

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF
The Synod
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
SESSION XVII:
HELD AT KINGSTON, 8TH JULY,
1846.

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**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection
with the Church of Scotland, Session XVII, held at
Kingston, July 8, 1846.**

DIET I.

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

The which day, after sermon by the Rev. William Bell, of Perth, the Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from Hebrews xiii. 17, "They watch for your souls, as they that must give account," the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

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

Sederunt, Mr. William Bell, Moderator, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. Alexander Lewis, Mr. James Lambie, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. Alexander Ross, Mr. Samuel Porter, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James Anderson, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Marlin, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John Maclaurin, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Colin Grigor, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. Alexander McKid, Dr. John Cook, Mr. John Smith, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. David Evans, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. George Bell, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Dr. Thomas Liddell, and Mr. James Williamson, *Ministers*:—together with Mr. John Cameron, and Mr. John Mowat, *Elders*.

The Synod then proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, for the ensuing year, when the Rev. George Romanes, Minister at Smith's Falls, was unanimously elected, and, at the Synod's desire, took the chair.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of two Trustees for Queen's College, at Kingston, in room of the two who retired from office at this time, according to the terms of the Royal Charter of Queen's College, when the Rev. Robert McGill, and the Rev. James Williamson were elected, and the Clerk was instructed to intimate the same to the Board of Trustees.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, with instructions to meet this evening, immediately on the rising of the Synod, and at Nine o'clock to-morrow morning,—and all papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said committee, viz., the Moderator and Clerk, Mr. George, Mr. Lambie, Mr. Tawse, Mr. Barclay, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Roach, Mr. Muir, Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. McKid, Dr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mr. W. Bell, Mr. Bain, Mr. Machar, Dr. Liddell, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Mowat.

The Synod appointed the Clerks of Presbyteries to be a committee to revise the records of the Synod, and report;—Mr. Roach to be Convenor.

Leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet in Kingston, for all competent business, during the sitting of the Synod;—and Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Muir, and Mr. McMorine, were authorised to sit with the Presbytery of Quebec.

It was agreed that an hour should be spent in devotional exercises, each morning during the sitting of the Synod.

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

DIET II.

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

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

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

The minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures make a report of the business to come before the Synod.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were produced;—when the Synod appointed the following committees to revise the same, and report,—viz., Mr. Roach, Mr. Muir, and Mr.

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The Records of the Commission of Synod having been called for and produced, the Synod had read the Minutes of the Commission's proceedings during the past year, and the attention of the Synod was specially called to the proceedings of the Commission, at their meeting in Toronto, in February last, particularly the following, of date Toronto, February 18th, 1846.

“The Commission resumed the consideration of the proposed expression of gratitude to the Church of Scotland, for the visit lately paid to the church in this country by the Deputation from the Parent Church, and, after mature deliberation, unanimously agreed to transmit the following communication, as embodying their views in this matter :

“Whereas the Synod of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, did several years ago, repeatedly and earnestly solicit the Parent Church to send a deputation of her ministers to visit the Colonial Churches, in order that she might in this way more effectually encourage the hearts and strengthen the hands of those engaged in the work of the Lord in this country, as well as to obtain, by means of such deputation, more full and accurate information regarding the spiritual condition and real wants of the Presbyterian population in British North America : And whereas this wish, so generally felt, and in divers ways so often expressed, has, at length, as far as it regards Canada, been amply realized in the visit which was lately paid to our church by the Rev. Dr. Simpson, minister of Kirknewton, the Rev. Dr. MacLeod, minister of Morven, and the Rev. Norman MacLeod, minister of Dalkeith, the members of the deputation appointed by the last General Assembly, to visit the colonial churches : And whereas it is universally admitted by the people, as well as the ministers of this Synod, that the appointment of said deputation originated with the Church of Scotland, from the purest motives ; and as their visit has been productive of the most beneficial results within our bounds, there ought to be a grateful acknowledgment made by us of this act of peculiar kindness on the part of the church at home. But inasmuch as an expression of the mind of this church in Synod assembled cannot be given till the month of July, and therefore could not come before the Venerable the General Assembly till its meeting in 1847 : And as this delay does not accord with the sentiments entertained on this matter, and could not fail to weaken the moral effect of the expression we might give ; under these circumstances, this Commission feel called upon to assume a duty, which, it is well known, the Synod as a body would have cheerfully undertaken.

"Be it therefore Resolved,—

"1. That we, the Commission of Synod, fully and joyfully appreciating the enlightened and truly benevolent motives from which originated the appointment of the deputation, which, at the last General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was commissioned to visit this and other provinces of North America, beg leave to tender to the parent church our sincere thanks for this timely and most suitable visit.

"2. That holding, as we do, that all good and perfect gifts come from the Father of Lights, and are all under His controul and direction, we cannot but give thanks to the All-wise Ruler of the Church, that under His guidance, the General Assembly were enabled to select such men as formed the deputation to Canada,—men whose high talents, diligence, prudence, meekness, and christian zeal, qualified them for going through extraordinary labours, for giving the best information and counsel, for comforting the hearts of their brethren, and in all things accomplishing the ends of their mission (often amidst extraordinary difficulties) with the greatest candour, tenderness and delicacy.

"3. That after extensive inquiry and mature consideration, we are well assured that the deputation have, under God, been eminently instrumental in removing many gross misconceptions regarding the present position of the Church of Scotland, and many fears as to her future prospects, and strengthening in no small degree the ties that bind many hearts in this land to the Church of their Fathers.

"4. That while we, in common with very many of the followers of the Redeemer throughout the world, sincerely regret that so many persons of acknowledged worth, should have considered it to have been their duty to secede from the Church of Scotland; and although there may be certain things in her ecclesiastical polity, as an establishment, against which some of her best friends in this province may have taken exception; yet we firmly believe, and joyfully record our conviction, that as a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, she still holds the truth in its purity, and possesses ample means for unfolding all the riches of the gospel for the conversion of sinners, and the edification of God's dear children.

"5. That the meakness, humility, love of peace, and christian charity, which have been so prominently exhibited in the Church of Scotland, throughout the peculiar trials which she has of late been called to endure, are, to us, pleasing indications that she is still animated by the spirit of her Divine Master, and that He who has often been her defence in troublous times, will continue to be a wall of fire around her, and the glory in the midst of her.

"6. That while our Synod has all along sought to cultivate a fraternal christian intercourse with those Presbyterian Churches that hold the truth as it is in Jesus, so much more, from the nearer relation in which we stand to the Church of Scotland, have we ever desired, and do now desire, that the fellowship and connection with that church may be as fully carried out as the respective circumstances of the two churches will warrant.

"7. That many of the most tender and sacred recollections which the children of Scotland cherish in this far distant province, are recollections of the sacred scenes they have witnessed, and the truths they have heard within the walls of the parish churches of their native land.

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"8. That we leave to the deputation, who visited us, the duty which they are so well able to perform, of laying before the Church of Scotland, the present condition and future prospects of our church, and especially to press on her attention our urgent need of faithful ministers to occupy the waste places of the vineyard, and break the bread of life to large portions of people who adhere to us in almost every part of the province, but who are at present as sheep without a shepherd.

"9. That we appoint and authorise the Rev. Peter Colin Campbell, minister of Caputh, and the Rev. Thomas Clarke Wilson, minister at Ardrossan, formerly ministers of this Synod, and our esteemed and beloved biethren in the Lord, along with James Lumsden, Esquire, Lord Provost of the city of Glasgow, Andrew Wingate, Esquire, merchant, Glasgow, and William Ritchie, Esquire, of Middleton, in Edinburghshire, laymen of the Church of Scotland, to appear at the bar of the General Assembly, which is to be holden in Edinburgh, in May next, and there and then to present these our resolutions, and in our name, to thank the Church of Scotland for the many and great benefits she has conferred upon us."

There was also produced a letter from the Rev. P. C. Campbell, dated "Manse of Caputh, Perthshire, 17th June, 1846," addressed to the Moderator, detailing for the information of the Synod the proceedings of himself and the other Deputies appointed by the Commission of Synod, to present their resolutions to the General Assembly,—of which the following extracts were read :

"After every thing had been arranged for our appearing in a body at the Assembly, the Lord Provost was unexpectedly summoned to London on Parliamentary business, and Mr. Wingate who had come twice to Edinburgh during the Assembly, in expectation of our being heard, was also called away before the day had arrived for the receiving of the Report of the Deputation to Canada, immediately after which it had been agreed that we should appear. However, I can assure the Synod that the warmest interest was felt and expressed by both in the prosperity of the Church in Canada, and that both regarded it as a high honour to be called upon to represent, in so public a manner, a Body so distinguished by the long, faithful, self-denying, and successful labours of its members, as the Synod of that Church. The only layman whose presence and aid we enjoyed on the occasion, was William Ritchie, Esquire, of Middleton, formerly connected with the great mercantile establishment of Pollock, Gilmour & Co., and long resident in Canada, to whom Mr. Wilson and myself felt much indebted for the kindness with which he rendered his service. We had the honour of being admitted to the Assembly, on Friday, the 29th May. The reading by me of the resolutions of your Commission, was heard with very great attention and interest. I had every reason to be grateful for the manner in which my own observations were received, and I could have wished that every member of the Synod of Canada had been present, to hear the testimony borne in their favour, both in the Report of the Deputation, which preceded our appearance, and in the impressive speech of the late Moderator of Assembly, Dr. Hill, of Glasgow, after we had appeared. You would doubtless learn, through the Colonial Committee, the measures which may grow out of the visit of the Deputation and

our representations, for the spiritual benefit of Canada. I need hardly observe, that by far the greatest difficulty felt by the church, in its Colonial Scheme, is the present want of Preachers, particularly of Gaelic preachers. But the want is, I can assure the Synod and the Presbyterians of Canada, not more felt by the Church than by those bodies whose endeavour it is to rival and oppose her in her disinterested and unremitting exertions for the spread of the Gospel; while one thing is perfectly certain, (and this is a fact which I would entreat you and the whole Church in Canada, to mark and bear in mind,) that this is a want which, great though it be at present, will, in the case of the Church of Scotland, be far more speedily and far more permanently supplied, than in any other body whatever. I shall only add, that the scheme for the purchase of glebes, which originated with the Presbytery of Toronto, at the instance of our much valued and most judicious brother, Mr. Lambie, is viewed with great favour by the Church at home. This is most natural, when we consider the ideas of independence, fixedness, and permanency in all ecclesiastical institutions, with which all our ministers are trained up. Every thing which tends to secure these characteristics to the Canadian Church, must unavoidably have a great effect in procuring for it the interest and confidence of our ministers, and in directing towards it the views of a regular and sufficient supply of preachers from Scotland. I have reason to believe that this and every scheme of a similar character, will receive speedy and effective aid from this country."

There was also produced and read an Extract Deliverance of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, transmitted by William Young, Esq., the Agent of the Church of Scotland, the tenor whereof follows:—

"At Edinburgh, the Twenty-Ninth Day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Forty-Six Years—

"Which day the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, being met and constituted, called for the Report of the Deputation appointed by the last Assembly, which was given in and read by Dr. Simpson, and was followed by the Rev. Peter C. Campbell, who, along with the Lord Provost of Glasgow and others, had been appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, to lay on the table of the Assembly certain resolutions, which were read. Mr. Campbell then, in the name of that Reverend Body, expressed their grateful thanks for the kindness of the Assembly in sending the Deputation to Canada, and for the manner in which the Deputation had acted. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the report of the Deputation be approved of, and that the warmest thanks of the Assembly be given to Dr. Simpson, Dr. John Macleod and the Rev. Norman Macleod, for the great zeal, prudence, and Christian spirit in which they discharged the duty imposed upon them by the last General Assembly.

"The General Assembly further express the great satisfaction with which they have now heard the communication made from the Synod of Canada. They deeply deplore the destitution of the means of grace existing in the British North American Colonies, and warmly sympathise with the churches there in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

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They resolve, by the blessing of God, to use every means in their power to supply, as speedily as possible, the destitute places with spiritual labourers, and with this view they instruct the Colonial Committee to give their best consideration and most zealous efforts to this important object."

"Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, upon this and the two preceding pages, by

"JOHN LEE, *Cl. Eccl. Scot.*"

Whereupon it was moved, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod having heard the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commission for the last year, approve and sustain the said proceedings;—but considering the circumstances of our Church, and the signal benefit derived by our people from the visit of the Deputation from the Venerable Church of our Fathers, the Synod cannot forbear specially to advert to the wise and excellent manner in which the Commission have acted in reference to this particular matter, and more especially to the seasonable time which they embraced for expressing to the Venerable the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland the gratitude of our Ministers and people for their kind and Christian remembrance of us in the day of our trouble,—and the Synod feel it due to themselves and the people over whom they have spiritual rule that they now publicly and entirely adopt the said act of the Commission as their own, and instruct the Moderator to offer the thanks of the Synod to those members of the Commission who took charge of this matter. It was also resolved that the thanks of the Synod be communicated to the Rev. P. C. Campbell and the other gentlemen who so kindly consented to act as the Representatives of this Church, for their zeal, diligence, and ability in the execution of the trust committed to them.

There was next produced and read to the Synod a Communication from Mr. Secretary Higginson, to the late Moderator, intimating to the Synod that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government had received a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of the Synod's Address to the Queen of the 8th of July last. The said Communication was ordered to be recorded, and is as follows:—

*Civil Secretary's Office,
Montreal, 24th December, 1845.*

SIR,—I have the honour, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to inform you that His Excellency has received a Despatch from the Secretary of State, acknowledging the receipt of the Address of the 8th of July last to the Queen from the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and stating that he had laid the Address before Her Majesty.

Her Majesty has commanded it to be signified to the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church, that She has received with much gratification the assurances of their attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of their determination, notwithstanding the unfortunate schisms prevalent in the Church of Scotland in Canada, to continue, by a peaceful and faithful discharge of their duties, their endeavours to extend over the Province the Blessings of Religious and Moral Instruction.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant,

J. M. HIGGINSON.

REV. WM. BELL,
Moderator.

The Clerk produced and read to the Synod a Communication from Mr. Secretary Daly, in regard to the Government paying over, to the Synod's Board of Commissioners, under the Clergy Reserve Act, the proceeds of the Clergy Reserve Fund allotted to the Synod of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, over and above the salaries for which the faith of the Crown is pledged.

The Clerk also produced and read to the Synod a communication from the Secretary's Office, in answer to the request of the Synod last year in regard to the distribution of the Statutes of the Province to Ministers, intimating that His Excellency had been advised that the circumstances which originally led to the distribution of the Laws to the Clergy of Lower Canada do not exist in Upper Canada, and His Excellency therefore did not consider it advisable to comply with the request of the Synod.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, when Dr. Mathieson and Mr. Urquhart reported fully as to the proceedings of the Commissioners during the past year, and the present state of the Fund. It was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Moderator, Dr. Cook, Dr. Liddell, Mr. W. Bell and Mr. Lambie, be a committee to confer with Dr. Mathieson and Mr. Urquhart on the statements given in by them from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners and the questions proposed by them, and to report to the Synod at an early day.

There was next produced and read to the Synod an Extract Minute of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, bearing that the Committee had made a gift to the Synod of a complete set of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly, and intimating that they would continue to transmit the Acts of future

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Assemblies;—at the same time requesting that the Synod would send the Committee a complete copy of their printed Minutes hitherto, and transmit the Minutes of subsequent Synods as these were printed. There was also laid before the Synod a letter to the Clerk from William Young, Esq., the Secretary of the Colonial Committee, enclosing the said Extract, stating that at a late meeting of the Colonial Committee, mention was made of a wish expressed by some of the members of the Synod of Canada to have a complete copy of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland sent out for the use of the Synod,—that some of the Members of the late Deputation to America who were present stated that such a work would be considered as a useful and valuable gift by the Synod,—and that, through the exertions of Principal Lee, a complete copy of the Acts, in good order, had been procured and would be sent out to the Clerk of the Synod of Canada, to be presented to the Synod, as a gift from the Colonial Committee. THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, from 1638 to 1845 inclusive, consisting of eight large volumes in excellent preservation and handsomely bound, were then presented to the Synod in name of the Colonial Committee, and laid upon the table. Whereupon, the Synod agreed to record their deep sense of gratitude to the Colonial Committee of their Mother Church, for this valuable and useful gift as well as for the kindness manifested in so readily acceding to the wishes of the members of this Synod,—and it was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be communicated to the Colonial Committee for the same. The Synod also resolved that a complete copy of their printed Minutes be sent to the Colonial Committee,—and the Clerk was instructed to forward the same as soon as possible, and also to transmit to the Committee the Minutes of the Synod hereafter, as these were printed. The Synod then agreed that THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, presented to the Synod, be in the mean time, committed to the custody of the Clerk.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to consider the subject of a Ministers' Widows' Fund, which was given in by Mr. Lambie. There were at the same time transmitted, through the Committee of Bills and Overtures, Overtures on the same subject from the Presbytery of Montreal and the Presbytery of Hamilton. The whole of the Papers, on this subject, before the Synod, having been read, the Synod referred them to the following Committee, viz., Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. McMorine, Mr. W. Bell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Lambie, and Mr. Urquhart, with instructions to frame a Scheme for the consideration and adoption of the Synod, and to report on Saturday.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Memorial from Mr. Æneas McLean, Preacher of the

Gospel, representing that he was laboring at Coteau du Lac, and that he was anxious to extend his Missionary labors to other destitute places in the neighbourhood,—and praying that, in order to his greater usefulness, he might be ordained as a Missionary. The Synod, having considered the same, agreed to annex Coteau du Lac to the Presbytery of Glengary and to remit Mr. McLean's Memorial to that Presbytery to act in the matter as they may see meet.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Memorial from the congregation of Clarke and Hope, very numerously signed, representing that although they were within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, their great distance from Kingston, the seat of that Presbytery, would subject them to much inconvenience, and praying that the decision of the Commission of Synod in February last, annexing them temporarily to the Presbytery of Toronto, might be confirmed. The same having been read, the Synod agreed to grant the request of the memorialists, and annex the townships of Clarke, Hope, Manvers and Cartwright, to the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Synod called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the Draft of a Model Constitution for New Churches, which was transmitted last year for the consideration of Presbyteries; when reports were given in by the Presbyteries of Toronto, Montreal, Glengary, Bathurst, and Kingston. The Synod referred the said Reports to the following Committee, viz., the Moderator, Mr. George, Mr. Muir, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Ross,—with instructions to consider the various proposed amendments and to what extent they can be with advantage embodied in the Constitution, —to prepare an amended copy of the same for the consideration of the Synod,—and to report on Saturday.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, to the effect that the Synod would cause to be framed some Forms for procedure in Church Courts, especially anent Calls, Moderations, and Edicts. The members of the Presbytery of Montreal were heard in support of their Overture, and represented that the frequent meetings of Presbytery required by a strict adherence to the Forms at present in use, in regard to the calling and induction of Ministers, had been found to be extremely inconvenient in those parts of the country where the members of a Presbytery were widely scattered and had to travel a great distance to attend such meetings, and that it was extremely desirable, if possible, to have the said forms so simplified as to require fewer meetings of Presbytery, and the less frequent absence of Ministers from their flocks, as well as to secure greater uniformity in the manner of procedure throughout the whole Church. The Synod, having duly considered the

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said Overture and representations, appointed the Presbytery of Montreal to be a Committee to consider how far the present Forms in the calling and induction of Ministers can be advantageously modified, according to the peculiar circumstances of this Church,—to prepare the Draft of a Law by which the procedure of Presbyteries may be regulated in this matter,—and to report their diligence in the same at the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Petition on behalf of the congregation in Dummer, Belmont, and Asphodel, praying that Mr. Colquhoun's suspension might be removed, on the ground of certain reasons stated in the petition. The same having been read, the Synod called for the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston, and had read the whole proceedings of the Presbytery in the case of Mr. Colquhoun during the last year. The members of the Presbytery of Kingston were also heard in regard to the case. Thereafter, the Synod, after long reasoning, agreed to defer the further consideration of the case until to-morrow.

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

DIET III.

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

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

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Synod resumed consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, in the case of Mr. Colquhoun, when it was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Roach, that "The Synod, having taken into consideration the evidence produced in the Minutes of the Presbytery of Kingston and otherwise, though less definite and full than could be wished, and having also reviewed the whole case, resolve that, agreeably to the spirit of the deliverance of Synod, 5th July, 1845, the

sentence of suspension from the office of the Ministry passed on Mr. Colquhoun be removed;—that the parties, however, be given to understand that the reponing of Mr. Colquhoun does not affect the sentence of the Presbytery of Kingston, confirmed by the Synod, dissolving the Pastoral relation subsisting between him and the congregations of Dummer and Asphodel;—but, inasmuch as, although it appears that a considerable portion of the congregations that were once under his ministerial charge seem still attached to him, that yet there are many others whom his indiscretions have effectually alienated from his ministry, the Synod, without exercising that Ecclesiastical authority with which they are vested, would, in the spirit of affection for Mr. Colquhoun, and a regard to the religious interests of the whole Presbyterian inhabitants of Dummer and Asphodel, rather exhort and encourage Mr. Colquhoun to exercise his ministerial gifts in another sphere than seek to form anew the Pastoral tie between himself and a portion only of his recent flock.” It was also moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. McGill, that “The Synod not having such full and definite evidence as could be wished of the fulfilment of the conditions required of Mr. Colquhoun, by the sentence of the Synod at its last meeting, or the regard he has shown to the counsels then given him by the Synod, and still less of the expediency of renewing the Pastoral relation between him and the people of his late charge, decline removing his suspension from the Ministry,—and appoint Mr. George and Mr. Lambie a deputation to proceed to Dummer and Asphodel, to investigate the whole case, in respect of both points, and to report to the Commission, in October, which shall have full power to act in the case as they may see meet.” After long discussion, the vote was taken, when the second motion was carried by a large majority of votes,—and the Synod decerned accordingly. Dr. Mathieson, in his own name and in the name of all who should adhere to him, dissented from this deliverance on the ground of its being at variance with the proceedings of the Synod on the case, of July 5th, 1845, and in his opinion harsh to Mr. Colquhoun;—and there adhered to him Mr. Roach, Mr. McPherson, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Joseph Anderson, and Mr. McKid.

Drafts of Addresses to the Queen and the Governor General were produced and read, and, having been fully considered, the Synod adopted the same and ordered them to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

The Synod had transmitted to them an Overture from the Presbytery of Quebec, and the Synod, having fully considered the same, in terms thereof, added the members of the Presbytery of Quebec, in the meantime, to the Presbytery of Montreal.

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A request was made to the Synod, by Dr. Cook, that Mr. John Paul, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, might be taken on trials for license by the Presbytery of Montreal. The Synod, having considered the whole circumstances of the case, agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Montreal, should they see meet, to take Mr. Paul on trials for license.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Hamilton, of date 6th July, 1846, referring to the Synod a Petition from Dr. Hamilton to said Presbytery regarding the services of Mr. McKid in the Church of Dundas. The said petition was also produced and read. Mr. McKid having been heard, the Synod agreed to recommend him to preach at Dundas, agreeably to the arrangement entered into at his induction.

The Synod, next, had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, certain Papers in regard to Mr. John Dyer, who, under the sanction of the Presbytery of Hamilton, had for upwards of a year past been laboring as a Missionary Catechist within their bounds, —and whose case had been brought before the Commission of Synod in February last, and by them remitted to the Presbytery of Hamilton, with instructions to bring it before the Synod. The Synod had read the Minutes of the Presbytery of Hamilton, regarding certain applications made to that Presbytery from various vacant congregations within their bounds, to the effect that Mr. John Dyer should be taken on trial for license and ordination; and having heard statements from various members of the Presbytery of Hamilton respecting Mr. Dyer, and also from the members of the Commission of Synod founded on certain examinations of his character and qualifications made by them and having had various documents under their consideration presented by respectable members of the Church, and various Bodies of Presbyterians within the Districts in which he has been laboring as a Catechist; and having also considered the report of the Commission of Synod on the same subject, the Synod approve of the caution manifested in the proceedings instituted in this case on the part of the Presbytery of Hamilton and of the Commission of Synod; and, relying on their deliberate testimony, that Mr. Dyer, though he has not enjoyed the advantages of a Collegiate Education, possesses a well cultivated and vigorous mind, is very conversant with the Holy Scriptures, and, so far as they can judge, is a man of sincere piety, and is qualified for usefulness as an instructor in the Church, the Synod grant permission to the Presbytery of Hamilton, in conjunction with the following members of the Presbytery of Toronto, viz., Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. James Lambie, and Mr. John Barclay, as assessors with the Presbytery of Hamilton, to take Mr. John Dyer on trial for license; and, if satisfied with the result, to

confer license upon him. Nevertheless, the Synod decern and declare that this departure from the rules and practice of this Church in respect to license to preach, is warrantable only in the peculiar circumstances of this case, and on account of the spiritual destitution of those Districts in which Mr. Dyer has been laboring,—and that this case shall in no sense be construed into a precedent. Further, the Synod deem it right and necessary, in connection with the permission hereby given, to express anew their determination to maintain the Laws of this Church in regard to a Collegiate Education as necessary to the efficient discharge of all the duties of the Ministerial Office.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed at last meeting in regard to a Lay Association, which was given in and read by Mr. Lambie. After long discussion on the suggestions therein contained, the further consideration of the same was deferred until a future day.

The Synod then adjourned until to-morrow at Twelve o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

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

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

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

The Minutes were read and sustained.

The Hon. Judge McLean, an Elder of the Church, being present, was, on motion, invited by the Moderator to take his seat with the Synod, and to take part in their deliberations.

The Synod made the following appointments for the services of the Sabbath, viz.—In St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Mr. Roach to preach to the Troops in the morning, Dr. Cook in the forenoon, Mr. Cruickshank in the afternoon, and Mr. McMorine in the evening :—Mr. George Bell in the Bethel Chapel in the afternoon :—Mr. Maclaurin in Gaelic and

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The Synod appointed Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Cameron as a committee to attend to the financial concerns of the Synod : and the Synod instructed Presbytery Clerks and others to pay over to the Treasurer all monies collected by them for the Synod Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with Dr. Mathieson and Mr. Urquhart on the statements given in by them from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, and the questions proposed by them. After some discussion, the Synod agreed to record their satisfaction with the statements made by Dr. Mathieson and Mr. Urquhart in name of the Board of Clergy Reserve Commissioners ;—their full confidence in the Board ;—and their entire approbation of the promptitude and wisdom of the course which they have hitherto pursued :—And in the full belief that the Board will always be disposed to give due attention to any communications or suggestions, in regard to the execution of their trust, which may come to them from the Synod, they respectfully offer the following suggestions for the consideration of the Board :—

1st. That the Board be requested to lay before the Synod, at its annual meeting, a properly certified statement of the accounts of the Board and of the whole state of the Fund at their disposal, for the information of the Synod.

2nd. That no Minister receive from the Clergy Reserve Fund, unless he be certified by the Presbytery of the bounds to have at least forty adhering families :—any Minister not able to obtain such certificate, and having already received from the Fund, to be paid for one year, at the usual rate, as an ordained Missionary, under some of the Presbyteries of the Church, if he is willing so to act. This rule not to apply in the case of Ministers when incapable of performing their duties through sickness, infirmity, or old age.

3rd. That the Board require Presbyteries to state to them when large congregations do not make suitable provision for their ministers, independently of the Fund, and to consider what means they can take to prevent the Fund becoming an encouragement to the supineness and indifference of congregations in this matter.

4th. That, in the case of Missionaries ordained to the charge of particular districts, the Board require from the Presbytery of the bounds a full statement of the circumstances of each case, admitting to or excluding from the Fund according to their own judgment, and as it shall appear to them to be necessary and for the good of the Church.

5th. That Ten Bursaries of from Ten to Fifteen Pounds each be given to Students in Divinity at Queen's College looking forward to the Ministry in this Church;—such Bursaries to be given by Competition, and under such restrictions as the Board may see fit to lay down.

6th. That it is not expedient to set apart any portion of the Clergy Reserve Fund towards the support of the Synod Fund.

7th. That Ministers holding secular offices of any kind be not placed upon the Fund.

8th. That Mr. Lapelletrie should not be exempted from the operation of the second rule, but that when he has forty adhering families, he will be equally entitled to be put on the Fund with other Ministers of the Church.

And the Synod strictly enjoin Presbyteries, not, in any case, without express authority from the Synod, to form the Pastoral relation where they have not clear evidence that there are at least forty families in the congregation adhering to this Church, and where there is not a stipend given by the people of at least Fifty Pounds per annum;—it being, however, clearly understood that such stipend is not to be considered in every instance sufficient, and it being still left to Presbyteries to judge whether that or any particular sum larger be suitable for the congregation to offer as a sufficient provision, in the circumstances, for the Minister.

The Synod appointed the following Committee, viz:—Dr. Cook, Mr. Muir, and Mr. McGill, to prepare regulations for the election of Clergy Reserve Commissioners to be submitted to the next meeting of the Synod, and if approved to be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor and his Executive Council with an earnest request that they receive their sanction.

The Synod appointed Hugh Allan, Esquire, of Montreal, to be a Commissioner of the Synod, under the Clergy Reserve Act, in room of the Hon. William Morris, who was appointed at last meeting of Synod, but declined acting:—and the Clerk was instructed to communicate this appointment to the Governor General, to the Board of Commissioners, and to Mr. Allan.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Returns from Presbyteries on the Model Constitution for New Churches, which was given in and read by Mr. George the Convener, along with an amended Draft of the Constitution, in which the Committee had embodied as far as practicable the various suggestions made by Pesbyteries, and being, in the opinion of the Committee, as safe and

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suitable a Constitution for New Churches as can under present circumstances be framed. The said Draft, as reported by the Committee, having been read, and still further amended, was ordered to be transmitted to Presbyteries for their opinion thereon; and the Synod, in the meantime, agreed, as an Interim Act, to adopt the same as a Model Constitution for all New Congregations admitted into this Church. The said Constitution is as follows:—

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR NEW CHURCHES.

I. The property of the Church, and all real estate belonging to, or that may hereafter be acquired by, this Congregation, shall be vested in Trustees, to be held by them and their successors in office, in Trust for the sole and proper use of the congregation of ———, adhering to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

II. The Trustees shall be persons in full communion with the Church, or who shall declare their intention of being so at the earliest opportunity. They shall be elected at a meeting of the congregation called for the purpose by public intimation after Divine service, on at least one Sabbath, ten days previous to the day of meeting. They shall be chosen by the majority of votes of the male persons present, of the full age of Twenty-one years, who are members, or adherents, of this Church, and profess their intention to support religion in this congregation, and who reside within the bounds of the same.

III. The Trustees shall hold office for five years, or until disqualified by removal from the congregation or by ceasing to be members of the Church, or until they shall resign;—provided always, that, in case an election shall not take place at the termination of five years, they shall continue to hold office till their successors in office are appointed in terms of this Constitution. After the first election, the Trustees shall be chosen by the members and adherents of the Church at a meeting called in the manner specified in the preceding section. Vacancies occurring in the number of Trustees shall be supplied in a similar manner.

IV. The persons who shall be eligible for the Office of the Ministry in this congregation shall be,—1. Any regularly ordained Minister, or duly licensed Probationer of the Prerbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.—2. Any Ministers or Probationer of the Church of Scotland.—3. Any Minister or Probationer of any Presbyterian Body holding the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, who shall be willing to take the usual ordination vows and obey the Laws and Rules of the Presbyterian

Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland; and who shall have been received as a Preacher by the Presbytery of the bounds.

V. The Minister of this Church shall be a member of the Synod, or other Supreme Court, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and shall acknowledge that Synod, or other Supreme Court, as his Supreme Ecclesiastical Indicators, so long as he shall continue to be Minister of this Church.

VI. The first Minister shall be called by a majority of votes of all male persons above Twenty-one years of age who shall be resident within the bounds of the congregation, and who profess their adherence to the Presbyterian form of worship and their willingness to join with and support this Church. But in all future calls there shall be a majority of communicants above Twenty-one years of age, of at least three months standing on the Roll, and free of Church censure, in order to render the call valid.

VII. All meetings for the election of a Minister shall be called by authority of the Presbytery, by public intimation after Divine Service, on at least one Sabbath ten days previous to the day of meeting; and all the procedure shall be in accordance with the Laws and usages of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and such regulations as the Presbytery of the bounds may adopt, agreeably to the said Laws and usages.

VIII. The temporal affairs of the Church shall be managed by a Committee of not less than five fit and proper persons, who shall be members or adherents, and who shall be styled the Managers of the Temporal affairs of the congregation. The manner of election shall be as in Article II.—A majority shall be a quorum.

IX. At the annual meeting of the congregation, the two senior managers, or the two whose names stand highest on the list, shall retire from office, and the meeting shall choose two in their room, whose names shall be placed at the foot of the list. The retiring Managers may be re-elected.

X. Any Manager who shall leave the bounds of the congregation, or cease to be a member of the Church, shall be disqualified for holding office. Casual vacancies occurring during the year, from these or any other causes, shall be temporarily supplied by the remaining Managers until the annual meeting, when the nomination shall be confirmed, or set aside, as it may seem proper to the congregation.

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XII. The proceedings of the Managers during the year shall be subject to the inspection, and to the approbation or dis-approbation, of the annual meeting of the congregation.

XIII. The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held on —. It shall be notified by public intimation, after Divine service on the preceding Sabbath, and shall consist of all male persons above Twenty-one years of age, who shall be supporters of the ordinances of religion therein. The meeting shall appoint a Chairman and Secretary from among their own number, and the proceedings shall be recorded in the Minute Book of the Managers.

XIV. At the annual meeting, the proceedings of the Managers for the past year shall be submitted for inspection, and approved of or disallowed, as shall seem proper; the accounts of revenue and expenditure by the Managers shall be laid before them; two new Managers shall be elected; and all business requisite for the welfare of the congregation shall be transacted,—provided that nothing be done repugnant to this Constitution, or to the Laws of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

XV. The Precentor shall be appointed by the Kirk Session, and the Church Officer by the Managers.

XVI. In regard to all things not specified herein, the Laws, customs, and usages of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, shall be followed;—and if any difference of opinion arise, as to the meaning or interpretation of any part of this Constitution, it shall be referred to the Presbytery of the bounds for advice and decision thereon, subject to appeal to the Synod, or other Supreme Court, whose deliverance shall be final.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture anent rescinding the Resolution of Synod, in 1842, in regard to grants of money from the Colonial Committee for the

building of Churches. The Synod, having maturely considered the said Overture, adopted the same, and ordained in terms thereof as follows:—Whereas the Synod, in 1842, considering the urgent necessity for the extension of Missionary labour in the Colonies, passed a Resolution, declaring it inexpedient that any portion of the Funds that the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland might see fit to grant to this Church should be applied to Church building or any other purpose than the support of Ministers and Missionaries, it is hereby resolved that, in consequence of the altered circumstances of the Ministers of this Church in regard to support, the afore-mentioned Resolution, of 1842, be rescinded;—that grants, or any portion of them, from the Colonial Committee, may be applied to the building of Churches and the acquiring of fixed property, with the concurrence of the donors;—that all correspondence with the Colonial Committee in regard to such grants shall be carried on solely by the Synod or their Commission;—that all applications from congregations for any such grants, previously to their being transmitted to the Synod or their Commission for approval, shall have the sanction and recommendation of the Presbytery of the bounds;—and that the Commission of Synod be authorized to draw up Regulations, in conformity with which any money so granted may be expended.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture on the subject of Temperance. The Synod, having duly considered the same, agreed to renew the instructions of the Synod in 1841, on that subject.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on a Ministers' Widows' Fund, which was given in and read by Mr. Cruickshank. The Synod had long reasoning on the subject, when it was agreed to defer the decision until Monday.

The Synod then adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock;—and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

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

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

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The Synod resumed consideration of the subject of a Ministers' Widows' Fund, and, after mature deliberation, resolved—

1. That it is expedient to establish a Ministers' Widows' Fund.
2. That to the success and stability of such an institution an Act of the Provincial Parliament is necessary, rendering compulsory the payment of the rate fixed on Ministers receiving Government allowance,—incorporating the Managers,—and enabling them to hold property to the amount of at least £1000 a-year.
3. That any such Act should fix the rate chargeable on Ministers at £3 per annum.
4. That the Managers should be one-third Ministers and two-thirds Laymen—appointed by the Synod—twelve in number—and one Minister and two laymen to retire annually, but to be eligible for re-election.
5. That the Managers shall have full power to fix the scale of annuities payable to Widows, and to conduct the whole business of the Institution.
6. That the following be the Managers whose names shall be engrossed in the Bill, viz., the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., the Rev. John Cook, D.D., the Rev. Walter Roach, the Rev. Robert McGill, and Alexander Simpson, Hew Ramsay, Thomas Wilson, William Whiteford, William Edmonstone, Hugh Montgomery, John Greenshields, and Andrew Shaw, Esquires.
7. That a Petition be prepared to the three branches of the Legislature for such an Act,—and that the Presbytery of Montreal be instructed to prepare the draft of an Act in terms of these Resolutions, and to take all competent measures to have it passed into a Law :—said draft to be approved by the Commission, before it be presented to Parliament.
8. That the proposed Managers be a Committee to procure subscriptions to the Fund :—the said Committee to begin their labour now, or after the Act is obtained, as they see meet.

Mr. Lambie dissented from this deliverance.

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

the Clerk to attest the Records of these several Presbyteries as correctly and carefully kept.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report anent the formation of a Lay Association, and agreed to record their approbation of the following suggestions contained in the report, viz. 1. That all the Office-bearers of the Church ought to use all due means in order to promote the formation of a Provincial Association in its support. 2. That the support of Missions, the purchase of Glebes, the erection of Churches, the endowment of Schools, assistance to young men studying for the Ministry, and the circulation of the Scriptures, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the larger and shorter Catechisms, and other useful publications, may be among the objects of the Association. 3. That every subscriber should have full power to appropriate his subscription to one or more of those objects exclusively, or to leave his subscription to be appropriated by the Committee of Management;—and that a proportion of the unappropriated subscriptions should be retained, by Branch or Auxiliary Associations, for local purposes, subject to such regulations as may be agreed upon by the Provincial Association. 4. That, if the Members of the Montreal Association should unite with the Office-bearers of the Church in the attempt to form a Provincial Association, a Central Board ought to be formed in Montreal—a Branch Association at the seat of each of the Presbyteries—and an Auxiliary Association in every Township. The Synod further appointed Mr. James Lambie, Mr. James George, the Hon. Judge McLean, and John Cameron, Esquire, to be a Committee to communicate with the Montreal Association, and endeavour to obtain their co-operation in the formation of a Provincial Association.

The Address to the Queen was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod; and the Synod directed it to be transmitted through his Excellency the Governor General. The Address is as follows:—

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:—

We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, embrace this opportunity of renewing the expression of our sincere and devoted attachment to your Majesty's royal person and government.

We render thanks to the Giver of all Good for the happy birth of a Princess; and we pray that upon her and all the members of your illustrious house, He may shower down His best and richest blessings.

It is a subject of heartfelt gratitude, that through the goodness of an overruling Providence and the wisdom of your Majesty's counsels, the threatened dangers of war have been averted, and the unspeakable blessings of peace, we hope, permanently secured.

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That Almighty God may long preserve your Majesty's life, a life so dear to your subjects in every quarter of the world; that He may endow you more and more with every heavenly grace and princely virtue; that He may bestow upon you every true blessing; and finally grant you an eternal and unfading crown, is our sincere and fervent prayer.

Signed at Kingston, this Thirteenth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Six Years;— in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

GEORGE ROMANES, Moderator.

The Address to his Excellency the Governor General was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod; and it was ordered to be presented by the Ministers of Montreal, and such Members of the Church in Montreal as they may see meet to associate with them. The Address is as follows:—

To his Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honourable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, K. C. B., Governor General of British North America, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of her Majesty's Forces in British North America.

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, beg leave to offer our congratulations on your Excellency's accession to the government of the Provinces of British North America.

We cherish, with undiminished force, our sentiments of attachment to the institutions and government of Britain, and our feelings of loyalty and affection to our gracious and beloved Sovereign.

We rejoice in the prevalence of internal tranquillity and external peace. Deeply impressed with a sense of the evils of dissension, whether civil or religious, it is our constant desire and endeavour to promote among all classes of the community, harmony, amity, and good will; and to inculcate the divine command, to lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

We humbly trust that it may please Divine Providence to prosper your Excellency's administration of public affairs, and to crown with abundant success all the measures that you may adopt for advancing the prosperity of these provinces. And we doubt not but your Excellency will, in every proper way, afford your countenance and support to the cause of religion, as that is the source of all true virtue, and the best guarantee of social order and happiness.

Signed at Kingston, this Thirteenth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Six Years:—
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GEORGE ROMANES, *Moderator.*

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed at last meeting to make arrangements for furnishing supply of sermon to the vacant congregations in the West, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton:—The Report was given in and read by Dr. Liddell, the Convener of the Committee, bearing that the Committee had been chiefly indebted to Mr. Romanes and Mr. McKid for services rendered in the West;—that they had both preached, at different times, at Hamilton, Saltfleet, Ancaster, Galt, and Guelph, and that Mr. McKid had also preached at Stratford, North Easthope, Goderich, Amherstburgh, Woodstock, and London;—that in all these places, as well as others, there were large congregations of the adherents of the Church anxious to obtain the services of Ministers or Missionaries in connection with the Synod;—that, at several places, Mr. McKid had baptised a considerable number of children, and, at Galt, had administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 149 Communicants, of whom 15 were new Communicants;—that the Churches at Amherstburgh and Fergus had been recovered from the Seceders;—and that at Fergus a congregational meeting for devotional exercises on the Sabbath had been commenced by Mr. Fordyce, an Elder of the Church, at which there was a very numerous attendance. The Synod expressed their satisfaction with the labors of the Committee and the several Ministers who gave supply;—and ordered the Report to be kept *in retentis*. It was also resolved that the thanks of the Synod be given to those gentlemen who have exerted themselves for the recovery or preservation of the property of the church.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Memorial from the congregation at Goderich, very numerously signed, declaring their adherence to this Synod,—stating that they had erected a church and were anxious to secure the regular services of a Minister among them,—and praying the Synod to render them all necessary assistance. The same having been read, the Synod

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The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture anent the reception of ministers. The Synod, having fully considered the said Overture, adopted the same, and ordained in terms thereof, as follows:—"Whereas there is at present a great and lamentable want of Ministers, and, from the laudable desire on the part of Presbyteries to supply the congregations under their care, destitute of fixed Pastors, with the stated dispensation of ordinances, there is reason to fear that Presbyteries might be disposed to settle Ministers with undue haste:—And whereas the circumstances of the Church at all times, but more especially at present, call for the exercise of the greatest care and faithfulness on the part of Presbyteries in settling Ministers over vacant charges,—the Synod enjoin Presbyteries to take special care in settling Ministers, that they be men of great prudence, undoubted piety, and highly respectable ministerial gifts; and, further, not to ordain or settle Ministers coming from other Churches, whatsoever be their credentials, without having first submitted the whole case to the Synod or their Commission."

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to conduct the French Mission in Lower Canada, which was given in and read by Dr. Mathieson, the Convener; and the Synod spent some time in considering the affairs of the said Mission.

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

DIET VI.

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

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

The minutes were read and sustained.

The Synod having called for the report of the Finance Committee, Mr. Cameron, the Synod Treasurer, reported, on behalf of the Committee, as to the payments made to the Synod Fund, the claims on the Fund, and the arrears due. The Synod ordered the claims to be paid,

so far as the funds admit, and instructed the Clerk to call upon those in arrears to remit the same to the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries, or to the Treasurer at Toronto, immediately.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee, appointed at last meeting, to enquire into the manner in which Church Property was held; which was given in, and read, by Mr. Lambie, the Convener, detailing the extent to which the enquiry had been already made, and offering, for the consideration of the Synod, a number of recommendations and suggestions as to the manner in which the enquiry ought to be carried out. The Synod highly commended Mr. Lambie's diligence, and approved of the suggestions contained in the Report;—re-appointed the former Committee, viz., Mr. James Lambie (Convener), Mr. James George, Mr. Andrew Bell, John Cameron, Esquire, the Hon. James Crooks, and Dr. Craigie, with the addition of Dr. Mathieson, and Hugh Allan, Esquire, with instructions to make a more full and minute enquiry concerning the Property of the Church without delay, and to prosecute their enquiries agreeably to the suggestions contained in the Report, and now approved of;—and the Synod also enjoin Presbyteries, Ministers, Trustees of Church Property, or other parties in connection with the Church, to whom the Committee may apply, to furnish the Committee with such statements, copies of documents, or other information, as may be required by them, and to afford them every facility in the fulfilment of this appointment. The Synod, further, instruct Presbyteries not to authorise congregations to solicit aid in the erection of Churches till satisfactory deeds, or legal bonds for satisfactory deeds, of the sites on which these Churches are to be erected, shall have been obtained and laid upon their tables,—and, generally, to take care that property acquired by congregations be properly secured. The Synod, also, appointed Mr. James Lambie, the Hon. Judge McLean, and John Cameron, Esquire, a Committee to prepare Drafts of a Model Deed and Memorial, to submit them as soon as possible to the Commission of Synod for their consideration, and to report them to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod, having had their attention called to the difficulty experienced by their Clerk in making up the returns he is from time to time called upon to make, enjoin the Clerks of Presbyteries, immediately on any alteration taking place in the Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, whether in the case of admission, translation, demission, or death, to intimate the same, with the date thereof, to the Clerk of Synod, without delay.

The Synod, having resumed consideration of the Report on the French Mission, given in by Dr. Mathieson on a former day, sustained the said

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Report, and ordered it to be printed and circulated throughout the Church with as little delay as possible. The Synod, further, agreed to declare their perfect confidence in the management of the Mission by the Committee, and to offer the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Mathieson and the Committee, for the diligence, ability, and devotedness with which they have carried on the work entrusted to them. The Synod re-appointed the Members of the Presbytery of Montreal to be a Committee to carry on the French Mission in Lower Canada—Dr. Mathieson to be Convener, and Mr. Simpson to be Vice-Convener;—and enjoin Ministers and Sessions to bring the claims of this interesting and important Mission before their congregations, and afford them an opportunity of contributing towards its support.

The Board of Trustees of Queen's College, Kingston, having intimated to the Synod that they had appointed the following additional Members of Synod to carry on the work of instruction in Queen's College, viz., the Rev. John Machar, as Principal and Primarius Professor of Theology, the Rev. James George, as Professor of Systematic Theology, the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, as Professor of Biblical Criticism and Church History, and the Rev. George Romanes, as Professor of Classical Literature and Moral Philosophy, the Synod enjoined the Presbyteries of Toronto, Glengary, and Bathurst, to give effect to the appointments of the Board of Trustees, by giving the said Ministers, who are within their bounds, leave of absence from their charges for the necessary time during the College Session, and supplying their pulpits during their absence.

The Synod enjoined the Commission to prepare petitions to the several branches of the Legislature, on the subject of King's College, in terms of the former Petitions of the Synod on that subject, and to have the same presented in name of the Synod.

It was unanimously resolved to offer the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Machar and his congregation, who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Synod on the present occasion.

The Synod instructed the Clerks of Presbyteries to transmit to the Synod Clerk, at least ten days before the next meeting of Synod, all Overtures and other important papers to be brought before the Synod;—and instructed the Clerk and such members of the Commission of Synod as can be conveniently associated with him, to arrange and prepare the business as far as possible previously to the meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed Mr. George Romanes, *Moderator*, and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Clerk of Synod*; and from the *Presbytery of Toronto*, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. James Lambie,

Mr. John Barclay, *Ministers*; Mr. Joseph McBride, Mr. John Cameron, *Elders*:—*From the Presbytery of Montreal*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Dr. John Cook, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. Robert McGill, *Ministers*; Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. R. H. Norval, Mr. John Thompson, Mr. William Greig, Mr. Donald Duff, the Hon. Peter McGill, *Elders*:—*From the Presbytery of Glengary*, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John Maclaurin, Mr. Thomas McPherson, *Ministers*; the Hon. John McGilivray, Mr. James Pringle, Mr. Alexander McMartin, Mr. Angus Cattanach, *Elders*:—*From the Presbytery of Hamilton*, Mr. William King, Mr. George McClatchey, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. Alexander McKid, *Ministers*; Mr. Timothy Cooper, Mr. John McFarland, the Hon. James Crooks, Mr. Walter Cowan, Mr. Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, *Elders*:—*From the Presbytery of Bathurst*, Mr. William Bell, Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. George Bell, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, *Ministers*; Mr. Archibald Petrie, Mr. John Lockhart, Mr. George Malloch, *Elders*:—*And from the Presbytery of Kingston*, Mr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. James Williamson, *Ministers*; Mr. John Mowat, and Mr. George Davidson, *Elders*. To BE COMMISSIONERS of this Synod, to the effect after mentioned; with power to the said Commissioners, or their quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Five of the said Commissioners, whereof Three are always to be Ministers, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, at Toronto, on the First Wednesday in October, at Twelve o'clock, Noon;—in St. Andrew's Church, at Montreal, on the Second Wednesday in February, at Twelve o'clock, Noon;—and in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on the First Wednesday in June, at Twelve o'clock, Noon;—and oftener, when and where they shall think fit and convenient:—And the Synod fully empower their said Commissioners, or their quorum above mentioned, to transact all business referred to them by this Synod, and to determine in the same as they shall see cause,—also to attend to such emergent cases as may require immediate action on the part of the Church,—and to watch over the general interests of the Church, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent:—Further, the said Commission is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Presbyteries, and ripen such affairs for next Synod,—and to give all needful advice to Presbyteries, upon application to them for that end:—And in all their actings, they shall proceed according to the Laws of the Church, and they shall be accountable for the same to next meeting of Synod. And this Commission is to continue until the next meeting of Synod; and members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission:—And for the better securing a full attendance of members on the Commission, the Synod prohibit any of the Presbyteries from meeting

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The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's
 Church, in the City of Toronto, on the Second Wednesday in September,
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The Moderator then addressed the Synod;—when, after prayer and
 singing Psalm cxxii. 6—9, the Synod was closed with the Apostolical
 Benediction.

APPENDIX.

MEMORANDA, FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Presbytery of Toronto.

- November 18, 1845.* Mr. John P. Chambers, from the Presbytery of Belfast, admitted a Probationer.
- January 27, 1846.* Rev. Alexander Ross, of Woolwich, inducted Minister of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil.
- February 17, 1846.* Rev. Samuel Porter, admitted as a Probationer within the bounds of the Presbytery.
- April 29, 1846.* Rev. Samuel Porter, admitted Minister of Clarke and Hope.

Presbytery of Montreal.

- August 6, 1845.* Mr. Alexander Wallace, of Queen's College, licensed to preach.
- October 1, 1845.* Mr. Alexander Wallace ordained at Huntingdon.
- November 5, 1845.* Rev. Robert McGill inducted to the charge of St. Paul's, Montreal.
- November 6, 1845.* Rev. John Robb's demission of the charge of Chambly accepted.
- May 6, 1846.* Rev. Thomas Scott appointed to act as ordained Missionary at Beech Ridge.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

- September 17, 1845.* Rev. Robert McGill demits the Pastoral charge of Niagara.
- October 16, 1845.* Rev. John Cruickshank admitted Minister of Niagara.
- December 23, 1845.* Rev. Alexander Ross, of Woolwich, translated to West Gwillimbury.
- January 14, 1846.* Rev. Alexander McKid inducted to the Pastoral charge of the congregations of Hamilton, Saltfleet, Ancaster, and Dundas.

Presbytery of Bathurst.

- October 8, 1845.* Rev. John Cruickshank, of Brockville, translated to Niagara.
- October 29, 1845.* Mr. William Bain ordained Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Perth.

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November 26, 1845. Rev. Alexander McKid, of Bytown, translated to Hamilton.

January 29, 1846. Rev. John McMorine, of Melbourne, inducted Minister of Ramsay.

May 13, 1846. Rev. John Robb, from the Dutch Reformed Church, called to Dalhousie.

May 29, 1846. Rev. John Robb inducted Minister of Dalhousie.

Presbytery of Kingston.

July 9, 1845. Mr. William Bain, of Queen's College, licensed to preach.

November 5, 1845. Rev. P. C. Campbell, having been inducted Minister of Caputh, in Scotland, ceases to be a Member of Presbytery.

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