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OF
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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The Members of last Meeting of Synod.

THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD

Meets at Kingston, on the first Wednesday in October, 1859, at Noon, and at Toronto on the third Wednesday in February, 1860, at Noon.

THE NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

Is appointed to begin in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the last Wednesday in May, 1860, at eleven o'clock.

LIST OF MODERATORS FROM THE FORMATION OF THE SYNOD IN 1831, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

1831.—REV. JOHN MACKENZIE, M.A.
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1859.—REV. JOHN MACMURCHY.

MINUTES OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

*St. Andrew's Church, Kingston,
6th October, 1858.*

Not a quorum.

At St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, The Sixteenth Day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine years:—

Which day the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment of Synod and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. George Bell.

Sederunt,—George Bell, *Moderator*; Alexander McKid, John Barclay, William Barr, John H. McKerras, William Cleland, John Brown, James Gordon, James Bain, Samuel G. McCaughey, John Campbell (Brock), and William Snodgrass, *Ministers*, and Robert Bell and Jacob Wells, *Elders*.

The Commission elected the Moderator of Synod to be their Moderator, and the Clerk of Synod to be their Clerk.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.

There was read a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities Fund, of date 2nd October 1858, written with the view of being submitted to the meeting of Commission appointed to be held at Kingston, and stating that the interest of the investments belonging to the Church is not sufficient to defray all the charges upon it and at the same time to admit of the payment of a stipend of £50 per annum to the ministers who have been recently appointed, that the Board do not consider the present time of extreme depression the proper time for making such an appeal as that contemplated by the Synod in their resolution upon the subject passed at last meeting, and that the Board have resolved that their Chairman request the Commission to pass an Act, making it imperative on every minister of the Synod to make a congregational collection in aid of the funds of the Board on or before the first of April next.

The Commission having considered the subject of the letter find that by a resolution of Synod 1857 congregational collections are appointed to be made annually throughout the whole Church, in order to meet the salaries of the recently settled and future Ministers and Missionaries of the Church, and Presbyteries are enjoined to use all diligence to see that these collections be duly made in all the congregations within the bounds; call the attention of Ministers and Presbyteries to the said resolution which the Commission understand to be imperative; and, for as much as supplementary funds are required to meet the present year's charges, and for as much as the Synod has not appointed any particular day for an annual collection to be made and it is desirable that such a day be appointed for the present year, ordain a collection to be made in all the Churches within the bounds of the Synod where collections for this purpose have not been already made, on the third day of April next, and to be transmitted without delay to the Secretary

to the Temporalities Board, Mr. John W. Cook, Quebec, and request the Secretary to forward to each Minister a printed copy of this resolution accompanied with a statement of the position of the Temporalities Fund, in sufficient time for it to be used in giving intimation of the collection hereby appointed.

LONDON CONGREGATION.

Dr. Barclay, the Convener of the Committee of Synod on the interests of the London Congregation, laid upon the table a Patent for a Church site in the City of London, acquired on most advantageous terms and occupying a central and suitable position, and reported that the congregation has so greatly revived under the ministrations of the Rev. Francis Nicol, recently arrived, that its members have at length determined to proceed to the erection of a place of worship, and are desirous of obtaining the recommendation of the Commission to an effort being made throughout the church to supplement their own subscriptions for this purpose. The Commission being satisfied by the evidence before them that the present prospects of the London congregation are extremely favorable, and being convinced, chiefly by the effect of numerous disappointments during the past, that there is a necessity for immediate and energetic action, heartily commend the proposed effort to the friends of the Church throughout the Province and solicit the sanction of Presbyteries to the raising of contributions within their bounds.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO WINDSOR AND BROMPTON GORE CHURCHES.

There were produced and read (1) a memorial from the Trustees of Windsor and Brompton Gore Churches to the Presbytery of Quebec, requesting the said Presbytery to recommend to the Commission their application to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland for a grant of £100 stg., to enable them to finish the said Churches; (2) an extract minute of the Presbytery of Quebec asking the authority of the Commission to sanction the said application; and (3) attested copies of the Title Deeds of the property. The Commission having duly considered the case, resolve to authorize the Presbytery of Quebec to recommend the application to the favourable judgment of the Colonial Committee and instruct the Presbytery to forward the aforesaid documents together with an extract of this minute to the Committee.

FORMS OF WORSHIP.

There was read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Crawford, the Convener of the Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on aids to devotion, respecting the publication by the said Committee of a work entitled "Forms of worship for soldiers, sailors, colonists, &c.," stating that the said work was unanimously received with much favour by the last Assembly, and had the cordial sanction of a large and influential Committee of the Church of Scotland. The Commission agree to record their satisfaction that a work so much needed in this Province, and so highly recommended is published, and earnestly advise ministers to procure copies of it, so that after examining the same they may be in a position to aid in its circulation.

Closed with prayer.

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	<i>South Gower. a.</i>
Alexander Mann, M.A.	16 Feb. 1841.	Alexr. Fowler	<i>Pakenham.</i>
David Evans	2 Jun. 1841.	William Smith	<i>Kitley. b.</i>
Thomas Fraser	14 Jun. 1844.	Alexander Stewart	<i>Lanark.</i>
William Bain, M.A.	29 Oct. 1845.	Alexander Fraser	<i>Perth.</i>
John McMorine	1839.	John Lockhart	<i>Ramsay.</i>
Alexander Spence	27 Jul. 1848.	Thomas McDonald	<i>Ottawa.</i>
Solomon Myne	16 Oct. 1850.	Andrew Whitson	<i>Smith's Falls.</i>
Duncan Morrison	22 Oct. 1851.	George Malloch	<i>Brockville.</i>
George Thomson, M.A.	19 Nov. 1851.	Henry Airth	<i>McNab and Horton. c.</i>
Peter Lindsay	12 Oct. 1853.	Archibald Petrie	<i>Cumberland and Buck- ingham. d.</i>
James Sinclair	24 Oct. 1855.	Wm. Montgomery	<i>Huntly. e.</i>
William McHutchison	18 Mar. 1857.	John Ferguson	<i>Beckwith. f.</i>
William White	24 Jun. 1857.	Samuel Davidson	<i>Richmond.</i>
William H. C. Clarke	27 Oct. 1858.	John Mitchell	<i>Middleville. g.</i>
Joseph Evans, M.A.	3 Nov. 1858.	.....	<i>Oxford. h.</i>
.....	.....	John Stewart	<i>Litchfield.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Koss and Westmeath.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Bromley.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Spencerville.</i>

William Thomas Canning and Peter Thomson, *Ordained Missionaries.*
 Arru-prior, Fitzroy, and Tarbolton, *Mission Stations.*

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.		Queen's College. b.
James George, D.D.	4 Aug. 1834.		Queen's College. b.
Archibald Walker	10 May 1854.	George Neilson	Bellefille.
William E. Mackay, B.A.	29 Oct. 1858.		Camden.
Alexander Buchan	12 Nov. 1858.	Geo. H. Boulter, M.D.	Stirling.
John B. Mowat, M.A.	2 May 1850.		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.	8 Mar. 1837.	James McCallum	King.
Thomas Johnson	4 Aug. 1840.		Chinguacousy. a.
Alexander Lewis	4 Aug. 1840.	William McElwane	Monro.
John Macmurehy	19 Jan. 1842.	John Campbell	Eldon.
John Barclay, D.D.	6 Dec. 1842.	John Cameron	Toronto.
Samuel Porter	29 Ap. 1846.	Alexander Bradley	Clarke. 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.		Thorah. d.
John H. Mackerras, M.A.	20 Sep. 1853.	Neil Gray	Darlington. e.
Archibald Colquhoun	14 Jul. 1832.		Mulmur.
William Cleland	2 Aug. 1854.	Henry Madill	Scott and Uxbridge. f.
John Brown	30 Aug. 1854.	Jacob Wells	Newmarket.
James Gordon, M.A.	26 Sep. 1854.	Archibald Barker	Markham.
James Bain	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	Brock. h.
William McKee	3 Mar. 1858.	Jonathan Irvine	West Gwillimbury 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	2 Jun. 1841.	John Clark	Falcartier.
Duncan Anderson, M.A.	21 Dec. 1854.	W. G. Russell	Point Levi. a.
George D. Ferguson	16 May 1855.	John Howliston	Three Rivers.
James Sieveright, B.A.	30 Jul. 1857.	Colin McIver	Melbourne. b.
Alexander Forbes	5 Jan. 1859.		Leeds and Inverness. c.
			New Richmond.
c, a, Point Levi West; b, Richmond; c, Leeds.			

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 Mathieson, D.D.	19 Oct. 1826.	Alex. Morris, M.A.	Montreal St. Andrews.
William Mair	26 Jul. 1833.		Chatham.
James Anderson	14 Jul. 1835.	George Elliot	Ormslow.
James C. Muir, D.D.	29 Sep. 1836.	William Hamilton	Georgetown. a.
William Simpson	16 Mar. 1840.		Lachine.
Alexander Wallace, B.A.	1 Oct. 1843.	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	Russelltown.
William Snodgrass	4 Nov. 1856.	John Greenshields	Montreal St. Pauls.
James Patterson	8 Sep. 1858.	Fred. S. Verity, M.D.	Hemmingford.
John Moffat	23 Nov. 1858.	James Fenton	Laprairie & Longueuil c.
Prosper L. Leger	10 Mar. 1859.	James Lang	Beauharnois.
		Hugh Cameron	Dundee.
			St. Eustace.

John Merlin, Hemmingford, 1 Sep. 1841, Retired Minister.

John Rannie, M.A., and Thomas Haig, Ordained Missionaries.

Robert Herbert Story, Probationer.

Point St. Charles, Mission Station.

a, North Georgetown; b, Norton Creek; c, Laprairie.

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

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	Cornwall.
Thomas Macpherson, M.A.	28 Dec. 1836.		Lancaster.
Donald Monro	19 Dec. 1850.	Dun. B. Macmillan	Finch. a.
Robert Dobie	7 Oct. 1853.	William R. Croil	Osnaburck. 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.	Farqr. B. McLennan	Williamstown.
William Johnson, M.A.	15 Nov. 1852.	Chs. P. Treadwell	L'Orignal.
Colin Grigor	5 Jun. 1844.		Plantagenet.
John Davidson	4 Sep. 1844.	Henry J. Merkley	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.

a, South Finch; b, Dickenson's Landing; c, North Williamsburgh; d, West Williamsburgh.

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

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

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Bell, B.A.	30 May. 1844.	Gilbert McMicken.	<i>Clifton.</i>
Hamilton Gibson	13 Nov. 1850.	Alex. Turnbull	<i>Galt.</i>
George Macdonnell	17 Nov. 1852.	Alex. D. Fordyce	<i>Fergus.</i>
Kenneth Maclellan, B.A.	8 Mar. 1853.		<i>Paisley.</i>
John Skinner, D.D.	12 Oct. 1853.	Andrew Hall.	<i>Nelson & Waterdown. a</i>
Robert Burnet	26 Oct. 1853.	James Gay.	<i>Hamilton, St. Andrew's.</i>
James Thom	23 Oct. 1844.	William Smith	<i>Woolwich. b.</i>
Hugh Niven	17 Feb. 1857.	Alex. Warrack	<i>Saltfleet & Binbrook. c.</i>
John Whyte	6 Aug. 1851.	Duncan Saunders	<i>Arthur.</i>
Martin W. Livingstone	19 May. 1858.	Abraham Youngs	<i>Simcoe.</i>
James Herald	30 Jun. 1858.	Jas. Hamilton, M.D.	<i>Dundas.</i>
Charles Campbell	25 Aug. 1858.	James Lockhart	<i>Niagara.</i>
William Masson	15 Sep. 1858.	Robert Parker	<i>Hamilton, St. John's.</i>
		David Allan	<i>Guelph.</i>
		Francis Comfort	<i>Beausville.</i>
		Alex. Mitchell	<i>Ancaster.</i>
			<i>Puslinch.</i>
David Stott, John Hay, and John Hogg, <i>Ordained Missionaries.</i>			
Dover, Lyndoch, Brantford, Kincardine, Tara, Durham, Priceville, Ayton, Allapark, Mount Forrest, <i>Mission Stations.</i>			
a, Waterdown; b, Winterbourne; c, Mount Albion.			

8. 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	<i>Goderich.</i>
William Bell, M.A.	17 May. 1848.	James Creerar	<i>North Easthope. a.</i>
William McEwen, M.A.	9 Nov. 1850.	William Woods	<i>North Dorchester. b.</i>
James Stuart	22 Aug. 1849.		<i>Woodstock & Norwich. c</i>
James McEwen, M.A.	12 Oct. 1854.	Duncan McPherson	<i>Westminster. b.</i>
Robert Stevenson	25 Oct. 1855.	Matthew Glass	<i>Williams. d.</i>
William Miller	9 Dec. 1857.	Samuel Robb	<i>Stratford.</i>
			<i>Chatham.</i>
			<i>London.</i>
			<i>Wawanosh.</i>
Francis Nicol, <i>Ordained Missionary.</i>			
Bayfield and Varna, <i>Mission Stations.</i>			
a, Shakspeare; b, London; c, Woodstock; d, Nairn.			

CORRESPONDENTS.

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

MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein,	<i>Missionary to the Jews.</i>
Rev. Louis Baridon,	<i>Missionary to the French Canadians.</i>

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.

Rev. John Macmurchy, *Moderator*, Revds. Joseph Anderson, Alexander Mann, David Evans, Thomas Fraser, William Bain, John McMorine, Alexander Spence, Solomon Mylne, Duncan Morrison, Peter Lindsay, James Sinclair, William McHutchison, William White, William H. C. Clarke, Joseph Evans, John Machar, Archibald Walker, William E. Mackay, Alexander Buchan, Thomas Johnson, John Barclay, William Barr, John H. Mackerras, John Brown, James Gordon, James Bain, Samuel G. McCaughey, 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,

Prosper 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 Neilson, 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 :—Mr. Mann, *Convener*, Messrs. Spence, Malloch, Buchan, Drummond, Mackerras, John Brown, Douglas, Patterson, 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 :—Mr. William Bain, *Convener*, Messrs. Campbell (Brock), Burnet, John Lockhart, and Murray, to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

3. To draft an address to the Queen :—Mr. Burnet, *Convener*, Messrs. Malloch, Mackid, Drummond and Murray.

4. To draft an address to the Governor General :—Mr. James Bain, *Convener*, Messrs. 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 Revds. Robert Neill, 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. Neill, 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 Twenty-sixth 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.

* Appendix A.

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 Revds. 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, recom-

mending 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 *nemine contradicente*.

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:

I. 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 actings 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 Overtures 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 instructions:—

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 Fasts 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 commendation 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 thereon 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,

* Appendix B.

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.

* Appendix C.

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, reappoint 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

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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 Revds. 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

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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

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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 anent 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

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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-Convenor 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 for the increase of the fund cannot be longer delayed without injury to the best 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 Committee 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 Revds. James Patterson, John Moffat, Prosper L. Leger, Frederick P. Sym,

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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 Chingua-cousy, 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.

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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. Morris, 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

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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. Dobie, 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 Conveners 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 express-

ed, 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 have 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 regu-

lations 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 *ipsissima 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 negatived by any member it shall pass without the votes being taken, and be recorded in the minutes as having passed unanimously; if negatived 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 complainer 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 complainer, they shall not be considered as different parties, unless it shall appear to the Court that the complaints rest on distinctly separate grounds.

Dissents.

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 in 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 *instantly*; 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, 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 Valcartier 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 residence 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 a 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 appoint 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

* Appendix M. At Diet I. there was read the reply of His Excellency the Governor General to the Synod's address of last year, also a letter from the Governor's Secretary, intimating that the Queen was pleased to receive very graciously the Synod's address of last year to Her Majesty. (This Minute inadvertently omitted in the proper place.)

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 'his 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 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 in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the third Wednesday of February, 1860, 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 anent 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.

MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR, 1858-59.

- 1858—May 27th.—The Rev. David Stott, Ordained Minister from the Presbytery of St. John, New Brunswick, received as a Missionary by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- June 1st.—The Rev. James S. Douglas, Ordained Minister from the Church of Scotland, received as a Missionary by the Presbytery of Glengarry.
- June 22nd.—The Rev. John Robb, Minister at Catham, Canada West, died.
- The Rev. Charles Campbell, Ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, received as a Missionary by the Presbytery of London.
- June 23rd.—The Rev. James Herald, received as a Missionary from the Presbytery of Montreal by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- June 30th.—The Rev. James Herald, Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Dundas by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- Mr. Prosper L. Leger, Student of Divinity, licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Quebec.
- August 18th.—The Revds. Charles Campbell and John Hay, Ordained Ministers from the Church of Scotland, received as Missionaries by the Presbytery of Hamilton, the former by transference from the Presbytery of London.
- The Rev. John Hogg, formerly an Ordained Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in this Province, received as a Missionary, subject to the approval of the Synod, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- Mr. Prosper L. Leger, Licentiate, received as a Missionary by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- Mr. Hugh J. Borthwick, Student of Divinity, licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- August 25th.—The Rev. Charles Campbell, Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Niagara by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- Mr. Hugh J. Borthwick, Licentiate, transferred to the Presbytery of Kingston by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- September 1st.—The Rev. A. C. Stewart, formerly Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Perrytown and Oakhills, and the Rev. James Rogers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, made application to the Presbytery of Toronto to be recommended to the Synod for admission.
- September 8th.—The Rev. James Patterson, Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Hemmingford, by the Presbytery of Montreal.
- Mr. Joseph Evans, M.A., and Mr. William H. C. Clarke, Students of Divinity, licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

- Presbyterians at Perrytown and Oakhills organized into a congregation by the Presbytery of Toronto.
- September 15th.—The Rev. William Masson, Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. John's Church, Hamilton, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- The Rev. James S. Douglas, Missionary, transferred to the Presbytery of Toronto by the Presbytery of Glengarry.
- September 27th.—The Rev. James S. Douglas, Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Peterboro', by the Presbytery of Toronto.
- October 27th.—The Rev. Thomas Scott, formerly Minister of Williamsburgh, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Matilda, by the Presbytery of Glengarry.
- Mr. William H. C. Clarke, Licentiate, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Middleville, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.
- November 3rd.—Mr. Joseph Evans, M.A., Licentiate, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Oxford, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.
- Mr. Prosper L. Leger, Licentiate, received as a Missionary from the Presbytery of Hamilton, by the Presbytery of Montreal.
- November 9th.—The Rev. Francis Nicol, formerly Minister at St. John's, Newfoundland, and sent out to Canada as a Missionary by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, arrived at Hamilton.
- November 16th.—The Rev. Walter R. Ross, Ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, arrived at Toronto.
- November 18th.—The Rev. John Moffat, Missionary, inducted to the pastoral charge of Laprairie and Longueuil by the Presbytery of Montreal.
- December 15th.—The Rev. Francis Nicol, Missionary, transferred to the Presbytery of London by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- The Rev. James Rogers, Missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto, received as a Missionary by the Presbytery of Hamilton, pending his application to the Synod for admission.
- 1859—January 5th.—The Rev. Alexander Forbes, formerly Minister at Dalhousie, New Brunswick, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Leeds and Inverness, by the Presbytery of Quebec.
- March 10th.—Mr. Prosper L. Leger, Licentiate, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of Beauharnois, by the Presbytery of Montreal.
- March 13th.—The Rev. William King, Retired Minister, died at Carradoc, aged 69 years.
- May 4th.—Mr. Robert Herbert Story, Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, received as a Probationer by the Presbytery of Montreal.
- May 4th.—Mr. Hugh J. Borthwick, Licentiate, received as a Probationer by the Presbytery of Kingston.

22 Vict., Cap. 66.

*An Act to incorporate the Board for the management of the
Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of
Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland,*

[Assented to 24th July 1858.]

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the Legislature of this Province, that it is desirable that provision should be made for the management and holding of certain funds of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now held in trust by certain Commissioners, hereinafter named, on behalf of the said Church, and for the benefit thereof, and also of such other funds as may from time to time be granted, given, bequeathed, or contributed in addition thereto; And whereas the said funds are so held in trust, and the revenues thereof are to be appropriated for the encouragement and support of Ministers and Missionaries of the said Church, and for the augmentation of their stipends, and towards making a provision for those who may be incapacitated by age or infirmity; And whereas, secondly, when and if it shall so please the said Church, and so soon as other funds hereafter shall be contributed, subscribed, or paid in from any source for the purpose to the Corporation hereby erected, it is desired that such other funds shall be appropriated for granting aid towards the erection and maintenance and endowment of Churches and Manses, in connection with the said Church, and the aiding of young men to study for the Ministry; And whereas the erection of a Corporation will best promote the purposes aforesaid: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. The Reverend Alexander Mathieson, of Montreal, Doctor in Divinity; the Reverend John Cook, of Quebec, Doctor in Divinity; Hugh Allan, Esquire, of Montreal; John Thompson, Esquire, of Quebec; and the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, of Cornwall, Doctor in Divinity; and John Young, of Hamilton, Esquire; John Cameron, of Toronto, Esquire; and Thomas Paton, of Montreal, Esquire, with four additional members, and their successors, to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in name and in deed, by the name of the "Board for the management of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland," and for the purposes herein aforesaid recited, by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and they and their successors, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any Court of Record or place of Judicature in this Province; and they and their successors shall be able, in law, to take, have and hold and enjoy, possess and retain, and shall henceforth have, hold, enjoy and possess, in trust, for the said Church, and for the aforesaid firstly hereinabove specified uses, all moneys, debentures, bonds, bank or other stocks and securities, which are now held by the said hereinbefore named parties as Trustees or Commissioners of the said Church, in trust for the said Church; but such holding is subject always to the special

condition that the annual interest and revenues of the said moneys and fund now in their hands shall be and remain charged and subject, as well as regards the character as the extent and duration thereof, to the several annual charges in favour of the several Ministers and parties severally entitled thereto, of the several amounts and respective characters and durations as the same were constituted and declared at the formation of the said funds, and the joining of the same into one fund; And the said Board shall also have power without license of mortmain, or *lettres d'amortissement*, to have, hold, receive, take, enjoy and possess, by gift, voluntary conveyance devise, bequest, or otherwise, to them and their successors, any real or personal estate, to and for the use of the said Board for any or either of the purposes aforesaid; Provided always, that any real estate which may be so acquired, by the said Board, shall be sold within two years from the date of such acquisition thereof by the said Corporation, and the proceeds thereof invested in the public securities of the Province, Municipal Debentures, stock of the Chartered Banks, or other securities, for the uses aforesaid; And provided further, that any such real estate which shall not be sold and alienated within two years from the time when the same is received by the Corporation, shall revert to the party from whom the same came to the Corporation, or to his or her heirs, devisees or other representatives; And provided also, that no will shall be valid and sufficient to pass any real or personal estate to the said Corporation, unless such will shall have been executed by the testator six calendar months prior to his decease; And such Board and their successors shall, moreover, have power to sell, dispose of, exchange alter, vary, or renew any of the investments heretofore made by them, or hereafter to be made of the said funds, or such other funds, or any of them, and to re-invest any moneys arising therefrom, and acquittances, conveyances, transfers, releases, receipts and discharges to make and give as occasion may demand.

II. At the first meeting of the Synod of the said Church hereafter, there shall be elected by the said Synod seven members of the said Board, of whom four shall be laymen and three, ministers, all members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in place of two laymen and one minister, members of the said Board who shall then retire, but who shall be eligible, as shall all other retiring members, for re-election; and thereafter, two ministers and two laymen shall retire from the said Board annually in rotation, on the third day of the annual meeting of the Synod or other Court of highest jurisdiction of the said Church, and their places shall be supplied by two ministers and two laymen, then elected by the said Synod; and the mode in which the said trustees hereby named shall retire, shall be defined by by-law of the said corporation, or in default thereof by the Synod, but the members of the Board who shall from time to time be elected in the stead of the afore-named members shall, after all the said eight members of the Board named in this Act shall have gone out, retire from office in the proportions aforesaid in rotation according to the seniority of their election: In the event of the death, resignation, removal from the Province, or leaving the communion of the said Church of any member of the said Board, the remaining members, or a majority of them present at any general meeting duly convened for that purpose, shall choose a minister or layman to fill such vacancy, subject however to the approval of the said Synod or other court at its next meeting, so that the said Board shall always consist of twelve members, of whom five shall be ministers and seven shall be laymen, all being ministers or members in full communion of the said Church; Provided always, that until such first annual meeting of its Synod as aforesaid and the election of the said seven members thereat, all the powers, rights and duties

conferred upon the said Board by this Act, shall be exercised by the said eight persons named in this Act, as fully and effectually as if the said Board consisted of twelve members as aforesaid.

III. The said Reverend John Cook, Doctor in Divinity, or in his default any other of the said eight persons named in this Act, shall call a meeting of the said Board, within six months after the passing of this Act, at the City of Montreal, at which meeting the members of the said corporation then present, or a majority of them, shall then choose and elect from among the members of the said Board, a Chairman, holding office during the pleasure of the said corporation, and such Corporation shall elect successors to him as often as occasion may require or the by-laws of the said corporation shall prescribe; and at such meeting, and at all other meetings of the Board, seven shall constitute a quorum: The said corporation shall further have power, if they see fit, to appoint an executive committee of three members, defining their duties and powers by by-law or by-laws, and shall also have power and authority to appoint on such terms as they may deem suitable, a Secretary, who shall not be a member of the Board, and such subordinate officers as may be necessary, and the same to dismiss or remove as they shall see fit, and shall further have power and authority to make and defray all necessary expenditure for and on behalf of the said corporation.

IV. The said corporation or the majority thereof present at any meeting of the said corporation duly convened, shall have power and authority to frame and make statutes, by-laws, rules and orders, touching and concerning the good government of the said corporation, and the collection, administration, investment, application, appropriation and management of the funds aforesaid, and any other matter or thing which to them shall seem fit or expedient for the effectual attainment of the objects of the said corporation and the administration of its concerns and for fixing, ascertaining and establishing the scale or rate of stipend from the said funds to the ministers or others entitled thereto under the provisions of this Act, subject however to the aforesaid original annual or other charges, and the scale or rate of annuities payable to superannuated or disabled ministers, and the same to vary, alter, repeal or make anew; Provided always that all such by-laws shall be submitted to the first meeting of the Synod, or other supreme court thereafter, for confirmation, amendment or rejection, but in the meantime shall till then be operative as *interim* by-laws.

V. The said Board shall prepare and submit annually to the said Synod or other Supreme Court of the said Church, on the first day of the annual session thereof, a balance-sheet of the financial affairs of the fund, exhibiting the receipts and disbursements of the said corporation during the financial year next preceding such meeting, and also a report of their proceedings during such period.

VI. The said Corporation shall hold their meetings at such place or places within this Province as they shall from time to time direct and appoint.

VII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

APPENDIX A.

TEMPORALITIES BOARD—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1858.

May 27.—Balance from last account submitted to the Synod, \$147 17

RECEIPTS.

"	Interest on Corporation Bonds,	\$4200 00	
June 1.	—Dividend on Bank of Montreal Stock, ...	4960 00	
"	Dividend on City Bank Stock,	1652 00	
"	3.—Dividend on Commercial Bank Stock, ..	7200 00	
			18012 00
Nov. 2.	—Interest on Corporation Bonds,	4200 00	
Dec. 2.	—Dividend on Bank of Montreal Stock, ...	4960 00	
1859.			
	Dividend on City Bank Stock,	1888 00	
Jan. 3.	—Dividend on Commercial Bank Stock, ..	7200 00	
			18248 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1858.			\$36407 17
June 30.	—Paid half-yearly allowances to Ministers.	17721 17	
Dec. 31.	—Paid " " "	\$18036 00	
1859.			
May 23.	—Paid sundry petty expenses, Books, Printing, Postages, &c.,	30 92	
			35788 09
	Balance on hand 23rd May, ...		\$619 08

E. E.

J. W. COOK, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Montreal, 23rd May, 1859.

MONTREAL, 24th May, 1859.

I hereby certify that in the absence of Mr. James Mitchell, my co-auditor, I have examined the above account, and on comparing the same with the books I find it to be correct.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS, *Auditor.*

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE FORMATION OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Unto the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland:—

The Committee on the subject of a General Assembly beg leave to report:

That your Committee, by correspondence and otherwise, endeavored to procure information and to mature their views with regard to the immediate practicability of the important object committed to their care.

Their letters to the Clerks of Presbyteries failed to elicit sufficient data to enable the Committee to digest a plan for the General Assembly, although they consider it only right to state, that the replies of the Clerks of the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Bathurst were of a satisfactory character, conveying much valuable information, and they are herewith transmitted.

The Committee are thoroughly persuaded of the advantages that would accrue to the Church in Canada from the establishment of a General Assembly, and making reference to their Report submitted to the Synod last year, in which their views are contained at length, they would report:

1st. That, in order to the formation of a General Assembly, it is desirable that three Synods should be established out of the Presbyteries of the Church.

2nd. That with a view to the attainment of this object, and moreover, inasmuch as it would tend to the good of the Church, certain of the Presbyteries, such as Bathurst, Hamilton and Toronto, might advantageously be subdivided.

3rd. That with a view to careful legislation on so important a matter, the whole subject be remitted to a Committee composed of such members as may be deemed fittest for the work, to devise and mature a plan and constitution for a General Assembly of the Church, including in such plan suggestions for the formation of three Synods, and the subdivision or alteration of the bounds of the existing Presbyteries; and that in order to aid them in this work, Presbyteries be enjoined at their first meeting after the recess of the present Session of Synod, to consider the propriety of a subdivision thereof, or an alteration of their existing boundaries, and to communicate their views thereanent to the Convener of the Committee on the General Assembly, in order that the said Committee may report to next meeting of Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. MATHIESON, D.D., *Convener.*

APPENDIX C.

SYNOD FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF THE SYNOD FUND, RECEIVED FROM MAY 20, 1858, TO MAY 20, 1859.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Clifton, per Rev. G. Bell,.....	1858	5 00
Galt, per Rev. H. Gibson,.....	"	4 00
Fergus, per Rev. G. Macdonnell,.....	"	6 88
Nelson and Waterdown, per Rev. Dr. Skinner, ...	"	8 00
Hamilton, St. Andrew's, per Rev. R. Burnet,.....	1857	10 00
Wcolwich, per Rev. J. Thom,.....	1858	4 00
Saltfleet and Binbrook, per Rev. H. Niven,.....	"	8 00
Dundas, per Rev. K. MacLennan,.....	1857	4 00
		<hr/> \$49 88

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Goderich, per Rev. A. Mackid,.....	1858	5 00
N. Easthope, per Rev. W. Bell,.....	1858-9	8 00
Williams, per Rev. R. Stevenson,.....	1857	4 00
Stratford, per Rev. W. Miller,.....	1858	4 00
		<hr/> 21 00

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

South Gower, per Rev. J. Anderson,	1854, 1857,	4 00
Pakenham, per Rev. A. Mann,	1858,	4 00
Kitley, per Mr. W. Smith, Elder,	1857-8,	8 00
Lanark, per Rev. T. Fraser,	1858,	4 00
Perth, per Rev. W. Bain,	"	6 00
Ramsay, per Rev. J. Macmorine,	"	4 00
Ottawa, per Rev. A. Spence,	"	8 00
Smith's Falls, per Rev. S. Mylne,	"	4 00
Brockville, per Rev. D. Morrison,	"	5 00
Macnab and Horton, per Rev. G. Thomson,	"	5 00
Cumberland and Buckingham, per Rev. P. Lindsay,	"	4 00
Huntly, per Rev. J. Sinclair,	"	4 00
Beckwith, per Rev. W. McHutchison,	"	4 00
Richmond, per Rev. W. White,	"	4 00
Oxford, per Rev. J. Evans,	1859,	4 00

72 00

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Kingston, per Rev. Dr. Machar,	1858,	10 00
Seymour, per Rev. R. Neill,	"	5 00
Belleville, per Rev. A. Walker,	"	5 00
Stirling, per Rev. A. Buchan,	"	4 00

24 00

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

King, per Rev. J. Tawse,	1858,	4 00
Chinguacousy, per Rev. T. Johnson,	"	4 00
Mono, per Rev. A. Lewis,	"	4 00
Eldon, per Rev. J. McMurchy,	"	4 00
Toronto, per Rev. Dr. Barclay,	"	10 00
Clarke, per Rev. S. Porter,	"	4 00
Hornby, per Rev. W. Barr,	"	4 00
Nottawasaga, per Rev. J. Campbell,	"	4 00
Thorah, per Rev. D. Watson,	1857-8,	8 00
Darlington, per Rev. J. H. Mackerras,	1858,	4 00
Mulmur, per Rev. A. Colquhoun,	1855,	4 00
Scott and Uxbridge, per Rev. W. Cleland,	1858,	4 00
Newmarket, per Rev. J. Brown,	"	4 00
Markham, per Rev. J. Gordon,	"	4 00
Scarboro', per Rev. J. Bain,	"	4 00
Brock and Reach, per Rev. J. Campbell,	"	5 00
Vaughan, per Messrs. D. Cameron & A. McNeill, 1858-9,	12 00	

87 00

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Quebec, per Rev. Dr. Cook,	1858,	8 00
Valcartier, per Rev. D. Shanks,	"	4 00
Point Levi, per Rev. D. Anderson,	1857,	4 00
Three Rivers, per Rev. G. D. Ferguson,	1858,	6 00
Melbourne, per Mr. D. Brymner,	"	4 00
New Richmond, per Rev. J. Davidson,	1857,	4 00

30 00

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Chatham, per Rev. W. Mair,	1857,	4 00
Orms town, per Rev. J. Anderson,	"	4 00
Georgetown, per Rev. Dr. Muir,	1854-8,	8 00
Lachine, per Rev. W. Simpson,	1858-9,	8 00
Huntingdon, per Rev. A. Wallace,	1858,	4 00
Beechridge, per Rev. J. Macdonald,	"	4 00
Russeltown, per Rev. F. P. Sym,	"	4 00

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Montreal, St. Paul's, per Rev. W. Snodgrass,	"	12 00
Laprairie and Longueuil, per Rev. J. Moffat,	"	4 00
Hemmingford, per Rev. J. Patterson,	"	4 00
Beauharnois, per Mr. W. Henderson,	1854-6-7,	12 00
		<hr/> 68 00

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

Cornwall, per Rev. Dr. Urquhart,	1858,	5 00
Lancaster, per Rev. T. Macpherson,	1854-6-7,	12 00
Finch, per Rev. D. Monro,	1857,	4 00
Osnabruck, per Rev. R. Dobie,	1858,	4 00
Martintown, per Rev. P. Macvicar,	"	5 00
Lochiel, per Rev. D. Macdonald,	"	4 00
Williamstown, per Rev. P. Watson,	1857-8,	8 00
Plantagenet, per Rev. C. Grigor,	1858,	4 00
Williamsburgh, per Rev. J. Davidson, ...	1854-'6-1857,	8 00
		<hr/> 54 00

Sale of "Acts of Synod," 8 copies,	<hr/> 1 00
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Total amount received,..... \$406 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid to Dr. Barclay, as payment of expenses to Lower Provinces in 1857,	\$114 00	
Cash paid Committee on Church Property, for expenses incurred by them,	15 25	
	<hr/>	\$129 25
Synod Clerk's salary, in part payment of,	201 00	
Church Officer, for attendance on Synod,	10 00	
	<hr/>	211 00
Cash paid John Lovell, for printing,	181 90	
Cash paid Thompson & Co., for printing,	5 25	
Cash paid in Hamilton for printing,	10 00	
	<hr/>	197 15
Postage and other expenses,		2 00
Total amount disbursed,		<hr/> \$539 40

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand from 1857,.....	\$141 82	
Amount received during 1858,	406 88	
		<hr/> 548 70
Receipts,.....		548 70
Amount disbursed,.....		539 40
		<hr/> \$9 30

LIABILITIES.

Due Synod Clerk, balance of salary for 1858,.....	\$29 00
Due to John Lovell, balance of account for printing, ..	169 38
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	\$198 38
 Total amount due,.....	 <hr/>
	\$198 38

LIST OF ARREARS DUE TO SYNOD FUND UP TO MAY 20, 1859.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Paisley, Rev. K. MacLennan,.....1858, \$4 00
 Arthur, Rev. J. Whyte, " 4 00

\$8 00

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Dorchester, Rev. W. McEwen,.....1857-8, 8 00
 Woodstock, Rev. J. Stuart,....." 8 00
 Westminster, Rev. J. McEwen, " 8 00
 Williams, Rev. R. Stevenson,.....1858, 4 00

28 00

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

South Gower, Rev. J. Anderson,.....¹⁸⁵⁷/₂ 9, 6 00

6 00

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Camden, Rev. W. E. Mackay,.....1857-8, 8 00

8 00

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Mulmur, Rev. A. Colquhoun,.....1856-7-8, 12 00
 Pickering, Rev. S. G. McCaughey,1858, 4 00
 W. Gwillimbury, Rev. W. McKee,....." 4 00

20 00

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Point Levi, Rev. D. Anderson,1858, 4 00

4 00

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Chatham, Rev. W. Mair,.....1858, 4 00
 Ormstown, Rev. J. Anderson,....." 4 00
 Huntingdon, Rev. A. Wallace,.....1856-7 8 00
 St. Louis, Rev. J. T. Paul,.....1855-6-7-8, 16 00
 Hemmingford, Rev. J. Patterson,.....1854-5-6, 12 00

44 00

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

Lancaster, Rev. T. Macpherson,1858, 4 00
 Finch, Rev. D. Monro, " 4 00
 L'Orignal, Rev. W. Johnson,....." 4 00
 Williamsburgh, Rev. J. Davidson,.....¹⁸⁵⁷/₂ 8, 6 00

18 00

Total amount of arrears,.....

\$136 00

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN CAMERON,
 Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit their Report, together with the Treasurer's Accounts, for the Synodical year just ended. They have received during the past year \$406.88. Of this sum, \$291.88 were for the year 1858, \$94 for arrears for previous years, \$21 in advance for the current year, and \$1 from sale of "Acts of Synod." The arrears still due amount to \$136; of this \$76 are due for the year 1858, and \$60 for previous years. Thus the revenue for this year proper would have amounted to \$367.88, or more probably \$375, had all the sums due been paid up.

The arrears are due by 21 Sessions; of these, 11 are in arrears for 1858, 2 for previous years, and 8 for 1858 and the previous years com-

bined. Of these eight Sessions, seven, viz., Dorchester, Woodstock, Westminster, South Gower, Mulmur, St. Louis, and Camden, have the same Ministers under whom these sums became due, and one, Williamsburgh, has a different Minister.

The liabilities at present due by the Synod amount to \$198.38½. To meet this the Treasurer has in hand \$9.36, leaving a balance of \$189.8½ against the Synod. Even though the arrears were paid up, the Synod would still be indebted to the amount of \$53.08½.

The estimated expenditure for the present year amounts to \$520, divided as follows:—

Synod Clerk's salary,	\$200 00
Delegates' expenses,	100 00
Printing,	205 00
Church Officer's allowance,	10 00
Contingent expenses,	5 00
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	\$520 00

To meet this sum, the Committee respectfully recommend the Synod to fix the following rate of assessment, making it compulsory on each Session to contribute the amount apportioned to it in the appended schedule, and leaving it optional to supplement this by such further sum as it may find itself able and disposed to give.

Hamilton—St. Andrew's, Kingston, Montreal—St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Quebec, Toronto. Each \$12.

Cornwall, Ottawa. Each \$10.

Bellefille, Brockville, Fergus, Goderich, Guelph, Nelson and Watford, Perth, Scarboro', Vaughan. Each \$8.

Brook and Reach, Clifton, Darlington, Dundas, Eldon, Galt, Georgetown, Huntingdon, Lachine, Lancaster, Lochiel, Markham, Martintown, Niagara, N. Easthope, Ormstown, Osnaburck, Peterboro', Point Levi, Saltfleet, Seymour, Thorah, Three Rivers, Williamstown. Each \$6.

Beauharnois, Beckwith, Nottawasaga, Ramsay, Renfrew and Horton, Simcoe, Uxbridge, W. Gwillimbury. Each \$5.

Ancaster, Arthur, Beamsville, Beech Ridge, Camden, Chatham, C. E., Chinguacousy, Clark, Cumberland and Buckingham, Dorchester, Finch, Hamilton—St. John's, Hemmingford, Hornby, Huntly, King, Kitley, Lanark, Laprairie and Longueuil, Leeds, Litchfield, L'Orignal, Matilda, Melbourne, Middleville, Milton, Mono, Mulmur, Newmarket, Orangeville, Oxford, Pakenham, Paisley, Pickering, Plantagenet, Richmond, Russeltown, Smith's Falls, South Gower, Stirling, St. Louis, Stratford, Valcartier, Westminster, Williams, Williamsburgh, Woodstock, Woolwich. Each \$4.

The Committee would further ask the sanction of the Synod to the proposed charges for sale of the following printed documents, viz.:

Four dollars for each copy of "Reprint of Minutes from 1830 to 1842."

Twenty-five cents for ditto. of Minutes of previous years.

Twelve and a half cents. for ditto. of "Acts of Synod."

All which is respectfully submitted.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Central Committee on Church Property beg leave to report :—

That since the last meeting of Synod they have received information respecting Church Property from the following places, namely: Ancaster, Brantford, Brockville, Clifton, Cumberland and Buckingham, Huntly, L'Orignal, Martintown, Melbourne, Nelson and Waterdown, Paisley, Pickering, Plantagenet, Point Levi, Quebec, Seymour, Stirling, Valcartier, West Gwillimbury, and Innisfil and Wolfe Island,—twenty ministerial charges in all having twenty-eight Churches and nine Manses.

In consequence of the absence in many of the returns received by your Committee of information as to the present value of Church Property in the different localities, and in consequence of the changes that have taken place in the circumstances of many of the Congregations since the reports were received from them, your Committee are unable at this time to submit to the Synod a statement or synopsis of the Church Property throughout the Province. The Committee would urge upon their successors the advantage of such a synopsis and of endeavouring to procure such information as would enable them to prepare one for the Synod of 1860.

The Committee are impressed with the importance of obtaining such an alteration in the laws of the Province, as would provide for uniformity of practice in the appointment of Trustees by Congregations in cases of vacancies, and they would respectfully call the attention of the Synod to the Report of the Central Committee on Church Property presented at the last meeting of Synod. Should it be deemed advisable to procure an Act of Parliament for the purpose, the Committee beg leave to suggest that the Synod should ask that the property at present held in trust for the different congregations under various forms of deed, should be held according to the model constitution approved of by the Synod. Such an Act would cure many defective trusts and powers contained in deeds, and the property would in many cases be more effectually secured to our Church.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the fact that in some cases Title Deeds of Church Property have been lost or mislaid, and in others the deeds are held by persons who have left the Church and who refuse to give up the deeds; in order to prevent the occurrence of such difficulties in the future your Committee suggest that Trustees of Church Property be enjoined to send the original deeds in their possession to some person or persons appointed by the Synod, whose duty it should be to keep the deeds in some safe place, and to furnish certified copies to parties requiring them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. LOGIE,
Convener.

Hamilton, May, 1859.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics beg leave respectfully to report :—
That they issued Schedules to 102 Kirk Sessions, and have received from 61, 75 Returns, embracing 5195 Families, 7995 Communicants (being a net increase of 569); an attendance of 9969, and 2747 Sabbath Scholars. In three returns the number of families is not given; in two, the number of communicants; and in three, the attendance. In connection with 20 Congregations, there is no Sabbath School; 3 of these are where the Minister officiates in 2 Churches—4 where Ministers have only been recently settled, and two where the Churches are vacant; in regard to most of the others, the want arises from the distance of families from Church.

The Returns received shew property to the value of :—

\$ 26,100-00	in the Presbytery of London.
45,345-89	" " Bathurst.
8,000-00	" " Kingston.
28,705-00	" " Toronto.
8,984-00	" " Quebec.
93,505-00	" " Montreal.
75,959-00	" " Glengarry.
28,582-62	" " Hamilton.

Being a total of \$315,181-51.

The Debt on the same being :—

\$ 3,800-00	in the Presbytery of London.
1,944-91	" " Bathurst.
1,400-00	" " Kingston.
906-75	" " Toronto.
820-00	" " Quebec.
13,407-00	" " Montreal.
1,171-00	" " Glengarry.
5,692-91	" " Hamilton.

Total \$29,142-57, which, being deducted from the value of Property, as given above, leaves unencumbered Property of the value of \$280,038-94.

There are 5 Churches and 1 Manse, the value of which is not included in the foregoing, not being given in their respective Returns. In connection with 18 Churches, there are no Manses; in connection with 19, there are no Glebes, while it appears that no efforts are meanwhile being made to procure either.

The Committee would respectfully suggest to the Synod that the attention of the Committee on Church Property should be called to the titles of one of the Churches in King in the Presbytery of Toronto; of Athelston and Dundee in the Presbytery of Montreal; and of Inverness in the Presbytery of Quebec, and more especially to the last mentioned, which at present is not in possession of the Church.

The returns received shew that 18 Ministers officiate in two Churches, and 2 in three, at a distance of from 2 to 10 miles.

The phrase "Diets of public Worship on each Sabbath" was understood by the Committee to mean "Diets of Worship in Church," but it is to be observed that, in very many cases, where it appears from the general sheet that there is only one Diet, the Minister has one or more Preaching Stations, where he officiates in the afternoon or evening.

28 Kirk Sessions report favorably of the observance of Family Worship; a few report very favorably of the observance of the Sabbath, and a few unfavorably, arising in many instances from the mixed nature of Communities. Some state that there is a marked improvement in the matter of Sabbath observance on former years, while others do not answer the queries, either as to the observance of the Sabbath or of Family Worship.

Many Ministers have a weekly prayer meeting; a few have a monthly one; others have besides, a monthly missionary meeting; while several have neither, owing to the sparse nature of the population.

The total amount of the ordinary Sabbath collections for the year of those Churches which have reported on this head is \$4591.21½. 5 congregations make no ordinary Sabbath Collections; in the case of 5 more, it is not stated whether any are made or not, while a few having mistaken the meaning of the query, give only the amount of collection made on one Sabbath. These mistakes being so palpable are not inserted in the general sheet. Besides the ordinary Sabbath collections 59 Churches have collected the sum of \$8457.53 for Missionary and other purposes during the past year.

With reference to the sources whence Stipends are derived:

17	are from Pew Rents,
8	" " Pew Rents and Subscriptions,
30	" " Subscriptions,
1	" " Pew Rents and Rent of Glebe,
1	" " Pew Rents and collections,
1	" " Pew Rents, Sabbath collections and Rent of Glebe,
1	" " Subscriptions and Rent of Glebe,
1	" " Subscriptions and Grant from Colonial Committee,

while 3 do not state whence Stipend is raised.

In the case of one Congregation, the value of a quantity of cordwood cut from off the Glebe, which is said to have been given to the Minister, is included in the Revenue of the Church, whereas it is the conviction of the Committee that such is the property of the Minister in virtue of his office, and therefore cannot be regarded as forming any portion of his Stipend or of the Revenue of the Church.

The Stipend paid to 5 Ministers during the past year is considerably less than \$100.

"	"	2	"	"	"	"	\$100.
"	"	6	"	"	"	"	less than \$150.
"	"	8	"	"	"	"	less than \$200.
"	"	5	"	"	"	"	\$200.
"	"	9	"	"	"	"	considerably less than \$300.
"	"	2	"	"	"	"	\$300.
"	"	2	"	"	"	"	less than \$400.
"	"	2	"	"	"	"	\$400.
"	"	4	"	"	"	"	less than \$500.
"	"	1	"	"	"	"	\$800.
"	"	1	"	"	"	"	1600.
"	"	1	"	"	"	"	2000.

The amount of Stipend promised to 53 Ministers is \$20246.

" " " paid to 48 " 13954.

The average Stipend of 45 Ministers during the past year is \$212,310.

The Arrears of Stipend of 3 Ministers in Presby. of London are \$ 355.00					
"	"	"	4	"	"
"	"	"	1	"	Bathurst 1164.00
"	"	"	5	"	Kingston 1080.00
"	"	"	1	"	Toronto 592.25
"	"	"	3	"	Quebec, 234.45
"	"	"	7	"	Montreal 462.00
"	"	"	4	"	Glengarry 1519.37
				"	Hamilton 1139.72

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\$6546.79

while the arrears of a large number are not given.

It is worthy of observation that only in the case of 7 Congregations is the Minister's Stipend paid in advance; in 8 it is partly so, while in no less than 42 is this laudable practice and well known law of the Church practically repudiated. From 2 Churches, no information on this point is furnished.

It will be found on referring to the general sheet that the columns headed "Sittings let and unlet," are in very many cases left blank. This arises from the fact that the Revenue of such Churches is derived from other sources; but it is to be observed, that though the Sittings are regarded as free, yet they are not free in the sense of being reserved for strangers or the poor, as a few seats usually are in City Churches.

It is moreover to be observed that in two or three Churches from which Returns have been received, the Pews have been sold absolutely, and without any Annual Rent attached to them—a thing, which under any circumstances, even for the erection of the Churches, is highly objectionable, preventing, as it does, any Revenue ever afterwards being derived from that source.

The Committee beg to call attention to the fact that the Managers of 8 Churches do not regularly report to their respective Congregations, while a few do not reply to the query at all, and some even state there has hitherto been no organization whatever, so that the Temporalities have been uncared for.

In 18 Churches, the Committee find that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed once a year, in 36 twice, in 7 three times, and in one quarterly. In 25 three week-day services are connected with the observance of this solemn ordinance, in 24 there are two, in 11 there is only one, in 1 there is none, while no information on this head is given.

Regarding Missionary Labor there are openings in the several Presbyteries as follows:—

London.—At Chatham, Williams and Stratford.

Hamilton.—Salem, Simcoe and Paisley.

Toronto.—In Counties of Grey and Bruce, where there are 10,000 people and only one Minister.

Kingston.—At Seymour.

Bathurst.—At Darling and Lavant.

Glengarry.—In rear of Osnabrock, in Townships of Winchester, Roxborough and East Hawkesbury, also at Vankleek Hill and Alexandria.

Montreal.—At Athelston and Oak Creek, and in City of Montreal.

Quebec.—At Durham and Brampton.

Additional Churches are also required in the Presbyteries of

London.—At Williams, where building material is already drawn.

Toronto.—At Orono.

Kingston.—At Campbellford, where a site is obtained.

Glengarry.—In Finch, Roxborough, Alexandria, East Hawkesbury and Matilda.

Montreal.—At Point St. Charles, Montreal, (to build which, one

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thousand dollars have been subscribed by Members of the City Churches,) and at Chatham.

Quebec.—At Leeds.

The Committee, in conclusion, have to state that, while endeavouring to prepare for this Court as complete and as correct a Statement of the Statistics of the Church as possible, they regret that many Kirk Sessions have not in this matter complied with the injunctions of Synod of last year, and that several have only very imperfectly replied to the queries submitted to them, while those of Paisley, Simcoe and Laprairie, have sent in their Returns so late that though they be embraced in this Report, they could not be inserted in the general sheet.

All which is respectfully submitted, ROBERT DOBIE,
Convener.

APPENDIX F.

MINISTERS', WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS FOR 1859.

The Board of Managers of the "Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund" humbly submit the following Report.

It is with much satisfaction, the Board has to announce, that notwithstanding the general depression that prevailed during the last as well as the preceding year, the Fund entrusted to their management has continued to prosper.—the contributions of Ministers exceeding those of last year by \$20, and congregational collections by \$50. The number of congregations from which no contributions have been received, being greater than usual, it is hoped, that when these arrears are sent in, the total amount of contributions will equal that received in 1857, the year of the Fund's greatest prosperity.

By last Report the total amount of the Fund was,.....

There was then invested,.....	\$20414 00	\$22818 53
Cash in hand of Treasurer,.....	2136 53	
Interest due, unpaid,.....	268 00	
		<hr/> 22818 53

REVENUE FOR PAST YEAR.

Interest on investments,.....	2007 91	
Annual Arrears of Interest,.....	268 00	
		<hr/> 1739 91
Ministers' Contributions,.....	1074 00	
Congregational Collections,.....	1677 88	
		<hr/> \$4491 79

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR.

Annuities to Widows,.....	1900	
Incidental Charges,.....	146 45	
		<hr/> 2046 45
		<hr/> \$ 2445 34
Hon. W. Morris, bequest of,.....		25263 87
		400 00
Amount at credit of Fund,.....		<hr/> \$25663 87
Of which previously invested,.....	\$20414 00	
Invested during year,.....	2800 00	
In Treasurer's hand,.....	2449 87	
		<hr/> \$25663 87
Total Amount at credit of Fund,...		

1800
 1810
 1820
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 1850
 1860
 1870
 1880
 1890
 1900

1900

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 1940
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 1990
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 2120
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 2140
 2150
 2160
 2170
 2180
 2190
 2200

2210
 2220
 2230
 2240
 2250
 2260
 2270
 2280
 2290
 2300

St. John's Hamilton, Ayton and Allanpark, Owen
 Sound. In the Presbytery of Bathurst, Litchfield, Ross and Westmeath.

The scheme being tentative and experimental, combining as far as practicable, the principles of Life Insurance and Benevolent Association, the Board anticipated that after the experience of 10 or 15 years they would be able to submit such a body of Rules and Regulations for the approval of the Synod, as, with such emendations and additions as future circumstances may demand, would in all time coming, secure the practicable and easy working of the scheme, and a just and equitable apportionment of annuities. The accomplishment of this measure, has been greatly retarded by the remissness of some congregations in making, and transmitting to the Treasurer at the appointed time their collections, and the insufficiency of the means adopted to remedy this evil. Many Presbyteries have failed to obey the injunctions of the Synod to forward to the Board the information necessary to enable them to draw up such accurate lists of contributors and contributions, of annuitants and annuities paid to them, as the working out of such an important scheme absolutely demands.

The Board however, have resolved, soon after the rising of the Synod, to devote themselves, to preparing a code of By-Laws, embracing those now in force, together with such others, as from experience they may deem requisite, and also such a tabular view of the transactions of each year as will enable any one to comprehend at a glance the entire working of the scheme, with its results.

The Board entered into correspondence with the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with the view of extending the provisions of the charter, to the Ministers of these Synods who desire to become participators of its benefits,—if it can be so modified as to admit of this. But it was not until it was too late to enter on the consideration of a scheme amalgamation, that the Board was furnished with sufficient data, for the basis of any arrangement that would be just and acceptable to all parties. Being now put in possession of some valuable information on the subject, the Board hopes to be able to prepare and submit a scheme for the approbation of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

Congregations on the Roll of the Synod having Ministers, who have neglected to contribute to the Fund are fifteen, viz.: In the Presbytery of London, Dorchester, Rev. W. McEwen, Woodstock, Rev. James Stuart, being second year in arrear, Westminster, Rev. J. McEwen, Williams, Rev. Rob. Stevenson, Stratford, Rev. Wm. Miller. In the Presbytery of Kingston, Camden, Rev. Wm. E. McKay. In the Presbytery of Toronto, Chinguacousy, Rev. Thos. Johnson, Clark and Hope, Rev. Samuel Porter, Hornby, Rev. Wm. Barr, W. Gwillimbury, Rev. W. Mackee; Quebec, Rev. G. Ferguson, Three Rivers; Glengarry, Finch Rev. D. Monro, Plantagenet, Rev. Colin Grigor; Hamilton, Rev. K. McLennan, Paisley, Rev. J. Whyte, Arthur, being 2nd year in arrear; Montreal, Laprairie and Longueuil, Rev. John Moffat.

Presbyteries having been enjoined, to take care, that collections be taken up for the benefit of the Fund in all vacant congregations and stations within their bounds—from the following, no contributions have been received, and not yet, so far as the Board are aware, has any action been taken by the respective Presbyteries, within whose bounds they are situated. In the Presbytery of London, Kincardine, London, Wawa-wash. In the Presbytery of Toronto, Peterboro, Whitby, Granville, Osprey, Lindsay, Fenelon, Esquesing and Milton. In Presbytery of Quebec, New Richmond and Inverness. In Presbytery of Glengarry, Vankleek Hill, Indian Lands, Dalhousie Mills, Cote St. George, Coteau du Lac. In the Presbytery of Hamilton, Beamsville, Dover, Brantford, Kincardine, Priceville and Durham, Mount Forrest, Dundas and Ancaster, Lynedoch, St. John's Hamilton, Ayton and Allandale, Owen Sound. In the Presbytery of Bathurst, Litchfield, Ross and Westmeath.

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In the Presbytery of Montreal, St. Eustache. While the Board, in common with the whole church, have to lament the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of the Honorable William Morris, a man of an enlarged, and well informed mind and conscientiously attached to the Church of his Fathers—it is with much satisfaction they have to record another instance added to the many benefits he had previously bestowed on the Church, and the deep concern that he at all times manifested, in her extension and prosperity, in his liberal bequest of £100 in the Funds of this Trust.

The Board on the reception of this Legacy, resolved to open a new account, under the head of Donations and Legacies, and to invest separately the amount of the bequest, at once as a standing memorial of his liberality and worth, as also an example to others, worthy of being followed—that in the disposition of their worldly goods, they would bequeath some portion of them for the support of the Widows and Orphans, of men, who may have been the means, by the blessing of God, of dispensing unto them of the bread of life. The interest, on this bequest will be added annually in the mean time to the Ministers' department of the Fund.

Since last Report the Investments have not been changed—two have been added—and the security appears to the Board to be undoubted.

The Treasurer's account is herewith submitted. All which is humbly submitted.

ALEX. MATHIESON, D.D.
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer has the honor to submit the following Report:—

RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

At the beginning of the present year there was in deposit at the Bank of Montreal the sum of	\$2136 53
During the year there has been received from Congregational Collections the sum of	1677 88
The individual contributions of the Ministers during the year amount to the sum of	1074 00
The amount received as Interest in Permanent Investments during the year amounts to the sum of	2007 91
The Legacy of the late Hon. William Morris amounts to the sum of	400 00
Forming a total of	\$7296 32

EXPENDITURE OF THE YEAR.

Annuities to Widows,	\$1900 00
Invested in two Mortgages,	2800 00
Charges for Books, Printing, Accountants' Services, Postages, &c.,	146 45
Cash deposited in Bank of Montreal,	2449 87
	\$7296 32

The Investments have not been changed since last Report; two Mortgages have been added: the whole are considered safe.

The number of Widows on the Roll remains the same as last year viz., eighteen.

Compared with last year there has been an increase in all the sources from which the revenue is derived.

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The following list exhibits the Collections received from Congregations during the year just closed.

RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF THE ARREARS OF LAST YEAR FROM

Clark, per Rev. S. Porter,	\$4 00
Williams, per Rev. Robt. Stevenson, 1857,	5 00
" " " 1858,	5 00
Dundas, per James Herald,	15 00
Stratford, per Rev. Wm. Miller,	5 38
Nelson and Waterdown, per Rev. Jno. Skinner, D.D.,	18 00
Clifton in addition, per Rev. Geo. Bell, B.A.,	4 00
	<hr/> \$56 38

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Goderich, per Rev. A. MacKil,	21 86
Chatham, per H. B. Robertson, elder,	12 00
North Easthope, per Rev. Wm. Bell, M.A.,	4 00
Bayfield, per Mr. Donald Cameron,	3 00
	<hr/> 40 86

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

Perth, per Rev. Wm. Bain, M.A.,	20 60
Ottawa, per Rev. A. Spence,	40 00
Cumberland and Buckingham, per Rev. P. Lindsay,	18 25
Lanark, per Rev. Thos. Fraser,	7 00
McNab and Horton, per Rev. George Thomson,	13 38
Kitley, per Rev. D. Evans,	10 00
Pakenham, per Rev. A. Mann, M.A.,	12 00
Ramsay, per Rev. John McMorine,	16 00
Oxford, per Rev. Joseph Evans, A.M.,	5 00
Beckwith, per Rev. Wm. McHutchison,	10 00
Brockville, per Rev. Dun. Morrison,	23 24
Huntly, per Rev. Jas. Sinclair,	12 00
Richmond, per Rev. Wm. White,	8 50
Middleville and Dalhousie, per Rev. W. W. C. Clark,	4 25
South Gower, per Rev. Jos. Anderson,	4 00
Smith's Falls, per Rev. S. Mylne,	5 00
	<hr/> 209 22

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Kingston, per Rev. John Machar, D.D.,	84 00
Stirling, per Rev. Alex. Buchan,	15 00
Seymour, per Rev. Robt. Neill,	20 00
Belleville, per Rev. Arch. Walker,	30 75
	<hr/> 149 75

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Toronto, per Rev. John Barclay, D.D.,	\$80 00
Scarboro', per Rev. James Bain,	20 00
Mono, per Rev. A. Lewis,	4 00
Vaughan, (vacant)	10 41
Nottawasaga, per Rev. John Campbell, M.A.,	12 00
Mulmur, per Rev. A. Colquhoun,	4 00
Brock, Reach and Mariposa, per Rev. John Campbell,	16 00
Newmarket, per Rev. John Brown,	12 00
King, per Rev. John Tawse,	7 00
Thorah, per Rev. D. Watson, M.A.,	24 00
Darlington, per Rev. J. H. Mackerras, M.A.,	12 00
Eldon, per Rev. John McMurchy,	24 00

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Pickering, per Rev. S. G. McCaughey,	6 00
Uxbridge, per Rev. William Cleland,	12 00
Markham, per Rev. James Gordon, M.A.,	8 42
	<hr/> \$251 83

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Quebec (St. Andrew's), per Rev. John Cook, D.D.,	\$120 00
Valcartier, per Rev. D. Shanks,	3 00
Melbourne, per Rev. James Sieveright,	24 00
Point Levi, per Rev. Duncan Anderson, M.A.,	12 00
	<hr/> \$159 00

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Lachine, per Rev. W. Simpson,	\$37 00
St. Andrew's, Montreal, per Rev. A. Mathieson, D.D.,	140 00
Hawkesbury, per Rev. John Rannie,	10 00
Grenville, " " " "	4 25
Chatham, per Rev. Wm. Muir,	6 00
St. Paul's, Montreal, per Rev. Wm. Snodgrass,	160 03
St. Louis de Gonzague, per Rev. J. T. Paul,	5 00
Georgetown, per Rev. J. C. Muir, D.D.,	12 00
Russeltown, per Rev. F. P. Sym,	14 45
Hemmingford, per Rev. James Patterson,	16 75
Orms town, per Rev. James Anderson,	5 34
" upper school house, "	2 00
" lower " "	1 15
" private contributions, "	1 43
Dewittville, "	4 08
Dundee, per Rev. John Rannie,	10 00
Beechridge, per Rev. John Macdonald,	8 00
Huntingdon & Athelstane, per Rev. A. Wallace, B.A.,	14 50
Beauharnois, per Rev. P. Leger,	12 00
Chateauguay, " " " "	2 56
	<hr/> \$466 54

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

Williamsburg, per Rev. John Davidson,	\$12 00
Cornwall, per Rev. Hugh Urquhart, D.D.,	36 00
Osnabrock, per Rev. Robert Dobie,	12 00
Lochiel, per Rev. D. Macdonald,	37 50
L'Original, per Rev. Wm. Johnston, M.A.,	16 00
Martintown, per Rev. P. McVicar,	12 00
Williamstown, per Rev. P. Watson, B.A.,	10 00
Lancaster, per Rev. Thomas McPherson, M.A.,	12 00
" " " " additional,	0 75
	<hr/> \$148 25

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Niagara, per Rev. C. Campbell,	\$20 00
Galt, per Rev. H. Gibson,	12 00
Hamilton (St. Andrew's), per Rev. Robert Burnet,	62 05
Saltsfleet and Binbrook, per Rev. Hugh Niven,	12 00
Woolwich, per Rev. James Thom,	8 00
Salem, per Rev. George Macdonnell,	1 45
Fergus, " " " "	22 55
Nelson, per Rev. John Skinner, D.D.,	12 00
Simcoe and Stations, per Rev. M. W. Livingston,	16 00
Clifton, per Rev. George Bell, B.A.,	10 00
Guelph, per David Allan, Elder,	20 00
	<hr/> \$196 05
Total amount of Congregational Collections,	\$1677 88

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The amount of Congregational Collections would have been much greater had all the Ministers afforded to their people an opportunity of contributing to the Fund, but unfortunately fifteen Ministers have disregarded the injunction of Synod and sent in no collections. Their names are as follows :—

In the Presbytery of London, five, viz. :

Rev. Wm. McEwen, North Dorchester.

" James Stuart, Woodstock, being the second year he has not collected.

" James McEwen, M.A., Westminster.

" Robert Stevenson, Williams.

" Wm. Miller, Stratford.

In this Presbytery there are also the following vacant charges, from which no collections have been received.

London,

Wawanosh.

Presbytery of Kingston, one, viz. :

Rev. Wm. E. Mackay, B.A. Camden,

Presbytery of Toronto, four, viz. :

Rev. Thomas Johnson, Chingauconsy.

" Samuel Porter, Clarke and Hope.

" William Barr, Hornby.

" Wm. Mackee, West Gwillimbury and Innisfil.

In this Presbytery there are also the following vacant charges from which no collections have been received :

Peterboro,

Whitby,

Granville,

Osprey,

Lindsay,

Fenelon,

Esquesing and Milton.

Presbytery of Quebec, one, viz. :

Rev. G. D. Ferguson, Three Rivers.

In this Presbytery there are also the following vacant charges from which no collections have been received :

New Richmond,

Inverness.

Presbytery of Glengarry, two, viz. :

Rev. Donald Monro, Finch.

" Colin Grigor, Plantagenet.

In this Presbytery there are also the following vacant charges from which no collections have been received :—

Vankleek hill,

Indian Lands,

Cote St. George,

Dalhousie Mills,

Presbytery of Hamilton, two, viz. :

Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, B.A., Paisley.

" John Whyte, Arthur, being the second year he has not collected

In this Presbytery there are the following vacant charges from which no collections have been received :

Beamsville,

Dover,

Brantford,

Kincardine,

Priceville and Durham,

Mount Forrest.

Dundas and Ancaster,

Lynedoch,

St. Johns, Hamilton,

Tara,

Ayton and Allanpark.

In the Presbytery of Bathurst there are the following vacant charges from which no collections have been received :

Litchfield,

Ross and Westmeath.

In the Presbytery of Montreal there are the following vacant charges from which no collections have been received :

Laprairie and Longueuil.

St. Eustache.

In all, fifteen Ministers besides the vacant charges.

In compiling the returns the Synod Roll as made up in May, 1858, has been taken.

A sum of \$184 60c. is owing to the Fund for interest due but not yet paid.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 16th May, 1859.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION.

The Committee respectfully beg leave to report:—

THE FIELD.

1st. As to the field which, in the judgment of your Committee, the Synod ought first to occupy.

The Committee, in accordance with the instructions given to them, have bestowed upon this matter their long and serious consideration, and after mature reflection and correspondence with various persons likely to be well informed they have not seen their way to recommend the placing of your Missionary at Jerusalem, as was the original intention of the Synod. The Committee are impressed with the importance of Jerusalem as a centre for Missionary operations; they regard it as the heart of the Jewish people, and they would trust that ere long a Presbyterian Mission will be established in Jerusalem. But they conceive that such a Mission should be largely equipped and liberally sustained, and they have come to the deliberate conclusion that in the first instance, till the missionary strength of our Church has been fully tested, it would not be prudent to adopt Jerusalem as our first station, when other fields less fully occupied, and more accessible to Christian influences, are available.

In coming to this conclusion, the Committee asked the advice of the Rev. Dr. Schauffler of Constantinople, who counselled them as follows:

"Jerusalem appears to me the poorest place for your contemplated Mission. Bishop Gobat, a man of a high Missionary spirit, appears to be quite discouraged, and, if he were not, the place is occupied already and strongly manned and furnished with abundant appliances by the Jewish Missions Society, and you could not expect to do much there as new comers. The most encouraging field is, I believe, that part of Turkey naturally connected with Salonica or Thessalonica, Macedonia, and Thessaly, or the southern island of the Balkan Mountains, down to the seaboard, wherever Jews are to be found. At Salonica your brethren from Scotland are occupying the most encouraging part of the Jewish field we formerly held."

Dr. Schauffler farther indicated Monaster—a city of 15000 inhabitants some miles north west from Salonica, as a very desirable place to be occupied.

The Committee also communicated with the Convener of the Jewish Committee of the Church of Scotland, the Rev. A. F. Mitchell of St. Andrews, who had together with Mr. Sutter, one of their Jewish missionaries in Germany, visited Jerusalem and the other stations of the Parent Church.

That Committee replied that in their judgement there was no room for an additional Mission in Jerusalem just now, and that, acting upon the report of their Convener, they had agreed to occupy Alexandria, and to aid a Missionary at Beyrout. They suggested for consideration, Jaffa, the seaport of Jerusalem and Alexandria, but thought that Monaster was the most desirable station. The Committee expressed their belief that a preference for Jerusalem proceeded from most honorable motives. The Jewish Committee of the Church of Scotland also evinced their readiness to aid us in the support of the Mission, if the Missionary be sent in the first instance to Salonica, where, while acquiring the native languages, Greek, Bulgarian and Judeo Spanish, he could, during some months, aid in the prosecution of the Mission at Salonica.

The Committee also communicated with Rev. Dr. Aiton of Dolphinton, and ascertained that, with a firmness which did honor to his convictions, he was still unaltered in his preference for Jerusalem, to which station moreover the monies collected by him can alone be applied.

The Committee also took an opportunity of soliciting the advice of the Rev. W. M. Thomson, D.D., the author of "The Land and the Book," who, having been 25 years a Missionary in the service of the American Board, in Syria and Palestine, the Committee believed could, from his long experience, give them reliable counsel. A prompt reply was received from him, written just as he was returning to Syria, and couched in the following terms:—

"I entirely agree with those whose opinions you mention—that Jerusalem is not a favorable place in which to commence your contemplated Mission. Neither can I recommend Joppa. There are too few Jews there, and there is a Missionary of the English Episcopal Society settled in that city. There are more Jews in Safed and Tiberias, but no Mission established there in past years has prospered. Safed is high, cool, and comfortably healthy. Tiberias is every way the reverse. Damascus has more Jews in it than any other city in Syria except Jerusalem, and Aleppo is next. This latter city has no Missionary to the Jews. My own impression, however, is decidedly in favor of some station in European Turkey, or, perhaps better still, at some point in Prussia. I have the impression that the Jews in all these parts are more accessible and more intelligent than those in Syria. *Success in conversions* will do more to sustain your Missionary in his arduous and trying labours than all the sacred scenic associations in the World, and the *best* thing will best keep alive the spirit of Missions in your churches. * * * My prayer is, that you may be guided by heavenly wisdom in the selection of your first Missionary station. It is an important step, and much depends upon it."

Such, then, is the result of the enquiries of your Committee, and they have, in deference to the opinion of practical Missionaries, come reluctantly to the conclusion that it is their duty to recommend, in preference to Jerusalem, the occupation of Monaster or some other station in European Turkey as your first station, in order that the Missionary may find his hands strengthened by the moral influences of the strong Mission of the Parent Church in that quarter.

In doing so they would however propose that with the sanction of Dr. Aiton, who should be applied to for that purpose, the monies now held by your Treasurer, and which at the date of last Report amounted to £342 8s. 5d. cy, should be funded, and, being designated as "The

Aiton Jerusalem Mission Fund," should religiously, with the interest arising from them, be set apart, to be applied to a Mission in Jerusalem hereafter. A similar plan was adopted by the Parent Church in the case of the Punjaub Mission. That fund accumulated till at length the Hunter Missionary family went forth as the first Missionaries to the Punjaub—soon, alas! to be cruelly murdered. May the blood of these martyrs prove the seed of the Church in that instance, as it has ever done in the history of the Church of Christ. The Committee are confident that a Presbyterian Mission to Jerusalem is an eventual necessity. Its institution is only a matter of time. Sooner or later it must be occupied and that efficiently. May the day of its institution not be a distant one.

THE MISSIONARY.

The Committee congratulate the Synod on having secured the services of so competent a Missionary as the Rev. E. M. Epstein is, they trust, likely to prove. They earnestly pray that the Lord's work may prosper in his hands, and that he may go about doing the Master's work, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. His conduct and deportment since he came among us justifies the testimonials with which he came among us. During the summer he visited 42 Congregations, and during last winter, while pursuing his medical studies at Queen's College, and preaching fortnightly in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, he also visited several congregations in the Eastern section of the Province of Upper Canada. The Committee think it desirable that, ere his departure, he should visit the Beauharnois section of Lower Canada and some other stations there. They consider the formation of links of personal sympathy, the result of actual intercourse, as likely to contribute materially to the success of the Mission, and, moreover, especially adapted to secure the object, a place in the hearts of our people. Mr. Epstein attended the medical classes of Queen's College during the winter, and it is expected that he will be able to graduate, during the course of the autumn, as a Doctor of Medicine—a qualification that will facilitate his advance as a Missionary of the Gospel of peace and goodwill to the children of men. The Brethren in New Brunswick are desirous that he should visit their Province ere his departure, and the Committee are of opinion that he should visit both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia after the rising of the Synod, and attend the Synods of our Church in these Provinces, as well as visit some of the congregations. They request the Synod to recommend him and the Mission to the sympathies and Christian affection of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

The Committee also solicit the authority of the Synod to sanction the Presbytery of Kingston in taking the Missionary upon trials for and proceeding to his ordination at such time and in such manner as the Synod shall be pleased to direct. The Committee earnestly pray that God, even our own God, may for the sake of the Messiah, even that Jesus whom they pierced, bless this infant Mission, and guide, support, and counsel the Missionary. May God be with him, and, trusting only in the shed blood of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world, may he go forth strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, to preach Christ and Him crucified, "beginning at Jerusalem."

FUNDS.

3rd. The Committee rejoice that they are able to report that the Funds are in a satisfactory condition, and that the financial prospects of the Mission are such as to justify the Synod in coming to the solemn and responsible determination of sending forth your Missionary as a Herald of the good tidings to those whose eyes are blinded, and who sit

in darkness. The Mission evidently commands the sympathy of our people in Canada and in New Brunswick, as not only means are forthcoming but two persons in different parts of the Province have expressed an anxiety to be employed in the Mission field as Teachers, and your Committee are thereby stimulated to thank God and take courage. If the work be the Lord's, He will own and bless it abundantly.

There is in the Savings Bank of the Bank of Montreal the sum of £342 8s. 5d. cy., the amount of Dr. Aiton's collections as reported last year, to which is to be added £27 7s. 10d. for interest thereon for two years, from 5th March 1857, and which sum it is proposed to fund.

The Committee have received during the year the sum of \$678 15 cts. from congregations in Canada to be applied to the general purposes of the Mission, and \$117 76 cents from the Churches in New Brunswick, transmitted by the kind instrumentality of the Rev. W. Donald, of St. Johns, N.B. They have also to acknowledge the receipt of the handsome sum of \$246, collected by two ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, from members of that congregation, for the purpose of being applied towards the cost of the outfit of the Mission. This example will, it is believed, be imitated in other quarters, as the Committee will require to be placed in funds to enable them to purchase medical instruments, medicines, and other requisites for the use of the Mission. The expenditure of the Committee has been light, having been confined to the payment of the Missionary's salary of \$600, and a portion of his travelling expenses. Towards the payment of the salary the sum of £40 17s. 6d., reported last year as being in the hands of John Mowat, Esq., of Kingston, has been applied. The amount now at the credit of the fund, apart from Dr. Aiton's collections, is \$812 80 cts.

The Committee will require a large amount of money, comparatively speaking, this year. The salary of the Missionary till his departure in the autumn must be provided for; the expenses of his visit to the Lower Provinces must be met, and a creditable outfit for, and the expense of the passages of the Missionary and his family to their destination, must be provided. The Committee trust that the Canadian Church will do its part. The Jewish Committee of the Church of Scotland are ready to foster the effort, and with praiseworthy liberality have offered to place at the disposal of the Committee the sum of £120 sterling towards the outfit and passage expenses, and also to contribute £50 sterling per annum for three years towards the support of your Missionary, if he be sent to Monaster and labour for a few months in Salonica. This encouraging offer should be an incentive to renewed exertions. Surely it is a little matter for our Church in Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, to contribute £300 a year, which in the earlier stages of the history of the Mission would, the Committee think, suffice at least until a school was established, and the growing work of the Mission justified a larger outlay. Nor, surely, would it be a great effort for the three Synods to raise £500 this year towards this excellent object.

But the Committee press upon the Synod the duty of not suffering this effort to flag. Many of our Churches, and some of them wealthy and influential, made no collections for the Scheme. This should not be so, and Presbyteries should be directed to take order that the collection is faithfully made in the congregations within their bounds.

If the Mission is to prosper, the Church, as a whole, must aid in the work. The responsibility of sending a Missionary and his family to Turkey is a grave one, and, to justify the Committee in so serious a step, they must be able to count on the support of the Church. They therefore ask the Synod to fix a day for this collection and to commend it to the sympathies of our members and ministers, and to the cordial support of the congregations.

OTHER EFFORTS.

4th. The Committee have not thought it their duty to turn their attention towards other Foreign fields. Yet during the year a stirring appeal came under their notice, addressed by one who was lately a member of the Nova Scotian Church, the Rev. G. W. Sprott, to the branch of the Church of Scotland in Canada to come to the aid of the Cingalese in Ceylon, where he is now stationed. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," was borne across the Ocean to Canada, and awakened our Christian sympathies. And, though in the infancy of the operations of your Committee they felt unable to respond to this striking appeal, they record the fact, in the confidence that the day will come when our Canadian Church, while continuing to labour actively in the wide and rapidly extending Home Mission field she is called to occupy, will send forth yet other standard-bearers to the Jewish and Foreign fields of Missionary enterprise, there to proclaim "the Truth as it is in Jesus." The command to "preach the Gospel to every creature," is still imperative. Oh! that Christians gave, labored and prayed as they ought, for then the Church of Christ would advance mightily to take possession of the World. Let us then "expect great things from God, and do great things for God." And may God bless and prosper this work!

The Treasurer's Report is appended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BURNET, *Chairman.*

ALEX. MORRIS, *Treasurer.*

ALEXANDER MORRIS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE JEWISH AND
FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Debtor.

		\$	cts.
1858.			
May 31.—	To Cash in Savings Bank of the Bank of Montreal,...	1664	58
June 5.—	Deposits viz., Monkton, N. B.,.....£1 2s. 6d.		
	—Mrs. Chisholm, Oakville,.....	1	5 0
	—Synodical Collection,.....	4	12 2
		27	93
18.—	To Belleville Congregation, per Revd. A. Walker,..	10	25
July 18.—	" Camden congregation, per Revd. E. Epstien,...	5	13
Aug. 5.—	" Collection at Ottawa,.....	40	00
	— " " Cornwall,.....	40	53
	— " " Brockville,.....	23	53
	— " Missionary Association Perth,.....	40	00
Oct. 6.—	" Acknowledged as received by and charged to Mr. Epstein,.....		
	— " Collection at Milton,.....	9	00
	— " " Brantford,.....	8	63
	— " " Galt,.....	20	00
Oct. 9.—	" " meeting at Fergus,..... \$26 45		
	— " Contribution from Fergus Missionary Association,.....	13	55
Nov. 10.—	" Collection at Lanark, per Rev. T. Frazer,.....	6	00
Dec. 29.—	" " Missionary Meeting at Smithfalls,...	20	00
31.—	" " by Children of Orphans' home Kingston,.....	1	00

1859.

Jan'y 5.—	To Collection from New Brunswick, per Revd. W. Donald viz., made by Rev. Peter Keay, at Boies-		
	town,.....	£2 5 0	
— “	“ at Stanley,.....	1 3 9	
— “	“ “ Nashwaak,.....	1 1 1	
		£4 9 10	
	Less Exchange,.....	0 1 3	17 62
—	To North and South Georgetown S. School Mission-		
	ary Box,.....		8 00
31.—	“ Collection at Pakenham, per Revd. A. Mason,..		6 00
—	“ Interest allowed by the Bank on deposit		64 43
Feb'y 7.—	“ Collection at King, per Revd. J. Tawse,.....		7 00
28.—	“ Collection in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal,...		68 00
March 2.—	“ Moiety of a Collection per J. M. Ross, Esq., in		
	St. Paul's Church, Montreal, for Missionary pur-		
	poses,		45 50
11.—	“ Congregational Collection at Martintown, per		
	Rev. P. McVicar,.....		14 00
17.—	“ Congregational Collection at Williamstown, per		
	Rev. P. Watson,.....		13 00
18.—	“ Congregational Collection at Seymour, per Rev.		
	Robt. Neil,.....		30 00
24.—	“ Collection at Lochiel, per Rev. D. McDonald,...		17 00
25.—	“ William Gourlay, Pickering, C. W.,.....		1 00
26.—	“ Collection at Stirling, per Rev. Alex. Buchan,...		10 00
29.—	“ Collection at Toronto, per Rev. Dr. Barclay,...		66 30
—	“ “ Nottawasaga, per Revd. J. Camp-		
	bell,.....		11 00
—	“ “ Uxbridge, per Rev. J. Cleland,...		4 00
May 2.—	“ “ Guelph, per David Allan, Esq.,...		10 00
6.—	“ “ Woolwich, per Rev. J. Thom,...		4 00
10.—	“ “ Belleville, per Rev. W. Coalker,...		24 00
—	“ “ Markham, per A. Baker, Esq.,...		19 73
14.—	“ “ Lachine, per Rev. W. Simpson,....		8 00
—	“ Collected by Mrs. Cassells, and Mrs. Morris from		
	members of St. Andrew's Church Montreal,		
	towards an outfit fund,.....		246 00
19.—	“ Collection at North Williamsburgh, per Revd. J.		
	Davidson,		4 50
—	“ per Rev. W. Donald, St. Johns, New Brunswick,		
	remittances,		
—	“ Collection at Woodstock, per Rev. J. McLardy,		5 25
—	St. James' Church Northampton, per do.,.....		5 00
—	St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, per Rev. Wm.		
	Stewart,.....		13 00
—	St. James' Church Newcastle, per Rev. W. Hender-		
	son,.....		18 11
—	St. Andrew's Church, St. John's N. B., per Revd.		
	Wm. Donald,.....		74 90
			\$2771 92
	To balance brought down,.....	\$2292 00	

		<i>Creditor.</i>	
		\$	cts.
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June 2.	By paid Mr. Epstien, on account, travelling expenses,	50	00
	— " paid for account book of J. & F. M. Fund,	00	37
Aug. 1.	" postages to date,	00	50
	5.— " postage,	00	10
July 6.	" paid Mr. Epstien,	50	00
Sept. 5.	" postage,	00	05
	— " paid Mr. Epstein,	50	00
	— " paid Mr. Epstein, on account of travelling, received by him, as per other side, Milton, Brantford and Galt,	37	63
Nov. 5.	" postage,	00	18
	12.— " paid for Order and postage,	00	50
	16.— " remitted E. M. Epstein,	75	00
Dec. 29.	" retained by E. M. Epstein of Smith's Falls collection,	20	00
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Jan. 31.	" postage,	00	05
Feb. 21.	" "	00	18
	22.— " " 5, 5, 20,	00	30
Oct. 1.	" paid E. M. Epstein, and omitted at proper date, to be charged,	80	00
Mar. 19.	" paid, Revd. E. M. Epstien on account,	30	60
April 5.	" paid E. M. Epstein,	63	00
	— " postage,	00	25
May 14.	" remitted Revd. E. M. Epstien, on account expenses,	20	00
	19.— " Bank exchange of draft of W. Donald per his letter,	1	21
	By Balance,	\$2292	00
		\$2771	92

ALEXANDER MORRIS,
Treasurer.

Montreal, May 23rd, 1859.

APPENDIX H.

REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION SCHEME.

Unto the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Committee on the French Mission Scheme of the Church report as follows:—

When your Committee had the honor of submitting their last report there was no missionary engaged in the work of the Mission, and the funds at their disposal were very limited, amounting to the small sum of \$134 47 cts. In these circumstances the present report will not be expected to contain much information as regards either operations or results during the past year. Nevertheless your Committee are happy to have this opportunity of stating that a little progress has been made towards the revival of the Mission, and of expressing their hope, that sustained,

as they have confidence they will be, by the liberality of the Church, the day of small things will, with the blessing of the Lord, become fruitful in larger and brighter issues.

Last year your Committee reported that they had held communication with the Rev. Louis Baridon, that in their opinion he is a person possessing such qualifications and experience as render it desirable to secure his services for the Mission, and that the field in which he was then employed presented certain advantages for the prosecution of the work. Shortly after the last meeting of Synod, your Committee had further correspondence and personal interview with him, and after much deliberation they agreed to employ him and adopt his field, on the conditions and with the views hereinafter stated.

Mr. Baridon's engagement commenced on the first of November last, at a salary of £125 currency per annum, it having been expressly stipulated that he should devote his whole time to the work of the Mission, to cultivate the field in which he has been for some years employed with the view of extending his missionary influence and operations into Canada, and furnish the Committee with periodical reports of his labours. With these conditions he has faithfully complied, and the Committee feel assured that though quietly, yet prudently, perseveringly, and with some success he is serving his Divine Lord and Master. Your Committee felt relieved and gladdened when they could at length say that they were the means of employing one Evangelist in this important Mission, and that one, a laborer, well-tried, devoted, and self-denying.

At this stage of the report your Committee would advert for a little to the position and state of the field which is favoured with Mr. Baridon's services. It lies in that part of the State of New York which borders on the County of Huntingdon and Township of Hemmingford in Lower Canada. Your Committee confess they would have greatly preferred a locality situated altogether within the Province; but, though both before and after Mr. Baridon's engagement they looked for an opening in Canada, they were unable to find one which is not preoccupied by some other Protestant Association or which is not wanting in almost all the advantages which led them to decide in favour of the one they have chosen. In their judgment it would not be right to enter upon the labours of others, and at the same time it would be wrong to pass by a field which they have reason to believe has been providentially brought to their notice. With the view of meeting and allaying any prejudice which may be entertained against their determination on this point, your Committee have to say, that while the field is territorially not Canadian it borders closely upon Canada, is easily reached by Railway from Montreal, and contains within it a French population of not less than 5000—that this population is very much less under the influence of Popery than an equal number in any part of Canada, and therefore more accessible to evangelizing efforts—that the French Canadian settlers have numerous friends and relations in this Province with whom they hold frequent communication by visiting and otherwise, and if brought to the knowledge and experience of the truth, they may be the means of inclining residents in Canada towards it to an extent most favourable to the interests of true religion and the objects of the Mission—and that, as far as man may presume to judge, the work is already so far advanced, that it would take many years to put any field in Canada upon an equal footing, there being at present 60 Protestant families. For further particulars as to the nature and state of the field your Committee refer to the statement hereto appended.

In the month of March last, three members of your Committee visited the field in company with the Missionary. They met with a few of the

people to whom Mr. Baridon ministers, and by them they were kindly and hospitably received. They did not fail to notice what afforded them much pleasure, that Mr. Baridon is highly respected as a Christian, and much prized for his devotion to his work and his numerous labours in behalf of those for whose spiritual welfare he is concerned. The Committee believe that this visit did good, and they hope that it may be repeated with advantage.

At Sciota, his principal station, the Missionary has the use of a Church erected some time ago by the people themselves, aided by an advance from a Society in New York. It is not large, but for its size is comfortable and commodious, and in the lower story there is an apartment fitted up as a school-room, in which capacity it has already been used. Your Committee have been led to believe that at a very small expense, equal to the amount advanced by the Society referred to, and probably not exceeding £100, the property might be secured for the purposes of the Mission. The French Protestant population is generally poor but a few, who are in better circumstances, have signified their willingness to contribute towards the support of Mr. Baridon, should the Committee continue his services amongst them. The Committee desire from your Rev. Body, an expression of opinion regarding the step they have taken in the choice of a field, and in the event of its being favourable they will endeavour to conduct their operations as cautiously and economically as possible.

They would, however, take the liberty of stating what must be apparent from the information now communicated, that this important field requires the services of an additional laborer, who might act partly as a teacher of the young and partly as an evangelist, and of expressing the hope, that when the friends of the mission are again called upon to contribute to its funds they will do so in view of this most desirable end. Your Committee are confident that little difficulty will be experienced in getting a suitable fellow-laborer for Mr. Baridon, if sufficient means are forthcoming.

According to the existing appointment of Synod, the collection for the French Mission should be made on the first of June, a day most unsuitable for this or any other scheme, because of the meeting of Synod being held at that time. The Synod it is hoped will agree to the change to be proposed this Session. Last year there was no collection on the day appointed, and as the Committee in the exercise of the powers vested in them by the Synod, engaged Mr. Baridon with an amount in their hands not equivalent to a third of his salary for one year, they resolved to assume the responsibility of issuing a notice and appeal to the congregations throughout the Church, for a collection to be made in February last, and in whatever deliverance may be given on this report a judgment on this course is solicited. The response made to this appeal put the Committee in possession of an additional sum of \$261 49½ cts., and afforded the gratifying assurance that the French Mission Scheme has still a place in the affections of the Church. They take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the numerous contributors, and of saying that they look upon their offerings in the circumstances as a pleasing and hopeful earnest of a yet increasing liberality during the present year.

The Treasurer's financial statement is herewith submitted, from which it will be seen that the fund expressly reserved by resolution of Synod 1851, for the building of a French Protestant Church in Montreal, amounts to \$897 60½ cts., and that the sum in hand available for the working of the Mission is \$153 66½ cts.

The property at Sorel consisting of a lot of land and a brick church upon it, is not likely to be of much service to the Mission, and the Committee are of opinion that it would be better to sell it and invest the

proceeds with the rest of the building-fund, to which they will properly belong. The Committee again call the attention of the Synod to the fact, that this property is held in the individual name of Mr. Hugh Allan, Montreal, who wishes to be relieved from the responsibility. The Committee recommend the Synod to invest them with power to negotiate a sale should they deem it advantageous to do so.

All which is respectfully submitted in the name and behalf of the Committee.

W. SNODGRASS, *Convener*.

SUPPLEMENT.

In 1854 Mr. Baridon was stationed at Perrysmill, under the auspices of "The American Foreign Christian Union," a Presbyterian Society, to labor there as an Evangelist to the families detached from the Church of Rome who dwelt there, and in its vicinity, replacing Moris Charbonnell, who left for Milton. After some time laborers were sent into the field by "the Home Baptist Mission Society," and continued for a time, but abandoned it.

At present and for some two years past, however, Mr. Baridon has been the sole Protestant French Missionary in the wide district of country bordering on the Lines, where he is now labouring, and which, from its immediate proximity to Canada, is a very important field, in a Missionary point of view, as it includes a large French Canadian population, who are more accessible to influence than their countrymen in Canada, and whence moreover a *point d'appui* is gained for working in upon Canadian Territory.

From a recent letter and report of Mr. Baridon to the Committee, of date 9th May, relative to his operations for the past year, the ensuing extracts are taken. These will be found to give a clear view of the extent of the field and of its present position.

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PRESENT STATE OF THE STATIONS.

1. *Sciota*.—The little Baptist chapel serves me for fortnightly worship ; the use of it is granted to me, as to others, for preaching to the Canadians ; the attendance numbers from 20 to 30. I preach there twice every second Sabbath. There are about 15 families there, more or less decided in embracing the Gospel, and who have left the Church of Rome ; they desire regular worship, to constitute themselves into a Church, and to obtain the services of a resident Missionary ; they are Baptists and Paedo-Baptists, but they desire to act together, at liberty on this one question to hold their several opinions. There are many children who are very much neglected, in regard to their education. A school ought to be established in connection with any mission which takes this station under its charge, more than the half of the people are very poor, and so badly clothed that they hardly venture to come to church ; those who are better off, are disposed to contribute according to their ability, for the support of a resident Missionary.

Sciota is 7 miles from Moer's Junction, or 10 miles from the frontier of Canada, to the south-east.

2. *Perrysmill*.—Two miles from the Lines, and 6 miles east of Moers. This station embraces 10 Canadian Protestant families, Baptists and Paedo-Baptists. Since autumn of 1858 there has been no regular preaching there, in consequence of dissensions which have arisen among them on the subject of Baptism. Four or five families hold views on the subject akin to my own ; the others hold themselves aloof from me, but I do not doubt but this station will become prosperous, when harmony is restored as it used to prevail. Several of them are poor, and their children ne-

glected, as regards education. There is need of a school, which in my opinion would be the means of establishing unity among them, as to evangelical truth. The Grand Ligne Mission has had in view for several years to establish a Mission there, if their means permitted of it.

3. *Champlain*.—Two miles and a half from Perrysmill, and the same distance from the Lines. There are several families there holding different views, but there is no worship established among them. I visit them from time to time. The French population is numerous there, and is under the supervision of the priests of Corbeau, where there is a French Catholic Church.

4. *Le Corbeau*.—Three miles from Champlain, where there is a numerous French Catholic population, a church and priests. I preached there two years ago, but without success, the influence of the Jesuits destroyed my labours.

5. ———. Eight miles from Champlain and 10 miles from Moers and 5 miles from Sciota. There are several families there. I have preached there from time to time for two years. These families could unite with Sciota, and attend worship there sometimes. I have not had time to preach there lately.

6. *Centreville*.—Three miles west of Moers. There are from 10 to 12 French Protestant families there, but too far apart the one from the other to be able to assemble in large numbers. I ought to visit them, and unite them for worship from time to time. The majority are poor, and have many children, who are without the means of education. There are some Baptists among them.

7. *Moers*.—The centre of the district, on the line of the Montreal and New York Railway, 3 miles from the Canadian frontier, and 6 miles from Hemmingford. There were four families here but two are left. I had established worship with them last year, but as the two remaining families understand English, and I have no leisure, they take advantage of the English preaching. Several persons here are neither Catholics nor Protestants. They know the errors of Romanism, but they have no faith to follow Jesus and carry the Cross.

8. *Different Places*.—There are scattered here and there other families who listen to the Gospel, and have no religious instruction but that afforded by visits from your Missionary. They are too far apart to meet regularly.

The Canadians are a shifting people, living from day to day; they choose the places where they can find a livelihood. These constant changes are an obstacle which prevents boasting as to the large number of our people, and the results of our labours, but perhaps it is best for us to know only in part, the good which God may be bringing to pass by our instrumentality, inasmuch as it is for his glory, and not to vaunt ourselves, that we ought to labour.

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I have visited several parishes in Canada as far as Laprairie, viz., St. Michel, La Pigeonnière, St. Edouard, St. Jacques, St. Philippe les Côtes, St. Ardrés, &c., but I have not spoken of these, as since the month of November last, I had more work in the field here, than I was able to overtake.

My desire is to preach, exhort, instruct and edify, on every occasion, in season and out of season—to scatter on the right and the left the good seed of the Gospel, in the belief that God will bless it, and cause it to bring forth fruit.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1858.	RECEIPTS.	\$ cts.
May 18.—	By balance of account rendered this day,.....	134 74
" 27.—	" received from Rev. K. McLennan, Dundas, from Parochial Association,.....	6 20
" 28.—	" " Rev. Wm. Miller, Stratford,.....	3 15
" 28.—	" " Rev. D. Morrison, Brockville,.....	10 00
Aug. 25.—	" " Rev. Wm. Bain, Perth,.....	16 00
Oct. 3.—	" " A. D. Fordyce, Fergus,.....	8 40
" 6.—	" " D. Bisson, Paspebiac,.....	2 00
1859.		
Jan. 31.—	By received from Ladies' Association of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus,.....	12 00
Feb. 3.—	" " Brompton, C.E., by a family of sincere friends to the Association, .	5 00
" 24.—	" " Rev. P. Macvicar, collection in the Church, Martintown,.....	8 00
Mar. 3.—	" " W. R. Croil, a Congregation Collec- tion, Osnabruck,.....	6 50
" 4.—	" " William Hamilton, do. do., St. An- drew's Church, Ottawa,.....	22 00
" 4.—	" " Rev. J. Seiveright, do. do., Mel- bourne,.....	8 00
" 6.—	" " J. M. Ross, do. do., St. Paul's Church, Montreal,.....	45 50
" 6.—	" " Rev. J. Patterson, do. do., Hemming- ford,.....	6 07½
" 6.—	" " Rev. J. Anderson, do. do., Orms- town,.....	8 00
" 6.—	" " Rev. J. Davidson, do. do., North Williamsburgh,.....	5 00
" 18.—	" " Rev. R. Neil, do., Seymour,.....	30 00
" 18.—	" " Jas. Lockhart, do., Niagara,.....	11 15
" 25.—	" " Rev. D. McDonald, do., Lochiel, ...	6 00
" 25.—	" " Wm. Gourlie, do., Pickering,.....	1 00
Mar. 25.—	" " Rev. J. Paul, do., St. Louis de Gon- zague,.....	2 00
April 1.—	" " Rev. D. Stott, do., Brantford,	2 00
2.—	" " Rev. William McHutchison, Beck- with,.....	6 00
" 6.—	" " Judge Malloch, do. Brockville,	20 77
" 12.—	" " Rev. H. Gibson, do., Galt,.....	8 50
" 15.—	" " Rev. T. McPherson, do., Lancaster, ..	20 00
" 16.—	" " Rev. A. Buchan, do., Stirling,	12 00
" 16.—	" " Rev. A. Mann, do., Pakenham,	7 00
" 30.—	" " Mr. D. Allan, do., Guelph,.....	12 00
May 5.—	" " Rev. J. Muir, a Collection made in Sabbath School Missionary Box, Georgetown,.....	4 00
" 10.—	" " Rev. Arch. Walker, Congregational Collection, Belleville,.....	10 00

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 By Balance brought down due the Fund,..... \$153 66½

		DISBURSEMENTS.	\$ cts.
1858.			
Nov. 2.—	To paid the Rev. L. Baridon and Wife, travelling expenses from Moer's Junction,		6 50
"	Do. do. salary,		42 00
Dec. 6.—	Do. do. do.		42 00
"	To paid postage of letters, etc.,		1 00
1859.			
Jan. 1.—	" the Rev. L. Baridon's salary,		42 00
Feb. 1.—	" do. do.		41 00
Nov. 4.—	" do. do.		42 00
April 2.—	" do. do.		42 00
" 16.—	" postage,		0 05
May 2.—	" the Rev. L. Baridon's salary,		42 00
" 11.—	" John Lovell's account for circulars,		2 00
" 12.—	" Convener for postage and stationery,		2 30
" 12.—	" postage,		0 20
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Balance due the Fund,			\$305 05
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			\$458 71½

ARCHD. FERGUSON,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 11th May, 1859.

APPENDIX I.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee of the Synod on Sabbath Schools have to report that in pursuance of the trust reposed in them, they commenced their duties by addressing a Circular to the Moderator of each Kirk Session, in connection with the Synod.

As intimated in the Circular, a copy of a "Scheme of Sabbath School Lessons," prepared by the Committee in accordance with the recommendation of last Synod, was also forwarded to every minister in the Church. Copies were likewise sent to the Professors of Queen's College, to retired ministers, and to the missionaries labouring within the bounds of the Synod.

In reply to their Circular, your Committee have received answers from forty Sabbath Schools, the statistics of which are presented in the form of a "Digest," which will be furnished to each reporting Sabbath School, and to each pastor who may not have supplied any return. In addition to the forty Sabbath Schools referred to, the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, Westminster, sent a report, which was received about the middle of May, after the "Digest" was in the hands of the printer. Another return respecting the Union Sabbath School of Woolwich arrived still later. Even had it been forwarded in time, the Committee may observe, that as a Union School it does not seem to come within their province. The Committee also received a communication from the Rev. Mr. Lewis, explaining how it was that he had not a Sabbath School.

It is impossible to notice the various reports that have been received, imperfect as their information frequently is, without feeling encouragement. They are all fitted to induce thankfulness and hope. The "Digest" shews a considerable increase in the number of schools and

scholars reported over that of last year, and it is confidently hoped that the next "Digest" will evince even greater improvement. The Committee are certain that there still remains a large number of Schools, teachers, and pupils in connection with the Church, respecting whom no information has been communicated to them. This ought not to be. When the Synod enjoins its members to attend to such a responsible obligation as that of making known what is being done for the young of the flock especially, every pastor in particular is called upon to take action. Omission here is morally wrong.

It is a truth which, though almost obvious, requires to be iterated, that it is extremely desirable, if not absolutely requisite, in order to the healthful working of the Christian and ecclesiastical interests of any of our congregations, to have the Sabbath School in operation. Whether we consider the meagreness of Christian instruction in our Common Schools, the importance of the pastoral oversight of the young, or the dangers of error and negligence, this will be apparent. That great obstacles often interpose themselves the Committee are well aware, yet here as in many other departments of active exertion, to set about the work hopefully and resolutely will, with the blessing of the Shepherd and Bishop of souls, ensure a degree of success.

When revival and quickening are needed among the adults of a congregation, one very influential method of attaining to these is by striving to Christianize the rising generation, to disciple them for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If unhappily ministerial efforts fail materially to improve the older portion of a charge, they may be successful with the younger; wisely and prayerfully put forth they never lose their reward. Let all devoted disciples of the Divine Teacher do what they can. In particular is this field of spiritual labour, now white unto harvest among ourselves, commended to the earnest and affectionate attention of every Minister and every Kirk Session—already some of our Sabbath Scholars know the felicity of receiving and of imparting "the pearl of great price."

Of those Schools which have reported, it is impossible to ascertain exactly the number of Teachers and of Scholars on the Roll, or that of the average attendance. There so many omissions in the statistics, that the total can only be approximated. The Register, in some cases is very defective; in others it is feared that none is kept,—the attendance being probably guessed at. The Committee would urge each Sabbath School to keep a record of the attendance of male and of female teachers, as also of male and of female scholars, besides having the names entered on the Roll. By adding the numbers actually present on each Sabbath, throughout the year, and dividing by the number of Sabbaths (suppose 50) during which the School is open, we arrive at the average attendance of the year. When the Sabbath School is only taught in summer, or when any other peculiarity occurs, such facts ought to be stated, when compared with any previous period as to increase or diminution of attendance, it is clear that the distinction between the names on the Roll and those forming the average, ought to be kept in view.

If we include the pupils known to attend the Sabbath Schools at Wolfe Island, the praiseworthy teaching among the negro congregation at Niagara, the St. Andrew's Church Westminister Sabbath School with six male teachers and seventy-four Scholars, averaging in their attendance sixty, and the proportion that may belong to us of the Woolwich Sabbath School with four male teachers and sixty scholars, averaging in attendance forty, we have reported about 3,000 Sabbath Scholars and 331 Sabbath School teachers. Besides these, the Rev. Dr. Cook has a Bible Class of 50, and the Rev. Mr. Spence one of 73 members.

In reply to the interrogation which the Committee ventured to propose, "Have you witnessed any evidence of spiritual life and growth in grace among your Scholars?"—the "Digest" will shew that in a few instances the answer is positively affirmative; in a large number good hope is expressed. Bearing in mind that the end and essence of the Christian Sabbath School is to teach and to train the young for Christ, such replies must be deemed very encouraging.

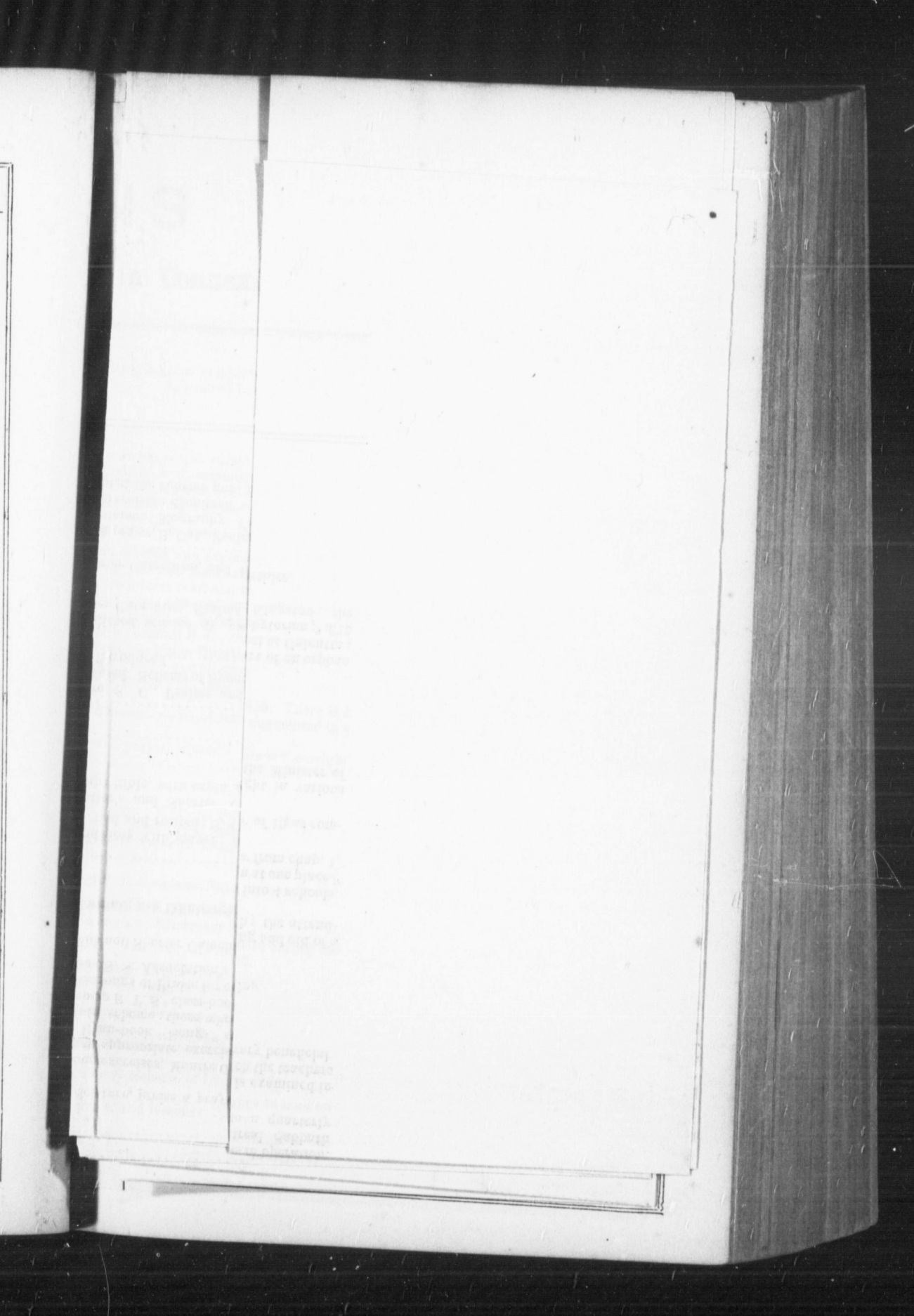
Nearly all the reported Schools, it is pleasing to observe, have libraries. Many of these are obtained from the Religious Tract Society of London,—an association whose publications are ever promotive of true christianity and of true civil liberty. The Committee are not aware of any more unexceptionable source whence to obtain books. All the works given out in our Sabbath Schools ought to be of the class fitted for Sabbath reading. To foster the sanctification of the Sabbath should be one grand aim in the purchase and selection of Sabbath School Libraries. Those that have been specified in the various Reports forwarded, appear generally to be of this character.

While the "Child's" and "Children's" papers are extensively circulated among our Sabbath Scholars, it is gratifying to learn that our own "Juvenile Presbyterian" is taken in twenty-five of our schools to the amount of 1066 copies. When we remember that the circulation of that periodical is nearly three times that number, it is evident that there must be many schools among us of whose doings we have not heard. Of those from whom we have heard, one takes 125 copies, another 81; two takes 75 copies each; other two 70 each: the remainder vary down to 20, the minimum number.

As might have been expected, considerable variety obtains as to the methods and exercises of the Sabbath School. While the *desideratum* of singing sacred songs appears wanting in a few, the schools generally are commenced and concluded with praise and prayer. The Holy Scriptures, the Shorter Catechism, the metrical version of the Psalms of David, and the paraphrases, are recited and explained, while more elementary instruction is communicated to the younger portion of the scholars. The practice of proving from the Word of God some doctrine or duty, is increasingly obtaining. With the subject lucidly proposed to the school, and a leading scripture proof supplied with which to start, such an exercise must be beneficial in a high degree; and it not only benefits the scholars present in the school, but also, in many cases, the parents and the domestic circle of the pupils.

Much attention has been paid to the best methods of conducting Sabbath Schools by the "Montreal Sabbath School Teachers' Association." They have issued a "Scheme of Sabbath Lessons" and a beautiful hymn-book for the use of schools. Besides being used in the four Sabbath Schools connected with the Association in Montreal, it has been adopted by other three of the schools reporting. It is gratifying to find that, in the place and connected with the church where the first Sabbath School in Canada was originated in the year 1804, so much vigour and efficiency are manifested on behalf of Sabbath Schools.

The "Scheme" issued by the Committee is used in the Sabbath Schools at Wolfe Island, as also by two other of the Sabbath Schools mentioned in the "Digest," while two more express themselves as "about adopting it." Difficulty may have been felt in adapting such a "Scheme" to younger classes. It is to be remarked, however, that almost any of the lessons indicated in the "Scheme" admit of curtailing, and so of adaptation. The only other plan appears to be to have a distinct "Scheme" for beginners. The present one is simply an experiment suggested by the Synod, and the success or failure of it may be said to be yet undetermined. Certainly an intelligent Sabbath School teacher may at least derive from it suggestions.



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The instituting of quarterly or other periodical examinations of the Sabbath School is commended by the Committee. The mere weekly examination does not afford the benefit to the classes which ought to result from such a review and revision. An increasing number of Sabbath Schools are acting upon this conviction.

Of those schools that have reported, the large proportion that supports orphans in India, contributes to the Canadian school in Calcutta, and otherwise evinces Christian liberality and beneficence, is reviving and invigorating to all those who love the prosperity of our Zion. We here see the *training* to Christian effort combined with the *teaching* of the knowledge of Christianity in healthful operation. When our young Canadian members are thus evincing their zeal, love, and piety, we surely have an augury of future good, and are called upon "to thank God and take courage."

Teachers' meetings for prayer, conference, and preparation are increasing in numbers and appreciation. Wherever it is practicable, such meetings should be held. Their tendency will be felt in the heart of Christians in "provoking to love and good works."

It is impossible to read thoughtfully the various returns in the "Digest" without perceiving that much good must result from such nurseries of righteousness. The pastoral and Christian influence thus brought to bear directly upon childhood and youth is well fitted to aid and stimulate the best parental care. While the value of the Sabbath School must be calculated according to the Christian character of the teachers, it is most pleasing to know, that some of the best of our people are giving themselves to the work of the Lord in this department of duty; and it is fervently hoped that many more from among the excellent of our flocks will come forward to co-operate with those who are now seeking to win souls. To ministers and teachers feeding with fidelity and affection the young of "the flock of God," there is the present double reward of imparting and receiving spiritual blessings, and "when the chief Shepherd shall appear, they shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

All which is respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE MACDONNELL,
Convener.

APPENDIX J.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

*To the Rev. The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada,
 in connection with the Church of Scotland.*

The Committee on Sabbath Observance have this year again to repeat their expression of regret at the painful extent to which God's holy day continues to be desecrated throughout the land.

Your Committee, during the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, presented Petitions to the several branches of the Legislature, in which they anew set forth the sacred obligations of the Sabbath, and the guilt and evils connected with the disregard of these obligations, and prayed for the abolition of all labor on the Sabbath in the public works and departments of the Province under Government.

Your Committee regret to have to report that a Bill which was introduced into the House of Assembly, having for its objects the relief of the employees in the Post Office from the labors now exacted of them, was lost.

The small majority of *two*, however, by which this Bill was defeated, may well serve, your Committee feels, to encourage the Synod, and all the friends of the Sabbath throughout the land, to continue their endeavours to vindicate the claims of the Sabbath, and to secure to all the servants of the Government, and to all classes of the Community, liberty to observe God's day according to His own appointment and requirements, without forfeiture of, or exclusion from, employment in any of the departments of the public service of the Country.

Your Committee therefore would reiterate what in former reports they affirmed in regard to the aggravated character of the sin of Sabbath desecrations, and to the sure and fearful judgments from on high, with which, sooner or later, God shall visit those communities that publicly proclaim their disregard of His authority, by the profanation of his Sabbath, which in his infinite grace, he has given to his professed people, and commanded them throughout their generations to keep, declaring it to be a sign between him and them, that they may know that he is the Lord that doth sanctify them.

Your Committee would also recommend to your Reverend Court to renew your instructions to the Ministers within the Church, to exercise vigilance in reference to this important matter, and to use their best endeavours in the Pulpit and otherwise, to promote among their own congregations, and to secure to all classes of the community, the religious observance of the Sabbath, as required by God's word.

The Committee would also further suggest to the Synod, in terms of last year's Report, the propriety of bringing under the notice of the Directors of the several Railroads and Steamboat Companies, by memorial or otherwise, the great power possessed by them, in the Providence of God, to contribute by the proper regulation and conduct of their business, to the right observance of the Sabbath, and to the interests of morality and religion in general; and to urge upon them the solemn responsibility under which they are placed to employ this power accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,
WM. BAIN,
Convener.

Ottawa, 28th May, 1859.

APPENDIX K.

REPORT OF THE ORPHANAGE AND JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME.

It again becomes the duty of the Treasurer of this Scheme to submit an Annual Report to the Synod whose younger adherents have devoted so much of their sympathy, and also a goodly portion of their little stores, to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Other schemes can show larger results, but it may be doubted if, in proportion to their means, the supporters of these are contributing more liberally, or are more truly deserving of the commendable appellation "cheerful givers" than the hopeful band of Sabbath scholars. Having once succeeded in gaining the interest of children, it needs no lengthened arguments or laboured appeals to draw forth their liberality, but Sabbath after Sabbath the humble offerings are cast into the Lord's treasury with child-like confidence that the seed to be sown in a distant land will ripen to an abundant harvest.

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Nor has the simple faith of these youthful givers been disappointed. From time to time are their hearts cheered to read accounts from the mission field of orphans rescued as "brands from the burning," of Hindoo sisters baptized into the visible Church upon earth, or anxiously enquiring what they must do to be saved. As occasionally a touching letter is received from some of the orphans who are supported by the mission, written in curious characters under an Indian sky, but breathing gratitude and christian love for those who have been the means of their deliverance from dark idolatry, it is impossible to look upon the delight of our Sabbath scholars without feeling thankful that some portion at least of their warm affections has been consecrated to so noble a cause. To the great Shepherd, the Lambs of His flock are assuredly not less precious when delivered from the very arms of the destroyer than are those children of Canada, so carefully nurtured in christian homes. May we not then trust that a scheme, humbly designed to engage the efforts and the prayers of our youth for the salvation of many who are now a prey to the great enemy of souls, will draw forth a blessing upon our Sabbath Schools, and perhaps even upon the Church by which these are fostered.

The Juvenile Mission, in its operations abroad, continues to act in concert with the Scottish Ladies Association for Female education in India, under the superintendence of the General Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions. This excellent Association has made good progress, their receipts during the year ending May, 1858, having increased to £1760, and steps are now being taken greatly to enlarge their operations. Through this connection the Juvenile Mission have the benefit of aid and sympathy in India, which enables its supporters to effect a large measure of good with comparatively limited resources.

Although mighty changes on the eve of their accomplishment have turned attention in a great measure from India to the scene of conflict in Europe, yet it cannot be without interest to note how the Great Ruler of the Universe is causing the wrath of men to praise Him in our Eastern Empire. During the mutiny many mission stations were destroyed, and not a few servants of God laid down their lives for the truth, but the blood of martyred christians is again becoming the seed of the Church, and the millions of India are more prepared than before to receive the Gospel of salvation. The power of a mercenary company, ever adverse to the promotion of Christianity among the Native population, has been abolished, and in its stead is now exalted the christian sceptre of a sovereign whose influence and example will encourage every missionary effort.

During the year ending 31st March, 1859, the receipts of the Juvenile Mission have been as follows:—

For the support of orphans,.....	\$308-00
For the Canadian School,.....	169-53

\$477-53

The first of these sums is smaller than in the previous year, owing to peculiar difficulties. When first the scheme was organized there were many orphans at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, unappropriated, and applications from schools that these might be assigned to them were at once successful. Since then, however, momentous events in the history of India have taken place, disturbing all missionary efforts, and rendering extension impracticable. For some time, therefore, the applications for orphans have not met with a ready response, and a temporary check to the receipts of the scheme has been unavoidable. A brighter day now dawns upon India, and with renewed zeal christian enterprise is there reopening the mission work. In this good cause the Ladies'

Association are not behind, and we may hope ere long to hear that, with enlarged accommodation at their orphanages, they are admitting into the fold many who will become special objects of christian affection to our Sabbath Schools.

Most gratifying accounts have been received of all the orphans supported by this mission. Of these perhaps the most interesting is Chundrie, a monitress at the Marathi School in Bombay, who is under the special care of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Montreal. One girl, Ruth Toronto, has been baptized during the past year, after satisfactory examination and trial, and another is now a candidate for this holy ordinance.

As those dispensations of Providence which, for a time, seemed so mysterious to the friends of Indian Missions, are now found to work mightily for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in that benighted land, so the difficulty in obtaining orphans has been a means of opening up to the supporters of the Juvenile Mission a new sphere of usefulness. At the suggestion of Miss Hebron, the superintendent of the Calcutta orphanage, it was decided to appeal to our Sabbath schools, and especially to those who were waiting patiently for the appropriation of orphans, on behalf of a day-school to be supported entirely by this scheme. The appeal met with most encouraging success, and on the 1st September last, a day memorable from the noble proclamation of our beloved Queen, which at length conferred upon India the inestimable blessings of a christian government, the doors of the Canadian girl's School in Calcutta were opened. The services as teachers of a native christian catechist and his wife having been engaged, over 20 children were at once placed under instruction, and at last accounts the number in attendance at the school had been increased to 35, with prospect of further additions to any extent which might be wanted by the state of our funds. The school is under the personal supervision of Miss Hebron, who writes in most encouraging terms of its success, and the religious instructions which form a chief part of the daily lessons are directed by the Church of Scotland Missionaries at Calcutta. In addition to the labours of the School, it is also pleasing to learn that the indefatigable catechist devotes a portion of his time in missionary work in the adjoining district.

It is hoped that these statements may tend to encourage the supporters of our Juvenile mission, and may account for unavoidable delays in the appropriation of orphans. Those schools which applied first had girls assigned them, and the claims of subsequent applicants have been met in rotation as opportunity offered. To anticipate disappointment, which might well arise, the Canadian school has been established as an object in which all can take a personal interest, and though contributions from different sources must necessarily be blended in one stream for its support, yet each youthful donor may feel that the little sum deposited in the missionary box has no unimportant place in the good work for which we unite. As it is not by the vast wealth of this world that the Lord is pleased to advance his kingdom, we can trust that the mite of a child, sanctified by child-like faith, will not be cast away.

It would indeed be under-estimating the importance of this scheme to regard it only in its operations abroad. "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself,"—is the blessed promise to all who labour for the good of their fellow-men. Especially encouraging is this great truth when applied to the case of the young. Ere the cares and strife of this world of toil have influenced their susceptible minds, before the unselfish generous natures have been seared by contact with worldly men, how important to impress upon their minds the lessons of Christian benevolence, to train them up in active

practice of the admonition that "none of us liveth or dieth to himself." Daily we are reminded of the fact that our church, if she is to maintain a position of usefulness, must be sustained in all her interests by more self-denying liberality among her members, and that each and all of her schemes is sadly retarded by lack of this support. In her Sabbath schools are now gathered those who must ere long take their places in the ranks which are so rapidly swept away from this earthly scene, and can her efforts and prayers be consecrated to a nobler object than the training of a seed to serve Him who is the great Head of the church? If in early youth the heart is opened to the claims of the gospel, and its energies enlisted in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, it is no vain expectation to trust that, through the blessing of God, after years may bring forth fruits of earnest piety and active benevolence.

The statement of receipts and expenditure is appended to this Report.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PATON,
Treasurer to the Synod.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1859, TO THE ABOVE SCHEME.

BY WHOM CONTRIBUTED.	PLACE.	ORPHANAGE.	NAME OF ORPHAN.	FOR SUP- PORT OF ORPHANS.	CANADIAN SCHOOL.
Scarboro' Church Mission Box.	Scarboro'.	.....	.....	.....	\$5.00
Sabbath School.	Aultsville.	.....	.....	\$16.00	.....
"	Markham.	.....	Sarah Markham.	16.00	.....
"	Garafraxa.	.....	.....	.....	2.25
"	Pakenham.	.....	.....	.....	8.00
St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School.	Clifton.	.....	Mary Clifton.	16.00	.....
St. John's	Hamilton.	.....	Lydia Burnet.	16.00	.....
"	Cornwall.	.....	.....	.....	14.00
Sabbath School, Allan Park.	Bentinck.	.....	.....	.....	16.35
E. (anonymous).	Seymour.	.....	.....	.....	1.50
St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School.	Quebec.	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Thomas Paton, Jr.	Montreal.	Bombay.	Mary Ghomer.	16.00	.....
St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School.	Toronto.	Madras.	Ruth Toronto.	16.00	.....
Point St. Charles	Montreal.	.....	.....	.....	7.00
St. Andrew's Church	Lanark.	.....	.....	.....	12.00
St. Paul's Church	Montreal.	Bombay.	Caroline Smith.	16.00	8.00
"	"	.....	Cath. McK. Gibson.	16.00	.....
St. Andrew's Church	Perth.	Madras.	Sarah C. Bain.	16.00	4.00
"	Montreal.	Bombay.	Chundrie (Monitress).	20.00	42.00
School of Industry, girls.	"	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Rev. Mr. Herdman's Sabbath School.	Pictou, Nova Scotia.	.....	.....	16.00	.....
A Lady.	Whitby.	.....	.....	16.00	.....
A few friends at Woodstock.	New Brunswick.	.....	.....	.....	3.00
St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School.	Williamstown.	.....	.....	.....	20.00

APPENDIX L.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty :

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, in the City of Ottawa, embrace the occasion respectfully to approach your throne, with renewed assurances of sincere attachment to Your Royal House, and with expressions of gratitude, that under your fostering government, we enjoy the blessings of abundant peace.

Whilst devoutly adoring the source of every blessing, the Father of mercies, reverently acknowledging that every good and perfect gift proceeds from Himself, and being sensible of the benign influence exerted over the people by the Christian example of those placed in exalted station, and of the benefits that arise to the country whose government is based on the precepts of the Word of God, we heartily rejoice that the public and private life of Your Majesty presents to the Empire over which you rule, such a pattern of excellence and virtue, as to secure to Your Royal Person and Family the esteem and affection of millions of loyal and faithful subjects.

In common with some other portions of the world, this Province has been visited with an almost unprecedented monetary pressure, which as one of its consequences has added to our difficulties in supplying the spiritual destitution of our Countrymen ; the office-bearers of our Church have nevertheless employed the means within their power to carry on their work as a Church, inculcating that righteousness which exalteth a nation, striving in our own sphere to avert those evils which spring from a partial recognition of the ways of Divine Providence.

It is with great satisfaction that we have learned of the termination of the rebellion in India, and that in hearty response to Your Majesty's invitation, your faithful people have rendered Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the success of Your Majesty's arms. We sympathize in this recognition of the continuance of the Divine favour to our beloved country, and while we cannot but deplore the loss of the many brave men, who have fallen, we cherish the hope that the re-establishment of order may be conducive to the diffusion of pure and undefiled religion.

Sensible of the blessings of peace, it gives us unfeigned sorrow to hear that war prevails among several of the Continental Powers. We fondly cherish the hope that by the wise counsels of your Majesty, Great Britain may be preserved from the horrors of war and its attendant evils.

That Almighty God may long preserve Your Majesty's life, to reign over a free, a loyal, and a religious people,—that He may bestow upon you every necessary earthly comfort and happiness, and finally grant you an unfading crown is our sincere and constant prayer.

Signed at Ottawa this twenty eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine years, in name, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

JOHN MACMURCHY,
Moderator.

APPENDIX M.

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

To His Excellency, Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled in the city of Ottawa, embrace the opportunity afforded by the return of our annual meeting to renew the expression of our sincere respect for Your Excellency, as well as of our ardent and steadfast attachment to the Empire of which we form a part.

As office-bearers of a branch of the Church of Christ, it is our duty and shall ever be our aim, by enforcing the precepts of our holy religion, to aid in the spread and maintenance of those principles which may leaven the minds of our people with that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation.

To Your Excellency, as a lover of learning, as well as the Governor of this rising Province, whose prosperity must depend in no small degree upon the extent to which the youth of our country avail themselves of the facilities afforded by its higher educational establishments for acquiring a sound and liberal education, it must, we feel assured, be gratifying that the University of Queen's College in connection with our Church, has during the past year enrolled a much greater number of Students in the Faculties of Arts and Medicine as well as Theology than at any previous period of its history. And while grateful for the past aid so generously accorded to our University by Your Excellency's Government, we trust that it will as heretofore merit and secure your countenance and favor.

We rejoice in the present favorable weather and promising appearance of the country, from which, we trust, we may safely anticipate an abundant harvest, and cherish the hope that it may be the means, under the blessing of a Bountiful Providence, of relieving the Province from the Commercial and Agricultural distress under which it has for some time laboured. While we cannot fail to recognize the hand of God in these indications of the return of material prosperity to this Province, to which the divine favor has already been so frequently extended, it is also a matter of gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of events that, at a time when other lands are unfortunately threatened with the calamities of war, this, our country, as an integral portion of the British Empire, should continue in the enjoyment of the blessings of profound peace.

We have also adopted a loyal and dutiful address to Her Majesty, the Queen, which we respectfully request Your Excellency to transmit, that it may be laid at the foot of the throne.

That Your Excellency may be guided in the administration of the government of this Province by that wisdom which cometh from above—that you may be blessed in abundant measure with the graces of the Holy Spirit here, and be afterwards received to the heavenly inheritance, is our earnest prayer.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Ottawa, the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine years, by

JOHN MACMURCHY,
Moderator.

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