

MINUTES

OF THE

**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection
with the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal, the
7th day of August, and concluded the 11th
day of August, 1834 years.**

SESSION IV.

DIET I.

*At Montreal, and within St. Gabriel Street Church there,
the Seventh day of August, One Thousand Eight
Hundred and Thirty-four years :*

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt, Messieurs Alexander Mathieson, Edward Black, Walter Roach, John McKenzie, Archibald Connel and Alexander McNaughton, *Ministers.*

The Moderator, the Rev. John Machar, not having appeared, Mr. Alexander Mathieson, Moderator of last Synod, took the chair, and in the absence of the Clerk, Mr. John Mackenzie was appointed Clerk *pro tempore.*

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

DIET II.

St. Gabriel Street, Montreal, 8th August, 1834.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt, Messieurs Alexander Mathieson, Edward Black, Walter Roach, John McKenzie, Archibald Connel, Alexander McNaughton and George Romanes, *Ministers.*

The Minutes of last Sederunt having been read, Mr. Thomas Blackwood presented his commission from the Session of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, and Mr. James Fleming presented his commission from the Session of St. Andrew's Church in the same city, which being read and sustained, Messieurs Blackwood and Fleming took their seats accordingly.

The Moderator appointed Mr. Walter Roach to preach before the Synod this day.

The Synod appointed a Diet of prayer to-morrow, at half-past Two o'clock, P. M.

A copy of the Confession of Faith, ordered to be printed by the Synod was laid upon the table, and a committee consisting of the Moderator, Messieurs Connel, Cruickshank, Roach, Romanes and Black, *Ministers*, and Mr. Thomas Blackwood, *Ruling Elder*, was appointed to collate said copy, with the copy sent to the Synod by the Clerk of the General Assembly, and to report to-morrow at Eleven o'clock—the Moderator to be Convener.

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

DIET III.

St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, 9th August, 1834.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt, Messieurs Alexander Mathieson, Edward Black, Walter Roach, John McKenzie, Archibald Connel, Alexander McNaughton, and George Romanes, *Ministers*, and Messieurs Blackwood and Fleming, *Ruling Elders*.

A letter from the Moderator, the Rev. John Machar, was read, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the present meeting of Synod, in consequence of the disease and mortality prevailing among the members of his congregation, and their request, that under present circumstances, he should remain among them. The Synod sustained the reasons assigned, and expressed their deep sympathy with him and his suffering flock, and further ordained that all Ministers belonging to this Church do, in their respective congregations, offer up supplications to Almighty God, in reference to the pestilence now in these Provinces, and the Clerk was instructed to notify every Minister accordingly.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, and the Rev. Archibald Connel was duly elected to that office.

The Minutes of last Synod having been read, the Clerk was ordered to correct the following inaccuracies: "The second Sederunt, Mr. John Strange, *Elder*, added to the Sederunt of yesterday, and in the third Sederunt, Mr. W. D. Millar, added to the Sederunt of yesterday," delete in both these Minutes the words "of yesterday." In the third

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Mr. Mathieson complained that his reasons of dissent from the motion of Mr. Rintoul, of last Synod, on the subject of the union, although given in due time, have not been entered on the records of the Synod, and craved leave to take up the subject at next meeting. Mr. McKenzie gave in his adherence to this dissent.

The Synod appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, consisting of all the Ministers present, to meet on Monday morning, and to report the same day :—the Moderator to be Convener.

The Moderator appointed Messieurs McNaughton and Roach to preach to-morrow in St. Gabriel Street Church ; Messieurs Romanes and Cruickshank to preach in St. Andrew's Church, and Mr. Romanes to preach to Mr. Black's congregation.

The Synod adjourned till Monday, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A. M., and was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, 11th August, 1834.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer:

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read.

Mr. Mathieson was appointed to sit with the Presbytery of Bathurst at their meeting at twelve o'clock to form a quorum.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Report, and, in terms thereof, the Synod called for the Reports of the Presbytery of Quebec on the business entrusted to it, which were given in and read ; First, a Report on the Ministers' Widows' Fund, as follows :—

"Your Committee have to report that they entered on the consideration of the subject intrusted to them, fully impressed with its importance, and the advantages which would result from the early operation of a plan to effectually secure the object in view. They have, however, to regret that, in consequence of the difficulties connected with the subject they were unable to come to any conclusions on which they could found a scheme, they could with confidence recommend to the Synod for adoption. The points to which they seemed called upon to direct their inquiries were, first, the means by which a sufficient fund could be raised for the object in view ; and, second, the equitable distribution of the fund so raised, so as, at once, to secure permanency and yield a disposable revenue proportionate to the annual income. Your Committee

did not enter on the consideration of this latter point, obviously involving many difficult and abstruse questions, for which they felt themselves incompetent, nor did they seek for information from sources fitted to yield them that accurate knowledge of the subject on which they might have based some scheme for the consideration of the Synod, for they were persuaded that till the difficulties were removed in which the first point of consideration was involved, it would be labour lost to bestow much attention on this subject, the practical utility of which depended entirely on the regularity and extent to which the annual contributions can be raised. In directing their attention to this point, the difficulties which attended it appeared to your Committee insuperable in the present state of the Synod. A voluntary compact among such a number of individuals as the Synod is at present composed of, to pay a stated sum annually for the purpose of raising a suitable fund is hardly to be expected, and even those who would enter into such a compact were likely to be in arrears constantly to the fund, from the uncertainty and irregularity with which in many instances their own salaries are paid. This circumstance, taken in connection with the tardiness in making voluntary contributions which the history of similar institutions shows to be natural to the generality of men, would render the income precarious and fluctuating. If the fund is to be raised from the contributions of the clerical members of the Synod, it appears to your Committee that an Act of the Provincial Parliament must first be obtained, by which the Synod could enforce the regular annual contributions of the members composing the body. This power, however, your Committee are of opinion, cannot at present be granted to the Synod, as it is in no shape recognized by the laws of the land as a corporate body. They would therefore recommend as an indispensable preliminary step, that measures be taken to obtain a judicial recognition of our Church Courts; that a Committee be still continued to take such steps as are likely to forward the object in view, and that the consideration of the whole subject be referred to the several Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod, to mature their views upon it, and to report to the Synod's Committee, that a Report may be prepared for the Synod at next meeting, embodying as much information on this subject as in present circumstances it is possible to do."

Second,—A report on the legal recognition of Churches, as follows :

"The Committee have to Report that they entered into correspondence on this subject with the Very Rev. Principal McFarlane, through their Convener. The letters being in some measure private, and embracing other topics, no specific notice has been taken of the subject entrusted to your Committee in any of the Principal's letters to the Convener. That your Committee are in daily expectation of hearing the opinion and advice of the Rev. Principal on the subject. That your Committee further propose to enter into correspondence with the Agent who may be appointed by the Synod to take charge of the affairs of our Church in Britain; and also with John Murray, Esq., who has kindly offered his services, and with such others as may be supposed willing and able to direct aught in this matter. Your Committee have to complain that they have received no report from any of the Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod, though ordained by Act of Synod to take the subject into serious and immediate consideration, and to report to your Committee (the Presbytery of Quebec.)

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“Your Committee advise that the Synod shall continue a Committee to take charge of this business, and enjoin the several Presbyteries to take the subject into consideration and report without delay.”

Third,—A Report on Synodical Correspondence, as follows:—

“That, through their Convener, the Committee wrote to two of the Ministers in Nova Scotia on the subject intrusted to them. No answer has been received to either of these letters, which it is feared, never reached their destination, as they were sent by a private conveyance, and the gentleman to whom they were entrusted, having, as was afterwards reported, lost part of his luggage by shipwreck.”

The Synod approved of the same and re-appointed the Presbytery of Quebec as a Committee on the same business to report to next meeting; and Presbyteries were enjoined to forward to the said Committee the required documents so as to enable them to mature their business.

The Synod next called for the Petition from the Congregation of Smith's Falls, praying for assistance to enable them to build a Church, which being read, it was agreed in consideration of the circumstances of the case, to grant to Mr. George Romanes, Minister of said Congregation, to aid in the erection of a Church, the balance of the Government Grant of last year, amounting to Fifty-five Pounds currency, and the Synod instructed Mr. Machar, the former Moderator, in whose hands the balance is, to pay the sum on the conditions required by the Synod.

The following were appointed a Committee to draft a memorial to the General Assembly, viz: the Moderator, Dr. Harkness, Mr. Clugston and Mr. McKenzie, *Ministers*; and Mr. Blackwood, *Ruling Elder*, with power to add to their number.

The Moderator was requested to write to Presbyteries, enjoining them to forward without delay, their contributions to the Synod Fund.

The Committee on the collation of the Confession of Faith, gave in their report, which was read and approved of, and the Synod expressed high satisfaction with the care and diligence with which Mr. Mathieson had fulfilled the duty laid upon him, and the Moderator was requested to tender the thanks of the Synod for his important services, which was done accordingly.

The Synod referred certain papers—Nos. 3, 4 and 5, and call from the Presbytery of Toronto, to the next Meeting of Synod.

The following Committee was appointed to revise the Minutes, viz:—The Moderator and Messieurs McKenzie and McNaughton.

The Synod then adjourned till Friday, the Third of October next, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, at Eleven o'clock, A. M., and request Mr. Machar, the late Moderator, to preach at the opening of the Synod, and was closed with prayer.

MINUTES
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OF THE
**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection
with the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal, the
3rd day of October, and concluded the 9th
day of October, 1834 years.**

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SESSION IV—*Continued.*  
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DIET I.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, 3rd October, 1834.

After Sermon by the Reverend John Machar, late Moderator, from Isaiah, chapter XLVIII, verse 10, "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction," the Synod met and was constituted with prayer, by the Rev. Archibald Connel, Moderator.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Synod Roll was made up from the Presbytery Rolls given in by the Moderators, but the Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto not being present, Mr. Robert McGill, one of the Members thereof, gave in a Roll of that Presbytery from memory.*

The Synod Roll being called, there were present as follows:—

Presbytery of Toronto—Robert McGill, *Minister.*

Presbytery of Glengary—John McKenzie, Hugh Urquhart, Archibald Connel and Alexander McNaughton, *Ministers.*

* NOTE.—There was no *official* Abstract of the Minutes of either of these Meetings in Montreal, in August and October, of this year, ever printed. But in the Appendix to the Glasgow Society's next Report, there is an Abstract of the Minutes of the Meeting in Montreal in October, which, on a comparison with the Record, bears strong internal evidence of having been furnished by the Clerk, and consequently being correct. In that Abstract there is the following Roll, which, however, does not appear in the written Record:

The Rev. Archibald Connell, of Martintown, *Moderator.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

William Leach . . . Toronto.	Peter Ferguson . . . Esquesing.
Alexander Ross . . . Aldborough.	Alexander Gale . . . Hamilton.
Robert McGill . . . Niagara.	Peter McNaughton. Vaughan.
George Cheyne . . . Amherstburgh.	Henry Gordon . . . Newmarket.
James Smith Guelph.	Andrew Bell Toronto Township.
William Stewart . . . Galt.	James George Scarborough.
Mark Y. Stark Dundas & Ancaster.	Duncan McMillan. Caledon.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

John McKenzie Williamstown.	Alex. McNaughton Lancaster.
Hugh Urquhart Cornwall.	John McIsaac Lochiel.
Archibald Connell Martintown.	Vacant , Hawkesbury.

Presbytery of Quebec—James Somerville, Henry Esson, Alexander Mathieson, Edward Black, Archibald Colquhoun, David Brown and William Mair, *Ministers*; Thomas Blackwood, James Fleming and Robert Armour, *Ruling Elders*.

Presbytery of Bathurst—John Cruikshank, John Smith and John Fairbairn, *Ministers*; and Daniel Fisher, *Ruling Elder*.

Presbytery of Kingston—John Machar and James Ketchan, *Ministers*.

It was then moved by Mr. Alexander Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. John McKenzie, that the Documents and Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, connected with the admission into said Presbytery, of the Rev. Peter Ferguson, Andrew Bell, James George and Duncan McMillan, who are not Ministers of the Church of Scotland, be laid on the table of the Synod: that a Committee be appointed to enquire whether the laws and practice of the Church of Scotland, in such cases, have been attended to, and that till such papers be laid on the table, and have received the sanction of the Synod, the said Ministers shall not be **Members** of this Synod.

The Motion was laid on the table, and the Synod adjourned till tomorrow at Ten o'clock, A. M., and was closed with prayer.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

James Somerville.....Montreal.	Duncan Moody.....Dundee.
Henry Esson.....Montreal.	David Brown.....Valcartier.
James Harkness, D. D.. Quebec.	William Mair.....Chatham.
Alex. Mathieson.....Montreal.	Vacant.....Leeds.
Edward Black.....Montreal.	Walter Roach.....Beauharnois.
John Clugston.....Quebec.	W. M. Walker.....Huntingdon.
Vacant.....Chateauguay.	John Taylor.....Lachine.

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

John Cruikshank.....Bytown.	John Smith.....Beckwith.
Thomas C. Wilson.....Perth.	John Fairbairn.....Ramsay.
William McAlister.....Lanark.	George Romanes.....Smith's Falls.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

John Machar.....Kingston.	T. Alexander.....Colborne.
Vacant.....Belleville.	John Rogers.....Peterborough.
James Ketchan.....Cobourg.	

ELDERS.

Hon. John Hamilton...Niagara.	C. Grey Stewart (St. Andw's) Quebec.
John McGillivray.....Williamstown.	A. Haddan.....(St. John) Quebec.
Hon. Arch'd. McLean.Cornwall.	William Brown.....Valcartier.
T. Blackwood. (St. Gabriel) Montreal.	Daniel Fisher.....Bytown.
J. Fleming..(St. Andrew's) Montreal.	Joseph Bruce.....Kingston.
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DIET II.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, 4th October, 1834.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

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The Minutes of last Meeting were read.

The motion laid upon the table at former Sederunt was then read and considered, when the question was put, "Record" or "not Record," it was carried by a majority of five, nine voting for "Record" and four against it.

Mr. Robert McGill declined voting, and craved leave to enter his dissent, for reasons to be given in, in due time.

The same motion was put, approve or reject, when it was moved, in amendment, by Mr. John Cruickshank and seconded by Mr. John Machar,—That since no duly attested Roll of the Members of the Presbytery of Toronto (late York) is this year presented, the Synod do, in the meantime, recognize as the Members of that Presbytery, only those Ministers whose names appear upon the Roll presented to the Synod, convened at Toronto, in August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-four.

The Roll being called, there appeared for the amendment, eight: against it, seven.

Whereupon the amendment was declared to be carried.

The Synod then appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, viz:—The Moderator, and Messieurs Robert McGill, Alexander Mathieson, Hugh Urquhart, John McKenzie, John Machar, and John Cruickshank, *Ministers*; and Messieurs Thomas Blackwood, James Fleming and Daniel Fisher, *Ruling Elders*, with instructions to report on Monday next at One o'clock, P. M.

The Clerk moved for the appointment of a Committee to examine the Synod Records and papers, when the following Committee was appointed, viz:—The Moderator, Messieurs Machar, Cruickshank, Mathieson, and Mair, with instructions to report during the present Meeting.

The Records of the different Presbyteries were ordered to be laid on the table, and the following Committees were appointed to examine them, viz:—

First. Messieurs Mathieson, Machar and Smith, *Ministers*; and James Fleming, *Ruling Elder*, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Second. Messieurs Smith, McKenzie and Ketchan, *Ministers*; and Mr. Daniel Fisher, *Ruling Elder*, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Third. Messieurs McNaughton, Mair and Brown, *Ministers*; and Mr. Blackwood, *Ruling Elder*, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst.

Fourth. Messieurs Urquhart, Colquhoun and Smith, *Ministers*; and Mr. James Fleming, *Ruling Elder*, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston.

Fifth. Messieurs Mathieson, Cruickshank and Machar, *Ministers*; and Mr. Thomas Blackwood, *Ruling Elder*, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary.

The first on the list of each of these Committees to be Conveners:— to report on Wednesday next at Ten o'clock, A. M.

The Synod, in consequence of the dispensation of the Lord's Supper in the Churches of this city, to-morrow, and Divine Service on Monday forenoon, adjourned till One o'clock on that day, and was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, 6th October, 1834.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read.

The Minutes of the Commission were called for, read and approved of, and the draft of the Memorial to the Committee of the General Assembly, which had not been sent, was referred to the Committee of the Synod appointed to draw up a Memorial to next General Assembly.

The advice of the General Assembly's Committee on the Memorial of Mr. Colin Gregor, referred to the Assembly's Committee by the Synod of last year, was produced and read as follows:—

“An application from the Synod of Canada respecting a Petition from the Inhabitants of L'Orignal, and from Mr. Colin Gregor, a native of Scotland, and preacher in the Congregational Church, praying that he may be licensed and ordained as Minister at L'Orignal was laid before the Committee. The Committee are of opinion that it would be unwise in the Synod to comply with this request, in as much as the said Mr. Colin Gregor appears never to have received any regular education, as to license him would be acting in direct opposition to the recommendation of last General Assembly; and as the introduction of persons situated as he is into the Church of Canada would render it impossible

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Whereupon the Presbytery of Glengary was enjoined to regulate its conduct accordingly.

The Clerk was requested to furnish the Presbytery with a copy of said advice and this deliverance upon it.

The Synod next proceeded to consider the case of Mr. David McKenzie, when there was produced and read,—First, a letter addressed to the Moderator of the Synod from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Tongue, dated Durness Manse, by Golspie, Twenty-ninth April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-four, of the following tenor :—

"Reverend Sir,—In terms of the injunctions of the Provincial Synod of Sutherland und Caithness, dated the Eighteenth day of July last, and the order of the Presbytery of Tongue, dated the third current, I have to state to you that the Rev. David McKenzie, late Minister of the Parliamentary Church of Kinlochbervie, and within the bounds of the Presbytery of Tongue, was inadvertently furnished with an extract of his ordination by the Clerk; that a fama of antenuptial fornication existed against his character, some months previous to his leaving the country, early in June last; that he was regularly served with a libel for desertion of his charge, and that in consequence thereof he was, by a sentence of the Presbytery, on the Nineteenth day of September last, deposed from the office of the Holy Ministry, and his Church declared vacant. I am, Rev. Sir, your most obedient servant, William Findlater, Clerk of the Presbytery of Tongue."

Secondly,—There was produced and read an Extract from the Minutes of the Synod of Caithness and Sutherland, dated Thurso, Eighteenth July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Three, of the following tenor :—

"Thereafter, the Synod having proceeded to privy censures, and it having been stated by the Presbytery of Tongue in answer to question first, that Mr. David McKenzie, Minister of Kinlochbervie, had left his Charge professedly with the intention of emigrating to North America for the purpose of undertaking a pastoral charge there, and it being further stated that the said Mr. David McKenzie had been furnished with an extract of his ordination while a fama existed against him. The Synod highly disapproved of said Extract having been granted by the Clerk of the Presbytery of Tongue, without the matter being considered at a meeting of said Presbytery, and hereby instruct the Presbytery of Tongue to correspond with the Presbyterian Synod in Canada, or elsewhere, as they ascertain the residence of the aforesaid Mr. David McKenzie, and to state briefly the circumstances connected with his leaving the bounds of their Presbytery, and to proceed with all due diligence in this case.

Extracted from the Records of the Provincial Synod of Caithness and Sutherland, agreeable to appointment by William McKenzie, Synod Clerk.

That the above is a true copy of the Extract is certified at Durness Manse, this Twenty-Ninth April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four, by William Findlater, Presbytery Clerk," and

Thirdly,—There was produced and read an Extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Tongue, dated Third April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four, of the following tenor:—

"Thereafter in regard to the injunction of Synod anent the Extract of Ordination given by the Clerk to Mr. David McKenzie, late Minister of Kinlochberrie. The Presbytery ordain their Clerk, without delay, to write to the Moderator of the Synod of Canada, in terms of the order of Synod. William Findlater, Presbytery Clerk."

Whereupon it was ordained, that as Mr. David McKenzie has been deposed from the office of the Holy Ministry, no Minister of the Church shall admit him to his pulpit, and that all Presbyteries use diligence to prevent him from intruding himself in the character of a Minister of this Church within their bounds: and, further, it was resolved that a respectful application shall be made through the Presbytery of Toronto, to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, to communicate on the subject with the Magistrates of the London District, and to request of them to withdraw the License to celebrate marriages which the said Mr. David McKenzie obtained from them by presenting certificates not duly obtained and authenticated.

The Synod next took up the case of Mr. Alexander Campbell, formerly Minister of the Parliamentary Church of Portnahaven, in the Presbytery of Kintyre, when it was resolved to be a matter of notoriety that the said Mr. Alexander Campbell has arrived in this country, and declares himself to be a Minister of the Church of Scotland, and as there is a *fama* that he has been deposed from his Charge for criminal conduct, the Synod cautions the several Presbyteries not to admit the said Mr. Alexander Campbell into their pulpits, and to use all diligence to prevent him from intruding himself in the character of a Minister of this Church within their bounds: and, further, the Synod instruct the Presbytery of Glengary to correspond with the Presbytery of Kintyre in Scotland, and to obtain certified extracts of the proceedings of said Presbytery, to be laid before the next meeting of this Synod.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, on the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions, was next read and considered.

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Corresponding Secretary, and the Synod unanimously agreed to request the Rev. William Rintoul to accept of this office, instructing him, in the event of his accepting the same, to report as often as convenient to all the Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod; and to present annually to the Synod a full report of all matters connected with the duties of his office; and further, the Synod agreed, in the event of his accepting this office, and discharging the duties thereof, to guarantee to him the salary of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum, trusting that the usual Government allowance may be obtained as one part of his salary, and that a gratuity of Fifty Pounds Sterling from the Glasgow Colonial Society may be obtained as another part; the balance to be defrayed from the Upper Canada Mission Fund: and further, it was agreed to instruct the next Commission to make a respectful application to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, to authorize the same allowance to Mr. Rintoul as Missionary and Corresponding Secretary, as if he were a stated Minister, so long as he shall hold this office, and the Convener of the Mission Committee was requested to write to the Glasgow Colonial Society, informing them of the views of the Synod in this appointment, and requesting them to authorize the payment of Fifty Pounds Sterling annually towards the salary of Mr. Rintoul.

There was next produced and read a letter to the Moderator from the Rev. David Tulloch, Moderator of the Provincial Synod of Ross; also an Extract from the Minutes of the Glasgow Colonial Society, respecting the Appointment of Mr. Thomas Alexander, Preacher of the Gospel, as a Missionary sent out by that Society; and further, an Extract from the Records of the Presbytery of Nairn, in favour of Mr. William McKillican, Preacher of the Gospel, a Missionary for Canada, all which were referred to the Committee on Missions. But in respect of the interest manifested by the Synod of Ross, in sending out and maintaining a Missionary to labour in this country, the Synod requested the Moderator to write respectfully to the Moderator of the Synod of Ross, and to express the grateful sense entertained by the Church of their zeal and liberality.

The following Committee were appointed to examine the state of the Synod Fund, viz:—Messieurs John Machar, Alexander Mathieson, John McKenzie, John Cruickshank and Robert McGill, *Ministers*; and Messieurs Thomas Blackwood and James Fleming, *Ruling Elders*; and in the meantime, all contributions towards this Fund are directed to be paid to Mr. John Machar. The Committee to report to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon.

The Presbyteries of Quebec, Glengary and Kingston requested leave to meet during this Session of Synod. Leave was granted.

Mr. Cruickshank was appointed to meet with the Presbytery of Kingston to constitute a quorum.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow at Twelve o'clock, noon, and was closed with Prayer.

DIET IV.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, 7th October, 1834.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and corrected.

The Synod called for the Overture of the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, on the subject of Elementary Education, which was read as follows:—

“It is respectfully overtured that the Synod take into serious consideration, the state of Elementary Education in this country, and devise such measures as will tend to place the education of the Presbyterian youth on such footing as will ground them in the principles of the Holy Christian Faith, as set forth in the standards of the Church of Scotland: That with this view, Presbyteries will endeavour to have one school at least, connected with each congregation, within the bounds, and forming part of the Ecclesiastical Constitution of each individual Church: That those schools be under the supervision and direction of the respective Presbyteries within which they may be situated, shall be at least examined annually by the Presbytery, and a report made to the Synod: That the matter being of vast importance, and requiring much time and caution to bring it into effectual operation, a Committee of Synod be appointed to take charge of it, and that it may be forwarded with all convenient speed.”

Whereupon the Synod enjoined Presbyteries to deliberate on the subject of the overture, and to report within six months to the following Committee, viz.:—Messrs. Alex. Mathieson, James Harkness, Alex. McNaughton, John Cruickshank, John McKenzie and Hugh Urquhart, *Ministers*; and Messieurs John McGillivray and Thomas Blackwood, *Ruling Elders*; Mr. Mathieson to be Convener.

The Synod next called for the report of the Committee on Memorials, when in terms of the recommendation thereof, the following drafts of the Memorials were read and approved of, viz.: first, a Memorial to the General Assembly, craving the assistance of that venerable Court to this Synod's protection and support from the Imperial Government, (see Appendix No. .)

Second. A Memorial to the General Assembly respecting the claims of this Church to endowment from the Clergy Reserves, (see Appendix No. ,) and

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The following Brethren were appointed to draw up fair copies of these Memorials, respectively to be signed by the Moderator in the name of the Synod, viz. : Messrs. Cruickshank, McKenzie and McNaughton, and it was devolved upon the Commission to forward these Memorials respectively.

Mr. David Brown objected to the second Memorial to the General Assembly, and craved leave to dissent for reasons to be given in, in due time, taking instruments in the Clerk's hands and craving extracts.

The report of the Committee on the Synod fund was produced, read, and approved of, and, in terms thereof, the several members of Synod were enjoined to pay their assessed rates within one month of this date to the Treasurer, John McLean, Esq.

The following Committee was appointed to report on the distribution of the grant of Nine Hundred Pounds Sterling, made to the Synod in Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Three, for building Churches, and also to distribute Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling, granted for the same purpose in the present year, viz. : Messrs. John McKenzie, John Machar, John Cruickshank and Alex. Mathieson, *Ministers*; and Mr. Thomas Blackwood, *Ruling Elder*; Mr. John McKenzie to be *Convener*, to report this evening at eight o'clock.

The Synod then adjourned until this evening at eight o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

The Synod resumed accordingly.

The Committee appointed to report on the distribution of the Government Grant for building Churches not being prepared to report, craved leave to sit again, which was granted, and they were ordered to report at ten o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Messrs. McNaughton, Mathieson, Ketchan, Fairbairn and McGill, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Blackwood and Fleming, *Ruling Elders*; were appointed a Committee to examine into the state of the mission fund; Mr. McNaughton to be *Convener*; to report to-morrow at one o'clock, P. M.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M., and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, 8th October, 1834.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the Synod Records and papers, which being read and approved of, the Synod, in terms thereof, appointed the Rev. Archibald Connel, engrossing Clerk of the Synod Records, and the Rev. John Cruickshank to ingross, in an appendix, such papers as the Synod shall order to be recorded, as being connected with the minutes, or as affording materials for the future History of the Church.

The Synod next called for the reports of Committees appointed to examine Presbytery Records, when the Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto, reported "That they had not received the Record, and were consequently unable to proceed with the duty assigned them."

Whereupon the Clerk was instructed to communicate to the Presbytery of Toronto, the expression of the Synod's displeasure for the omission of their duty in not forwarding said records in terms of the laws of the Church.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Quebec, Glengary and Bathurst were ordered to be attested in terms of the recommendations of the Committees that examined them.

On the report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston, the Clerk was instructed to attest the records *Cum notis*; that the meeting of Presbytery, recorded on folio fifth, and appointed to be held at Montreal is irregular, in so far as no Presbytery has the power to appoint a Meeting beyond its own bounds; and further that the Meeting of Presbytery held at Kingston on the sixth day of August, and recorded on folio seventh is irregular, in so far as it is not stated to be a *pro re nata* meeting, nor was it held at the time and place of the next ordinary meeting.

The Synod next called for the Report of the Committee on the Government Grants for Building Churches, which was produced, read and approved of, as follows:—

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To the Presbytery of Toronto, Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

To the Presbytery of Bathurst, Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Pounds.

To Smith's Fall's, by order of the Synod, in Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-Four, Fifty-Five Pounds.

To the Presbytery of Kingston, Cobourg, Seventy-Five Pounds. Colborne, Fifty Pounds.

To the Presbytery of Glengary, Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Pounds.

To Hamilton, in the Presbytery of Toronto, by order of the Commission, Fifty Pounds, in all One Thousand Pounds.

That in the Presbytery of Toronto, the following places have not yet claimed the sums allotted to them, viz:—Galt, Eighty Pounds; Zorra, Fifty Pounds; Thora and Eldon, Fifty Pounds. Total, One Hundred and Eighty Pounds.

But this amount has been placed by the Presbytery in the Bank of Upper Canada until claimed.

Of the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling, equal to Six Hundred and Eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence halfpenny, granted for the year Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-Four, the Committee recommend the following appropriations, viz:—

To the Presbytery of Kingston, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Pounds.

To the Presbytery of Glengary, One Hundred and Sixty-Five Pounds.

To the Presbytery of Bathurst, One Hundred and Nine Pounds.

To the Presbytery of Toronto, One Hundred and Fifty-Two Pounds; leaving a balance unappropriated of Sixty Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny.

An Extract of a Letter from Col. Rowan, Private Secretary to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, to the Rev. Robert McGill, was next produced and read, of the following tenor:—

“His Excellency being of opinion that it will be more satisfactory to the Synod that the whole of this Grant should be paid half-yearly to the Synod, and that the responsibility of appropriating the salaries should rest with that body, he requests that you will propose this mode for adoption to the Synod, and should it be approved of by your Ministers, His Excellency will, at their request, direct the sum of One Thousand Pounds to be paid to the Synod, or the amount of such grants as may be allowed by His Majesty's Government.”

Whereupon, the Moderators of the different Presbyteries were appointed a Committee to deliberate on this subject, and to report to the meeting of Commission in January next.

A reference from the Presbytery of Québec was next produced and read, of the following tenor:—

“That the Synod give them advice in the case of Mr. Wm. Montgomery Walker, a preacher within their bounds, who has been presented with a call and bond from the Congregation of Presbyterian inhabitants of Hinchinbrooke and neighbourhood, whose circumstances require his immediate ministerial labours, but as Mr. Walker has neglected to bring with him a certificate of License, the Presbytery crave the advice of the Synod in this matter.”

Whereupon, the Synod, while they have a strong feeling of the peculiarity of the case, and of the desirableness of Mr. Walker's speedy settlement, nevertheless decline giving the advice sought for, and remit the case to the Presbytery.

A Diet of Prayer was appointed to be held this evening in St. Andrew's Church, at half-past Seven o'clock.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow at Ten o'clock, A. M., and was closed with prayer.

DIET VI.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, 9th October, 1834.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read.

The Report of the Committees on Missions and the Mission Fund was next called for: and first, the Report of the Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Québec was read and approved, and the Clerk of the Presbytery was instructed to send a copy of this Report to the Corresponding Secretary.

Next, the Report of the Mission Committee of the Presbyteries in Upper Canada was read and approved of, and the Synod record their high sense of the faithfulness and ability with which Mr. Rintoul has discharged the duties of Provisional Superintendent of Missions, to which office he was appointed by the Presbytery of Toronto, and the Moderator was requested to intimate to Mr. Rintoul his appointment as Missionary and Corresponding Secretary, as well as the sense which the Synod entertains of his faithfulness and diligence, and further, in

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terms of the said report, the Synod appointed Mr. Thomas Alexander, a Missionary from the Glasgow Colonial Society, to act under the direction of the Presbytery of Quebec: Mr. William McKillican, sent out to this country as a Missionary, by the Presbytery of Nairn, to act under the direction of the Presbytery of Glengary: Mr. Donald McKenzie, sent out to this country as a Missionary, by the Synod of Ross, to act under the direction of the Presbytery of Toronto: it being understood that the two last shall act under this appointment until it be changed by the Corresponding Secretary, with the concurrence of the Presbyteries of Glengary and Toronto, respectively: and, further, the Synod remitted to the Presbytery of Toronto, the applications of Mr. Angus McIntosh and Mr. Robert Duncan, to be received as Missionaries, under this Synod, and recommended that Mr. Rintoul be invited to act with the Presbytery of Toronto, in the consideration of these applications.

In as much as it appears from the examination of the Treasurer's account of the Mission Fund, that several Congregations have failed to contribute towards said Fund, the Corresponding Secretary is instructed to use all diligence to enforce regularity in this particular, and to draw up, under the direction of the Committee, and print, as early as possible, a full report of Missionary operations in Canada, in connection with this Church during the past year, and the plans and prospects of the Committee for the year ensuing, and to forward a liberal supply of said reports to Clerks of Presbyteries, that the same may be distributed for the information of our congregations.

The following Mission Committee was appointed, viz.:—Messrs. Robert McGill, John McKenzie, John Smith, John M. Rogers, with their respective Elders, and the Corresponding Secretary, *ex officio*: Mr. McGill, *Convener*.

Next there was produced and read a reference from the Presbytery of Quebec, craving advice as to whether the records of the session of St. Gabriel Street Church, from the first day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-two, until the sixth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty, being contained only in a stitched blotter, should be considered regular records, and whether they should be transcribed into a bound book.

Whereupon the Synod referred the said documents to the consideration of the Presbytery of Bathurst, to report to next meeting of Synod.

There being no Report from the Committee on Calls and the Constitution of Churches, the Committee was re-appointed, with instructions to report to next Synod, and Presbyteries were again enjoined to take

this subject into their consideration, and to report within four months to Mr. McGill, the Convener of said Committee.

The Presbytery of Quebec was re-appointed a Committee to prepare reports on the legal recognition of Churches; on the formation of a Ministers' Widows' Fund; and on a Synodical Correspondence with other Presbyteries and Synods in British North America, in communion with the Church of Scotland.

The Commission was instructed to consider the subject of Annual Returns, on which the Commission of last year has omitted to report, and as early as possible to submit a scheme to Presbyteries, that the Commission may be prepared to report to next meeting of Synod.

On the recommendation of the Committee appointed to print the Confession of Faith, it was ordained that the Synod Clerk should provide a copy of said Confession for the use of the Synod, to be bound in rough calf, with blank leaves, and every Presbytery and Session was enjoined to procure a similar copy, and in order to secure against loss in printing this edition, the price charged for each copy bound as aforesaid, was ordered to be fifteen shillings.

An Overture transmitted through the Committee of Bills and Overtures of the following tenor, was read:—

“That since sufficient time has been allowed to the Ministers of the United Synod of Upper Canada to take the necessary steps for obtaining admission into the Synod, in terms of the resolution passed on the subject in Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-three, the Synod deem it expedient for the interest of religion, and the prosperity of this Church, that such resolution should continue longer in force, and further, that the Synod memorialize the General Assembly in the most respectful but urgent manner, soliciting that such members of the United Synod as may have been already admitted in terms of said resolution, be recognized as Ministers of this Church,” which being approved, the Commission was instructed to draw up a petition, in terms thereof, to the next General Assembly, to be transmitted through the Committee on Colonial Churches.

The following Standing Commission was appointed, viz.:—Messrs. William Stewart, John Machar, John Cruickshank, Alexander McNaughton, Alexander Mathieson, *Ministers*: together with the Moderator and Clerk *ex officio*, and the Hon. Archibald McLean, the Hon. John Hamilton, John McGillivray, and Robert Armour, Esqrs., *Elders*.

The Synod instructed the Commission to draw up an Address of Thanks to the King for the additional grant to the Synod of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, sterling, for the building of Churches, and to request His Excellency, Sir John Colborne, to transmit the same to be laid before His Majesty.

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The Commission was further instructed to watch the progress of any Bills which may be introduced into the Colonial Legislatures on the subject of education, and, if necessary, to present petitions on the same.

The Moderator was requested to write, in the name of the Synod, to the Very Rev. Dr. Duncan McFarlane, Principal of the University of Glasgow College, and to John Murray, Esq., Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh, expressing our gratitude for the interest they have taken in promoting the welfare of the Synod of Canada, and also for the kind offer which they have made to continue to render it every assistance in their power.

The Commission was appointed to meet immediately after the adjournment of Synod, and again at Martintown on the third Wednesday of January next, and also on the third Wednesday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M.

The following Committee was appointed to revise the Minutes, viz.:—Messrs. Hugh Urquhart, John Cruickshank, Alex. Mathieson, and John McKenzie, and report this evening, at nine o'clock.

A letter from Hart, Logan & Co., craving the payment of Sixty Pounds from the Synod, was referred to the Presbytery of Quebec, with a recommendation to use means for liquidating the same.

The Synod then adjourned till nine o'clock this evening, and was closed with prayer.

The Synod resumed accordingly, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Committee appointed to revise the Minutes, reported that they had done so; and the Synod re-appointed the same Committee to superintend, with the assistance of the Clerk, the printing of the Minutes of this Session of Synod for the use of the Church.

The Synod then appointed its next meeting to be held at Williamstown, on the third Wednesday of September next, and within the Church there, at twelve o'clock, noon, and was closed with prayer.