures, and every transfer or acceptance must be signed by all the members of this Committee.

6. That the Synod enjoin strictly on all Presbytery clerks to notify the Secretary of the Board of every induction or decease of a Minister within the bounds of their Presbyteries, as soon as they have ascertained the fact in either case.

7. That the Synod approve of the financial statements exhibited by the Board, and give the thanks of the Court to the Chairman and members for their valuable services.

The Synod appointed Mr. Robert Muir, Montreal, to be an Auditor of the accounts of the Board in room of Mr. John Greenshields, elected a member of the Board.

REPORT ON APPLICATIONS OF MINISTERS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the applications of the Rev. Colin Grigor and the Rev. Thomas Johnson for leave to retire, which was given in by Dr. Cook, Convener,—to the effect that Mr. Grigor be allowed to retire on his full allowance from the Temporalities Fund, and that Mr. Johnson, who submits himself to the decision of the Synod in the matter, be allowed to retire on an allowance of £80 per annum from the fund. The Synod adopt the report, require Mr. Johnson to execute a deed surrendering all claim on the Temporalities Fund other than that herein allowed, and authorize the Presbyteries of Glengarry and Toronto to proceed according to the laws of the Church in giving effect to this deliverance.

REPORT ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to revise Presbytery Records, which was read by Mr. Mann, Convener. Members of the several Presbyteries were heard in regard to matters noted in the report, and the Moderator inquired if any member of the Synod had any remarks to make upon any of the Records. The Synod ordered their Clerk to attest the Records of the Presbyteries of Bathurst, Kingston, Toronto, Quebec, Montreal, and London, as being carefully and correctly kept, as likewise those of the Presbytery of Glengarry *cum hac nota* that in page 121 certain words are omitted from the form of Induction, as likewise those of the Presbytery of Hamilton, with instructions to the said Presbytery to go beyond their last attestation of the Session Records of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, and expunge from those Records, as directed last year, all reference to the matters connected with Col. McDougall's complaint.

REPORT ON SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

The Synod called for the report of their Committee appointed to revise Records of Synod and of Commission of Synod which was read by Mr. James Bain, Convener, to the effect that the said Records are carefully and correctly kept; whereupon the Synod instructed their Moderator to attest them accordingly.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

At St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Monday, the Thirtieth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Solomon Mylne; and the minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and sustained.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.*

The Synod heard, and after amending, adopted a draft address to the Queen, reported by the Committee appointed to prepare the same.

FRENCH MISSION.*

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the French Mission Scheme, which was read by Mr. Snodgrass, Convener, together with the Treasurer's statements. Moved by Mr. Leger, seconded by Dr. Cook, That the Synod adopt the Report and Treasurer's statements—approve the action of the Committee in employing the Rev. Louis Baridon, in choosing for the present the field they have selected, and in soliciting a public collection in aid of the funds of the Mission—instruct the Com-

mittee to negotiate a sale of the property at Sorel should they deem it advantageous to do so, and in the mean time to get the property there deeded in the name of the Convener of the Committee and his successor in office, for the benefit of the scheme—empower the Committee to take such steps as they may consider advisable in securing for the purposes of the Mission the Church at Sciota, referred to in the report—earnestly commend this Home Mission effort to the prayers and liberality of the Church, in the hope that the Committee may be put in possession of funds sufficient to warrant them in engaging another Missionary—and re-appoint the Committee and Convener, with the addition of the Revs. James Patterson, John Moffat, Prosper L. Leger, Frederick P. Sym, James Sieveright, and Peter Watson, and Dr. Verity, Elder, with power to form auxiliary Committees; which motion being put passed unanimously.

THE LATE HON. WILLIAM MORRIS.

The Committee appointed to frame a minute respecting the late Hon. William Morris reported the following, which was adopted:—

The attention of the Synod having been called to the circumstance of the decease, since last meeting, of the Honorable William Morris, resolve to record their respect for his personal character and the high sense which they entertain of the important services which, during a long course of years, both in his private and public capacity, that distinguished individual rendered to the Church. To his efforts, more perhaps than those of any other individuals, the Church owed the position which it ultimately attained in respect of the Clergy Reserves, and in virtue of which, even when those Reserves were secularized, the right was secured to that commutation of ministerial allowances which promises to be of so much permanent benefit to the Church. Because of his unwearied exertions in this matter the name of Mr. Morris must ever continue to be remembered with honour in this Church.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.*

The Synod called for the Report of their Committee on Sabbath Schools which was read by the Rev. George Macdonnell, Convener, who also gave in a Tabular Digest of information. Moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Walker, That the Report be received and adopted—that the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Committee for their diligence and zeal in the scheme—that the Synod re-appoint the Committee and Convener, and anew enjoin Kirksessions to give attention to the furnishing of statistics and other information desired by the Committee;—which motion being put passed unanimously.

APPLICATION OF REV. THOMAS JOHNSON FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

There was read a letter from the Rev. Thomas Johnson, of Chinguacousy, intimating that he declined to accept the arrangement of Synod anent his application for leave to retire.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made and this Diet was closed with prayer.

A missionary and devotional meeting, largely attended and addressed by several gentlemen, Ministers and others, was held this evening as appointed, under the auspices of the Synod.

DIET VI.

At St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Tuesday, the Thirty-first Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein; and minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Synod having called for the Report of the Examining Committee, it was given in and read. After discussion, it was agreed to authorize Presbyteries to take Messrs. Camelon, Livingstone, and Ross, Students of Divinity, on trials for License; instruct the Presbytery of Hamilton to receive the Rev. John Hogg as an Ordained Minister of this Church, with permission to induct him within a year should they see cause for so doing; instruct the Presbytery of Bathurst to receive the Rev. Wm. Thomas Canning as an Ordained Minister of this Church, and to induct him within a year should they see cause; and permit the Presbytery of Toronto, in their discretion, to employ the Rev. A. C. Stewart, in the meantime, as a Missionary within their bounds.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Morris, and agreed, That if Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Camelon be ordained and settled before 1st January, 1860, they shall be placed on the Roll of the Temporalities Board before Messrs. Hogg and Canning.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.*

The Synod having called for the Report of their Committee on Sabbath Observance, it was read by the Rev. William Bain, Convener. Moved by Mr. Greenshields, seconded by Mr. McKerras, That the Synod receive the Report of the Committee—thank them for their diligence—re-appoint them and their Convener—instruct them to follow up the

suggestions contained in their report—and express the hope that the future efforts of the Committee will be owned and blessed by the Head of the Church, for the better observance of the Lord's day.

JUVENILE MISSION AND INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.*

The Report of the Treasurer of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme was called for and read. Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and resolved, That the Synod have heard with thankfulness the Report now read—rejoice to learn the growing efficiency of the effort and of the establishment of the Canadian School, Calcutta—give thanks to God for the tokens of Divine favour vouchsafed during the past year—recommend the Scheme to the cordial support of the Church—and re-appoint Mr. Paton Treasurer, thanking him for the efficient discharge of his duties during the past year.

TRICENTENARY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Synod heard an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton anent the celebration of the tricentenary of the Church of Scotland. Moved by Mr. Macvicar, seconded by Mr. Dobic, That the Overture be adopted—that the Rev. W. Snodgrass and Mr. Morris be appointed a Committee to co-operate with the Church of Scotland, and with the Presbyterian Synods of this Province, with regard to the celebration of the tricentenary of the Reformation in Scotland—and that the Report of the Committee along with a scheme for the best mode of observance for this Church, be submitted to this Synod at the next meeting.

ACT FOR REGULATING PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.

The Synod heard an Overture and proposed Act, by Mr. Snodgrass, for the regulation of public collections, the Act being as follows:—

WHEREAS it is desirable for various reasons to make alterations in the Act of Synod, 1854, anent the regulation of public collections for Missionary and other operations of the Church, and otherwise provide for the due observance of Synodical injunctions in regard to the matter, the Synod repeal the said Act, and appoint the following public collections to be made in all the Churches during the ensuing year, namely: *First*, for the Jewish Mission Scheme—On the first Sabbath of July. *Second*, for the Temporalities Fund—On the first Sabbath of October. *Third*, for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans Fund—On the first Sabbath of January. And *Fourth*, for the French Mission Scheme—On the first Sabbath of April; Provided always, that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall happen to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or when any of the said Sabbaths shall be deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then another day may be selected by the Session within four weeks thereafter; Provided also, that in case of any congregation preferring to raise their contributions 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, while rejoicing at the increased fruits of Christian effort in this Church, would earnestly urge on all their people the duty of still further augmenting the means supplied by them for promoting the cause of the Redeemer, hitherto so inadequate to the extent of the field daily opening up to the operations of the Church, and so far within what might be expected from the gratitude and love due to a crucified Saviour. They strictly enjoin all Ministers of the Church to fulfil the duty incumbent on them, of at least exhorting their Congregations to embrace the opportunities afforded them of contributing towards the maintenance and spread of the Gospel of Christ on all the days above specified; And the Synod enjoin every Minister on a Sabbath preceding that on which each collection is to be made, to give due intimation thereof from the pulpit, together with such information on the object of the collection as he may have been able to acquire; And they enjoin the Convener of the several Committees and Boards for the management of the Schemes herein specified, to forward in good time to all the Ministers notices of the appointments herein made as they shall become due respectively, together with such statements as it may be of use and interest to read from the pulpit along with their intimations; And in particular the Synod enjoin the several Presbyteries at their meetings next after the times specified to inquire into the diligence of all their Ministers and Congregations in this matter and to record reports thereof in their Presbytery books, and likewise instruct the Committee of Synod for revising Presbytery books to notice how far Presbyteries attend to this injunction; And the Synod earnestly urge on all the people seriously to consider the duty of contributing liberally for the advancement of Christ's cause, according to the ability wherewith God has blessed them; And the Synod ordain a sufficient number of copies of this Act to be printed forthwith and distributed among all Ministers and Missionaries, who are hereby enjoined to read it from their pulpits on the first Sabbath after receipt thereof. This act shall be annually renewed, with such amendments as the Synod may deem called for, and the expense of printing it shall be borne equally by the several Schemes, and the funds of each Scheme shall be charged with all expenses connected with its own management.

It was moved and seconded that the Overture be adopted and the Act approved of and passed, which motion being put was unanimously agreed to.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Synod re-considered the motion on Standing Orders submitted on Thursday, and agreed thereto, giving the following Standing Orders the force and character of an Interim Act:—

Motions.

I. A motion shall not be competent unless proposed in reference to a subject regularly introduced to the Court by petition, bill, appeal, complaint, reference, or report, but this shall not apply to motions bearing upon matters of routine, points of order, and questions arising out of the reading of minutes.

II. It shall not be competent to propose a motion on any subject until all the papers connected therewith are read in the hearing of the Court, nor until the Moderator intimates that it is ready for discussion; but this shall not prevent the Court from rejecting informal or irrelevant papers.

III. A motion shall not be competent if it contain anything extraneous to the subject under discussion, or if it be couched in terms the least disrespectful to the Court or any member thereof, or in terms reflecting unnecessarily upon any person or persons present or absent.

IV. A motion shall not be competent if in any way, implied or expressed, it contravene any doctrine, public act, or standing order of the Church. The only way in which any public act or standing order may be competently modified or suspended, shall be by the introduction of an overture or petition through the Committee of Bills and Overtures, which overture or petition must detail fully the circumstances in which, and the reasons for which, any modification of the terms or temporary suspension of the operations of any public act or standing order is required; and any such overture or petition thus introduced shall be disposed of by motion in the usual way.

V. It shall not be competent to discuss any motion until it is seconded, given in to the Clerk in writing over the signatures of the mover and seconder, and distinctly read by the Moderator. No notice shall be taken in the minutes of a motion which is not seconded.

VI. A motion may be withdrawn at any time before the decision of the question to which it relates, but not without the consent of both its mover and seconder, nor without the leave of the house.

VII. The motion or motions first submitted to the house by one member on any matter shall be styled *the original motion or motions*, and all others by which it is proposed to change or oppose in any way the terms or statements thereof shall be considered as *motions of amendment*.

VIII. When an original motion, or amendment carried against an original motion, is deemed defective, that is, does not fully cover the matter submitted, it shall be competent for any member to propose an additional motion, which may be subjected to discussion and amendment the same as an original motion. Such motion, however, must not include any part of a resolution already carried on the same subject, but must be strictly confined to the additional proposition or propositions which the mover desires to submit.

IX. When an original motion is formally submitted to the house, and the mover and seconder has been heard upon it, the Moderator shall call upon the house to approve or amend it, and after it has been disposed of by vote, as hereinafter provided, he shall then ask for additional substantive motions, and, if none be forthcoming, the matter shall be declared to be finally disposed of, and the house shall enter upon some other business.

X. In order to prevent discussions from being unduly protracted, and to avoid all unnecessary lengthening of the minutes, any member agreeing to an original motion but desirous of adding to it shall be at liberty to suggest the addition by which it may appear to him the defectiveness of the resolution may be remedied, or to intimate that if the motion shall be carried, he will propose an additional substantive motion, and the house shall advise and facilitate the improvement of an original motion as much as possible.

XI. Additional substantive motions shall be competent only when proposed in regard to general matters or questions, or to proposals for altering, repealing or declaring any of the laws of the Church, or for enacting new laws, but not in regard to causes, the enactment of regulations for carrying out laws, and the election of office-bearers, all which matters shall be disposed of by one original motion or some amendment thereto.

XII. In causes it shall not be competent to move an amendment to the original motion, unless it be of such a nature as to decide the case or to forward it in its progress.

XIII. It shall not be competent to propose a *motion to adjourn the sitting* or to *adjourn for an interval* before the hour appointed by the Court, unless the business of the particular sitting is exhausted or except for some emergent cause which shall be embodied in the motion thereby occasioned; but a *motion to adjourn the debate* shall be competent at any time to allow of routine business being proceeded with, provided always the said motion state the time when the debate shall be resumed. Such motions of adjournment need not be engrossed in the records unless specially ordered by the Court.

XIV. When a point of order is mooted, the debate or business then in progress shall be suspended until the point of order is settled, which may be done either by the Moderator declaring what the order is, or, in case

of his declining to do so or of his declaration being unsatisfactory to the parties concerned, by a motion upon the subject submitted and disposed of in the usual way. When a question as to a point of order arises, members speaking thereupon shall adhere closely to it, and no notice of motions on points of order shall be taken in the minutes but by instructions of the Court.

XV. A *motion to reconsider a decision* shall be competent only when it is made to appear that a standing order, ordinary practice, or duly announced arrangement has been departed from.

XVI. A *motion to take down the words of a speaker* has reference to the use of grossly offensive, unconstitutional, or improper language, and is competent *apud acta*. It must embody the *ipsisima verba* of the speaker, who shall be instantly called upon to say whether or not he made use of them, and the effect of such a motion is to arraign the speaker at the bar of the house, immediately after the business then in progress is disposed of, to answer for his conduct.

Votes.

I. When a debate is finished or the Court desires the sense of the house to be taken, the motion or motions to be disposed of shall be read by the Moderator from the chair, and thereafter he shall put the question according to the following rules:—

1. When there is only one motion the question will be, *Shall this motion pass—Aye or No?* and if not negated by any member it shall pass without the votes being taken, and be recorded in the minutes as having passed unanimously; if negated by any member, the votes shall be taken as hereinafter provided.

2. When there are several substantive motions but no amendments before the house, the question shall be put on each motion as in rule 1.

3. When there is a substantive motion with one amendment before the house, the question shall be, *Motion or amendment*. When there are two amendments, the first question shall be, *The first or the second amendment*, and the second question shall be, *The motion or the amendment thus carried*. When there are three amendments, the first question shall be, *The second or the third amendment*; the second question shall be, *The first amendment or the amendment thus carried*; and the third question shall be, *The motion or the amendment thus carried*; and so on with any number of amendments.

II. When it is determined to vote, the Moderator shall order the doors of the house to be closed, and they shall not be opened again until the decision of the court is announced. The voting shall not be commenced until perfect silence is obtained, and while the voting is in progress members must keep their seats and refrain from conversing. The Clerk shall call the Roll in the same manner as at the opening of a Diet, and the votes shall be marked under the eye of the Moderator by two members appointed by him, one from each side of the house. In case of a disagreement as to the result of the voting between the members appointed to mark the votes, any member may demand the votes to be taken over again. When the name of any member is omitted in calling the Roll, the mistake can be rectified only after the calling of the last name upon the Roll. As soon as the result of a vote is communicated to the Moderator he shall announce it to the house.

III. In electing to an office, however numerous the candidates or nominees, there is only a single vote. All are put in nomination at once, and the candidate or nominee who has a greater number of votes than any of the others is declared duly elected. When two or more persons are to be elected to the same office, the motion proposing them shall contain the names of the required number and be voted upon as in the election of one office bearer.

IV. It shall be free to any member to refrain from voting upon any motion, and to signify the same by saying, *no vote*, when his name is called, and the number of those who do not vote shall be stated in the minute recording the sense of the house.

Debates.

I. No member shall address the Moderator upon any subject unless to submit a motion, to speak to a motion already proposed, to put a question for information, or to advert to a point of order; and no member shall speak without respectfully addressing himself to the Moderator.

II. In the course of a debate members have the right of asking a motion or motions before the house to be read.

III. When addressing the Moderator, members shall keep closely to the subject before the house, avoid all unnecessary digressions and mixing up of different questions, and carefully refrain from irritating and provoking language, and it shall be the duty of the Moderator to cause this rule to be observed.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to announce the name of each speaker on his rising to address the house, and when several members rise at once he shall announce the name of the one who first catches his eye, when all the others must desist from attempting to speak.

V. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to check promptly and firmly all interruption, whispering, talking, and noise of every kind when a member is addressing the house.

VI. If the Moderator be opposed or resisted in his endeavours to preserve order he shall be sustained by the house.

VII. When a subject is before the house for discussion by motion or motions, no member shall be allowed to speak more than once, except to a point of order or for the purpose of asking or giving an explanation, in which case he must confine himself strictly to the point of order or explanation; but the mover of an original or substantive motion shall have the right of reply besides his opening speech.

VIII. In no case shall more than two speeches be allowed for each party at the bar besides the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled, and when there are more than two parties on one side, there shall be only one speaker, and one speech for each, besides the reply, it being understood that where there is more than one complainant, they shall not be considered as different parties, unless it shall appear to the Court that the complaints rest on distinctly separate grounds.

Dissent.

Any member may dissent from proceedings which he conceives to be contrary to the word of God, the acts of this Court, or the received order of this Church, and may cause his dissent to be marked in the record. By so doing he saves himself from any censure or danger that may arise from these proceedings. The dissent must be given immediately when the judgment dissented from is pronounced, and consequently a dissent can be given in only by those who are present when the judgment dissented from is pronounced. It cannot be received at a subsequent meeting of the Court; although other members present besides the dissentient are allowed at the following meeting to express their adherence to his dissent and to have the fact of their adherence recorded, immediately after the minutes are read.

Dissentients may give in reasons for their dissent, and cause them to be entered on the record when they are offered *instanter*; or they may promise to give in reasons at a subsequent meeting during the Session, in which case they shall not be entered on the record but only read in open Court and kept *in retentis*. In stating the reasons why he cannot acquiesce in the judgment of the Court, the dissentient must employ temperate and respectful language, and if so expressed as to be disrespectful to the Court or injurious to individuals, the Court may reject them. When reasons of dissent are received, the Court may appoint a Committee to answer them, and the answers shall be recorded if the reasons are recorded and kept *in retentis* if the reasons are kept *in retentis*.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR 1860.

The Synod appointed a Committee on Business for next Session, Representative Elders from Montreal, Brockville, Kingston, and Toronto, namely: The Moderator, Synod Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Cook, Dr. George, Dr. Barclay, Rev. T. Macpherson, and Rev. J. Bain, and the Representative Elders from Montreal, Brockville, Kingston and Toronto.

STUDENTS FROM SCOTLAND.

The Committee on Students from Scotland gave in a report which was received and approved of.

BURSARY SCHEME.

The Synod heard an overture on the Bursary Scheme. Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Greenshields, That the Synod adopt the overture and appoint Dr. Machar (Convener), John Paton, Professors Williamson and Weir, and Mr. Andrew Drummond, a Committee on the Bursary Scheme, to watch over the same, and report to next meeting of Synod.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID IN BUILDING CHURCHES.

Memorials for aid in building Churches at Va'cartier and Matilda, addressed by the Trustees of these Churches to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, were read and passed. The Presbyteries of Quebec and Glengarry are instructed to forward to the said Committee extracts of their procedure in reference to these Memorials, attested copies of the Title Deeds of the Properties, and an extract of this minute.

There was read an overture anent the residences of Ministers, but no one appeared in support of it.

MISSION TO VANCOUVER'S ISLAND AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Synod heard an overture anent a Mission to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia. Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That the Synod, having considered the overture, and being unable at present to carry the same into practical effect, yet regarding British Columbia and Vancouver's Island as a field of missionary labour which urgently requires to be occupied, have observed with satisfaction the steps taken by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland for sending Missionaries to these Colonies, and would rejoice to learn that they had succeeded in securing suitable laborers for that rising portion of the British Empire, and instruct the Clerk to communicate this minute to the Colonial Committee.

MAINTENANCE OF MINISTERS.

The Synod heard an overture from the Presbytery of Glengarry anent the maintenance of Ministers, of the following tenor:—

"That inasmuch as the stipends of a large number of the present Ministers of this Church are inadequate for their maintenance in a position becoming their office, and as those Ministers who may hereafter be

settled will be even more dependent than they upon the people for their support, it be decreed that no Minister be hereafter inducted into any charge by any Presbytery of the Church until the Congregation calling the Minister, by their own efforts, or by the assistance of others, guarantee, exclusive of any allowance from the Temporalities Board, the annual sum of not less than One Hundred Pounds, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to see that the stipend thus guaranteed be in every case fully and punctually paid."

Moved by Mr. Dobie, seconded by Mr. Greenshields, That the overture be converted into an Interim Act, and sent down to Presbyteries for consideration, to report thereon to the next meeting of Synod. Moved in amendment by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. A. Mitchell, That the overture be not converted into an Interim Act, but be sent down to Presbyteries for consideration, to report thereon to next meeting of Synod.

The question was put, motion or amendment, when the former was carried by a vote of 22 to 17.

CHURCH AT LONDON.

The Synod having taken into consideration the action of the Commission in recommending an appeal for contributions to aid in building a Church at London, agreed to record, that they have heard with pleasure the satisfactory progress which the Church in London has recently made and the favorable prospects of our cause in that city after a long period of depression,—that they encourage the Congregation in their present laudable efforts to erect at suitable place of worship, and cordially recommend their object to the liberality of the friends of the Church of Scotland.

There was read and laid upon the table a Memorial from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance.

There was heard an overture from the Presbytery of London anent the transmission of the statistical returns from congregations, but no one appeared in support of it.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The Committee appointed to frame an address to the Governor General reported a draft of one, which was approved of.

The Synod instruct the Moderator to sign the said address, and appointed Dr. Barclay and such other members of the Church as can conveniently attend, to wait upon His Excellency with the same and to request him to transmit the Synod's address to Her Majesty, the Queen.

ANNEXATION OF THE CHARGE OF NEW RICHMOND TO THE PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

The Synod heard an overture anent the ecclesiastical annexation of the Congregation of New Richmond to the Presbytery of Miramichi. Moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously resolved, That as in consequence of the great distance of the Congregation of New Richmond, it is not possible for the Presbytery of Quebec to exercise that supervision over it which is necessary and desirable, and inasmuch as such supervision can be better exercised by the Presbytery of Miramichi, in the Synod of New Brunswick, the Synod request the Presbytery of Miramichi to receive that Congregation as within their bounds, in which case the said Congregation shall be ecclesiastically disjoined from this Synod, but the Minister shall continue to enjoy the same advantages from the Temporalities Board and Widows' Fund as if this transference had not taken place.

GLEBE AT DUNDAS.

There was heard a Memorial from Dr. Craigie and Mr. Mitchell, Elders at Ancaster, requesting the Court to interpose for the purpose of recommending a mode of settling claims upon the glebe at Dundas. Moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Mathieson, That the Congregations of Dundas and Ancaster be recommended, if any difficulty occurs between them in respect of property, to refer it to arbitration. Moved in amendment by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Barclay, That inasmuch as the Synod consider an amicable arrangement of the matter referred to in the Memorial between the two Congregations of Dundas and Ancaster very desirable, but inasmuch as there is no evidence before the Court that any attempt has been made by the parties themselves to come to a settlement, the Synod do not at present enter into the consideration of the matter. The motion was carried by a vote of 19 to 15.

CATECHISTS AND MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The Synod heard an overture anent Missionary operations and the employment of Students as Catechists, and appointed Mr. Morrison (Convener), Mr. William Bain, Mr. Spence, and Judge Malloch, a Committee to consider the subject, and report by bill or overture, if they see cause, to next meeting of Synod.

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Synod permitted the Presbytery of Toronto to meet after the close of this Session to appoint subjects of trial to applicants for license, also to make missionary appointments and to transfer a student to another Presbytery.

STATEMENT FROM CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

There being no report forward from the Board of Clergy Reserve

Commissioners, they are requested to give a final statement to next meeting of Synod.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod appoint their Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the first Wednesday of October next, at noon, and at Toronto on the third Wednesday of February, 1869, at noon, and oftener by adjournment when and where the Commissioners may choose. Nine Commissioners shall be a quorum, of whom five must be Ministers. In all their actings the Commissioners shall proceed according to the Act passed this Session ancient the nature, powers, and duties of the Commission of the Supreme Court of this Church.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE SYNOD MINUTES.

The Synod appoint Dr. Mathieson, Rev. W. Simpson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Greenshields, to revise the minutes of this Session previous to their being engrossed and printed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COURTESY.

Moved, seconded, and carried by acclamation, That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Minister, Elders, and Members of this Church, for their courtesy to the members of Synod throughout this Session.

The minutes of this Diet were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and after prayer and praise said,—

In the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the KING and ONLY HEAD of this Church, and in the Name of this Synod, I dissolve this Meeting, and appoint the next Annual Meeting of Synod to convene in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the last Wednesday in May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty years;—

Of which public intimation was made, and the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

they are attached. It might be far otherwise. With regard to the Church of Scotland, they might know much that they should know by taking, reading and properly valuing the "Presbyterian"—and about their own local church organization by attending such periodical meetings as are held in most of our congregations for the express purpose of giving such information; and, in addition, by being connected with such an association as has led to these remarks, getting the opportunity of personally helping-on some good enterprize it may have undertaken and become in a manner pledged to carry out.

Through Mr. Macdonnell's appeal originally to the Ladies of the congregation and occasional reference to the subject afterwards, seconded by Mrs. Macdonnell's cordial and active superintendence, the Association was started, and four yearly sales of ladies' work have now been held, the result of which, without descending to minute particulars, shall be mentioned. The Sale or Bazaar has been held on the 24th of May, a day universally attended by manifestations of patriotic feeling wherever our beloved Sovereign's sway is acknowledged; and, although a period of the year when money is not commonly found most plentiful, this sale has never proved a failure on that account. A small annual contribution for purchase of materials constitutes membership; the ladies meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Manse, and engage for two or three hours in sewing together; others, unable to attend but disposed to aid, have work supplied to them, which they do at their own homes, and occasionally meet with the rest; and in this way a great many useful and ornamental articles have been made and disposed of, suited to attract all ages and classes, and at no extravagant cost. It must not be overlooked that such sales, apart from the merely financial aspect, have the happy effect of allowing an outlet for the benevolence of members of the church and others connected with it, and directing it into a channel *unmistakably* good; that is, when parties do not come to such an exhibition intent on cheapening down articles, already bearing prices fixed with great caution by

the ladies having the management, and endeavouring thus to obtain what are commonly known as "bargains." Where there is not sufficient liberality to come to a church bazaar for the purpose mainly, if not solely, of helping a good work, it may safely be said church members might be better employed elsewhere. When a right spirit exists, (and we rejoice often to witness it) the labour, of love of the females, who have so disinterestedly been engaged, will be in some measure appreciated, and will be met by a generous liberal expression as far as the ability extends.

These observations must however be brought to a close. By the four annual sales of the Association particularly alluded to, commencing with the year 1856, although the two last have been held in times of unexampled commercial depression, the handsome sum of \$300 or thereabouts has been realized, and \$50 worth of unsold articles remains on hand. Of the amount obtained \$200 were devoted to the erection of a stable connected with the manse which the Trustees had just built; and help was given to two congregations of our Church in the West, which were struggling into existence. The French Mission of our Church was also aided, and the proceeds of the last sale have not yet been appropriated. This short sketch, it is hoped, may be additional evidence to the readers of the "Presbyterian" (for many such could be furnished by other congregations) that the ladies of our Church, when shown a good field to work in, are most willing and able to cultivate it; and that much may be done, by the minister especially, either in preparing the way or helping such useful movements forwards.

Fergus, 28th May, 1859.

P. S.—We regret much that several interesting communications, owing to the necessity of inserting the entire proceedings of the late Synod in this number, have been crowded out.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Donations in aid of the Bursary Fund.

Aberdeen Students' Missionary Association, Scotland, £7 Stg.,..... \$34 07

Stratford Congreg'n, per Rev. W. Miller, \$2 20
36 27

JOHN PATON, Secretary.
Kingston, 28th June, 1859.

JEWISH MISSION.

Received by the Treasurer since last acknowledgment:—
Collection at Melbourne, per Rev. J. S. Sieveright, \$6 50
" at Goderich, per Rev. A. McKidd, 7 00
" at Episcopal Meeting at Ottawa, less expense, 56 45
" from St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, per Rev. J. Machar, D.D., 85 00
Aggregate of collections at a series of meetings for prayer, per Rev. J. Machar, D.D.,..... 55 00

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ALEX. MORRIS, Treasurer.

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