

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

SESSION XX.
HELD AT KINGSTON, 11TH JULY,
1849.

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SYNOD ROLL.—JULY, 1849.

1. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Clerk, REV. ANDREW BELL, Dundas.
Meets at Hamilton on the second Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Nelson.....	William King.....	Timothy Cooper.
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2. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.—Clerk, REV. WILLIAM BAIN, A. M., Perth.
Meets at Perth on the second Wednesday in January, May and September.

Beckwith.....	John Smith.....	Donald McLaurin.
Perth, 1st Church.....	William Bell, A.M.....	John Ferguson.
South Gower.....	Joseph Anderson.	
Pakenham.....	Alexander Mann, A.M.....	John McNab.
Richmond.....	David Evans.	
Lanark.....	Thomas Fraser.....	John Heddrick.
Perth, St. Andrew's.....	William Bain, A.M.....	William Allan.
Ramsay.....	John McMorine.....	Robert Bell.
Dalhousie.....	John Robb.	
Bytown.....	Alexander Spence.....	Hon. Thomas McKay.
Brockville.....	Thomas Haig.....	George Malloch.
Smith's Falls.....		William Williamson.
Buckingham & Cumberland.....		Archibald Petrie.
Newburgh and Bedford.		
Kitley.		

3. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—Clerk, REV. JOHN B. MOWAT, A. M.,
Kingston.

Meets at Kingston on the first Wednesday of every Month.

Kingston.....	John Machar, D.D.....	Thomas Masson.
Seymour.....	Robert Neill.....	David Allan.
Queen's College, Kingston.....	James Williamson, A.M.....	
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Camden.....	Thomas Scott.....	Mark Hermiston.
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Archibald Colquhoun, Ordained Missionary.
John B. Mowat, A. M., Missionary.

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Meets on the third Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Pickering	Peter McNaughton, A. M.	Andrew Alison.
Esquesing	Peter Ferguson.....	Thomas Barbour.
Scarboro'	James George.....	Thomas Brown.
King.....	John Tawse, A. M.	
Chinguacousy	Thomas Johnston.	
Mono	Alexander Lewis.	
Eldon	John McMurchy	Arch'd McFadyen.
Toronto	John Barclay A. M.....	E. W. Thomson.
West Willimbury.....	Alexander Ross.	
Clarke and Hope	Samuel Porter.....	Robert Johnson.
Hornby	William Barr.	
Scott and Uxbridge.....	William Brown.	
Vaughan, Markham, Darlington, Newmarket, Whitby, Brock and Reach, Caledon, Thorah, Nottawasaga and Sunnidale, Mara.		

5. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL — Clerk, REV. A. WALLACE, A. B. *Huntingdon.*
Meets at Montreal on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and Novr.

Montreal, St. Andrews.....	Alex. Mathieson, D. D...	Hugh Brodie.
Dundee.....	Duncan Moody.....	James Buchan.
Chatham	William Mair.....	John Somerville.
Beauharnois	Walter Roach.....	James Lang.
Ormsdown	James Anderson.....	Neil Campbell.
Quebec, St. Andrews.....	John Cook, D. D.....	John Thomson.
Georgetown	James C. Muir.....	William Kerr.
Lachine	William Simpson.....	John Anderson, M. D.
Valcartier	David Shanks.....	John Clark.
Hermingford	John Marlin.....	John Rea.
Montreal, French Church..	Emile Lapelletrie.	
Laprairie.....	John Davidson.....	James Fenton.
Three Rivers	James Thom.....	L. J. McNair.
Huntingdon	Alexander Wallace, A. B.	Hugh Barr.
Montreal, St. Paul's	Robert McGill.....	John Bruce.
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Robert McFarlane, Ordained Missionary.
James T. Paul, Missionary.

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Meets on the third Wednesday of January, May and September.

Williamstown	John McKenzie, A. M....	Hon. J. McGillivray.
Cornwall	Hugh Urquhart, A. M....	James Pringle.
Osnabruck	Isaac Purkis	William R. Croil.
Williamsburgh	John Dickey.....	Henry Merkley.
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**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection
with the Church of Scotland, Session XX., held at
Kingston, July 11, 1849.**

DIET I.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Wednesday, the Eleventh Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine Years:—*

The which day, after sermon by the Rev. John Barclay, A. M., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from Acts xi. 26, "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch," the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

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

Sederunt, Mr. John Barclay, *Moderator*, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Colin Gregor, Mr. John Malcolm Smith, Mr. John Smith, Mr. William Bell (Perth), Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. Thomas Haig, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. Alexander Lewis, Mr. William Barr, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. John Dickey, Mr. John McLaurin, and Mr. Thomas McPherson, *Ministers*:—together with Mr. George Malloch, Mr. Thomas Masson, and Mr. Edward W. Thomson, *Elders*.

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

The Synod next proceeded to the election of three Trustees for Queen's College, at Kingston, in room of the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, A. M., the Rev. George Romanes, A. M., and the Rev. John Barclay, A. M., who retire from Office at this time, according to the terms of the Royal Charter of Queen's College, when the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, A. M., the Rev. George Romanes, A. M., and the Rev. John Barclay, A. M., were

unanimously re-elected, and their names placed at the top of the Roll;—and the Clerk was instructed to intimate the same to the Board of Trustees.

The Synod appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, with instructions to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock,—and all papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee,—and it was agreed that all the members of Synod, now present, may take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

It was agreed that an hour should be spent in devotional exercises each morning during the sitting of the Synod;—that the hour of adjournment in the afternoon shall be Five o'clock;—and that there shall be an intermission between One and Two.

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

DIET II.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Thursday, the Twelfth day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine Years:—*

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

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

Sederunt.—The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

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

The Synod had read over their Minutes of last year.

The Records of the Commission of Synod having been called for and produced, and the Synod having had read the Proceedings of the Commission during the past year, the Synod approved and sustained the said Proceedings.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Records of the Synod, and report on them, viz: Mr. Barclay, Mr. McGill, Mr. Bain, and Mr. Malloch.

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The Synod appointed the following Committee to draft Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen, and His Excellency the Governor General, viz: Mr. Barclay, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Spence, Mr. J. Malcolm Smith, Dr. Machar, Mr. Malloch, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Masson.—Dr. Machar to be Convener.

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

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

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were produced; when the Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the same, and report on them, viz:—Mr. McLaurin and Mr. McMorine to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton;—Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Purkis to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst;—Mr. McPherson and Mr. Haig to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston;—Mr. Bain and Mr. Williamson to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto;—Mr. Urquhart and Mr. W. Bell, Senr. to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal;—Mr. J. Malcolm Smith and Mr. George Bell to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary.

The Synod made the following appointments for the public services of the Sabbath, viz.: Mr. Spence to preach in St. Andrew's Church, in the forenoon; Mr. J. Malcolm Smith, in the afternoon; and Mr. Haig in the evening:—Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Ferguson to preach at two stations on Wolfe Island, in Gaelic and English.

There was laid before the Synod a statement from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in regard to the state of the Fund, and the Synod, having examined the same, expressed their fullest satisfaction therewith. It was also stated to the Synod, by certain of the Commissioners present,

and directed to be put on record, that the Commissioners give in to the Provincial Government annually a detailed statement of the expenditure, which, it is believed, is published.

There was laid before the Synod the draft of an address to the members of the Church on Parental responsibility, prepared in accordance with the instructions of last Synod, and now approved of by the Commission of Synod. The same was ordered to be printed and circulated throughout the Church.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in room of the Rev. Walter Roach, William Edmonstone, Esq., and Hugh E. Montgomerie, Esq., who retire from office at this time, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, when the said Rev. Walter Roach, William Edmonstone, Esq., and Hugh E. Montgomerie, Esq., were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed to be placed at the head of the list of ministers and laymen respectively.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in room of the Rev. Dr. Mathieson and the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, who retire from office at this time, according to the Regulations adopted at last meeting of Synod, when the said Rev. Dr. Mathieson and the Rev. Hugh Urquhart were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to carry on the French mission in Canada East, which was given in, including.—
1. A Report from the Committee appointed to take the spiritual superintendence of the mission.—2. A Report from the Committee in charge of the Financial affairs of the mission, showing in detail the receipts and expenditure for the past year.—And 3. A detailed Report of the operations of the missionaries from Mr. Lapelletrie. The same having been read and fully considered, the following deliverance was agreed to:—

The Synod receive and approve the Reports ament the French Mission, which have been given in and read, and present their thanks to the members of both Committees for the diligence, faithfulness and zeal, with which they have managed the affairs of the mission; and the disinterested manner in which they have devoted their time, their labour, and their attention to the promotion of its interests. And the Synod instruct the Committee to print so much of the Report as they may deem useful for the information of congregations, and circulate the same as

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soon as possible. The Synod, further, reappoint the members of the Presbytery of Montreal as a Committee (Rev. William Simpson, Convener,) to attend to the Spiritual superintendence of the Mission, and direct the operations of the Missionaries. And they request the gentlemen, to whom was entrusted the management of the financial affairs of the Mission last year, viz: Hugh Allan, Hew Ramsay, John Greenshields, and Hugh E. Montgomerie, Esquires, again to take charge of the same; and instruct both Committees to report to the Synod at next meeting. And while the Synod have reason to rejoice that many Ministers and Congregations have, by an increased liberality, responded to the Synod's injunctions of last year, they regret to find that some have entirely disregarded these injunctions and made no collection at all; while others have shown, by the trifling sums which they have contributed, that no interest has been exerted on behalf of the Missionary operations of the Church. The Synod do, therefore, enjoin the Ministers of Congregations who are in arrears to make collections in aid of the French Mission Fund without delay, and transmit the same to the Committee. And the Synod, being deeply impressed with the duty incumbent on them to carry on the interesting and important work of advancing the cause of Christ among the French population of Lower Canada, and being resolved, with a humble dependence upon the Divine blessing, to prosecute the same, do strictly enjoin all Ministers to bring the claims of this Mission before their Congregations, advocate the same, and allow the Christian people an opportunity to contribute to the support of the Mission on a convenient Sabbath, but not later than the first Sabbath of May. They further enjoin Ministers to promote the increase of the Funds by obtaining subscriptions and donations from the members of their flocks. And Presbyteries are enjoined to deal with such Ministers and Congregations as neglect this order of the Synod. And lastly, the Synod instruct the Convener of the Committee to apply to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly respectfully requesting a continuance of their grant to the French Mission.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund, which was given in, read, and approved. The thanks of the Synod were given to the Board for the wisdom, zeal, and diligence, with which they have managed the affairs of this Institution during the past year. The Clerk was instructed to print and circulate the Report for the information of the Church. And, further, with the view of carrying out more efficiently the highly important object of this Institution, the Synod approved the following minute, and enjoined the same to be read from the pulpit, with such enforcement as Ministers may deem necessary, in all the Congregations, on the

Sabbath previous to that appointed for the annual collection in behalf of the Fund, namely the first Sabbath in January :

In the actual condition of the Church in Canada, little more can be expected even from the more prosperous and wealthy Congregations, than a bare support for the Minister and his family, without any power on his part of making any provision for them, if, in the Providence of God, his wife should be left a widow, and his children fatherless. To meet such cases, which must be expected to occur among the ministry with the average frequency, it is held and declared to be a duty incumbent on the people among whom a Minister labours, receiving nothing more from them than an immediate temporal support, to co-operate with the design of this Board for providing some relief for the bereaved families of such Pastors as have consecrated their whole time and talents to the spiritual edification of the people committed to their charge. This duty of Congregations may be deemed the more incumbent, inasmuch as the Synod have enacted that every Minister shall contribute out of his public allowance the sum of Three Pounds annually, diminishing by that amount his very limited income. The Synod would, therefore, exhort Congregations also to come forward freely to present their liberal contributions for the same object, not only as a token of regard for their own Pastor, but as an expression of their gratitude to their Divine Lord, who has ordained that they who serve at the altar should live of the things of the altar. Christians have always been wont to honour those who have in any way endured self-denying labours for the sake of Christianity ; and it is worthy of a Christian Church to do this by making the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of their Ministers the monument of their gratitude and dutiful remembrance.

While this claim on the liberality of the people is held to rest on the clearest principles of Christian obligation, it is deemed to be of peculiar force in this country where so much difficulty is experienced in obtaining a suitable supply of Ministers for the Church, on account of the inadequacy of the temporal support that is attainable. This evil, which in present circumstances it may be impossible materially to alleviate, would in some degree be counteracted, if Ministers had any sure prospect that the Church would manifest a benevolent concern for their families after their decease.

The Synod, therefore, with these principles declared, and with the statements contained in the Report before them, indicating the want of a proper sense of duty in this particular on the part of many of the Congregations, enjoin upon Presbyteries to take order that all Ministers and Sessions do use diligence that every Congregation may be brought to

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

DIET III.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Friday, the Thirteenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine Years:—*

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

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Synod, having had read, and having duly considered the Act of last year anent the Examination and Reception of Students of Divinity, and Probationers and Ministers coming from other Churches not in connection with this Church, including the Plan of Proceeding and subjects for Examination, and having made several amendments thereon, adopted the same as an Interim Act, and transmitted it to Presbyteries that their opinions thereon may be sent up to next meeting of Synod. The same is as follows:—

Whereas the prosperity and efficiency of a Church as an Institution for carrying forward the work of Christ in the world, depends, with the Blessing of God, in a great measure, on the high literary and Theological attainments, and devoted piety of her Ministers:—And whereas it is the duty of those who have rule to take especial care that no one shall be admitted into the sacred office of the Ministry, but after the most faithful and searching examination into their ministerial gifts and qualifications:—And whereas it is desirable and necessary to the carrying into effective operation the Act of Synod anent the reception of Ministers, Licentiates, and Students of Divinity from other Churches, not in connection with this Church, that more full provision be made in regard to the conducting of the examinations required by the said Act, the Synod hereby resolve that a Committee of Synod be formed, whose

duty it shall be to examine thoroughly and strictly such candidates as shall be recommended to them by any Presbytery under the jurisdiction of the Synod, on Literature, Philosophy, Exegetical and Systematic Theology, and Hebrew, and, if satisfied, shall, in good faith to the Church and to the applicant himself, certify the same.

This Examining Committee shall be appointed annually, on the second day of the annual meeting of Synod, and shall consist of not less than two members from each Presbytery. Seven members shall be a quorum; and the Moderator of the Synod for the time being shall be the Convener of the Committee.

The Committee shall meet during the meeting of Synod or immediately after its rising; and if it shall be found necessary to hold any other meetings, on account of any applications that may be addressed to the Convener, and which require to be disposed of without delay, the Convener may appoint a meeting to be held at such time and place as shall appear most convenient for the majority of the members, and if possible at the same time and place as the then next meeting of the Synod's Commission is to be held,—notice of which shall be given by Circular to all the members of the Committee in time sufficient to allow them to attend, and stating the object of their meeting.

All Students of Divinity, Probationers, or Ministers from Churches not in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, desirous of joining this Church, shall, first, place their certificates of character and of Literary and Theological Curriculum on the Table of the Presbytery of the bounds within which they reside, who shall examine the same, and discern,—and, if sustained, shall transmit the same, with their deliverance thereon, to the Synod at its next meeting or to the Examining Committee who are authorized to receive and act on the same. The applicant shall then compare before the Examining Committee and undergo a thorough examination on the several branches of education required by this Church.

The subjects of examination shall be as follows:—

I. *In Latin.* To read, *ad aperturam libri*, in the Odes and Epodes of Horace, and in the Orations of Cicero against Cataline, with examinations on the scanning, parsing, &c.

To write a few paragraphs of Latin from English dictated.

II. *In Greek.* To read in the Greek New Testament, in the Gospels and Acts, *ad aperturam*, and in the Epistles:

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To write a few sentences of Greek, from English dictated.

III. *Mathematics.* The first six books of Euclid, Elements of Plane Trigonometry, and Algebra as far as Quadratic Equations.

IV. *Logic, Moral and Natural Philosophy.*

V. *General Knowledge,* as Geography and the leading facts of History.

VI. *Composition.* A specimen of the applicant's ability in respect of English Composition, by writing in a certain time a short Essay on some moral or general subject.

- VII. *In Theology.*
1. The Evidences of Christianity.
 2. The peculiar Doctrines of the Gospel; the harmony and difference between the Jewish and Christian Systems.
 3. Difference between the Calvinistic and Arminian systems.
 4. The principles of Presbyterian polity and Church Government.
 5. A general view of the great outlines of Church History, and especially of the Church of Scotland.
 6. Hebrew and Chaldaic,—the principles of the grammar, and of Hebrew Poetry,—and to read portions both of the Hebrew and Chaldee parts of the Old Testament.

The Examining Committee shall then certify to the kind and degree of knowledge and acquirements the said applicant has been found to possess; and this certificate shall be laid on the Presbytery table before any further action be taken in the case, and being considered, the Presbytery shall proceed according to the Standing Rules of this Church, viz., that they shall examine him, and, if a Student of Divinity, shall determine what further course of study he shall pursue, or issue circulars announcing their intention of taking him on trials for license,—and, if a Probationer or Minister shall proceed according to the Act of Synod, September 14, 1847, anent the Reception of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches.

And Presbyteries are enjoined, notwithstanding the appointment of this Synodical Committee of Examination, to take special care that there be no relaxation in the trials of Candidates for the Holy Ministry, but to remember that some of the most important interests of the Church are involved in the faithful discharge of their duty in this matter.

The Synod then appointed the following Examining Committee, under the above Act, viz. :—Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. Andrew Bell, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. John Malcolm Smith, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. William Bain, Dr. John Machar, Professor Williamson, Professor Romanes, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. James George, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Dr. John Cook, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. John Mackenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John McLaurin, and Mr. Thomas McPherson ;—and the said Committee was appointed to meet to-morrow.

The Synod had transmitted to them by the Presbytery of Bathurst an application from Mr. Solomon Mylne, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Belfast, to be received into this Church,—also his certificate of license, and certificates in his favour from several Ministers in Ireland,—with the deliverance of the Presbytery of Bathurst thereon. The Synod, having had the same read, agreed to remit Mr. Mylne to the Examining Committee.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by the Presbytery of Bathurst, an application from the Rev. Alexander Luke, formerly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to be received into this Church. Mr. Luke's certificates were read, and he was heard in regard to his reasons for leaving the Body, with which he was connected. After reasoning, the Synod agreed that the Moderator be directed to apply to the Brockville Presbytery, of which Mr. Luke had been a member, to ascertain at as early a period as possible the circumstances connected with the separation of Mr. Luke from that Body and what was the decision of the Presbytery in the case, and transmit the answer to the Commission of Synod, who are instructed to proceed in the case according to the laws of the Church, with power to decide finally in the case.

Mr. Joseph Lowry, Student of Divinity, from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, also appeared, on the ground of the application made on his behalf last year ;—and was, by the Synod, remitted to the Examining Committee.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal anent the earlier printing and distribution of the Minutes of Synod. The Synod, having considered the same, enjoined the Clerk to print and distribute the Minutes within three weeks from the rising of the Synod.

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

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DIET IV.

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

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

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

The Minutes were read and sustained.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto in regard to an application from the Congregation of Brock, Reach, and Mariposa, in the Presbytery of Toronto, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly for aid in completing their new Church, sanctioning the application, and stating that the Title Deed of the Property had been laid before the Presbytery and found perfectly satisfactory, and that the Congregation had adopted the Model Constitution prepared by the Synod as their Constitution. It was also stated that their resources being exhausted, unless they could obtain at least £20, the work would have to be discontinued. The Synod, having heard, from several members of the Presbytery of Toronto, a full statement of the case, agreed to approve of the application to the extent of Twenty Pounds, and instructed the Clerk to transmit to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly the Extract Minutes both of Presbytery and Synod in regard to the case.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Rev. Alexander Lewis of Mono, in regard to his Clergy Reserve allowance. After deliberation, it was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. McMorine, "That the Presbytery of Toronto be enjoined to visit the Congregation of Mono and inquire into the whole state of that Congregation, and to report to the next meeting of Commission, and that Mr. Lewis' case lie over till after the Report be received." It was also moved, in amendment, by Mr. Urquhart and seconded by Mr. Thomson, "That the Synod receive the Report drawn up by the Presbytery of Toronto in regard to the case of the Congregation of Mono, and in terms thereof recommend

Mr. Lewis to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners as a Minister in full standing." The Roll having been called and votes marked, the motion was carried by a majority, and was accordingly declared to be the deliverance of the Synod. The Synod, further, appointed Mr. King, Mr. Andrew Bell, and Mr. J. M. Smith, of the Hamilton Presbytery, to be assessors with the Toronto Presbytery at said visitation.

The Synod, then, to allow a full meeting of the Examining Committee, adjourned till Monday, at Eleven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Monday, the Sixteenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine Years:—*

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

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Mr. Thomson that the Synod would request the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to publish a detailed statement of the expenditure of the Fund under their control. No person being present to support the Overture, it was dropped.

The Synod directed another meeting of the Examining Committee to be held.

The Synod next took into their consideration the Act of last year, anent the Course of Study to be pursued by Students for the Holy Ministry,—as also an amendment to the same proposed by the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, to the effect that a departure from the established Curriculum of Queen's College, by shortening the length of the Sessions and increasing their number, as contemplated by the Synod's Act of last year, should take place only in the case of such Students as were specially recommended thereto by their respective

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Presbyteries. The Synod, without adopting the proposed amendment in the meantime, agreed again to adopt the Act of last year as an Interim Act for one year, and ordered it to be transmitted to Presbyteries, that they may send up their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture anent devising and recommending some uniform and efficient mode of raising funds for various purposes, especially the Stipends of Ministers, in all the Congregations, which was duly considered. The Synod, being unanimously of opinion that it is a duty on all who are members of this Church, and who derive privileges therefrom, to contribute of their substance, as God in His Providence has given them opportunity, towards the support of the Ministry and the maintenance of Gospel ordinances, agree to enjoin Presbyteries to take this subject into their serious consideration, and report to next meeting of Synod their opinions as to the plan best suited for securing the objects specified.

The Synod appointed Dr. Mathieson and Dr. Cook a Committee to correspond with the brethren of the Synod of New Brunswick in regard to a closer connection and correspondence between the two Churches, and instructed them, if practicable, to attend the next meeting of the Synod of New Brunswick as a Deputation from this Church, and also to invite some of the said brethren to attend the meetings of this Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Examining Committee, which was given in and read, as follows:—

St. Andrew's Church Session Room, Kingston,
July 16, 1849.

The Committee appointed by the Synod to examine Mr. Solomon Mylne, Licentiate of the Presbytery of Belfast, and Mr. Joseph Lowry, Student of Divinity, from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, beg leave to report, that they have examined Mr. Mylne and were satisfied with his appearances on all the subjects appointed by the Synod for examination, and, with regard to Mr. Lowry, that they were not satisfied.

JAMES WILLIAMSON, *Sub-Convener*.

The Synod, having heard the Report of the Committee, instructed the Presbytery of Bathurst to proceed in the case of Mr. Mylne according to the Laws of this Church, and ordered the Clerk to furnish them with an Extract of this Minute.

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

DIET VI.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Tuesday, the Seventeenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine Years:—*

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

The Synod engaged in the usual devotional exercises, praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

"An Overture anent the encouragement given to Popery by the Legislature," was introduced by Mr. McGill; and after some consideration Mr. McGill agreed to withdraw the same.

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

The Synod had laid before them a copy of the Bill introduced into Parliament at last Session, anent a Corporation for holding Church property. After some discussion, the Synod agreed to instruct the Commission of Synod, in conjunction with the Managers of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, to get a Bill for a similar purpose introduced into Parliament at its next Session,—and in the meantime, Ministers are instructed to make themselves acquainted with the views of their Congregations in regard to the said Bill,—and Presbyteries are instructed to send their opinions thereon to the Commission of Synod, so that they may be enabled to get a Bill introduced, embodying as far as possible the views of the Church generally.

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The Rev. Dr. Mathieson intimated to the Synod that the Commissioners of the Clergy Reserves Fund had been informed by the Government that they could not give the Commissioners more than Six Hundred Pounds in money on account of the monies due from last year, but offered debentures at Three years for the difference,—and thereupon it was resolved, that the Synod is of opinion that the Commissioners should accept payment for last year's dues as proposed by the Government, and that the Commissioners should in like manner accept payment in debentures on future occasions in the event of their deeming it prudent so to do.

There was brought before the Synod an application on behalf of the Presbytery of Glengary for leave to take Mr. William A. Ross, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, on trials for license. After deliberation, the Synod agreed that the Presbytery of Glengary be permitted to depart from the ordinary rule on such occasions, and be allowed to issue Circular letters intimating their intention to take Mr. Ross on trials for license;—that Presbyteries be instructed to report on the said Circular letters to the next meeting of Commission;—that, for reasons stated by Mr. Ross, Dr. Machar be permitted to hear the discourses he has yet to deliver as a Student of Divinity, and certify the same;—and that the Examining Committee be instructed to examine him when requested by the Presbytery of Glengary to do so.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture to the effect that the consideration of the whole state of the Church should be more seriously and earnestly taken up and some steps taken with the view of ascertaining whether any thing could be suggested by which the Church Courts could give greater practical efficiency to the working out of the plan of Presbyterian Church Government, founded as it is on the Word of God, and, if fully carried out, admirably calculated to promote the spiritual welfare of the Church of Christ.—After mature deliberation, the Synod appointed the following Committee, viz.—Mr. George (Convener), Mr. Barclay, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Spence, Dr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Muir, Mr. J. M. Smith, Mr. A. Bell, Mr. McMorine, and Mr. McPherson;—with instructions to take the whole of this matter into further consideration,—correspond with Presbyteries on the subject if they should deem it meet,—and prepare the draft of a plan by which the government of this Church be carried more fully into operation both in its spiritual supervision and in its financial departments:—and in the meantime the Synod enjoin Presbyteries, by Presbyterial Visitation or otherwise, prudently and affectionately, to make themselves acquainted with the

condition of the various Congregations within their bounds, and see that they be so organized that the public business of the Church be attended to regularly and advantageously.

The Draft of the Form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers was again remitted to the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Committee of the Synod, with instructions to perfect the same as far as practicable in accordance with the opinions of the several Presbyteries sent into them, and report to next Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Draft of an Act anent regulating the public Collections in the several Congregations, and having maturely considered the same and made several amendments thereon, adopted it as an Interim Act, and transmitted it to Presbyteries that their opinions thereon may be sent up to next meeting of Synod. The same is as follows:—"Whereas great inconvenience has resulted from the irregular manner in which many Congregations have contributed to the several Funds for carrying on the Missionary and other operations of the Church;—and whereas it is desirable that a more uniform and regular mode of raising the said Funds should be observed throughout the Church,—the Synod enact that all Ministers of this Church shall annually have collections made in their several Congregations on behalf of each of the following objects at the time specified, viz:—1. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the First Sabbath of January.—2. For the French Mission, on the First Sabbath of May.—3. For the Synod Fund, on the First Sabbath in July.—4. For the Home Mission Fund, of the Presbytery of the Bounds, on the First Sabbath of October.—Provided always that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper happens to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or any of the said Sabbaths is otherwise deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then the collection shall be made within at least four weeks thereafter;—and provided also that in case of any Congregation preferring to raise the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so.—The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain and advocate the object for which the collection is to be made, upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod, also, enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of the Synod in giving their Congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed unless a sufficient reason be given."

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was given in and read,—showing the state of the Synod Fund, the amount paid in and by what Congregations, the claims against the Fund, the amount of the contingent expenses of the Synod for the year, and the arrears due. The Synod directed the said claims to be discharged, and steps to be taken for the immediate collection of arrears. The Synod, also, at the suggestion of the Committee, directed a Statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year to be printed in an Appendix to the Minutes.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by the Board of Trustees of the University of Queen's College, a Paper in regard to the course which ought to be pursued by the College and by this Church, in consequence of the Bill in regard to the University at Toronto passed by the Legislature at last Session, and a request from the Board of Trustees that the Synod and the Church at large would aid them in putting Queen's College on a more efficient footing. After some consideration the Synod agreed to refer the said Paper to the Commission, and in regard to putting the College on a more efficient footing, the Synod, in the meantime, agreed to pledge themselves to carry out this object by cordially recommending it to their Congregations and endeavouring to secure their co-operation.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by the Board of Trustees of the University of Queen's College, a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board to make an effort again to obtain the services of Dr. Liddell as Principal of the University. The same having been read and considered, it was, on motion of Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. A. Bell, agreed “that the Synod, having ample experience of the efficiency of Dr. Liddell for the work to which he has been called by the College Trustees, as well as of his known zeal in promoting the advancement of literature, cordially approve of the Resolution.” Mr. Spence dissented from this decision.

There was next presented to the Synod an application on behalf of the Trustees of Queen's College, that, in case it should be found necessary to employ any of the Ministers of this Church in carrying on the work of instruction during the ensuing Session of College, leave of absence should be granted for that purpose.—The Synod instructed Presbyteries to grant leave of absence to such Ministers, for such time as may be necessary, and to take steps for the supply of their pulpits.

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

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, desire, at this time, to renew the expression of our steadfast and unabated loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person, and of our unaltered love of the principles of that happy Constitution under which we and our fellow-subjects throughout the extended territories of Britain, have enjoyed so many blessings.

We have not been indifferent spectators of those eventful times in which we are fallen; and we rejoice, that while almost every country in Europe is convulsed by sanguinary revolutions, and suffering all the miseries of intestine strife, the British Throne remains unshaken, and the Sovereign who occupies it not less distinguished for the exemplary discharge of all the duties of private life than for her princely virtues, holds the highest place in the veneration and affection of her people. In these things we recognize the Providence of Him who has the hearts of all men in His hands, and we love to trace in them an evidence of how long He is disposed to bear with a nation in which, while there is much to provoke His righteous displeasure, we believe there are many righteous persons, whose cry is ascending to Him day and night, that He would not deal with us as we have sinned, but in wrath remember mercy.

Distinguished as this Colony has ever been for its loyalty and its reverence for constituted authority, it has been matter of the deepest concern to us to witness the progress of that spirit of dissatisfaction which has recently manifested itself among a very large portion of the most enlightened of its people, and has in some instances burst forth in a manner which has occasioned sorrow and humiliation in the bosoms of all good men. Our prayers continually ascend to that God who sitteth on the floods, and who can say to those agitations which afflict us,—“Be still!” that He would be graciously pleased to continue to grant us peace; and we assure Your Majesty that nothing shall be wanting on our part that can tend to allay the exasperation which has been excited in the midst of us, and to promote the continuance of the connection which has been so long and so happily maintained with the Parent State, while we shall persevere in pressing upon our people those sacred truths, the reception of which constitute the only real foundation of a nation's stability and improvement. When we look at our sins as a nation,—the drunkenness, the publicly countenanced Sabbath-breaking, and the daring impiety which abounds, we acknowledge how justly an offended God might afflict us with wounds that could not be healed; but we shall not cease to cling to the hope that He will yet in mercy spare us, and that by His blessing upon the Imperial counsels, some healing measure may be devised which shall again restore harmony and peace throughout all our borders.

We can solemnly say that as a Church Court, we have ever carefully refrained from intermeddling with party politics, and we are sure that in adverting, at this eventful crisis in our history, to the views we entertain on the subject of Public Education, we shall not be regarded as departing from the course which we have prescribed for ourselves.

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These views are in conformity with those which have been so long held and so successfully carried out in our native land. We believe that the stability of government, the peace of the community, the supremacy of the laws, the harmony of neighbourhoods, all that regards man's welfare in time as well as his happiness in eternity, have their only sure basis in the instruction of the people in the truths of the Bible; and, holding these views, it is impossible for us adequately to express our grief and disappointment at the attempts that are made to sever religion from the public instruction. We refer especially to the University measure carried through the late Session of the Provincial Parliament, and now become law, which, though the University was endowed by one of Your Majesty's Royal predecessors, expressly for the education of the youth of these Provinces in the Christian Religion, as well as in Literature and Science, does yet so thoroughly exclude Christianity, that there is no security, that the men to whom shall be confided the high work of informing and training the minds of our youth shall be men who even believe in the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent. As a Christian Church, we should be betraying the cause we are bound to uphold, did we not draw Your Majesty's attention to this disastrous measure, and if we did not express our earnest hope, that since it so directly contravenes the intentions of the enlightened Founder, while it is regarded with dissatisfaction by all the great religious bodies of the country, means may yet be taken, by Your Majesty's gracious direction, to amend the provisions of the statute, and so to avert from us and our posterity a calamity so great as its permanent adoption must inevitably bring upon us, if it be true that "them that honour God he will honour, while they that despise Him shall be lightly esteemed."

That Almighty God may long preserve Your Majesty to rule over us;—that He may guide all your counsels, and establish your Throne in righteousness;—that He may abundantly bless all the members of your Illustrious Family;—and, that after a happy reign upon earth, He may exalt you to an unfading Crown in the Heavens, is our fervent and unceasing prayer.

Signed at Kingston, this Seventeenth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-nine Years:—in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

JAMES C. MUIR,
MODERATOR.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Governor-General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled,

embrace this opportunity of again expressing our regard for your Excellency, and through you, as the Representative of our Gracious Queen, our loyalty and attachment to her person, and our unabated admiration to the British Constitution.

As Ministers of Religion, as well as loyal subjects of the Queen, and earnestly desirous of the prosperity and advancement of this portion of her Empire, we have observed the spirit of the times with deep interest, and we have offered up daily prayer to the Supreme Disposer of all things, that he may over-rule every event for our good.

In the discharge of those duties which properly belong to us, as Ministers and Elders of a Christian Church, we endeavour to inculcate upon our people those sacred truths which by the grace of God are fitted to exert the happiest influence upon their character and conduct. We have enforced, according to the grace given to us, those moral principles which have been revealed to direct us in the conduct of life, and which constitute the best foundation for national improvement and happiness. We are earnest in declaring that the Divine favour is the source of prosperity both to individuals and nations; and that we cannot escape those righteous judgments which are sent for the punishment of National sins, if in any way we dishonour Him "by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice."

To the dissemination of truth,—the practice of religious duties,—the religious discipline of families,—the advancement of a Scriptural education among the youth of our charge,—our attention has been sedulously directed. These are the best and surest means of leading ultimately to a sound and healthy state of feeling in the community at large, and of disposing men to a calm and enlightened discussion of public questions. Such a disposition it is our sacred duty to inculcate and promote, and in so far as our efforts, and those of our fellow labourers in the same cause, are attended with success, those unhappy disturbances which sometimes afflict society, as well as the causes from which they spring, will disappear.

The views entertained by us on the subject of education,—that which it is the duty and the wisest policy of the State to provide for the people,—are in conformity with those held and so successfully carried into practice in our native land. The foundation of public education must be laid in the Bible; for the formation of the religious character demands the chief care, not only for the eternal salvation of the individual, but for the temporal order and well being of society.

We are filled with regret and disappointment in observing the almost total exclusion of the religious element from the public education of Canada, both in our Common Schools, and more strikingly in the recent act for the Amendment of the Charter of King's College,—the only Collegiate Institution in the Province endowed at the public charge. If, as has been pleaded, the total exclusion of the religious element became necessary because of the impossibility of reconciling the different branches of the Christian Church existing among us upon any Catholic basis, we regret the result all the more on account of the alleged necessity, and we declare to your Excellency our belief that

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the catholic union of Christians in the matter of public education, whether common or collegiate, is the duty of all Christians in the circumstances of this country, and, that if this measure had been generally entertained, no effort would have been wanting on our part to promote it.

That your Excellency, in the administration of the Government of this Province, may be directed by that wisdom which cometh down from above,—that Almighty God may bestow upon you the precious graces of His Holy Spirit,—and that He may make you largely a partaker of the blessings of the Gospel of Peace, is our earnest prayer.

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

The Synod appointed Mr. James C. Muir, *Moderator*, and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Clerk of Synod*;—and from the *Presbytery of Hamilton*, Mr. William King, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. Colin Gregor, Mr. John M. Smith, *Ministers*; Dr. James Hamilton, Mr. Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, Mr. John Young, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Bathurst*, Mr. William Bell, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. Thomas Haig, *Ministers*; Mr. Robert Bell, Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. George Malloch, Mr. Archibald Petrie, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Kingston*, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Professor Williamson, Professor Romanes, *Ministers*; Mr. Thomas Masson, Mr. David Allan, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Toronto*, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. John Barclay, *Ministers*; Mr. Thomas Barbour, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Edward W. Thomson, *Elders*:—From the *Presbytery of Montreal*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James Anderson, Dr. John Cook, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Mr. Robert McGill, *Ministers*; Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. James Lang, Mr. William Kerr, Dr. John Anderson, Mr. John Bruce, *Elders*:—And from the *Presbytery of Glengary*, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. Thomas McPherson, *Ministers*; Hon. J. McGillivray, Mr. James Pringle, and Mr. Alexander McMartin, *Elders*:—To BE COMMISSIONERS of this Synod, to the effect after mentioned; with power to

the said Commissioners, or their quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Five of the said Commissioners, whereof Three are always to be Ministers, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on the Second Wednesday in October, at Twelve o'clock, Noon;—in St. Andrew's Church, at Montreal, on the First Wednesday in February, at Twelve o'clock, Noon;—and in St. Andrew's Church, at Toronto, on the Second Wednesday in May, at Twelve o'clock, Noon;—and oftener, when and where they shall think fit and convenient:—And the Synod fully empower their said Commissioners, or their quorum above mentioned, to transact all business referred to them by this Synod, and to determine in the same as they shall see cause,—also to attend to such emergent cases as may require immediate action on the part of the Church,—and to watch over the general interests of the Church, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent:—Further, the said Commission is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Presbyteries, and ripen such affairs for next Synod,—and to give all needful advice to Presbyteries, upon application to them for that end:—And in all their actings, they shall proceed according to the Laws of the Church, and they shall be accountable for the same to next meeting of Synod. And this Commission is to continue until the next meeting of Synod; and members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission:—And for the better securing a full attendance of members on the Commission, the Synod prohibit any of the Presbyteries from meeting on any of the days or weeks appointed for the meeting of this Commission; and such members of the Presbytery within whose bounds the Commission meets, as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to attend,—and other Presbyteries are to take care that at least two of their members, who are named on the Commission, shall attend.

The Minutes were read over.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Toronto, on the First Wednesday in July, 1850, at Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod;—when, after prayer and singing, the Synod was closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

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APPENDIX.

ACT ANENT THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY.

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Whereas it is expedient, that the course of Study to be henceforth pursued by those who look forward to the office of the Holy Ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, should be more definitely prescribed than it has heretofore been: It is hereby enacted, by the Synod of the aforesaid Church, that the literary and scientific Course of Study shall embrace four sessions' attendance on the classes of Queen's College; each session to consist of six months; the classes to be attended in the following order:—

1st year, Junior Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

2nd year, Senior Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

3rd year, Third Latin, Greek and Third Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy.

4th year, Logic, Rhetoric, and Moral Philosophy.

And it is also enacted, that the Theological Course shall consist of three sessions of six months each, the subjects of study to be arranged as the Professors of the Faculty of Theology shall see fit; always providing that the study of the Hebrew language shall form a part of the business of each session, unless in cases where a dispensation may be obtained from the Synod or the Senatus; and providing also, that all the discourses and exercises prescribed by the rules of the Church of Scotland, shall be delivered by each Student during his Theological course.

And it is also enacted, that before a young man enters on his literary course, he shall come before the Presbytery in whose bounds he resides, or before such a Committee as they may appoint, and after due examination, shall receive a certificate of his being of good moral and religious character, and also of his proficiency in the ordinary branches of education, and in those subjects which are required by the rules of Queen's College, as qualifications for matriculation; such certificate to be presented by him when he applies for admission.

And it is also enacted, that if any young man shall have gone through a part of his literary or theological course at any College or University, and produce certificates thereof, the same shall be held and accounted as part of his course of study as prescribed by this Act; providing always that his progress, when examined, either by a Presbytery, or a Committee of Synod, or the Senatus of Queen's College, shall be found to be such as to entitle him to assume the standing which he may claim.

MEMORANDA, FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

1848. *July 14.*—Mr. William Dunbar's relation to the Presbytery of Glengary, as a Missionary, suspended.
- July 20.*—Mr. John B. Mowat, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Kingston.
- July 27.*—The Rev. Alexander Spence, an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, inducted as Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Bytown, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.
- August 20.*—The Presbytery of Toronto cease to employ Mr. James Colhoun as Missionary.
- September 13.*—The Rev. George Bell released from the Pastoral Charge of the Congregations of Cumberland and Buckingham, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.
- November 2.*—The Rev. Robert McFarlane, a licentiate of the Church of Scotland, received by the Presbytery of Montreal as a Missionary.
- November 14.*—The Rev. George Bell, formerly of Cumberland and Buckingham, inducted as Minister of the Congregation of Simcoe, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- November 16.*—The Rev. John Malcolm Smith, an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, inducted as Minister of the Congregation of Galt, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- November 30.*—The Rev. Thomas Haig, an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, inducted as Minister of the Congregation at Brockville, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.
- December 14.*—The Rev. Peter McNaughton, formerly of Vaughan, inducted as Minister of the Congregation of Pickering, by the Presbytery of Toronto.
1849. *April 11.*—The Rev. John Cruickshank's demission of the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Niagara accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

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April 11.—The Presbytery of Hamilton cease to employ the Rev. John W. Baynes as Missionary.

May 15.—The Rev. James Stewart, formerly Missionary at Frampton, Canada East, received by the Presbytery of Toronto, as a Missionary.

May 16.—Mr. Donald Munro received as a Missionary by the Presbytery of Glengary.

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