## MINUTES

OF

## THE FIFTH SESSION

OF

## THE SYNOD

OF

## THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

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*Wm. Taylor, D D
*W. B. Clark...
Thomas Henry...
*Jas. Watson, A. M.
*Daniel Gordon...
*A. F. Kemp, A.H.,
${ }^{\circ}$ Duncan Cmeron..
John Anderson.
*Jas. MeConechy..
${ }^{J}$. Cromble, A.M.
${ }^{-}$Peter Currie...

* Alex. Young
*Alex. Allan.
*Adam F. McQueen,
*John Milloy
*John Mackie
*John McKay.
*D. H. MeVicar....
*D. Paterson, A.
*Walter Coulthard...
*Robert Binnie.....
*John Eadie.
*John Irvine..........
*John MoDonald
*John M. Gibson, B ORDAINZD
missionaries.
David Hlack.
P. D. Muir, B. A....

Thomas Feawick.
Vacant
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## Late Beanport, Stone

*William Aitkey... 0
*S. C. Fraser, A. M... $\mathbf{M}$ Thomas Wardrofe..A
John McKinnon.... F
Jas. B. Duncan......J
t J. L. Gourlay, A. M.M
${ }^{4}$ David Wardrope ...J
4 James Whyte......N
*William McKenzie.. n
*Johu KicEwen..... S
*Joseph White......
Vacant.
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# ROLL OF THE SYNOD 

## THE CANADA PRESBYTLRIAN CHURCH.

## (The Names of ihose Present are marled with an Asterisk.)

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.
MINISTERS. DATE OF

* A. Henderson ORDINAT ON
*Wm. Taylor, D D., Mat. 30, 1810
${ }^{*}$ W. W. Taylor, D D, Mar, 29, $1831 \ldots$....J. C. Becket...... Montreal

Thomas Henry.......ep. 1840.....James Hossack... Uuebec............................ Quebee,

${ }^{*}$ Daniel Gordon... Oot. $1849 \ldots .$. Male'm MeGregor.Indian Lands................... Athintingdon, C. E.

Duncan Cmeron...Mar. 4, 1854....*Arch. McNab...... Lochiel ...................Montreal.
John Anderson... Oct. 11, 1854..... Dirch. McNab...-Lochiel ............................. Dochiel, C. W.
*Jas. MoConechy ...Mar. 18, $1855 . . .$. .......................Leeds

${ }^{*}$ Aletex. Currie.......Feb. 9, 1856..... Robt. NcKillican...Vankleekhill....................Inverness, C. E.

*Alex. Allan .........Feb. 26, 1858........................English hiver............. Howiez, C. E,





*Walter Coulthard...Nov. 22, 1860......JJohn Metregor.-St. Andrews................... St. Andrews, C. E.
*Robert Binnie.....May 29, 1861 ............................. New Glas de Gonzaque.. Valleyfield, U. $\mathbf{E}$.

*John Irvine................................................................................................. Lachute Isles .


ORDAINZD
Montreal ...................... Montreal.
missionaries.
David Hlack.......Sep. 1837
Thomas Feowick...Oct. 30, 1861
Chateauguay
Hontreal,
Vacant.................................................... Metis............................ Montreal.
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. . .................................................................................
..Dunham
..Farnh ${ }^{\text {m }}$ $\qquad$ Fainham Centre
 Lake Beanport, Stoneham, Portneuf, New Carlisle. Harriogton, Sherbronke, Kenuebec. Fiamptop,

Alexander Young, Joint Clerk of Presbytery. PREGBYTERY OF OTTAWA.
*William Aitken... Oct.
*S. C. Fraser, A. M... Mar.
Thomas Wardrope.,Aug.
John McKinnon....Feb.
Jas. B Duncan.....July
J. L. Gounlay, A. M. Ma:
${ }^{2}$ David Wardrope ...June
tJames White.......Nov.
*William McKenzie.. ${ }^{2}$ ec.
\#Johu McEwen.....Sep.
*Joseph White.......Aug.


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${ }^{*}$ W. H. Dunaing ..Cumberland

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

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cosgregations.
POST OPFICES.
Robert Boyd, D.D ...Feb. 8, 1821.................................Without charge...............Prescott.
Wm. Lochead.........Dec., 1830
*John Morrison........May 12, 1829 .
*Will Waddington $\qquad$ Waddington, N. Y.
*William Ferrie, A.M.....................................................Prescott..........................Prescott.
John C. Quin..........Sep., 1850 ....... Waiter Ker.........Kemptville...................................
*J. K. Smith, A.M.....Jan. 13, 1853...... Dr. Edmondson...Brock ville ....................Brockville.
*Robert McK enzie............ ..............*Rev. A. Melville...South Gower \& MountainSouth Gower.
*William Bennett............................... George Johnston.. W inchester...................Winchester.
E. W. Garner....................................... William Elliot....Spencerville \&c..................Spencerville.
E. W. Garner.. Richard Markell..Osnabruck...
Richard Coleman. Yonge and Lyn
Westport.
Williamsburgh
Merrickville.
Fiuch.
J. K. Sxirn, A.M., Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

*William smart.......Apr. 11, 1811.................................Without charge...............Gananoque.
*James Macintosh....July 30, 1828...... Samuel Girvin.....Amherst Island...............Amherst Island. Henry Gordon........May 14, 1833...... Arch'd Ramsey ...Gananoque.......................Gananoque.
*Patrick Gray.........Sep., 1846...... Alex. Macalister...Kingston, Chalmers Ch...Kingston.
Hobert C. Swinton...Aug., 1850...... Samuel Anderson. Picton and Demorestville. Picton.
-Andrew Wilson......Jan. $29,1851 \ldots . .$. *Samuel Gaw.........Kingston, Brock St..........Kingston.
*William McLaren...June 1, 1853......*R. Holden, M.D...Belleville........................Belleville.
*John Scott..........................1853......*John Ballantyne.Napance..........................Napanee.
*Thos. S. Chambers...May 23, 1855...... James Stenson.....Storrington \& Pittsburg..Sunbury.
*David Wishart........Apr. 6, 1857...... Uriah Seymour....Madoc............................ Madoc.
*John Turabull.......June 24,1862....

*Thomas Kellough...May, 1863.................................Trenton and Oonsecon....Trenton.
Vacant................ ............... James WightmanCamden and Sheffield......
Patrack Gray, Presbytery Clenk.

## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.



PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.
*R.H.Thornton, D.D.April, [1833.....** Alex. Burnet....... Oshawa...........................Oshawa.
Alex. Kennedy.......Sep. 30, 1835...... Peter Nesbit........Dunbarton and Canton...Dunbarton.
Georga Lawrence....Apr. 28, 1837...... John Renwick.....Clarke............................. Orono.
*John Eaird, M. A.....June 18,1843....... Andrew Buchan.. Pickering..........................Claremont.
*John McTavish................... 1844...... John Gunn, jr.....Woodville........................Woodville.
John MeLachlan.....Oct. 26, 1846...... John Gunn.........Beaverton.......................Beaverton.
William C. Windell.Nov. 2, 1847...... William Stuart....Cartwright, \&e................Ballyduff.
*James R. Scott. ......June 6, 1849..................................Whitby ...........................Whitby.
John Smith.............Sep. 2, 1851.............................................Bowmanville.........................Bowmanville.
${ }^{*}$ Robert McArthur....Nov. 29, 1854....... Alexander Leask..Brock and Reach.............Wick.
*George Riddell........Nov. 2, 1858....... Willism Stark.....Newton and Newcastle....Clarke.
*Oliver Labelle..........Mar. 14, 1865......*Robert Ratcliff.....Columbus and Brooklin..Columbus.
V acant.................................. Adam Gordon.......Prince Albert. ..................Prince Albert.
" ....................... William Heron ... Ashburn and Utica.........
....................... George Gibson.....Uxbridge and Leaskdale..
.Manilla.
George Riddell, Preshytery Cerk, yro tem.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

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ORDINATION. ELDERS.

CONGREGATIONE.
POST OPPICES.



Alex. Topp, A.M.....Jan. 1838...................................... 1 \& 2 Chinguaconsy.........Mayfield.
John Jennings,D.D.July, 1838...... James Alexander Bay St. Ch., Torontonto..Toronto.
Peter Glassford.......Oct. 10, 1838..................................TVander Bay St, Ch., Toronto......Tont
*William Reid, A.M.Jan, 29, 1840........................................... Vaughan and Albion. Coleraine.
*James Dick............Dec. 28, 1842...... W. D. Stark............Richmt of Church..............Toronto.
Thomas Wightman.Feb., 1844....... Wohn Ross.............Innisfil and Barrie.............. Lefromond Hill.
"William Gregg, A.M.Jan., 1847....... James Martin.........Cooke's Ohurch, Toront...... Tefroy.
James Pringle........Jan. 19, 1848......................................1st Brampton, Toronto.Toronto.

Robert Rodgers.......Dec. 4, 1850.............................................................ingwary, Red River.....Red River.
John Gray......M.May, 1851.....................................Colingert Reid.......Union and Norval...........................inggwood.
John Gray.............May, 1851...... Walter Hunter.....Orillia and Eorval............Norval. Oro.........Orillia,
James Adams.........July, 1852.......................................Mingionary, Red River.......Red River.
Robert Jamieson.....Jan. 29 , 1854......................................................................................Nobleton.
James Ferguson......Nov. 21, 1855............................................................ Wess Writish Col......................East Orinster, B, C.
*J. M. King, A.M.....Feb. 1857...... William ChisholniBoston Ch. and Milton......................................... Oro.
JJ. M. King, A.M.....Oct. 27, 1857....... William Kerr.......Gould Street, Toronton....Milton.
Alex. McFaul.................................................................Caledon and Orangeri....Toronto.
George Craw ..........Dec., 1859...................................................... Medayner and Bowmore.....Stayner.


Robert Scott............Nov. 23.1860...................................Oakville......................... Agincouirt.
James Milligan.......Aug. 27, 1861...........................................................................Oakville.
Walter Wright........................................... ................Streetsyille

*Robert Ewing
${ }^{*}$ Robert Ewing........Apr. 20, 1865....................................................................................Morgeno Centre
Vacant............................................................Georgetherland....W.Gwillimbury, BradfordBradfown. *Sam. Marshall..... West Ch., Toronto *John Hogg.......... York Mills \& Fishervill. Yoronto. 2nd Brampton .............. Brampton.

James Mrtchaid, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

Oeorge Smellie ......Mar. 1836......*James Ross........Fergas, Melville Ohureh.Fergut.
John Duff ............Aug.10, 1836....... Thomas Gray.......Elora, Knox's - Chureh. Fergut. William Barrie ......Jan. 4, 1843...... Alex. Dickinson. Elora, Knox's Churoh .....Elora. Robert Torrance, ...Nov, 11, 1846...... John Laney ....... Framosa, Ist...................Gnelph. *Wm. S. Ball ..........Feb. 28, 1849........J. McCaney ........Guelph, 1st.....................Guelph. *James A. Thomson.July 25, 1855....... Peter Mkindale...Guelph, Knox's Ch.........Guelph. *James Middlemiss...June 3, 1856...... Peter McGill .......Erin and Caledon W........Erin.
Andrew McLean .....Mar. 10, 1857................................Elora, Chalmers' Ch.........Elora.
*John MeMechan.....May M, 1857....................................................................... Pust Puslinch ............... Puslinch.
Daniel Anderson....Dee, 23, 1857...................................Berlin, St. Andrew's.......Berlin.
William Millican ....Sep. 21, 1859...... Alex. Dyce ...........Garafraxa and Wallace......Rothsyy.:
*James Thom .........Oct. 27, 1859....... John A. Davidson. Eden and Rockwood......Garafraxa.
Malcolm McKenzie..Feb. 12, 1862...... John Tilley......... Doon and Rockwood.......Rockwood. ${ }^{*}$ Wm. T. Murdoch....Sep. 10, 1862....... James Dalgleish......Dalt, and Hespeler..........Doon.
*Lachlin Cameron ...Nov. 5, 1862....... Duncan Kanned..Galt, 2nd .......................Galt.
*Thomas MeGuire ...Mar. 8, 1864....... DiDavid Halliday.. Acton, Knox's Ch. ............Acton.
${ }^{+}$Edward Graham.....Sep. 28, 1864.......*James Halliday ...Glenallan and Hollin......Glenallan.

Vacant.. Momes Connell....Minto. ..Harriston
Andrew MoPo ,..Gait, Knox's.
Andrew MeRobie. East Puslinch
Arch'd
Robert McReo ...Nassagaweys
George Hunter ....Arthur and Kenilworth.
.. Arthur and Kenilworth.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

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DATS or ordination.
Thomas Christis. George Cheyne ..
M. Y. Stark....
*John Porteous.
May 12,1831 .Sep. 21, 1833 Dec. 7,1842
*Alex. McLean.
*David Inglis
*Robert Wallace.
Robert F Burns Feb, 14, 184

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POST OPYICRS, ......July 15.1846.
${ }^{*}$ Wm. Ormiston, D.D.Oct. 23, 1849 .Oct. 23,1849
Nov. $9,1853$.
*James Black $\qquad$ July 10,1855 .
William Craigie......Jan. 5, 1856
John ${ }^{\text {TR Rennie }}$ John McRobie............pet. 20, 1857
*John G. Murray ....July 7, 1858
Thomas Wilson......Sep. 28, 1863 Sep. 28, 1863.
May 27, 1864.
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Vacant .......................

Flamboro' Saltfleet and Binbrook (Without charge) West Mamboro'
$\qquad$ .Niagara
Chippawa
Crowland
Pt. Colborne \& Welland....
Waterdown \& Welling. Sq Kilbride
Welland, Pt., \&c............... Telham

Jayse Porteous, Presbytery CZerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

*John Gillespie.........Jan. 19, 1845......*William Dickson..Willis' Church. BlenheimPrinceton.

William Inglis........Dee. 23, 1847
*Archibald Cross......Aug. 171848
*Duncan McRuer.....Nov. 25,1851
*Duncan McDiarmid.May 26, 1852 ...
John Dunbar..........May 18, $1853 .$.
*Wm. T. MeMullen...Nov. 5, 1856...
*John Straith.,........Jan. 30, 1857
John James.............Sep. 29, 1857.
W. Roberts.n, M.A.Jan. 26, 1859.
*Wm. Cochrane,M.A.June 7, 1859
William Peattie......Jan. 24, 1860
Robert Hume, M. A. May 22, 1860
William Donald......Oct. 31, 1860 *Finlay McCuaig......Nov. 28, 1860.. *J. Robertson, M. A...July 23, 1862
*Wm. Richardson..... Mar. 3, 1863
$\qquad$ ........................ Trkine Ch., Woodstock,... Woodstock
...J ohn Walker........ Erekine Ch., Ingersoll..... Ingerso G. Cuthbertson....Knox's Church, Ayr.......Ayr. . John Matheson....Chalmers' Ch.,Woodstock.Woodstock,
$\cdots$ Robert Stran........Glenmorris.. ...Glenmorris. . William Burgess.. Knox's Ch., Woodstock....Woodstock. William HaywardKnox's Ch., Ingersoll......Ingersoll. .. G. McVicar..........Dumfries Street Ch. Paris.Paris.
 John Sheil. Chesterfield Chesterfield. .$^{2}$ Thomas McLean...Zion Church, Brantford.. Brantford. . G. Bryce............. Mount Pleasant. Mohawk.
$\qquad$ James Barr.....Norwichyille, \&
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$\qquad$ William DavidsonRe and Innerkip.......Norwichville. Piver Street Parip........Innerkip James Dickie........River Street, Par Paris.
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D. McNaughton...Wellington'St., Rrantford Tilsonburg
A. Marshall.
. Stanley street. Ayr
..........Ayr
6
Beachville.
.St. Andrew's, E. Oxford...
Joun Ginlespie, Presbytery Cterk.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

*John J.A.Proudfoot,July 16, 1848......*Alexander Smith.Tondon, 1st.....................London.
Lachlan McPherson,Feb. 7, 1849.................................Williams ........................Williams.
John Scott ............Oct., 1850...... *IV illiam Clark ....St. Andrew's, London..... London.
*William King.........Apr. 18, 1851......*Ezekiel C. Cooper, Buxton............................Buxton.
William Troup ......Aug. 17,1851.................................Tilbury ..........................Valetta,
James W. Chesnut.. Mar. 10, 1853.................................Mandamin.......................Mandamin.
William Walker.....Oct. 25, 1853................................Ohatham, Wellington St.Chatham.
*Geo. Cuthbertson....Oct. 7, 1857...... Peter MeGill....... St. Thomas.................... St. Thomas,

*William Fletcher....Feb. 7, 1859...... John Bell...........Carlisle ..........................Falkirk.
*Arch'd MeDiarmid...Apr. 27, 1859...... Donald MeMillan. Wallacetown...................Wallacetown.
*Arch'd Ourrie.........Feb. 7, 1860...... Farq'r Campbell...Belmont \& Yarmouth....Belmont.
Peter McDermid....Nov, 6, 1860....... Finlay McKenzie.Moore................................Birkhall.

PRESBYTERY OF LOND ON-Continued.


Gborge Cutharrtson, Preshytery Clerk.
PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

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PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.
${ }^{\text {tThamas }}$ Lowry.......Sep. 2t, 1833...... Joseph Brydan....Mornington................... West's Corners.
Thomas MoPherson,0ct. 10, 1830...... Ralph Donaldson.Stratford.......... ............ Stratford.
William Meldrum... Mar., 1840 .................. George MeLeod .......Iarth Easin hope. ............ Stratford.
*James Boyd........... July 7, 1847 ......*Jno. B. Campbeli. Wellesley..................................... Crosington;
*Will A. LrummondOct. 20, $1847 \ldots .$. . Peter Stewart......Shakspeare
-William Caven .......Oct. 7, 1852......*Mal. MeCallum....St. Mary's........................... Shakspeare.
\#\#ohn FotheringhamFeb. 26, 1856....... Dich'l BallantyneDownie...........................st. Avonton. Mary's,

David Bealte .........Apr. 23, 1857...... William Whealey.Mornington...........................Motherwell.

Vacant $_{\text {if }}$..................................... Charles Gordon .....Mima.......................................................................
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## PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

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The Roll of S Presbyteries, was

The information teries, as to the c probatiocers, whi sented in a tabulat engrossed in the $m$

The following n
Donald McLean of Grey.
James McDowal
David Caw, of I of Paris, October
George Irving,
bytery, January 22

The following loosed from their r
Geo. Paxton Yo tery of Toronto, J
Charles M. Mack
the Presbytery of T
Robert Monteath tario, October 4, 18

William Forrest,
November 1, 1864.
James Hanran, Kingston, Novembe William Scott, of January 24, 1865.

# MINUTES 

OF THE
FIFTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD

OF

## THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN OHURCH.

## FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the city of Montreal, and within Cote street Church, there, June 6, 1865 Tuesday, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and $70^{\circ}$ clook, P.M. sixty-five years, the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, and, after sermon by the Moderator, Mr. John MacTavish, from Gal. iv, 19, was constituted with prayer.

The Roll of Synod, made up from the Rolls of the several Roll called. Presbyteries, was called, and the attendance of members marked.

The information furnished by the reports of the several Presby- Roll, Changesin. teries, as to the changes affecting the Synod Roll and the list of probationers, which had occurced since last meeting, was presented in a tabulatedform, as under,-was reed, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

DEATH OF MINISTERS.
The following ministers were removed by death :
Donald McLean, furmerly of Mount Forest, in the Presbytery of Grey.
James McDowall, of St. Vincent, in the same Presbytery.
David Caw, of Dumfries street Church, Paris, in the Presbytery of Paris, October 4, 1864.
George Irving, of Stanley street Church, Ayr, in the same Presbytery, January 22, 1865.

DEMISSIONS.
The following ministers gave in their demission, and were loosed from their respective charges:-

Geo. Paxton Young, Professor in Knox College, in the Presbytery of Toronto, June, 1864.
Charles M. Mackeracher, of West Gwillimbury and Bradford, in the Presbytery of Toronto, June 26, 1864.
Robert Monteath, of Prince Albert, in the Presbytery of Ontario, October 4, 1864.

William Forrest, of Ridgetown, in the Presbytery of London, November 1, 1864.
James Hanran, of Camden and Sheffield, in the Presbytery of Kingston, November 20, 1864.
William Scott, of St. Sylvester, in the Presbytery of Montreal, January 24, 1865.

Nathaniel Paterson, of York Mills and Fisherville, in the Presbytery of Toronto, February 28, 1865.
Andrew Melville, of Westport, in the Presbytery of Brockville, February 28, 1865.

## TRANSLATIONS.

The following ministers, having accepted calls, were loosed from their respective congregations, and were inducted into new charges, namely:-
Dr. Robert Irvine, from the congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, transferred to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, (0.S.,) United States, to be inducted into the charge of Westminster Church, Philadelphia, June 23, 1865.
Alexander Grant, from the congregation of 0 wen Sound, in the Presbytery of Grey, January 11, 1865, into the congregation of Ashfield and Huron, in the Presbytery of Huron, February 16, 1865.

William Troup, from the congregation of Napier, in the Presbytery of London, Jannary 25, 1865, into the congregation of Tilbury, East and West, in the same Presbytery, February 15, 1865.
Finlay McCuaig, from the congregation of Port Dalhousie, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, August, 1864, into the congregation of Ratho and Innerkip, in the Presbytery of Paris, August 24, 1864.

John McMillan, from the congregation of Fingal, in the Presbytery of London, February 15, 1865, into the congregation of Mount Forest, in the Presbytery of Grey, March 29, 1865.

Six inductions.
INDUCTIONS.
The following ministers were inducted into the charges named below, at the dates attached to each:
James Ferguson, West Oro, in the Presbytery of Toronto, July 13, 1864.
William Ferrie, A. M., Prescott, in the Presbytery of Brockville, August 18, 1864.
John McEwen, Calvin Church, Pembroke, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, October 19, 1864.
Daniel Anderson, Rothsay and Wallace, in the Presbytery of Guelph, November 8, 1864.
William Lochead, Perrytown and Oakhills, in the Presbytery of Cobourg, March 29, 1865.

James R. Scott, Whitby, in the Presbytery of Ontario, May $30,1865$.
Nine ordinations.
ORDINATIONS.
The following probationers were ordained, and, at the same time, inducted as pastors of the respective congregations under naned:
Edward Graham, Woolwich, in the Presbytery of Guelph, September 28, 1864.
George McLennan, Minto, in the Presbytery of Guelph, November $9,1864$.

Jobn Burton, Yonge and Lyn, in the Presbytery of Brockville, November 17, 1864.

John M. Gibson, B. A., Laguachetiere street, Montreal, (collegiate,) in the Presbytery of Montreal, December 16, 1864.
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Oliver Labelle, Columbus and Brooklin, in the Presbytery of
Ontario, March 14. 1856.
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Robert Ewing, Georgetown and Limehouse, in the Presbytery of
minister received.
William Hamilton, D. D., Presbytery of Montreal, January 25, 1865. (See minutes, Sed. 17).
licensure.
Ten students licensed.
The following Students of Theology were licensed as probationers : John M. Gibson, B. A., by the Presbytery of London, July 1, 1864.

James Hubbert, by the Presbytery of Ontario, July 12, 1864.
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John Burton, " " Brockville, " ${ }^{\circ}$, "
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { George McLennan, " } \\ \text { James Malcolm, } \\ \text { Will } & \text { Guelph, Sept. 13, } \\ \text { London, } & \text { " } 28 \text {, " }\end{array}$
William Caven, " " Stratford, Oct. 4, "
William Reeve, " "Kingston, Nov. 8, "
The Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when there Moderator electwas read a list of ministers nominated by Presbyteries for the ed. office of Moderator, containing the names following:-Mr. William Aitken, Smith's Falls; Mr. David Inglis, Hamilton; Mr. John Gillespie, Princeton; Mr. John J. A. Proudfoot, London; Mr . Thomas McPherson, Stratford; Mr. Thomas stevenson, $\mathrm{O}_{\text {wen }}$ Sound.
Votes were taken on the several ministers named, in the order Mr. Aitken cho in which they stand on the list, when Mr. William Aitken, of sen Moderator.
Smith's Falls, was elected by a large majority; and the yeas and nays being called for, the election of Mr. Aitken, as Moderator, was declared to be unanimous. Mr. Aitken took the chair, and addressed the Synod.

The retiring Moderator now submitted and read a copy of a wales, Prince \& despatch from the Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, Secretary of Prineess of, reState for the Colonies, trausmitted through His Excellency the ply to address, Governor-General of Canada, in reply to the address of the Synod last year to the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of the birth of a son, stating that the address hal been received with much gratification.
The retiring Moderator also related the steps which he had taken Thanksgiving in order to carry out the intentions of the Synod last year, with Day. Moderaregard to the appointment of a day of Public Thanksgiving, and tor's statement. read a dispatch Secretary, in reply to a communication on the subject to the Gov-ernor-General in Council, setting forth, at length, that the Gov-ernor-General had been advised, for reasons stated, to decline appointing a day of Thanksgiving as requested.

Business Com. Report.

## Bills and Over tures Com. Mem-

 bers appointed toThe Committee on Business gave in a report, which was received; and, in accordance with its recommendations, the following appointments were made:
To be members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, for the Presbytery of Toronto ; Dr. Ormiston, and Mr. Henderson, elder, for the Presbytery of Hamilton; Mr. W. Fletcher, and Mr. Alexander Smith, elder, for the Presbytery of London; and Mr. R. Mitchell, for the Presbytery of Greythese Presbyteries having omitted to make the requisite appointments in accordance with the Standing Orders.
Diets for business.

The following arrangement as regards diets for business was adopted:-To meet to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, and on succesding days at ten o'clock, and continue in session till one o'clock; meet again at three o'clock, and adjourn at six ; resume at half-past seven, and close at ten o'clock-the first hour tomorrow to be spent in devotional exercises.
Elders' Commis. The Synod appointed Messrs. Andrew Wilson, Alexander Mcsions, Committee
on. on.
a Committee on the Commissions of Elders appointed by their respective Kirk Sessions, but whose names had not been forwarded to their Presbyteries, with a view of placing on the roll of Synod those found to be regularly appointed.
Records of Pres. The following Committees were appointed to examine the Records byteries, Committees on

Conveners, 1st on list.
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Regulations.
Convener in
place of Mr .
Topp.
Bills' Committee instructed' to meet.
of Presbyteries, namely, of the Presbytery of -
Montreal-Messrs. James Dick, W. McLaren, and Alexarder Smith.

Ottawa-Messrs. Gregg, Baird, and W. Dickson.
Brockville-Messrs. J. Whyte, D. Inglis, and William Rowan.
Kingston-Messrs. J. Crombie, W. Craigie, and James Law.
Cobourg-Messrs. W. Caven, J. McMechan, and P. Peebles.
Ontario-Messrs. A. F. Kemp, J. B. Duncan, and Dr. Holden.
Toronto-Mrssrs. S. C. Fraser, Daniel Paterson, and Dr. Edmondson.
Guelph-Messrs. J. K. Smith, D. Waters, and G. Walker.
Hamilton-Messrs. T. Wardrope, T. McPherson, and Richard Markell.
Paris-Messrs. A. D. McDonald, Jas. Boyd, and Jas. Kellough. London-Messrs. D. McRuer, D. Gordon, and A. McGregor.
Stratford-Messrs. W. T. McMullen, J. Laing, and John Allen.
Huron-Messrs. W. Cochrane, J. Lees, and R. Ratcliff.
Grey-Dr. Ormiston, Mr. J. Middlemiss, and W. Clark.
The names placed first on the foregoing list to be the conveners of the respective committees.
The Committee to examine the Records of Synod was appointed as follows: Messrs. J. Mitchell, J. Gillespie, J. J. A. Proudfoot, ministers, and Mr. James Martin, elder-Mr. Mitchell convener.
It having been stated that Mr. Topp, the Convener of the special committee on the regulations for conducting Home Missions, had recently gone to Europe, on account of the state of his health, the Synod appointed Mr. William Gregg to be the Convener of said committee, instead of Mr. Topp.
The Committee of Bills and Overtures were instructed to meet in the Basement to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at eleven ${ }^{\circ}$ 'clock. The diet was closed with the benediction.

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## SECOND SEDERUNT.

> Cote Street Church, Montreal, Wednesday, June 7, 1865 , 11 o'clock, A. M. The Synod met, and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptures, praise and prayer, by the Moderator, Mr. William Aitken.
The Moderator was followed in devotional exercises by Mr. Jas, Devotional Ex. Skinner, of London, Mr. J. Crombie, of Inverness, and Colonel ereises. Haultain, M. P. P., elder, from Peterborough.
The minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.
The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in their first report, Bills' Committee which was read by Mr. Dick, the chairman of the committee. Report.
The report was received, and the order of business therein re- Report received commended sanctioned, with the exception that it was agreed to and sanotioned, invite Mr. Geddie, of the Aneiteumese Mission, to address the Synod with exception. onThursday evening, instead of the evening of this day.

## to license-applications for leave.

The Synod took up the first matter in the report of the Com- ations to $\begin{gathered}\text { Student, } \\ \text { col }\end{gathered}$ mittee on Bills, being applications from Presbyteries for leave to cense. take students on trials for license. There were read extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, applying for leave to Toronto Pres. take on probationary trials the following studenis, for leave to Findlay, John McColl, Hector McQuarrie, James Baikie, Kenneth McDonald, John Thom, and Albert Simpson. The Presbytery's minutes stated that these students had been examined on the prescribed subjects preliminary to being taken on trials, and had acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.
The Presbytery of Paris applied for leave to take on trial, Mr. Paris Pres, R. N. Grant, and the Presbytery of Cobourg to take on trial Mr. Cobour ${ }_{\text {W }}^{\text {S }} \mathrm{f}_{1}$ es. Walter M. Ruger.
The Synod agreed to grant leave, as craved, to the several Studente, Leave Presbyteries foregoing, to take on public probationary trials the granted to Listudents whose names are above written.

## RECEPTION OF MDNISTERS-COMMITTEE ON.

An application was received from the Presbytery of B1ockville, and was read, asking leave to receive Mr. Robert Moodie. The Prosbyterias a minister of this church, from the Presbytery of St. Steyterial testimonials of Mr. Moody,
Notice was given of an applins, New Brunswick, were read. Stratford, asking leave to rapplication for the Presbytery of Stratford Pres. Martin Lowry, and Mr. W Meerve as ministers of this church, Mr.

An application was also Moore.
treal for leave to admit, as a mined from the Presbytery of Mon- Montreal Pres. Jones.
On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to refer the ap- Reception of plications foregoing to a small Committee, to examine the papers Ministers-Comof applicants, and report to Synod. The Committee was appoint- mittee. ed as follows: Messrs. W. McLaren, R. Hamilton, T. Lowry, ministerà, and Mr. James Henderson, elder.

## REMITS-COMMITTEE ON.

The next matter in the order of business being the Returns of tee to collate RePresbyteries to the Remits sent down for consid
agreed to refer the said Returns to a small Committee to collate, and report on the same. The Committee was then appointel, consisting of Messrs. D. Inglis, G. Riddell, J. McMechan, ministers, and T. McLean, elder.

Beachville aebt and Knox College, Reference from Pres of Paris

BEACHVILLE DEBT, ETC.--REFERENCE.
The Synod took up and read a Reference from the Presbytery of ${ }^{3}$ Paris anent a debt on the church property at Beachville, setting
forth, in substance, that a gentleman at Woodstock, on condition of provision being made to extinguish the said debt, proposed to give $\$ 4,000$ to Knox College, and stating the inability of the Presbytery to ceal sati, factorily with the said proposal, or to fulfil the required conditions.
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The Reference was pxplained and supported by Mr. McMullen, of plained and sup
ported.
Reference de-
ferred.
Ontario Presby-
tery asked and obtained leave to sit.
Presbyteries
have leave to meet.

The hour of adjournment being at hand, the further consideration of the matter of the Reference was deferred.
The Presbytery of Ontario asked and obtained leave to meet for business, in the afternoon of this day, at a quarter before three o'clock.

On motion, made and seconded, the Synod agreed to grant leave to the several Presbyteries to meet, for competent business,
on the call of their respective Moderators, in the intervals of the Sederunts of Synod.
The Synod adjourned, to meet at three o'clock, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

## THIRD SEDERUNT.

## Cote Street Church, Montreal,

Wednesday, June 7, 1865, 3 o'clock, P. M.
The Synod met, and was constituted, Mr. James Whyte, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Mr. McTavish here stated that the Synod having agreed in the

Mr. Geddie to address the Sy . nod on Friday. morning that Mr. Geddie, the missionary of the Presbyterian church of the Lower Provinces, recently from the South Seas, and now in this city, should be invited to give an address on Thursday evening, he, (Mr. McTavish,) was charged by that gentleman with the request that, if not inconvenient to the Synod, he would, for special reasons, prefer to give his address on Friday evening, instead of the evening of Thursday, as previously arranged. The Synod agreed to accede to Mr. Geddie's request, and ordered accordingly.

Beachville debt, consideration resumed.

Motion on.

## BEACHVILLE DEBT, ETC.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Reference from the Presbytery of Paris, in respect to the debt on the Beachville church, and the proposal connected therewith, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

It was moved by Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, as follows: Sustain the Reference, and declare that the Synod does not hold itself responsible for the debts of any congregation con-
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It was move King, as follo Messrs. W. Mc isters, the Hor view to see wh the Beachville a future Sederu
A vote was ried by a large

Mr. Andrew Elders, gave in named had bee sions as their re the same time, Muir, as represe street congregat
It was moved That the repor adopted, and tha sentative of St.
It was moved Proudfoot, as $\mathrm{fo}_{0}$ names of the eld Mr. Muir, in rega sion, inasmuch as

A vote was cal carried by \& maj
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from the Beachville pted by the Synod does gation con-
tracted without its sanction; therefore, refuse to assume the debt of the Beachville congregation, but, at the same time, recommend the case of said congregation to the sympathy of the church.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. J. M. Amendment.
King, as follows; Refer the matter to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. McLaren, J. M. King, W. T. McMullen, J. Ross, ministers, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich and Mr. W. Clark, elders, with a view to see what can be done in the way of raising funds to relieve the Beachville congregation from its indebtedness, and to report at a future Sederunt.
A vote was taken, when the amendment of Mr. Ross was car- Deeision. ried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

## ELDERS' COMMISSIONS-REPORT ON.

## Elders' Commis. <br> Mr. Andrew Wilson, from the Committee on the Commissions of som, Report

Elders, gave in an interim report, setting forth that certain elde of Committee on named had been regularly appointed by their respective Kirk Ses. sions as their representatives in the Synod. The Committee, at the same time, asked advice in respect to the position of Mr. P. at Mr. P. D. Muir, Muir, as representative elder in respect to the position of Mr. P. D. ${ }_{\text {to }}^{\text {advice asked as as }}$ street congregation, Montreal. from the congregation of St. Joseph
It was moved by Mr .
That the report of the Committe, seconded by Mr. McTavish, Motion. adopted, and that Mr. Muir's sentative of St. Joseph street congrissionation accepted as the repre-

It was moved in
Proudfoot, as follows: Receive by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Amendment names of the elders Mr. Muir, in regard to whom to the roll of Synod. In respect of sion, inasmuch as he is not advice is asked, refuse the commis-
A vote was called fort an elder elected by any congregation. carried by $\varepsilon$ majority, and when the motion of Mrummond was The following ministers che Synod decided in terms thereof. this decision marked in the miad leave to have their dissent from Dissent. McLaren, J. J. A. Proudfe minutes, namely : Messrs. J. Baird, W.

## UTICA--PETITION FROM.

There was read a petition from Messrs. Cossie Utiea, vetition McKercher, on behalf of the congrears. ada Presbyterian charch, formerls in substance, that the place of wore Free Church, setting forth, gregation, commonly place of worship erected by the said conChurch, and whichly known by the name of the Breadalbane the said Canada Prad been occupied and used by the ministers of until the resignation of by a party disaffected; wr. Sharp, had been taken possession of church against the said which party had closed the doors of the Church, and had ate said congregation and- the ministers of said byterian Church of Cted to hand over the property to the PresScotland; that the Canada, in connection with the Church of had commenced a suit in congreyation had consulted counsel, and and the maintenance of equity for the recovery of their property, Synod to assist them in their right thereto ; and praying the
There was attached carrying on this suit to a successful issue. sums promised, amountiog the petition a subscription paper, with Subscriotion paof prosecuting the action afo eighty-five dollars, for the purpose per, $\$ 8500$. It was moved by action aforesaid.

Synod having heard the petition of the members of the congregation at Utica, approve of their conduct, and agree to sustain their action in Chancery, so far as this may be conducted with the approval of the Presbytery, subject to appeal to the higher judicatory.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, as follows: Approve of the proceedings of the memorialists; agree to sastain them in vindicating their claim to the Breadalbane church; appoint a committee to act along with them in the suit, and autnorize them, if necessary to draw on the Synod Fund to the amount of $\$ 200$, and to obtain by subscriptions what further funds may be necessary for this purpose.
A vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Kemp was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms of the same.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

## FOURTH SEDERUNT.

## Cote Street Church, Montreal,

## Wednesday, June 7, 1865, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted, Mr. Thomas Alexander, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Examiners,
Board of, Ove:ture on

There was transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and read, an $O$ verture, signed by a number of ministers, members of Synod, on the appointment of a Board of Examinat. on for examining students of theology.
Overture defer- The Synod agreed to defer the consideration of this Overture,
red. red.

Baptism, Overture on. and to take it up along with the report of the College Board.

There was read an Overture, transmitted by the Presbytery of Paris, from Mr. W. Richardson and the Kirk Session of Tilsonburgh and Culloden, anent the administration of baptism, praying the Synod to take such action thereon as to secure uniformity in the dispensation of that ordinance throughcut the church.
Mr. Richardson sapport overture Deliverances.

Mr. Richardson supported the Overture.
After long and earnest reasoning, and the proposing of several
motions which were withdrawn before any vote was taken, the Synod, without a vote, came to the deliverance following, moved by Mr. J. K. Smith, seconited by Mr. S. C. Fraser, that is to saySustain the Overture; adopt the Act of 1850 of the Presbyterian Church of Canada upon the subject; direct attention to that Act for information, and order said Act to be republished in our Synod minutes.

The Act aforesaid here follows :
Baptism, act on.
ACT ON BAPTISM.
"The Synod having had their attention directed to the subject " of Baptsm, and the relation in which this initiatory sacrament
"of the church "New Testamen
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"criminate admission
"tending the better
"New Testament; also to the question of public or private ad"ministration of the initiatory ordinance, Declare and Resolve-
"That, as is already in our excellent subordinate Standards set
"forth, 'a Sacrament is an Holy Ordinance instituted by Christ, to "signify, seal and exhibit unto those that are within the covenant "of grace, the benefits of his mediation; to distinguish them from
"those who are without; and to oblige the partakers of such "ordinances to obedience."
"That 'Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out "of the visible Church, and so strangers to the covenant of promise,
"' till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him ; but
"infants descending from parents, either both or but one of them
"'professing faith in Christ and obedience to him, are, in that re-
"spect, within the covenant, and to be baptised.'
"That, adhering to these principles, the Synod earnestly urge
"on all ministers and sessions to be careful, in administering Bap-
"t tism, that they who receive this privilege at their hands be such
" only of whom there is good reason to believe that they are con-
"sistently professing the name of Christ and obedience to him;
"and inasmuch as one appointed method of solemnly confessing
"the Saviour, and acknowledying ourselves tc be in communion
"with his followers, is by commemorating his love and death in the
""holy ordinance of the Supper; they shall satisty themselves that
""parents receiving baptism for their children be not neglecting
"this command of Christ, but that, at the least, they be equally
" in the intention, as God may afford opportunity, to comply with
"on such instrnctiond giving tokeu of this by willingly waiting
"them on the nature as it may be judged necessary to impart to
"Parties soliciting and design of the Sacraments.
"every one taking on privilege should be informed that as "tism for another, does the the baptismal vow, or seeking Bap"profess to value, does thereby say, 'I am the Lord's, and does "waters of Baptism blood and Spirit of Christ, signified in the "and token of spiritney ought to know that in receiving this seal
"acceptance of spiritual cleansing, they do as truly declare their
"nance of the Supper and fellowship with him as in the ordi-
"nance by any, being ada a declining or evading of this latter ordi-
"the initiatory sacram adults, who have received the privilege of
"except good cangsament for themselves and their children, is,
"not under their be shown, for their neglect, in circumstances
"perfect apreir control, presumptive evidence either of an im-
"inexcusable unwillin of the design of the Sacraments, or of an
" ministers and Churchness to follow the Lord fully: Thereiore,
"good and special cause shown, the adranted to decline, except on "the children of such shown, the administration of Baptism to "Supper, or do not avail themselves in the neglect of the Lord's "a right preparing of them for its observance "That, while due tenderness is observance. "ing with individuals who withhold "Lord, rather from who withhold themselves from the Table of "blameable indiffer misapprehension and solemn awe than from "seals of the inderence, yet inasmuch as both Sacraments are "a like necessity covenant. and imply for their right observance "the Synod do anoi faith and resolu:ions of holy living, "criminate admission to "tending the better to the Baptismal ordinance. And, both as - leading the better to ensure purity of communion, and as re-
"quired by a regard to the design of Baptism, as a seal of fellow"ship in the church, as well as of engrafting into Christ, the "Synod recommend, as much as possible, that the ordinance be "dispensed publicly-not precluding cases in which it may be "judged necessary to baptise in dwelling-houses, or cases in which "attendance at the ordinary place of public worship may be "greatly inconvenient. But the Synod earnestly advise that, as "rarely as possible, the privilege be given without public notifica"tion from the pulpit, and never without the word of exhortation " or exposition : that if, at any time, application be made for the "administration suddenly and hastily of the ordinance of Baptism, "the circumstances be well considered; and care exercised mildly " and faithfully to distinguish what is essential, from what may be "desirable between the relation of Baptism to salvation and to "Church fellowship; explaining where it may be necessary so to "explain, that as the privilege of Baptisn is not to be without "good reason, neglected, so neither is its administration indis"pensable where God, in his providence, has not afforded oppor"tunity for observing it in due order, or in a manner edifying to "the individual or to the church in general. And if, in peculiar "circamstances of locality or otherwise, it shall be judged for "edification to administer this seal of the covenant, without a "Session having had regular opportunity to confer with the parties "applying, or formally to receive them into the fellowship of any "congregation, that the minister so receiving to Baptism shall, at "the earliest opportunity, report the case to the Session, and that "the individuals thus recognized shall be duly enrolled and con"sidered within the range of the inspection of the pastor and "elders, and as being bona fide members of the congregation, in "connection with which the privilege has been received, (generally, "it may be presumed, that which is nearest in locality,) although "precluded by distance, or other lawful cause, from giving regular "attendance on the weekly ministrations of the sanctuary; this "participation in the privileges of the Church being always under"stood to imply also the obligation to conform to the ordinary "rules of the Church, and responsibility to its tribunals."

Hamilton
Church case, Report of Commission.

Received, approved.

## HAMILTON COMMISSION-REPORT.

The Synod called for the report of the Commission appointed last year to dispose of the Hamilton church case. The report was handed in by Mr. Mitchell, the Convener of the Commission, and was read.

On motiou made and seconded, the Synod agreed to receive the report, and to approve of the diligence of the Commission.

## UTICA-COMMITTEE.

The Moderator now appointed the committee to act with the congregation of Utica, in the mater of the Equity suit in relation to the Breadalbane church, as follows: Mr. W. Gregg, Mr. J. M. King, ministers ; the Hon. Mr. McMurrich and Mr. James Brown, elders.
The hour of ten o'elock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, the diet being closed with the benediction.
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## F1FIH SEDERUNT.

> Cote Street Church, Montreai, Thursday, June 8, 1865, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted, Mr. Archibald Henderson, of St. Andrews, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
Leave was asked, on behalf of the Board of Management of College Board Knox College, to meet for business for some time during the permitted to the present Sederunt. Leave was granted.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. Minutes read.
The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a report, which Bills' report. was read and received, and the order of business, therein recommended, sanctioned.

## ontario presbytery-REFERENCE.

Ontario Pres Reterence IN RE
The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Ontario Brockville Pres. concerning the course taken by the Presbytery of Brockville, in and Mr. Arch'd the matter of Mr. Archibald Lees.
The Reference and relative papers were read.
Dr. Thornton and Mr. Lawrence supported the Reference on the Parties heard. part of the Presbytery of Ontario.
Mr. J. K. Smith and Mr. A. Matheson were heard on the part of the Presbytery of Brockville.

Questions were put to the parties, and were answered.
Questions.
On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, it was agreed, -That the Reference be sent to a Committee, consist- Com. to frame. ing of Messrs. Kemp, Clark, Drummond, McLaren, S. C. Fraser, and D. Inglis, ministers, Dr. Holden and the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, elders, to bring in a deliverance at a subsequent Sederunt.

The Synod proceeded to take up a Protest and Appeal of the Keyon Kirk SesKirk Session of the congregation of Kenyon, against action of the sion, appeal of, Presbytery of Montreal, in the matter of the complaint of the said Session against the Kirk Session of Indian Lands, for dispensing baptism to a member of Kenyon congregation, without ascertaining whether ur not the person, to whose child baptism had been administered, was in good standing as a member of the Ohurch.

The Protest and Appeal and relative papers were read.
.Papers read.
Mr. J. R. McKenzie, elder, and Mr. A. F. McQueen, minister, Parties heard. were heard on behalf of the Kenyon Kirk Session, in support of the Appeal.
It was here stated that the Kırk Session of Indian Lands, one of Indian Lands, the parties interested, had not been cited to appear.

Mr. Gordon, the Minister of Indian Lands, stated his willingness $M r$. Gerdon willpersonally, notwithstanding the omission, that the case should ${ }^{\text {ing to proceed. }}$ proceed.
It was moved by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Waters, -That Motion to remit the case be remitted to the Presbytery of Montreal, with instruc- to Presbytery. tions to cite the Kirk Session of Indiai Lands to interests.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. J. K. Amendment, Smith,-That the Synod overlook any irregularity in not issuing the proper citation to the Kirk Session of Indian Lands, and proceed with the case.

A vote being taken the amendment of Mr. Cross was carried, by Vote, Case proa large majority, and the Synod decided to proceed with the case. ceeded with.
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Clesed doors, Motion for nega tived.

Parties heard.
It was, at this stage of the proceedings, moved and seconded, that the Synod proceed with the further consideration of the case, with closed doors, A vote being taken, the motion was negatived by a large majority, and the case was proceded with in open Court.
Mr.W.B. Clark and Dr, Taylor were heard on behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal.
Mr. Gordon was heard on behalf of the Kirk Sessiou of Indian Lands.
Mr. J. R. McKenzie, for the Kirk Session of Kenyon, was heard in reply, till the close of the Sederunt.
The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned. Closed with the Benediction.

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

## Cote Street Church, Montreal,

 Thursday, June 8, 1865, 3 o'clock, P. M.The Synod met and was constituted, Mr. J. Baird, by the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
$\mathrm{Dr}_{\text {r }}$ Burns, Letter from, excusing absence.

Minutes read.
Elders Commissions, Report on.

Kenyon Appeal resumed.

Reply.
Questions.
Parties removed,
Motion.

1. Amendment.
2. Amendment.

Mr-McTavish read a letter from Dr. Burns, giving reasons for his absence from the meeting of Synod. The Synod sustained Dr. Burns' reasons.
The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Mr. Andrew Wilson, from the Committee on the Commissions of Elders, reported a number of names of elders whose Commissions, as representatives of their several Kirk Sessions, were found to be regular, and recommended that the names reported be placed on the Synod Roll. The report was received and adopted, and the Synod ordered accordingly:
The Synod resumed consideration of the Appeal of the Keayon Session, interrupted by the adjournment in the mornng.
Mr. J. R. McKenzie, on behalf of the Kenyon Kirk Session, was heard to a close.

Questions were put to the parties, and were answered.
The parties were then removed, and the Synod proceeded to give judg ment.

It was moved by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Dick, -That the Synod dismiss the Protest and Appeal, and sustain the deliverance of the Presbytery of Montreal.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr . Cross, - That the Appeal be dismissed, and the conduct of the Presbytery of Montreal approved. And further, that this Synod express their sympathy with the party injudiciously subjected to discipline, and their disapprobation of the procedure of the Session of Kenyon, in this case.
It was moved, in turther amendmen!, by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. McTavish, as follows: Sustain the Protest and Appeal, and declare that, in the administration of the ordinances of the Church, ministers and Kirk Sessions should be very careful of the rights and privileges of neighbouring Kirk Sessions.
It was moved, in further amendmont, by Principal Willis ssconded by Mr. Gregg, That the Synod dismiss the Protest and
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Mr. David Inglis,

Appeal, and affirm the judgment of the Presbytery, by which the Session of Indian Lands was exonerated from blame in granting the privilege of baptism to the mother of the child, with the consent of the other parent, in the special circumstances of the case. The Synod in thus affirming does no prejudice to the general rule, fully recognised by it, of each Session, in its procedure, duly acknowledging the jurisdiction of neighbouring Sessions.
Votes were called, when the amendment of Principal Willis was Votes. successively preferred to the amendments of Mr. Gillespie, and Mr. McPherson. The amendment of Principal Willis was then put against the motion of Mr. Cochrane, when the motion was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in terms of said motion. - DeliveranoeThat the Synod dismiss the Protest and Appeal and sustain the deliverance of the Presbytery of Montreal.
Parties were recalled, and the deliverance announced to them. Parties reoalled.
Mr. W. B. Clark, on behalf of the Presbytery of Moutreal craved Deliverance deextracts, which were ordered to be granted. elared.
Mr. J. R. McKenzie, craved extracts on behalf of the Kirk Session Extraots oraved of Kenyon, extracts were ordered to be given.

## RECEPTION OF MINISTERS—OVERTURE ETC.

Ministers' Recep-
The Synod took up an Overture on the Act for the reception of on. ministers from other churches, setting forth in substance that doubts might exist in regard to the validity of the said Act, and praying the Synod to take such action as might set at rest all questions in regard to the state of the law on this subject.
On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to approve of Committee to the Overture, and to appoint a Committee to prepare an amended draf Reoeption Act, for the admission of ministers, to be submitted at an early Sede- ${ }^{\text {Act. }}$ runt of this Synod. The Committee to consist of Messrs. Reid, McLaren, D. Inglis, Baird, Waters, and Kemp. Mr. Kemp, Convener.

## MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The Synod called for the report of the, Presbytery of Montreal $\begin{gathered}\text { Montreal } \\ \text { College, }\end{gathered}$ Report in the procuring by them of a Charter for a Theological College at Montreal, as empowered by the Synod last year. The report was handed in and read, setting forth that such Charter had been obtained from the Provincial Legislature. A printed copy of the Charter as contained in the Book of Forms of Procedure, was at the same time submitted.

## KNOX COLLEGE REPORT.

Knox College, Report of Board.
The Synod called for the report of the Board of Management of Knox College. The report was read by Mr. MoTavish the chairman of the Board. Mr. McTavish read also the report of the Senate Report.
Senate of Senate of Kıox College.

## EXAMINATION BOARD-OVERTURE.

The Overture on the appointment of a Board of Examination, Overture for transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures yesterday morning, and read at the evening Sederunt, and which it was then agresd should be taken up in connection with the report of the College Board, was again read,

Prof. in Knox Mr. David Inglis, from the Committee on the Returns of Presby. on appolntments $\begin{gathered}\text { College, Returns }\end{gathered}$ [267]
teries, to the Remits of Synod, last year, gave in an interim report, embracing the returns to the remits relating to the appointment of a Professor in Knox College, and setting forth that returns had been received from all the Presbyteries with the exception of those of Guelph, and London; that the Presbyteries of Montreal, Stratford, Paris, Cobourg. Hamilton, Huron, Ontario, and Grey, had agreed to make no nomination, that the Presbyteries of Ottawa, and Brockville, had nominated Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, and that the Presbyteries of Kingston, and Toronto, had nıminated Mr. William Caven, of St. Mary's.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the Benediction, and the Synod rose.

## SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

## Cote Street Church, Montreal,

Thursday, June 8, 1865, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P.M.
The Synod met and was constituted,-Mr. W. B. Clark, at the request of the Moderater, leading in devotional exercises.
The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## Point Aux

Trembles, invi
tation to visit.

## Invitation

acceptsd, with
thanks.

## Report on

Remits referred
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The Moderator read a letter from James Court, Esq., on bchalf of the Committee of Arrangements, inviting the Synod to visit, on Saturday afternoon, 10 th instant, the Educational Instation of the French Canadian Missionary Soeiety at Point aux Trembles; and intimating that the steamer Napoleon would leave the Jaques Cartier wharf at half past two o'clock, and that members of Synod, not otherwise supplied with tickets, could procure them on board the'Steamer.
It was agreed that the invitation to visit Point aux Trembles be accepted, and the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee for their consideration and courtesy.
Exception was here taken to the interim report of the Committee on the Retarns to Remits, given in at the close of last Sederunt, as not being sufficiently specific on certain points; whereupon, it was moved by Mr. McRuer, seconded by Dr. Thornton, and agreed to, that the report be referred back to said Committee, in order that they may state the grounds on which Presbyteries acted in making returns anent the nomination of a Professor for Knox College.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES-COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE.

On motion of Mr. McTavish, seconded by Dr. Thornton, it was agreed,-that a small Committee be forthwith appointed to nominate members of the several Standing Committees.

## PREACHING BEFORE SYNOD.

Preaching before
Synop, Report on.

Mr. D. H. McVicar, from the Committee appointed, last year, to make arrangements for preaching before the Synod, gave in a report, recommending that the pulpit of Cote street church should be occupied on Sabbath, the 11th instant, by Mr. Patrick Gray, of Kingston, in the forenoon, at 11 o'clock, and by Mr. John M. King, of Toronto, in the evening. The report was received and its recommendations were adopted.

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The Chairman of and asked leave to request to sit again

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The Moderator no ing Committees, whi Sederunt, should be as follows:-Messrs. Gray, D. Waters, G miss. J. Gillespie,

## COLLEGE BOARD REPORT, ETC.

The Synod resumed consideration of the report of the Coll Report \&ec., Board, and relative papers, read at the Board, and relative papers, read at the afternoon Sederunt.
It was moved by Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Mr. Cross, and Report received. agreed to,-That the Report of the Board of Management of Knox Referred to Com. College, and the Report of the Committee on the proposed College at Montreal, be received, and the diligence of said Board and Committee approved; and that these reports with all accompanying documents, and also the Overture on the examination of students, and the Returns of Presbyteries on the subject of another Pzofessor in Knox College, be remitted to a special Committee, with instruc. ions to report at an early Sederunt. The Synod, further, empowered the Committee to take legal advice with reference to the charter of the Montreal College, if they should see cause.

## HOME MISSIONS-REGULATIONS.

The Synod called for the report of the Special Committo $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Home Mission, } \\ & \text { Regulations Re- }\end{aligned}$ pointed last year, on Home Mission Regulations. Mr. Gregg, ap-port of Special was, zesterday, appointed Cosion Regulations. Mr. Gregg, who Com. Mr. Topp, read a report, and submitted, at the same time instead of draft of a set of rules for conducting, at the same time, a printed church.
On motion made and seconded, the report was received and the Report reoeived; diligence of the Committee approved. Diligence of Com. It was here moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Dr. Thornton, - approved.t That the Syuod approve and adopt the Scheme submitted, and in Lotion; of Mr. accordance therewith, in order that it may come into immediate operation.

1. Appoint the following eighteen members of Synod its Home Mission Committee for the year.
2. Enjoin the Presbyteries of the Church to furnish information to this Committee in accordance with the requirements of the above scheme, and to co-operate with the Committee.
3. Enjoin all congregations and Mission Stations to make a contribution by collection or otherwise, as may be deemed best, to the Central Fund.
4. Earnestly commend this-one of the principal departments of the work of the Church,-to the prayers and liberality of the members of the church, assured that due attention to this work, will, under the blessing of God, tend to the advancement of the church in the land.
The Synod then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole Whole House, Honse, on the Regulations for Home Missions, submitted by the Com. of, on one ReSpecial Committee, Mr. J. McTavish in the chair. After sitting for some time the Committee of the W
the Synod resumed-the Moderator takıog the chair. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole chair. whole rose. and asked leave to sit again. The the Whole reported progress, Report progress request to sit again was not granted.

## STANDing committees-nomination committee.

The Moderator nownamed the Committee for nominating Stand $\begin{gathered}\text { Standing Com- } \\ \text { mitte } \\ \text { Com. to }\end{gathered}$ ing Committees, which it was resolved, at the beginning Stand-nominate Sederunt, should be appointed resolved, at the beginning of the as follows :-Messrs. A. F. K Gray, D. Waters, G. Riddell, J. Mitchell, Jraser, J. K. Smith, P. miss. J. Gillespie, G. Cuthbertsonell, J. Porteous, J. Middle-

Lowry for the clerk of the Presbytery of Stratiord, and Mr. T. Stevenson, for the clerk of the Presbytery of Grey, both of whom were absent ; Mr. Mitchell to be Convener.

## COLLEGE BOARD REPORT, ETC. CONMITTEE.

The Moderator now appointed the Committee to whom should be referred the report of the Board of Management of Knox College; the report on the establishing of a Theological College at Montreal, and all other relative documents, in accordance with the resolution on this subject, at a previons period of this Sederunt, as follows :-Messrs. J. J. A. Proudfoot, D. H. McVicar, D. Inglis, A. A. Drummond, W. McLaren, J. M. King, Dr. 'thornton, Messrs. T. Stevenson, D. Wardrope, D. McRuer, J. K. Smith, J. Middlemiss, J. Laing, ministers, Messrs. J. Redpath, Hon. J. McMurrich, Dr. Holden, Mr. W. Clark, Dr. McQuesten, elders; Mr. Proudfoot, Convener.

## RETURNS TO REMITS-AMENDED REPORT.

Mr. David Inglis, from the Committee on Returns to Synodica Remits, to whom was reterred back the report on Returns relating

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ducting the Home Missionary operations of the Church, submitted
last night, and in which progress had then been made.
With the consent of his Seconder, and with the permission of Mr. Laing's the Synod, Mr, Laing withdrew the motion proposed by him on motion withthis subject last night.
On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, the fol- Rules to be co lowing resolution was adopted:-The Synod approve in the sidered seridmain of the Schema submitted by the Committee, and agree to tim. proceed to discuss the recommendations, Seriatim.
Mr. McTavish, the Moderator of last year, being now present, Mr. MeTavish in took the Chair.

The first Section of the Regulations was read.
It was moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Ferrie,-That Regulations,
the following words be added- "One third of whom shall not ba motion. eligible for re-election for one year."

It was moved in amendment by Mr.
That instead of the first Regulation. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dick, - Amendment.
namely :-"That the Synod shail the following besubstituted,
sion Committee, consisting of eighteen members."
A vote was taken, when the member
by a The Synod took up the Second Section in the $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { adopted with } \\ & \text { amendmeut. }\end{aligned}$ bracing three sub-Sections.
It was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,-That Motion.
the Synod adopt the Second general article of the Home Mission
Scheme, comprising Subordinate Articles, Nos. 1, 2, 3.
It was moved in amendmant by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. ${ }^{1:}$ Amendment.
James Whyte, -That Head II. Stand-

1. Mission Stations, aid-eceiving.
2. Mission Stations, not receiving aid.
3. Weak Congregations, receiving Supplement.

It was moved in further amendments, by Mr. Gourlay, seconded 2. Amendment. by Dr. Holden,-That the Second particular of the Second Head be left out.

Votes being taken as between the amendment of Mr. Gourlay Second Article and that of Mr. Stevenson, and the original motion, the motion adopted without was carried by a large majority, and the Synod adopted the Second change. Article without change.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Third Article in the Third Article, Scheme, when it was moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr, under consider-Waters,-That No. III. be adopted, with the amendment of the ${ }^{\text {ation. }}$ words, "As the Synod may direct," added after the words, "duly
approved."
The hour of adjournment being at hand, the Syıod deferred, in Deferred the meantime, further consideration of the Mission Scheme.

## home mission committee to meet.

It having been stated that $\mathrm{Mr}, \mathrm{R}$. Ure, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee was absent and would probably not be in atten-
dance during this Session of Synod, the Committee was thereupon ordered to meet immediately, and to appoint their own Chairman.

## RECEPTION OF A MINISTER-APPLICATION.

There was received and read an application from the Presbytery of Toronto to admit as the tion,. Pres. Duncan, lately arrive as minister of this Church, Mr. Francis teronto, RemitDuncan, lately arrived from Scotland. The application was re ted to Com. mitted to the Committee already appointed to examine was re-
monials of Ministers on whose behalf application for admission was
made.
Added to receps At the request of Mr. McLaren, the Convener of the Committee on the reception of Ministers, Principal Willis, and Messrs. Gibson and Cuthbertson were added to the said Committee.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at half past seven o'elock. Closed with the Benediction.

## NINTH SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal, Friday, June 9, 1865, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M.
The Synod met and was constituted-Mr. McTavish, in the absence of the Moderator, occupying the Chair. Dr. Taylor by request led in prayer.
The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Geddie Rev. Mr. The Rev. Mr. Geddie-for eighteen years a Missionary on the Island of Aneiteum, New Hebrides, in the Southern Pacific-from whom it had been previously arranged to receive an address this evening, was introduced by Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, and addressed the Synod at length, giving many details of interest respecting the commencement, and progress, and present state of the Mission with which he was connected.
Thanks, \&c. for
by Dr motion of Dr. Willis, Principal of Knox College, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, it was Resolved :- That the Synod having been favoured with an opportunity of hearing from the Rev. Mr. Geddie, many interesting details concerning the mission to the South Sea Islands, undertaken by the Sister Church, in Nova Scotia, accord their thanks to their esteemed brother for appearing here at this time ; congratulate him, and the Church he represents, on the unusually encouraging measure of success which, by the blessing of God, has evidently already crowned their interesting enterprise, and earnestly commend the cause to the prayful sympathies of the people of this Church, cherishing the fervent hope that it may please God to restore the health of their brother, and grant him and his fellow-labourers, in that very promising field, yet more abundant tokens of His favour.

The Moderator conveyed to Mr. Geddie, in warm terms, the ex pression of the Synod's thanks and good wishes as contained in the foregoing resolution.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—REPORT.

Foreign Yissions The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Foreign
Report of Com- Missions. The Report was read by Mr. R. F. Burns, the Convener.
mittee. ${ }_{\text {meport received. }}^{\text {mittee }}$ On motion of Mr. J. M. Roger, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, -The Referred to Com. Report was received, the diligence of the Committee approved, and the Report referred to a Committee to take it into consideration, and frame a Deliverance to be submitted at a subsequent Sederunt. The Committee was then appointed as follows :-Dr. Ormiston, Convener, Messers. J. J. A. Proudfoot, D. H. Fletcher, W. T. McMullen, R. F. Burns, W. Caven, J Dick, W. Gregg, Ministers, Hon. J. McMurrich, Dr. Holden, Col. Hauntain, Elders.
The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at ten o'clock. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.
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## TENTH SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal, Saturday, June 10, 1865, 10 o'clock, a.m.
The Synod met, and was constituted, the Moderator, Mr. William Aitken, in the Chair, and Mr. J. M. Roger, by request, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and approved.

## RECEPTION OF MINISTERS-REPORT.

Mr. Thomas Lowry, from the Committee to examine the testi-Ministers, recep. monials of Ministers on whose behalf application had been made tion of of Report by Presbyteries, for their admission as Ministers of this Church, of Com. gave in an interim Report, setting forth, in substance, that they had examined testimonials, which they found to be satisfactory in favour of the following ministers, namely:-

1. Mr. William Moore, a Licentiate of the Presbyterian Church
(0.S.), United States, formerly a student of Knox College.
2. Mr. Robert Moodie, an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.
3. Mr. John Jones, a Licentiate of the American Presbyterian Church.
4. Mr. Martin Lowry, late of the Episcopal Methodist Church, The Committee added in regard to Mr. Lowry, that his papers from the Presbytery of Stratford testified that he had been by them examined as to his attainments and views, and had given satisfaction on the subjects of inquiry ; and also that Mr. Lowry had appeared personally before the Committee, and had answered satisfactorily questions put to him on certain doctrinal points. The Committee recommended that tho Synod grant leave to the Presbyteries making application for the purpose, to receive the ministers named above as ministers of this Church.
The Report was received and its recommendations adopted.

## home mission regulations.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Home Mission Regula. Home Mission tions, deterred at the morning Sederunt yesterday. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Home Mhsion } \\ & \text { Regulations, pro- }\end{aligned}$ cided, was read to the following effectay morning, and then unde- ceedings on. with the amendment of the words, "as the Synod may direct," Synod, adopted. added after the words, "duly approved."
The motion was carried and the Regulation, with the emendation stated, adopted.
The Synod entered on the consideration of the IV. Article in the Article IV.
oposed Scheme. proposed Scheme.
It was moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. McMullen,-That ${ }_{\text {Motion. }}$.
Article be adopted as it stands. the Article be adopted as it stands.
Motion.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Ferrie, and seconded by Col. Haultain,-That the words, "the Synod's Home Mission opera. 1. Amendment, tions," be erased, and that the words, "that Fund," be substituted for them.
It was moved, in further amendment by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. Watson,-That the Article be adopted with the addition 2 . Amendment, following:-"And that in the event of the Committee seeing its way clear to assume the obligations of any or of all the Presbyteries of the Church, to weak congregations, or for arreavs due to

Missionaries, these Presbyteries are expected to send all their Home Mission contributions to the Central Fund."

Votes, ${ }^{\text {'Article }}$
IV. adopted with Mr. Ferries Amendment.

Article V. adopted.

Article ، VI. 1. Subsection.
2. Subsection.

1. Amendment.
2. Amendment.
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It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr . Baird, seconded by Mr. Kemp, - That the rule be as follows :- T'he amount of salary to be paid by each Congregation, Station, or group of Stations, shall be determined by the Presbytery of the bounds, and specified to the Committee, and it is recommended to Presbyteries, in determining salaries, to aim at an amount as full and liberal as the circumstances of the different Congregations, or Stations and the character of the Supply will admit.
To sit 20 minutes. The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to sit for twenty minutes longer.
Votes, Regulation adopted without change. ooes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Baird was, successively preferred to the ametdments of Mr . Waters, Mr. Gillespie, and Mr. Ball; and the amendment of Mr. Baird being put against the motion of Mr. Laing, the motion was carried, aud the Synod decided to adopt the Regulation without change.
Sub-section No. 3. was taken up, and read.
Motion. Moved by Mr. Laing, and seconded,-That the Rule be adopted as it stands.
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A vote was taken when the motion of Mr. Laing was carried, Vote, no. 3. and the regulation was carried without change. adopted without

Mr. McLaren gave notice that, after the reading of the minutes change. on Monday, he would move that the decision now come to be re- sideration. considered.
Mr. Laing gave notice that he would move that the Home Mis. Notice-adoption sion Regulations having been adopted Seriatim, be adopted as $\mathbf{a}_{\text {as }}^{\text {of Regulote. }}$. whole.
The Synod adjourned, to meet on Monday, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Closed with the Benediction.

## ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal,
Monday, June 12, 1865, 10 o'clock, P. M.
The Synod met and was constituted, Principal Willis, at the request of the Moderator, leading in devotional exercises.
The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## MISSION REGULATIONS-MOTION to RE-CONSIDER.

Mr. McLaren, according to notice given on Saturday, moved, Mission Regulaseconded by Mr. Cross,-That the motion adopting the third ad- Hions, Mr. Mio ditional regulation without amendment, be re-considered. The to reconsider carmotion being put to vote was carried by a large majority, and the ried. Synod agreed to re-consider the said motion.
It was then moved by Mr. D. Inglis, sceonded by Mr. Gillespie, Motion. That the regulation stand as it is in the printed draft.
It was moved, in amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Dr . $\Delta$ mendment. Ormiston, That the third regulation be amended by adding the words, -" except in cities, where the amount shall be determined by mutual arrangement between the Presbytery of the bounds and the Committee."

A rote was taken, the motion of Mr Inglis was carried, and the Regulation Regulation adopted, without change.

It was moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Dr. Thornton.-That $\begin{gathered}\text { adhange. } \\ \text { Reguati }\end{gathered}$ the Synod approve and adopt the scheme of Home Mission Re- adopted as a gulations as amended. The motion being put was carried and the whole. Synod decided accordingly.

## instructions-home missions.

It was then moved by Mr Laing, seconded by Dr. Thornton, as Presbyteries to follows: 1. "Enjoin the Presbyteries of the Church to furnish farnish. information to the Mission Committee in accoraance with the re- Information to quirements of the above Scheme, and to co-eperate with the Com- Mis. Com. mittee." The motion being put was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in accordance therewith.
Mr. Kemp craved that his dissent from this resolution be marked nissent-Mr. in the Synod's minutes. annual contribution to the Central Fund." The motion being put ${ }^{\text {stations. }}$ to vote was adopted, and the Synod decided in accordance there-
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Scheme commenced to prayer and liberality.

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Rules reenacted as follows:-3. "Instruct the Committee to assume the existing obligations of Presbyteries, arising from grants in aid promised to weak congregations, or arrears of salary due to Missionaries for services rendered, at least to the amount furnished by such Presby. teries." The motion after reasoning was agreed to.
Moved further by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr.A Wilson, as follows :-
4. "Earnestly commend this, one of the principal departments of the work of the Church, to the prayers and liberality of the members of the church, in the hope that due attention to this work will, under the blessing of God, tend to the advancement of the Cause of Christ in the land."

## vacancies and probationers-Committer on.

Moved, further, by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Waters, and agreed to,-That the Synod appoint a small Committee to arrange with the Presbyteries for the orderly hearing of Probationers in the Vacancies, and to fix the terms of remuneration ; and, in order to define who are on the list of Probationers, re-enact in terms of regulations, 1, 3, 4, of the Synod of 1861, on page 27 of the printed minutes, to the effect following, inserting the words, "or mission work," after the word "Church," in regulation No. 3.
I. That the Roll of Probationers shall consist of preachers who have been licenced less than three jears, and Ministers who have been loosed from their Charges, or who have been received from other Churches, and have been receiving appointments from the Committee less than two years-reckoning in both case from the date of their admission to the Roll.
III. Preachers who have been on the Roll for three years, and Ministers for two years, without settlement, shall have their names removed from the list; allowance being, in all cases, made for sickness, leave of absence, or time occupied in the public business of the church, or mission work, apart from fulfilling regular appointments; provided also, that the Synod alone may order the retention of any Probationer's name on the list, beyond the above specified times.
IV. Probationers concerning whom complaints ot inefficiency have been received from Presbyteries by the Committee, may have their appointments withdrawn, until a decision of Synod shall be given in the case.

## bILLS' REPORT.

Bill's Com-
mittee Report.
The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report which was received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal. Monday, June 12, 1865, 3 o'clock, P. M.
The Synod met and was constituted with praise and prayer by the Moderator.
The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

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## records-presbyteries and synod reports.

The Synod called tor the Raports of Committees appointed to Presbytery ; examine the R9cords of Presbyteries. Reports were given in on on the Records of the following Presbyteries, viz., Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, S ra:ford, Toronto, Guelph, London, Paris, Hamilton, Huron, Grey, setting forth that the Records of the said Presbyteries, were correctly kept. The R3ports in the several cases, were received, and the Racords of the respective Presbyteries named, ordered to be attested in the usual form.
The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Rgcords Synod Records, of theSynod was called for, and was handed in and read, setting forth ${ }^{\text {Report on. }}$ that these Records were kept with great care and ascuracy. The Report was received, and the Records were ordered to be attested in terms thereof.

## STIPEND ARrears.

The Synod called for the $R$ iport of the Committee arpointed Stipend Arrears, last year to devise mgasures for liquidating arrears of Stipend, oneport of Com: due to ministers, as appearing on the Statistical report presented to the Synod. The Report was read by the Converer, the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, setting forth in substance, that the Committee, shortly after their appointment had addressed circulars to the several Presbyteries, askiug for information as to arrears of stipend:that owing to various canses the returns to these inquiries were not received so soon as was desirable :-that ultimately applications had been received from the Presbyteries following, for the sums annexed, viz :
From the Presbytery of Ottawa for.... $\$ 200$ 00

-that having ascertained the indebtedness they commenced the work of collecting funds and had received from Toronto $\$ 430$, from Hamilton $\$ 400$, and subsequently, from Woodstock $\$ 14$ as an instalmert; that various sums had been promised which might yet be received; that in April last additional applications for aid nad been receised, namely, from Toronto Presbytery, for $\$ 240$, and from Ontario Presbytery for $\$ 260$, making the total amount applied for $\$ 3,791$, and that, as yet, no payments had been made. The Report expressed regret for the failure, to some extent, to which the Committee had to submit, but recommended to the Synod to prosecute the work to completion.
On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Dick, the Synod Reodrt reosived agreed. - That the Report bo received and adopted and the thanks and adopted, of Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, edm. reappofatand that the Committee be re-appointed to complete their work, and that Presbyteries be instructed to co-operate with the Committee, to deal with the congregations in arrears, with the view of reducing the very large amount now applied for; and, further, that the effort to raise the amount required be earnestly recommended to the liberaity of the whole Church.
The Committee as re-apoointed as follows:-The minis.Stipend, C„n. ters of Toronts, with their Syaod Eldər3, Mr. W. S. Bail, the ${ }^{\text {Hon. J. McMurrich to be Convener. }}$

Gen. Assembly, Returns Report on,
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

## THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

> Cote Street Church, Montreal, Monday, June 12, 1865, $7: 30$ oclock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted. Mr. Dick, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and approved.
general assembly.
Gen. Assembly, The Synod resumed consideration of the question brought up by
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## Mr. Gillespie withdraws amendment.

Gen. Assembly
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Pres. Toronto.
There was read also an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, the organization i of a General Assembly of the Church at present, was undesirable, and praying the Synod to re-consider the expediency of departing from the organization of the church as now
constituted. constituted.
Toronto Overture
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Motion on Over
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Amendment.
The Synod agreed to take up first the Overture foregoing. The Overture was supported on behalf of the Presbytery of Toronto, by Mr. Gregg and Mr. Mitchell.

Thas then moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr.W. B. Clark, with circumes reconsider the expediency of departing in present establishing a from the present organization of our Church by It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Gillespie Synods. The Repong a General Assembly, and District Synods. that fieport was given in and read, setttng forth substantially, with mesesyteries approved Simpliciter:-that five approved the church agreed to not ready for carrying it into effect; that one had uurn: and that one disapproved.
There was read in connection with the Report on Remits a Memorial from the Presbytery of Guelph, setting forth the hardship to which the members of the said Presbytery would be subjucted, in case of the erection of a General Assemily and District Synods, were they to be connected with the proposed Synod of London, and praying that in the event of the aforesaid Act being adopted by the Eynod, the said Presbytery should be comprised within the proposed Synod of Toronto.

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W. T. McMullen. Tend the the Synod proceed to consider the Reports disapproved, and that the Remit from Synod on a General Assembly.
After reasoning for some time, the hour of adjournment arrived, and tho diet was closed-the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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The question was then taken up upon Mr. Mitchell's motion for Reconsideration the re-consideration of the decision come to last year agreeing to carried. constituting a General Assembly and District Synods, when the motion was carried and the Synod decided in terms therof.
It was moved by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. McMullen.- Motion, That the Synod re-affirm its decision of last year, on the subject of ${ }^{\mathrm{Mr}}$. Gillespie. a General Assembly.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. ${ }^{\text {Amendment, }}$ Dick. That having re-considered the expediency of establishing a Mr. Gregg. General Assembly and District Synods, the Synod resolve that, in existing circumstances, it is undesirable to depart from its present organization.
The further consideration of the question was in the meantime Deferred. deferred.
The Moderator now appointed the Committee agreed upon at Vacancies and the morning Sederunt, to arrange with Presbyteries for the orderly ${ }^{\text {Com. on. }}$ hearing of Probationers in the vacancies, and to fix the terms of remuneration as follows: Messre. J. Dick, W. Gregg, 'R. Torrance, J. Baird, J. Mitchell,-Mr. Dick, Convener.

The hour of adjournuent having arrived, the diet was closed, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

## Cote Street Church, Montreal,

 Tuesday June 13, 1865, 10 o'clcek, A. M.The Synod met and was constituted, Dr. Ormiston, at the request of the Moderator, leading in devotional exereises.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and approved.

## general assembly.

Mr. Grilespie was permitted to alter the motion which he had Gen. Assembly, submitted at last Sederunt, so as to read as follows: That the Mr.Gillespie's Synod re-affirm its decision of last year on the subject of a Gen- Motion altered. eral Assembly, in so far as the desirability of proceeding with the scheme for the formation of said court is concerned.
It was moved, in further amendment, by Dr. Ormiston, second- 2. Amendment. ed by Mr. McRuer,-That the Synod having re-considered the subject of a General Assembly, re-affirm the decision of last Synod as to the desirableness of establishing a General Assembly, with District Synods, and proceed to consider the Retarns from Presbyteries.

It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. Waters, seconded 3. Amendment. by Mr. Wright, … That the Synod having re-considered the question, re-affirm the desirableness of instituting a General Assembly; but in the meantime, resolve to postpone the further consideration of the question, and to lay the Returns of Presbyteries on the Draft Act on the Table of Synod.

After long reasoning a vote was called for, when the amend- Votes-Decision. ment of Dr. Ormiston was successively preferred to the amendments, severally, of Messrs. Waters and Gregg, and to the motion of Mr. Gillespie. The yeas and nays being taken on the said amendment, it was affirmed by a very large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

## DR. WILKES-DELEGATE CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Delegate Congre- There was handed in and read by the Moderator, a commission
gatioaal Onion. gatioall Union. to the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, certifying his appointment as the Delegate of the Congregational Union of Canada to the annual meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, now in Session, instead of the Rev. W. Clark, who was unable to attend.
Dr. Wilkes aa- It was agreed to receive Dr. Wilkes now, and invite him to dedresses Synod.
liver the message committed to his charge.
Dr. Wilkes was introduced by the Moderator, and briefly addressed the Synod, conveying the fraternal salutations of the Body represented by him, and reminding the Synod of the high and honourable, and most important work intrusted to the ministers of Christ, and the sense of obligation which should be felt in prosecuting this holy calling.
Resolution on ad. Un motion of Mr. Gregg, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, it was
dress. agreed,-That the Synod receive with great satisfaction the friendly greetings of the Congregation 31 Union, presented by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes; reciprocate these their kindly sentiments, and earnestly pray that the Great Head of the Church may pour out unon them as well as upon this Synod an abundant effusion of the Holy Spirit, and prosper them in all their service in the work of the Gospel of Christ.

Moderator's re. ply.

The Moderator conveyed to Dr. Wilkes, in warm terms, the Synod's regard for the Body whom he represented, and their cordial reciprocation of the fraternal and Christian sentiments to which he had given expression.

## general assembly.

Gen. Assembly, The Synod returned to the subject, the consideration of which
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motion. motion. was interrupted by the hearing of the Rev. Dr. Wilkes. It was moved by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Wilso., and agreed to,-That the Synod having considered the Returns of Presbyteries on the Draft Act, of Assembly, and finding thatt a large majority approve generally of the proposed Act, agren, in view of the amount of business demanding the attention of the Synod during its present Session, to postpone the further consideration of the recommendations of Presbyteries until next meeting of Synod. The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at three o'clock. Closed with the Benediction.

## FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal. Tursday, June 13, 1855, 3 o'clock, P. M.
The Synod met and was constituted. Mr. W. T. McMullen, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

## RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Records of Pre. Mr. A. F. Kemp, from the Committee to examine the Records byteries, Report of the Presbytery of Ontario, gave in a report. It was ordered ${ }^{0 a}$, Ontario ${ }^{\text {reses. that }}$ that thecords of the Presbytery be attested in terms of said re. port.

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## college board and montreal college, report \&e.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee to whom was Deliverance of referred the report of the Board of Management of Knox College, Com. on Colleg and relative papers. The report, containi ng recommendations for Moart aved the adoption of Synod was read by Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoof, the Con- lege Report. vener.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Kemp, it was Report received. agreed, -That the report be received, that its recommendations be taken up, seriatim, and that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee for their diligence.

On motion made and seconded the Synod resolved itself into a Whole House Committee of the Whole House, in order to consider the recom- Committee of, ou mendations in the aforesaid report, seriatim, Mr, McTavish in College Report. the chair.
After sitting for somu time the Committee of the Whole House Committee rose, rose, and the Synod resumed, the Moderator taking the chair. Report 1 rogress
The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. The report was received and the request granted.

## NExT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Mr. Thomas Lowry gave notice that, when the Synod met in the Next meeting of evening, he would move that the Synod proceed to appoint the place Synod, Notice of of its next meeting.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the Benediction, and the Synod rose.

## SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

## Cote Street Church, Montreal. Tuesday, June 13, 1865, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted,-Mr. Andrew Wilson, at Synod next the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer. meeting appoint
According to notice at the previous Sederunt it was moved by ${ }^{\text {ed. }}$ Mr. Thomas Lowry, seconded and agreed to-That the Synod now proceed to fix the time and place of its next meeting.
It was moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. Wright-and agreed to,-That the next meeting of Synod be held in Central Church, Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, 1866, at 7 o'clock, p.m.

## KNOX COLLEGE AND MONTREAL COLLEGE.

On motion, the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the college DeliverWhole House, on the Report of the Committee to whom was re-anoe Com. of ferred the report of the College Board and relative papers. Mr. Whole. McTavish in the Cbair.

Atter sitting till near the hour of adjournment, the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Synod resumed, the Moderator taking the chair.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress and asked leave to sit again. The Report was received and the request granted.
Synod to sit hale The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed, on Com. of Whole. motion, to sit for a half an hour longer.
'The Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the same Report as above noted, Mr. McTavish in the Chair.
Com. of Whole rose and report. ed.

The hour of half-past ten o'clock having arrived, the Committee of the Whole House rose, and the Synod resumed, the Moderator in the Chair.
The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. The Report was received and the request granted.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with the Benediction.

## SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church Montreal, Wednesday, June 14, 1865, 10 o'clock, A.M.
The Synod met and was constituted, $-\mathrm{Mr} . \mathrm{McVicar}$, at the request of the Moderator, leading in devotional exercises.
The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.
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Montreal as to.
Mr. Alexander Young on behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal, asked leave to supply an omission in the Report of that Presbytery on Ordinations, Demissions, \&c., in the leaving out of the name of Dr. William Hamilton, as a minister received by the Presbytery. Leave was granted, as requested, and the name of Dr. Hamilton, or dered to be inserted.
Com. on Bills re- The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, which was read, and the order of business therein contained sanctioned.

## knox college and montreal college, etc.

Com. of Whole On motion the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the House on Col- Whole House on the Report of the Committee on the College
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ed. Board Report and relative papers, Mr. Dick in the Chair.

Motion to adopt
Report.

Amendment.

Vote, Amendment carried.
Dissent Mr. J.
Ross and others.

After sitting some time, the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Synod resumed, the Moderator taking the Chair. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole gave in a Report.
It was moved by Mr. McRaer, seconded by Mr.W.T. McMullen,That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be received and the recommendations as amended on all the matters submitted, be adapted.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. McTavish, -That the Report be received and adopted, with the exception of the resolution to apply for the ameadment of the Charter of the Montreal College.
A vote was then taken when the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.
Mr. John Ross for himself and all who should join with him
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Messrs. J. L W. T. McMullen,

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1. Because the retaining of the clause in dispute may hereafter have legal issues which we cannot now foresee.
2. Because the retaining of the clause in question, recognizes and encourages a sectional feeling which is prejudicial to the united interest of the Church.
Messrs. J. Laing, T. Lowry, D. McRuer, W. Richardson, W. T. McMullen, joined with Mr. Ross in his dissent.

The recommendations contained in the deliverance on the Deliverance on Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, as reported College Board from the Committee of the whole House, and adopted by the ${ }^{\text {Report. }}$ Synod, are as follows :-

1. That the Synod express satisfaction with the arrangements Messrs. Gregg of the Board of Management, in securing the services of the Rev. and caven, Wm. Gregg, of Toronto, and the Rev. Wm. Caven, of St. Mary's, satisfaction for for carrying on the classes of Apologetics and Exegetical and thanks for Theology; and tender thanks to these gentlemen for their readiness services. in respouding to the call of the Board, and for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties assigned to them; and, at the same time, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Dr. Burns,thanks the Rev. Dr. Burns, for his services to the College in the depart- to. ment of Church History.
2. That in view of the differences of opinion expressed by the Similar arrange* Presbyteries of the Church, in relation to the appointment of a meat as last Professor for Knox College, the Synod instruct the College ${ }^{\text {year authorized. }}$ Board to make an arrangement, similar to that of last year, for conducting the classes of Apologetics and Exegetical Theology, Temporary Proand Church History; and also, that the gentlemen appointed to foe ors of beMemconduct these classes, be, Ex officio, members of the Senate. bers of Senate.
3. That, as the report of the Board of Management does not pre. Report to state sent a full view of the state of the Fund for the year, in future finance in detail. it shall contain a detailed statement of the annual receipts and expenditure of the College, together with its financial position at the end of the year.
4. That the Synod, regretting to find that nearly one fourth of Presbyteries to the Congregations of the Church, have not contributed to the tions. Congregafunds of the College, during the past year, enjoin upon Presbyteries to visit, by deputation the defaulting congregations, in order to secnre contributions from them; and instruct the Board to communicate by Circular, or through the Record a statement of the Board to inform Financial position of the College, and its estimated expenditure ${ }^{\text {as }}$ to Pinance. for the year, before the annual contributions are taken up.
In accordance with the suggestions of the Board of Manage- Examiners, ment, and the Overture on the appointmient of a Board of Ex- Beariveranc of amination, the recommendations in the deliverance, as reported Deliverance on. from the Committee of the Whole House, and adopted by the Synod, are as follows :-
5. That the Synod institute a Board of Examination consisting $\begin{aligned} & \text { Board to be in } \\ & \text { stituted. }\end{aligned}$ of ten members.
6. That the Synod recommend Students for the Ministry to take, ${ }^{\text {Students }}$, reoom. when possible, a full course in some approved College ; (say B. A. . University College, or McGill College, approved obtain the degree of B. A., before eutering on their Theological Studies.
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7. That the Synod require students, not taking a full course, to Students not give their attendance on such classes, at University College, or taking fall McGill College, or Colleges affiliated with them, as the Synod cerrain olasses... may direct, and to pass the terminal examination connected with these classes.

Students to pass 4. That the Synod require these students (of the latter class) entrance ex-
amination. to pass an entrance examination before the Board of Examin. ation, and to lay before 1 , at the close of such Session, certificates of attendance on the prescribed classes.
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power of Board. 5. That in the case of Students who have passed the entrance examination, the Board be empowered to dispense with attendance circue prescribed classes, for one year, or more, where special circumstances may seem to require it: Provided that Students. thas exempted pass an examination before the Board on the subjects of study in these classes, and that all such cases be reported to the
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6. That the place of students in the Curriculum be determined de- by this Board, according to their attainments.
7. That students applying to this Board for examination be required to bring a certificate from the Presbytery, within whose bounds they reside, of their fitness as candidates for the ministry.
8. That the Synod remit to the Board to prepare a Curriculum suited to the case of students who do not take the full College Course, and to report to next Synod; and, meanwhile, empower the Board to determine for the present year, what classes shall be attended by students of the several years.
9. That all students proposing to enter the Theological Classes, duly certified by the Presbytery of the bounds, as fit candidates for the office of the ministry, be required to pass an entrance examination, on the subjects already prescribed, and also at the beginning of the second and third Sessions of their Theological course ; and, further, that the Senate receive no student to the regular course of study, ot any year, unless he is certified by the Board.
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Presbytery of the bounds, between each Session of Knox College and deliver, at least, one written exercise.
Scholarships to 11. That in order to encourage stadents to take a full University be instituted. Course, the Board of Examination be empowered to take the necessary steps for instituting scholarships, open for competition, to such students in the various years of their attendance: the competitors for these scholarships to give a declaration of their intention to enter the ministry of this church, and satisfactory assurance that, in the event of not carrying out this intention, the sums thns received shall be refunded.

## montreal college.

Montreal Col-
lege.
In relation to the report of the Presbytery of Montseal on the erection of a Theological College in the City of Montreal the Synod adopted the recommendations in the Dsliverance as reported from the Committee of the Whole House, and amended, of the tenor following: -
Thanks to Hon. J. $\mathrm{Ro}^{\circ} \mathrm{e}$ and F . W. Torrance, Esq.
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## Regulations,

consideratio deferred.
College not to go into immediate operation.

1. That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Hon. John Rose and Frederick W.Towance Esq., for their servicesin obtaining the charter for Montreal College.
2. That the Synod do now complete the Charter by passing the Declaration of Principles required by the Act, in similar terms to that passed for Knox College.
3. That the consideration of the Regulations for the government 4. Montreal College be deferred for the present. 4. That the proposal contained in the Repert of the Pres. bytery of Montreal, not being such as to warrant the Synod in bringing the College into operation at present, no further action
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students, preaching by, etc.
On the question of the employment of Students of Theology in Students, order public religious ministrations, the Synod adopted the recommend as to preaching. ation in the Deliverance, as reported from the Committee of the Whole House as follows :-
That Students may be employed in Home Mission work, only after they have attended one session in the Theological classes, and that no Student shall go out to preach during the College session w ithout first obtaining the consent of the Senate, and this permission shall not be granted more than three times while the classes are in session.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the Penediction.

## EIGHTEENTH SEDERUN r.

> Cote Street Church, Montreal, Wednesday, June 14, 1865, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted, Mr. Archibald Cross, at the request of the Moderator, leading in Prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read in part, and the sustaining of them was deferred.

## STUDENTS-REGULATIONS REPEALED.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr.Baird, it was agreeded ${ }_{\text {Students, }}$ Form to repeal all former Regulations regarding the Examination and er Regulations reception of Students intended for the Ministry, which may be in. repeafed. consistent with the Reguiations now adopted.

## MONTREAL COLLEGE-PRINCIPLES.

On motion of Mr.Kemp, seconded by Mr.A. Young, the resolution Montreal College following was - adopted:-The Synod in accordance with the Deoliaration ot terms of the Act for the incorporation of the Montreal College, at ${ }^{\text {Principples. }}$ its first Session after the passing of the Act resolves and declares-

That the principles and doctrines to be taught in the Montreal College, by the Professors and Tutors, or other persons who shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be employed or appointed in giving instruction in the said College, shall be such and such only as are consistent with, and agreeable to, the Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, and the "Form of Church Government," all which are called the "Westminster Standards," and shall comprise all Theological fearning consistent with said Standards : Provided always, that the said Standards be understood and taken in accordance with the Articles of Union agreed upon by the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at Montreal, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one : provided, also, that the said "Westminster Standards" be taken and understood with such,other, or further, directions and rules as to Church Government, Discipline or Worship, as may from time to time, be pregcribed or ordained, by the Synod of the said Canada Presbyterian

Church, with the concurrence of a majority of the Presbyteries, of the said Church, to be ascertained in such manner as the Synod shall prescribe, and that such regulations and rules be duly recorded in the Minate Book of the said Synod, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, for the time being, of such Synod.

## PROFESSORS—OVERTURE ON POSITION OF.

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There was transmitted by the Committee of Bills, an Overture, signed by several ministers, which was taken up and read, setting forth in substance, that in the Acts of Incorporation of Krox College and of the College of Montreal, power was apparently given to the Synod, without limit or qualification, to dismiss from office, Professors, or Tutors, in said Colleges, without cause shown, and praying the Synod to take steps to obtain the sanction of the Legislature to the amendment of the Acts mentioned, so as to afford due protection to such Professors and Tutors, in their official position.
Motion to refer It was moved by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser,
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to Committe. that this Uverture be referred to a committee, to bring in a deliverance for the adoption of Synod.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Amendment. } \begin{array}{c}\text { It was moved, in amendment by } \\ \text { Mr. Mr. McRuer, as, follows :-Dismiss the Overture, and declare it }\end{array} \\ & \text { 年 }\end{array}$ Mr. McRuer, as, follows :-Dismiss the Over
unnecessary to take any action in the matter.
Overture dis-
missed.
Dissent.
A vote being taken, the amendment was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.
Principal Willis craved leave to have his dissent from this finding marked in the minutes.

## DISSENT AND COMPLAINT-Mr. EWING.

Dissent and Com-
plaint, against
Pres. of Cobourg
by Mr. Ewing.

## Parties called.

Papers read.
Motion to send to Committee.
Motion to proceed.
Vote, proceed.
Parties heard.

Questions.
Complaint.!
Dismissed.

Parties recalled,
Decision an-
piouaced.
The Synod proceeded to take up a Dissent and Complaint of Mr. John Ewing, against action of the Presbytery of Cobourg, reversing a decision of the Kirk Session of Keene, suspending Mr. James Russell from the Communion of the Church, for bankruptcy, and without trial.
Parties were called. Mr. Laing and Mr. Waters appeared for the Presbytery of Cobourg ; Mr. Ewing, for himself; and Mr. Francis Andrews for the Kirk Session of Keene.

The papers in the case were read.
A motion was made and seconded, that the case be referred to a Committee to frame a Deliverance.
It was moved in amendment and seconded, that the Synod proceed with the case now.

A vote was taken, and Synod decided to proceed with the case. Mr. Ewing, was heard in support of his Complaint.
Messrs. Laing and Waters were heard on behalf of the Presby-
ery of Cobourg. tery of Cobourg. of Keene.

Questions were put to the parties and were answered.
Parties were removed.
On motion of Mr. Kemp seconded by Mr. W. B. Clark the Synod resolved as follows :-Dismiss the Dissent and Complaint, and confirm the decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, inasmuch as Mr. Russell was deprived of ordinances without sufficient cause, and in a manner contrary to the laws of the church. The parties were recalled, and the decision was announced to

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Mr. Waters craved extracts on the part of the Presbytery of Extracts craved, Cobourg.
dissent and complaint-mr. j. l. gourlay.
The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint of Mr. John L. Gourlay Mr. J. Gourlay against a finding of the Presbytery of Ottawa, refusing to L. Complaint vs. grant the prayer of a petition from inhabitants of the west end of Pres. Ottawa. the city of Ottawa, praying to be recognized as a Mission Station, and to allow the services of the complainant to be given to the said petitioners.
The Moderator, being a member of the Presbytery of Ottawa, Moderator left left the chair, which, at his request, was taken by Mr. McTavish. chair; taken by
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At this stage of the proceedings, exception was taken to the Exception take manner in which this Complaint came before the Synod. It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Ferrie.-That the $\begin{gathered}\text { cosegegularity } \\ \text { Motion to dis. }\end{gathered}$ case be dismissed, inasmuch as the party complaining neither mits. moved nor voted in the cases before the Presbytery.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. Melville seconded by Mr. Amendment to Irvine,-That the Synod proceed with the case notwithstanding proceed. the irregularity.
A vote was taken, the motion of Mr. Kemp was carried and the Complaint dis. Synod decided to dismiss the Complaint.
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The Moderator again took the chair. president lincoln-overture, etc. Chair.
There was taken up and read, an Overture from Mr. Archibald President Lin. Cross, on the death of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the cosin, Overture United States, praying that the Synod do take such steps, as in its. ${ }^{\text {on his death. }}$ wisdom, might seem fit, to make known to the Church and the world its sentiments on the great crime by which the late President was cut off, and the Americen nation plunged into mourning, as well as it sympathy with the people so suddenly bereaved of their Chief Magistrate.
The 0 verture was supported by Mr. Cross, who afterwards- Motion on.
Moved, seconded by Principal Willis.-That this Synod embraces the earliest opportunity that presents itself of placing on record its unfeigned sorrow at the violent death of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States, its profound abhorrence of the monstrous crime by which his death was caused,-its deepest sympathy with the American nation, thus suddenly deprived of their honored President, - its fervent hope that the righteous cause of Emancipation, which Mr.Lincoln had so heartly espoused, may not be retarded by his untimely end, but may go on to its full consummation : Record also, its strong desire that the bonds of peace and of friendship between the nations of Great Britain and the United States, identified as they are in origin and language, in commerce, and in religion, may be strengthened and perpetuated.
The Synod ageed to sustain the Overture and to adopt the Resolu-Motion carried. tion founded thereon as submitted.
At the request of Mr. A. Wilson, Dr. W. Hamilton, late of the Dr. Hamiton inDutch Reformed Church, United States, being present, was invited vited to sit in to take his seat in the Synod as a corresponding member. Synod.

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The Moderator now appointed the Board of Examiners agreed Board of Ex. upon in the adoption of the recommendations on this subject in the aminers.

Deliverance submitted by the Committee on the College Board Report, and relative papers, as follows:
Dr. Ormiston, Convener; Messrs. J. Baird, W. Gregg, I. H. MeVicar, Dr. Taylor, Messrs. J. K. Smith, W. Aitken, J. Gilles. pie, J. Laing, J. Middlemiss.

## beference-presbytery of ontario-Deliverance.

Ontario Presby. Mr. A. F. Kemp, from the Cominittee appointed to frame a
${ }_{\text {on }}^{\text {tery, De Deference. Del }}$ the matter of the Presbytery of Brockville, and Mr. Archibald Lees $\cdots$ of which in former Minutes $\cdots$-handed in and read a report in terms following:
The Synod sustain the reference from the Presbytery of Ontario, anent the case of the Rev. Mr. Lees, and declare as follows:

1. That fhe Presbytery of Ontario had jurisdiction over Mr, Lees, on his becoming resident within their bounds, and were jus. tified in dealing with him for irregularities alleged a a gainst him.
2. That the said Presbytery so far acted irregularly in permitting . Mr. Lees to officiate ordinarily within their bounds, without requiring from him a Certificate, or Transference, from the Presby. tery of Brockville, within which he formerly held a charge.
3. That the Presbytery of Brockwille had no jurisdiction over Mr. Lees from the time that he became a resident within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario; erred further in making such a claim, and thereby impeded the proceedings of said last-mentioned Presbytery; that the final action of the Presbytery of Brockville, declining such jurisdiction, was regular ; only that in stating their willingness to grant a Certificate to Mr. Lees, they should, under the circumstances, have specified that said Certificate was only up to the period of the demission of his charge, and was not intended to cover his subsequent conduct.
4. That both Presbyteries have acted with a sincere desire to do what was right; that the faithfulness of the Presbytery of Ontario be commended, and they be instructed, if necessary, to deal further with the case of Mr. Lees, ac ording to the laws of the Church.
Deliverance adopted.
Disegat. ceived and adopted.
Mr. Ferrie craved leave to have his dissent from this finding marked in the Minutes.
Extracts craved. Dr. Thornton craved extracts for the Presbytery of Ontario, and these were ordered to be given.

## THANESGIVING DAY.

Thanksgiving Day.

It was moved by Principal Willis, duly seconded, and agreed to, as follows: That the Synod, impressed with the singular goodness of God, at this interesting season of the year, in granting weather so favorable for the labours of our husbandry and agriculture agree that the Moderator be respectfully requested and anthorized to call the congregations of the church to due acknowledgment of the divine hand, at such time as may be judged by him most suil able.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the benediction.

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## NINETEENTH SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal, Wednesday, June 14, 1865, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M. The Synod met, and was constituted, Mr. Andrew Melville, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.
The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## president lincoln, etc.

It was agreed, on motion, that the Moderator be instructed to $\frac{\text { Lincoln, Pres. }}{\text { Moderator }}$ communicate the resolution passed in the afternoon, on the death Moderator to of President Lincoln, to the Government of the United States, tion on respolathrough the proper channel.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS-DELIVERANCE.

Mr. R. F. Burns, from the committee to whom was referred the Foreign Mission report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, in order to frame a a ance $\begin{aligned} & \text { Report, Deliver- }\end{aligned}$ Deliverance, handed in and read a report.

It was moved by Mr. McTavish, seconded by Mr. Lowry, that Motion on. the Synod receive the report and adopt its recommendations, in so far as regards the prosecption of the mission to the American Indians, and in so far as it recommends our mission work to the sympathy and support of the church; but that instead of taking up the new mission field recommended to the Synod, resolve to give the Nova Scotian church such sum of money as the Foreign Mission Committee may deem advisable, in view of the obligations - of the Synod, and defer further action in this matter till the next meeting of Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr, Amendment. Melville, That the report be received and all its recommendations adopted.
After long reasoning, the hour of adjournment arrived, when it was agreed to continue in session for half an hour longer.
After sitting for the full time agreed upon, a motion was made Adjanrnment. for adjournment, on which the Synod being equally divided, the Moderator gave his casting vote in favour of adjournment.
The diet was closed with the benediction.

## TWENTIETH SEDERUNT.

> Cote Street Church, Montreal, Thursday, June $15,1865,10$ o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted, -Mr . William McKenzie, of Ramsar, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The minutes of the last Sederunt, and also those of the morning Sederunt yesterday-not completed until this morning-were read, and, in both cases, sustained.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS-DELIVERANCE, ETC.

The Synod resumed consideration of the deliverance of the Com- ForeignMisetions mittee on the report on Foreign Missions, interrupted by the ad- Deliverance rejournment last night, the motions before the house being those of Mr . McTavish and Dr. Taylor.

## 2 Amendment.

 Dr. Taylor with-draws his motion
Vote-Decision. Mr. MoLaren's amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith,-That the report be received and its recommendations adopted, with the exception of the Second, which shall be amended as follows :-That the C'ommittee be instructed to take immediate steps to send one ordained Missionary and an Interpreter to labour among the Cree Indians in the neighborhood of Fort Pitt.
Dr. Taylor withdrew the motion which he had submitted last night, in favour of that of Mr. McLaren.
A vote was then taken between the motion of Mr. McTavish, and the amendment of Mr. McLaren, when the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod adopted the deliverance on the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee as amended.
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gratitudat the Synod agree to express, as they hereby do, their whom tho Almighty God,for his great goodness to the Missionaries Hem they have sent forth, and for the measure of success which He has vouchsafed to them in therr work.
2. That the Committee be instructed to take immediate steps to send one ordained Missionary, and an Interpreter, to labour among the Cree Indiabs, in the neighborhood of Fort Pitt.
3. That in view of the account given by Mr. Geddie, of the success of Christian Missions in the New Hebrides, and the urgent demand for additional labourers there, the Synod resolve to send a Missionary thither, so soon as a suitable labourer can be obtained.
4. That, in view of the extended field of labour, and the in. creased expenditure proposed, the Synod would commend the Foreign Mission Fund to the attention and liberality of every congrega-
tion and Sabbath School. tion and Sabbath School.
The following ministers craved leave to have their dissent from the resolution adopting theabove Deliverance marked in the minutes, for reasons to be given in afterwards, namely :-
Messrs. J. McTavish, D. McRuer, D. Waters, D. Inglis, W. B. Clark, W. McKenzie, T. Lowry, J. J. A. Prondfoot, D. Cameron,
Deliverance, no-
tice of reconsideration. Hon. J. McMurrich.
Mr. David Inglis gave notice that, at next Sederunt, he would move that the resolution now come to on the foregoing Deliver-

## bexton mission.

Buxton Mission,
Memorial, Pros. of London.,

There was taken up and read a Memorial from the Presbytery of London in relation to the Buxton Mission, setting forth in substance, that the said mission had originally been supported directly by the Synod:-that, in 1862, it ceased to have the same direct relation to the Synod as formerly :-that since then its means of support had been uncertain :-that the Presbytery of London, under whose care, more especially, the mission had been placed, could not regard it as on the same footing with their ordinary Home Missions :--that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland had contributed Funds for our missions, with the desire expressed that the claims of this Mission be duly attended to :-that the School connected with the Mission had become self-supporting :-that the interests of humanity as well as those of Presbyterianism ought to be kept in view in connection with this mssion ; and that considering the peculiar disadvantages under which Mr. King's congregation had laboured, it would be dutiful for the Synod to order that, while devoting a portion of the Minister's salary on the members of the
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mission congregation, the greater part of the grant from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland $\cdots$-say $\$ 350$, should be given to the mission, and the remaining portion of the Minister's salary $\cdots$ say $\$ 100$, be paid from the Synod's Central Fund.
There was read also a Report of the Committee on the Building Buxton Miesion, Fund of said mission, setting fortb, substantially, that the arrange. Report on Buildments mentioned in last year's Report, for the purchase of three ing Fund. acres of land, as a site for a Church, had not yet been completed, but that lately hindrances to obtaining a title to the land had been removed; that the erection of a Church ought to be delayed for a year on account of the change which bas taken place in the condition of the coloured population in the United States, and the possible effect which this may have on the Buxton Settlement ; that it is desirable, moreover, to allow the interest of the Fund to accumulate, and that the interest alone should be employed as a permanent fund for the support of the mission ; that the sum of $\$ 2500$, last year secured in a Building Society.is now secured by Mortgage; and that the present state of the Fund is as under:


The Committee further recommended the Synod to appoint three of its members to act as Trustees of the land about to be purchased as a site for a Church.
It was moved by Mr. W. B. Clark, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, Prayer ofMemorand agreed to,-That the Memorial of the Presbytery of London, ial granted. Reand the report of tha committee on the Buxton Mission be received; ; prr adopted. that the diligence of the committee be approved ; that the prayer of the Memorial be granted, and the recommendations be adopted, both as regards a grant from the Home Mission Committee, and the appropriation of at least $\$ 300$, from any grant that may be sent from the Irish Presbyterian Church; and further, that the mission property, and funds collected by Mr.King for the Buxton Mission be vested in three trustees appointed by the Synod: and further, that the Synod embrace this opportunity of expressing their unabated interest in the Buxton Mission.

It was moved by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, Buxton liabili- $\quad$ and agreed to,-That the Home Mission Committee de instructed ties to be assum. to assume the liabilities of the Buxton Mission incurred since the ed by H.M.Com. period said mission was placed under the care of the Presbtery of London, and the Home Mission Committee, and that the debt incurred prior to that period be paid from the Synod Fund.

## standing committres.

The report of the Committee appointed to nominate Standing Standing ComCommittees was handed in and read. The Synod received and mittees. adopted the report, and appointed the Standing Committees therein named as follows :...

College Board.
Principal Willis, Dr. Burns. Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. W. B. Clark, W. Aitken, W. Ferrie, W. McLaren, D. Waters, John Smith, W. Reid, J. Dick, D. McRuer, T. Stevenson, J. J. A. Proudfoot, J. Ross, G. Smellie, W.Doak, J.McMecian, W.Gregg, W. Caven, A. Topp, W. T. McMullen, J. Laing, T. McPherson, S. C. Fraser, ministers, Messrs. Alex. Sinitb, (L.) Hon. J. McMurrich, W. Dickson, M. C. Lutz, Dr. McQuesten, Dr. Holden, Col. Hamilton, Mr. J. Redpath, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Dickson, Dr. Edmondson, Elders. Mr. Aitken, Chairman.

## senate-knox college

Senate.
The Principal and Professors of the College, with Messrs. W. Reid, W. Gregg, W. Caven, D. Inglis, J. Baird, Dr Ormiston, Dr Jennings.

## widows and orphans fund.

Widows' Fund. Mr. D. Inglis, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. W. Reid, J. Gillespie, R. Torrance, J. Osborne, Esq., P. Dewar, Esq. J. Redpath Esq., Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. James Brown, M. C. Lutz, Dr. McQuesten, Mr. D. McLlellan- J. Osborne, Convener

WIDDOWS' FUND-SPECIAL.
Widows' Fund, Messrs. R. Torrance, W. Walker, W. Caven, Dr. Ormiston,
Special. Convener.

## finance.

Finance. Messrs. A. Topp, W. Gregg, J. M. King, Dr. Jennings, Hon. J. McMurrich, J. L. Blaikie, Esq. Mr. John Gray-Mr. McMurrich Convener.

## state of religion.

State of Religion Messrs. H. Gordon, John Anderson, Joseph White, A. Matheson, P. JDuncan, J. McTavish, Joseph Alexander, G. Cheyne, Wm. Inglis J. Skinner, R. Torrance, T. McPherson, J. McMillan, R. Ure, Mr. Torrance Convener.

## aged and infirm ministers fund

Aged \& Infirm Messrs. J. Baird, J. McTavish, W. Reid, Dr. Thornton, Dr. Ministers' 'rund. Jennings, ministers, Messrs. Alex Fraser, (Cobourg), John Barclay, elders,-Mr. Baird, Convener.

## buxton mission finance.

Buxton Finanee Messrs J. Scott (L) W. Dack, J. J. A. Proudfoot, W. Reid, W. King, ministers Messrs W. Clark, (L), A. McKellar, Alex Smith, elders. Mr. Scott Convener.

## foreign missions.

ForeignMissions. Messrs. R. F. Burns, . D. H. McVicar, J. B. Duncan, R. McKenzie, J. Turnbull, D. Waters, A. Kennedy, A. Topp, Wm. Inglis, J. Scott, (L), J. Middlemiss, A. A. Drummond, J. Gauld, A. D, McDonald, W. Aitken, G. Ridjell, Dr. Taylor, Messrs. J. McTavish, J. M. Roger, J. J. A. Proudfoot, ministers ; Messrs. J. Redpath, J. Court, Geo. Hay, Geo. Lyall, James Gray, D. McLellan, John McLean, Geo. Walker, elders; Mr. Burns, Convener.
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Messrs. D. H. Donald, D. Inglis, Middlemiss, Dr. I Smith, T. Low ry, Dr. Agnew-Mr.

Messrs. W. G Johnston, W. Ker

Messrs. J. M. K G. Smith, J. L. B

Messrs P. Gray, Dr. Taylor, Mr. J

Messrs. J. Gray, Mr. Dallas, Mr. V The hour of adj the Benediction.

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Messrs. W. r Ormiston,
tillespie, R. h Esq., Hon. McQuesten,

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aings, Hon. MeMurrich

- Matheson, Wm. Inglis R. Ure,-
rnton, Dr. hn Barclay,

Reid, W. lex Smith,
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HOME MISSIONS.
Messrs. D. H. McVicar, J. M. King, G. Cuthbertson, A. D. Mc-Home Missions. Donald, D. Inglis, James Whyte, J. Gillespie, T. Stevenson, J. Middlemiss, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. J. Laing, A. Wilson, J. K. Smith, T. Lowry, Col. Haultain, Dr. McQuesten, Mr. Clark, (L), Dr. Agnew-Mr. J. Laing, Convener.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.
Messrs. W. Gregg, (Convener), D. McRuer, J. Gray, W. Sabbath Schools. Johnston, W. Kerr, J. L. Blaikie.

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.
Messrs. J. M. King, A. Topp, W. Gregg, J. Dick, W. Fraser, Record. G. Smith, J. L. Blaikie ;-Mr. King, Convener.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Messrs P. Gray, A. Wilson, H. Gordon, W. McLaren, J. Laing, Sabbath ObserDr. Taylor, Mr. J. M. Gibson,-Mr. Gray Convener. vance.

STATISTICS.
Messrs. J. Gray, S. C. Fraser, A. Wilson, W. Reid, J. M. King, S'atistics.
Mr. Dallas, Mr. W. Kerr,-Mr. Gray, Convener.
The hour of adjournment being come, the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## TWENTY-FIRST SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal, Thursday, June 15, 1865, 3 o'clock P. M.
The Synod met and was constiuted,-Mr. J. K. Smith, at the request of the Moderator, leading in devotional exercises.
The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## congregational union, etc.

There was read a letter from Dr. Burns, reporting his diligence Congregationat in discharging the duty intrusted to him, as a Delegate from the Union. Lettor Synod to the Congregational Union of Canada, and stating that he from Dr. Burns. had waited upon that Body, and had been graciously received. The letter was received and the diligence of Dr. Burns approved.

Dr Taylor and Mr. J. Redpath were, as they are hereby, appoint-Deputation to ed a deputation to convey the fraternal greetings of the Synod to Congregationat the Congregational Union of Canada, to meet at Montreal, next Union. year.

## NOVA-SCOTIA SYNOD, ETC.

The Synod being given to understand that Dr. Jennings, of Delegate toNova Toronto, intended paying a visit to Nova Scotia, shortly, appoint- Seotia, Dr. Jented him a Delegate to represent this Synod and Church, at the ${ }^{\text {nings. }}$
meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, to meet at Halifax, in the last week of this present month.

## SANDWICH MISSION.

Sandwieh Mis- There was taken up and read, a Memorial from the Presbytery sion, Memorial, of London, in regard to the French Canadian Mission at Sand-
Pres. Iondon. wich, which, after recounting the action of the Synod in reference to the Miss ion last, year, set forth that the Presbytery had engaged Mr. De La Fleur as a catechist and colporteur; that the field was promising; many Bibles had been sold and lent-fifty copies of which had been supplied by the London Bible Society ; that Mr. Paradis a student of theology was labouring in Tilbury, supported by the students of Knox College ; that they had engaged Mr Matthieu as a teacher and catechist ; stated the salaries of their agents; directed attention to the importance, and facility of establishing Schools; and prayed the Synod for aid in sustaining the Mission.
Mr. Prondfoot
supported mem. . The Memorial was supported on behalf of the Presbytery of supported mem- London, by Mr. Proudfoot and Mr. W. King.
orial.

Motion.
It was moved by Mr. R. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, that having heard the memorial, the Synod approve of its object, and recommend that the Home Mission Committee issue a Circular to the Sabbath Schools of the Church, giving information regarding the object of the Memorial, and requesting the Sabbath Schools to make collections for the French population of that district.
Arsendment.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Dr. Holden, -That the Synod baving heard a Memorial from the Presbytery of London, with reference to the French Canadian Mission within their bounds, and having listened to interesting statements from Messrs. Proudfoot and Mr. King, in support thereof, agree to express their high approbation of the zeal and liberality displayed by that Presbytery, in connexion with this zussion, and the measure of success that has attended their efforts. The Synod would further recommend the Presbytery to continue the good work, thus auspiciously commenced, and remit to the Home Mission Committee to consider what aid they might be able to to render to this enterprise. The Synod would further recommend the Mission to the prayers and liberality of our congregations and Sabbath Schools, and to the rich blessing of the great Head of the Church.

Amendmeat carried.

A vote was taken, when the amendment of Mr. Burns was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

## FRENCH CANADIAN MISgIoNARY SOCJETY.

FrenchCanadian
Mr. A. F. Kemp, on behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Missionary Soci
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ety, ociety, stated that the Directors of the Society had appointed Mr. D. H. McVicar, Mr. James Court, and Mr. John Redpath, to represent the interests of the cause intrusted to them, before the Synod,
Delegates ad. dress Synod.

Mr. McVicar and Mr. Court addressed the Synod. It was thereupon resolved-That the Synod having heard the representatives of the French Canadian Mission, record their deep interest and unabated confidence in the management of this excellent Society. They would also, argently commend it to the continued liberality and prayers of the congregations and members of the church.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS-DELIVERANCE-RECONSIDERATION.

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Mr. David Inglis, according to notice given in the afternoon, Foreign Missions
Moved, that the resolution adopted in the morning on the De-deliveranoe, reliverance on the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee be re- consideration, considered. The motion was duly seconded, and being put to vote was carried in the affirmative, and the Synod decided to reconsider the said resolution.
It was then moved by Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. McTavish,.... Motion, Mr.Inglis That the report of the Committee on the Foreign Mission Report be received; that the committee be instructed to take immediate steps to send one ordained Missionary and an Interpreter, to labour among the Cree Indians ; that the proposal to begin a mission to the New Hebrides be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions, for their consideration, and, in the meantime, authorize the Foreign Mission Committee to grant such a sum as they may see fit to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, in aid of their Foreign Missions; and, further, that the subject of Foreign Missions be commended to the prayers and liberality of their congregations.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Dr. 1 Amendment. Taylor, - That the report be received; that the committee be in-structed-to takesteps to send one ordained Missionary, and an Interpreter to the Cree Indians, in the neighbourhood of Fort Pitt: that while still approving of a mission to the New Hebrides, the Synod agree to send down the proposal to Presbyteries for consideration, and require them to report to next Synod : and, that, in the meantime, they authorize the Foreign Mission Committee to grant such a sum as they may see fit to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, in aid of their Foreign Missions; and, further, that the Subject of Foreign Mission be commended to the prayers and liberality of their congregations.
It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. J. K. Smith, second- 2 Amendment. ed by Mr. Kemp....That the Eynod re-affirm its decision, come to at a previous Sederunt.
A vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. Smith was preferred Former decision to that of Mr. McLaren, and was carried against the motion of ${ }^{\text {reaffrmed. }}$ Mr . Inglis, by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms hereof to re-affirm its decision on this subject, given in the morning.
At the suggestion of Dr. Taylor, the Moderator called upon Mr. Prayer by Mr. Skinner, who offered up prayer in view of the important decision Skinner. to which the Synod, for the second time, had come.
The reason of dissent from the finding of the Synod, in regard to Disseat and reathe deliverance on the Foreign Mission Report, in the morning was son. here handed in, and was orderd to be entered in the minutes, as follows:-
The undersigned dissent from the finding of the Synod resolving to commence forthwith a mission to the New Hebrides:
Because no opportunity has been afforded to the members of Court of either considering the matter, or of consulting the inferior Judicatories, or the congregations, as to the propriety of entering on a new mission field.
(Signed) John McTavish, David Inglis, Juhn J. A. Prondfout,

> Duncaa McRuer, D. Waters,
> Wm. McKenzie, D. Cameron,
> W R Clorlo
J. McMurrich, Thos. Lowry,

FORMS OF PROCESS, ETC.-NOTICE.
Forms of Process Mr . Ferrie gave notice that, at the next Sederunt he would move Notioe of motion. on Forms of Process, and also the report on a Model Trust Deed.

## bursabies.

Bursaries, Dr.
Burns to colleet for.

On motion of Mr. Caven, duly seconded, it was resolved, -.-That the Synod having sanctioned the establishment of Bursaries on behalf of its Theological Students, empower the Rev. Dr. Burns, who kindly expressed his willingness to engage in the work, to collect funds as he may have opportunity, for the purpose specified, from the members of this Church, and from such other sources as may
be accessible.

## RECEPTION OF MINISTERS-REPORT.

Ministers, recep. The Committee on the reception of ministers gave in an addi-
tion ef. tion of Report adition- tional Report, which was read, representing the position of Mr. ${ }_{c}^{\text {al, }} \mathbf{M}_{r}$. F. Dun. Francis Duncan, a Licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland, for can.

Mr. Lumsden, case of. the reception of whom application had been made by the Presbytery of Toronto, and stating that the regular steps had not been taken, required by the law of the Church in such cases.
The Report also set forth that the attention of the Committee had been called by the Presbytery of Ontario to the application of Mr. Lumsden, which had been delayed for a year at last Synod, and that the case not having been referred to them by the Synod, they, the Committee, were not called on to take any action.
Mr. 1 Duncan,
Pres. of Toronto
It was agreed, $\cdots$ That the Presbytery of Toronto be instructed to
tor reeeive, if satisfed. Mr. Lumsden,
Pres. of Ontario
to receive. receive Mr. Duncan, on their being satisfied with his standing and acquirements.
It was further agreed-That the Synod remit to the Presbytery of Ontario, to receive Mr. Lumsden, if they shall see cause.

## reference, ontario presbytery-extracts craved.

Extratss craved Mr. J. K. Smith, on behalf of the Presbytery of Brockville, now ${ }^{\text {for Presbiytery of }}$ Brockrille craved extracts of the finding of Synod on the Reference from the Brockville.

Presbytery of Ontario in the matter of Mr. Arch. Lees. Extracts were ordered as requested.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closedthe Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## TWENTY-SECOND SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal, Thursday, June 15, 1865, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P.M.
The Synod met and was constituted. Mr. Robert F. Burns, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
MODEL DEED, ETC.
ModelTrustDend According to notice given at the close of last Sederunt, it was \&BookofForms, moved by Mr. Ferrie, and agreed to, that the first business this [296]
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The Committee Messrs. A. F. Kem J. Dick, the Hon. Mr. J. Davidson.

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The Committee churches agreed to interim, by the S the Barrier Act.

1. Ministers an Churches, who ho terms of the artic derly translation, o ministers or missi any Presbytery, be at once admi Church.
2. That in all not come in the n or private certifica
evening be to hear the Report of the Committee on a Model Motion to conTrust Deed, and also Report of the Committee on a Book of Forms. sider.
The Report on a Model Trust Deed for Church property, was Model Deed Rehanded in and read by Mr. Kemp, the Convener, who submitted port. also a Blank Form of Deed, of the construction and provisions of which he, at the same time, gave explanations.
On motion of Mr. J. K. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ferrie, it was Report received, agreed to receive the Report, approve the diligence of the Com- - Cod withe-pppoint. mittee, and adopt the recommendation given to the following effect: tions. That the Committee be re-appointed, the Draft Deed be remitted to them, to be completed in such form as may he necessary, on the advice of counsel, for the use of the congregations of the Church, in both sections of the Province.
The Committee on Trust Deed, as re-appointed, is as follows :-Trust Deed Com, Messss. A. F. Kemp, Convener, A. Topp, A. Wilson, W. Fraser, J. Dick, the Hon. Mr. McMarrich, Sheriff Davidson, Mr. Dalgleish, Mr. J. Davidson.

## BOOK OF FORMS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on a Book of Forms Book,ReForms of Procedure. The Report was given in and read by Mr. port on.
Kemp, the Convener. At the same time there was submitted a Draft printed Book of Forms of Procedure, as the result of the labours of the Committee. Explanations were given by the Convener of several points in the Dratt, and some alterations proposed.
On motion of Mr. J. K. Smith, duly seconded, the Synod resolvd Report received, ed as follows: Receive the Report; commend the diligence of the Com. re-appointCommittee ; re-appoint them, with instructions to give the Draft sent to Presby Book of Forms greater completeness, and order that, in this amend-teries. ed state, it be sent down to Presbyteries, with instructions to report to next Synod, and further, that the Synod adopt these Rules and Forms of Procedure ad interim.

## DRAFT ACT-RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Tbe Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to Ministers, Recepdraw up an smended Act for the reception of Ministers from other tion of, Draft Churches. A report was handed in and read in terms following:
The Committee on the Act for admission of ministers from othe: churches agreed to recommend that the following Act be passed ad interim, by the Synod, and sent down to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act.

## THE ACT IS AS FOLLOWS.

1. Ministers and licentiates of other evangelical Presbyterian Churches, who hold and accept the Westminister Standards, in terms of the articles of Union, and who come in the way of orderly translation, or are exp essly designated, or commissioned as ministers or missionaries to this Church, shall, on application to any Presbytery, and producing proper documentary evidence, be at once admitted. as Ministers, or Probationers of this Church.
2. That in all cases in which an applicant for admission does not come in the manner provided above, but with Presbyterial or private certificates only, he shall not be received into full
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standing as a minister or probationer of this Church, unless with the express sanction of the Synod. Provided always, that if on examination of the certificates of such party, at an ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and on due consideration of the whole case, the Presbytery be unanimous, they may avail themselves of the services of such applicant in the meantime.
3. That the certificates of such last mentioned applicant shall be presented to the Presbytery at an ordinary meeting thereof, and he shall be dealt with as the Presbytery may see fit, in the way of private conference, examination, and hearing discourses, with the view of ascertaining his soundness in the faith, personal piety, knowledge, ministerial gifts, prudence, and propriety of deportment, and if satisfied on all these points, the Presbytery shall record their judg. ment, and instruct their clerk to issue circular letters, as early as possible, to the Presbyteries, in the usual form, to transmit the application, with relative documents, to the next ensuing Synod, and to appoint the applicant to appear personally at the next meeting of Synod. In the event of the Synod granting permission, such applicant shall be received by the Presbytery, and recognized as a minister or probationer, as the case may be, of this Church.
Report adoptect, The Synad received and adopted the Report, and order that the Draft Act, contained therein, be sent down to Presbyteries as recommended by the Committee.

## BEACHVILLE DEBT.

Beachville Ch. The Hon. Mr. McMurrich, gave a verbal Report from the com-
debt, \&c.,Report mittee appointed at a previous Sederunt to devise measures for discharging the debt on the Beachville Church, with a view to secure a donation to Knox College, dependent on the payment of sajd debt; stating that the amount raised or subscribed was $\$ 950$, and further sums promised but not subscribed.
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work.
The Synod remitted to the Finance Committee to prosecute the matter; to negotiate with the Presbytery of Paris, and with the party to whom the debt is owing, and to adopt such measures as they (the Committee) may deem advisable, to complete the business intrusted to them.

## HOME MISSIONS-REPORT.

Home Missions, The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Home Report of Com. Missions. The Report was submitted, and read by Mr. Thomas Stevenson, acting by appointment of the Committee, as Coavener, in the place of Mr. Ure, who was absent.
Report received On motion made and duly seconded,-The report was received and adopted. and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to Mr. Stevenson for his valuable services as temporary Convener.

WIDOW's FUND REPORT.
Widows' Fund The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Widows'
Report. and Orphans' Fund. The Report was handed in and read, setting forth the state of the fund and the increased claims thereon, during the year.

The Committee stated that their attention had beendirected to the possible effect which the apportionment of a part of the collections for the Widows' Fund, to the Fund for Aged and Infirm
ministers, mi mended that $t$ as to the safety pective claims
On motion adopted.

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ministers, might have on the former of these funds, and recommended that the opinion of a competent actuary should be taken as to the safety of the fund with reference to the present and prospective claims upon it.
On motion made and seconded the report was received and adopted.

## widows' fund-special.

A statement was given in respecting the Special Widow's Fund, Widows' Fund setting forth that the contributions to this fund now amounted to special. $\$ 5605,83$, and that the interest which would accrue from investments of the said fund, would, by the end of the year bring it up to the $\$ 6000$ required.

## AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND-REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Synod Aged \& Infirm for Aged and Infirm Ministers The report was handed in and read Ministers Fand. by Mr. Baird, the Convener.
The report was received and approved, and the diligence of the Report approved Committee commended.

## FINANCE

The Report on Finance was called for. The Report was handed Finance Report. in by the Hon. J. McMurrich, the Convener, and was read. It set forth generally the state of the receipts and disbursements, of all the Schemes of the church, the condition of which was, upon the whole, satisfactory, with the exception of the College fund, which showed a decrease from that of the previous year.
The Report was received, and approved.

## STATE OF RELIGION-NO REPORT.

## temperance committee-no report.

INTEMPERANCE-OVERTURE.
The Synod took up and read, an Overture on the sukject of in. Intemperanoe, temperance, signed by John C. Becket, James Killough, Rufus Overture on. Holden, J. McMurrich, and J. Redpath, setting forth, the great evils resulting from the indiscriminate use of intoxicating beverages, and praying the Synod to take such steps as might in their judgment seem best for lessening and removing the evils of intemperance, and thereby advancing the cause of Christ.
The overture was received and sustained, and in accordance Overture reeeivo with its prayer, the following resolutions, moved by Dr. Ormiston, ed and sustained. and seconded by Mr. Waters, were adopted:

1. That the indiscriminate use of intoxicating liquors, as a bever- Resolutions on age has a direct tendency to hinder the extension of Christ's Intemperanoes: Kingdom; is the fruitful cause of backsliding among the members of the Church, and of much of the crime and misery we find in the world.
2. That this Synod reiterates its former recommendations to Presbyteries and Sessions, to take such steps as they may deem most expedient and efficient for the suppression of intemperance, and for the maintenance of a pure and scriptural discipline, in this matter, in each of their respective congregations,
3. That it gives this Court pleasure to know that during last Session of Parliament, an Act was passed, entitled the Temperance Act of 1864, and commonly known as Mr. Dunkin's Act, giving to the different Munieipalities the power, if they think fit
of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, within their bounds; and, regarding this measure as well adapted to effect the object it seeks, if faithfully and honestly carried out, the Synod recommend to the different Presbyteries, Sessions, and members of the Church, generally to lead their aid in giving this measure a fair trial. 4. That the Synod recommends ministers and Sessions to bring the subject of the above Resolutions under the notice of their peo. ple, in such manner as they deem best fitted to promote the ob-
ject.

## SATISTICS.

The Synod called for the Report of the committee on Statistics. The Report was handed in and read by Mr. John Gray the Convener.
Statistics, Report Sn. Report received, It was, on motion agreed, that the Report be received, the dili-
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To sit half an The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod agieed to sit for half an hour longer.

## TRANSFER OF STATIONS.

Lindsby \& Fen- There was taken up and read, an application from the Presbytery ferred to Pres. of Ontario, after conference with the Presbytery of Cobourg, and of Cobourg. a similar application from the Presbytery of Cobourg, after conference with the Presbytery of Ontario, requesting the Synod to transfer the mission stations of Lindsay and Fenelon Falls, from the care of the Presbytery of Ontario, and to place them under the inspection of the Presbytery of Cobourg.
The Synod granted the transference as requested.
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Probationers'sal- The Synod taok up en Overture from Dr. Thornton, on the aries, overture salaries of probationers. There being no person present to support the Overture, it was laid aside.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.
Sabbath Obser- The Synod called for the report of the Committee on Sabbath
vance, verbal report. Observance. Mr. P. Gray stated verbally that no written report had been prepared, and that no occasion had arisen during the year to render it necessary to hold a meeting of the committee.

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.
Home and For- The Committee on the Home and Foreign Record, handed in
eiga Record. a report, which was read and zeceived.

PRINTING-ORDER FOR.
Printing Minutes, Ordered, that 2500 copies of the minutes of this session of Synod
Order on. be printed, for the use of ministers and elders.

## STATED COLLECTIONS.

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For the Home Mission Fund on on the 3d Sabbath of January. For the Foreign Mission Fund, 3d Sabbath of April.
The Synod also remommended that a collection be taken up for F. C. Missionary the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the third Sabbath of tion Soiety, collecSeptember, or on such other day as may be most suitable to con. ${ }^{\text {tion for. }}$ gregations.

## THANKS.

On motion of Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. McLaren, it was Thanks. resolved - That the thanks of the Synod be cordially tendered-

1. To the Accommodation Committee, for the faithful aud efficient Accommodation performance of the onerous details, with which they were charged. Committee.
2. To the Deacons and Congregation of Cote Street Church, Montreal, for the use of their church during this meeting of Synod.
3. To the members of the Church, and other friends in the city of Montreal, for the generous hospitality extended to the members of Synod.
4. To the several Railway and Steamboat Companies, for the ready and generous manner in which they acceded to the request, to permit members of the Synod to attend this session at reduced rates, over the routes of travel under their control.

## PRAYER FOR COLLEGE.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod recommended, as it Knox College, does hereby recommend, that, on the second Sabbath of October, Prayer for. special prayer be offered in all the Congregations of the Church, on behalt of Knox College.

## CLOSE.

The Moderator addressed the Synod, and after engaging in praise Synod C;osed. by singing the 133rd Psalm, declared the present Synod dissolved, and called another Synod, to be held, in the City of Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, 1866, at seven o'clock, in the evening, and then closed the Session with the Apostolic Benediction.

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PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.



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# CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. 

## ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1st MAY 1864, TO 30th APRIL, 1865, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

## KNOX COLLEGE-ORDINARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.
1865.

Amount received during year, as per Statement... \$5520 23
Bal. due at close of year.......................... 277209
$\$ 829232$
EXPENDITURE.
Balance due at beginning of year................. \$2314 66
Paid on account of Salaries to Professors, including amount paid to Revs. Messrs. Gregg and Caven. ....................................... 492364
Supply of pulpits of Messrs. Gregg and Caven.... 17350
Mr. Willing. ....................................... 34000
Repairs and incidental Expenses................... 5834
Printing and Advertising ............................. 1419
Insurance. .......................................... . . 9262
Books for Library . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2838
City of Toronto, Sewerage rate................... 3013
Interest on unpaid purchase money .............. 14964
" for Sundry advances ................... . . 12222
Discount on silver................................... . . 4500
$\$ 829232$
Comparing the debt and liabilities of the College on 1st May, 1865, with its position on 12th May, 1864, there is in favor of the year now ended the sum of $\$ 36621$.

## BURSARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of year..................... \$940 31

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\text { Hon. I. Euchanan, Hamilton ..................... } 8000
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\text { Mrs. Esson and Mrs. Sparks, for H. Esson, Bur. } \quad 2000
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Interest

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid sundry sums granted to students
A. B. Simpson, Prince of Wales Prize

6000
P. Musgrove, John Knox Bursary.

4000
J. A. F. McBain, G. Buchanan, do ................ 4000
J. L. Murray, Gaelic Bursary........................ 2000
A. C. McDonald, Do................................ . . 2000
E. Reeve, H. Esson Bursary ........................ 2000

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## LIBRARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of year ..... \$ 3850
Received for Matriculation Fees. ..... $90 \quad 00$

## EXPEND ITURE.

Paid Librarian's Salary............................ . . 6000
"Sundries for Library............................. 150
Balance at Cr
6700
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## COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

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Sundry receipts, viz: Friend 8.00 ; Clark, 29.00 \}
Winchester 600 ; Culross 12.00 ................... $\}$
56264
61264
EXPENDITURE.
Amount due at beginning of year
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In addition to the balance of $\$ 56264$, there is due on the Mortgage the sum of $\$ 162598$.

## WIDOWS' FUND.

REGEIPTS.

| Balance | 2819 |
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| Interest. | 135000 |
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expenditure.
Annuities paid .................................... 157500
Amount invested .................................... 484000
Rates repaid..................................... 7600
Transferred to Special Widows' Fund.............. 800
Printing, and sundry payments...................... 75 76
Credited to Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers.. 91417
Disconnt on silver, \&c............................. 3500
Proportion of General Expenses.................. 8500
Balance in Salary of Agent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 30000
42096
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The following is the present state of the Fund :
Invested in Debenture
" Mortgages ..................................... 985200
Cash, exclusive of $\$ 36583$, balance Special Fund. $\begin{array}{r}3738768 \\ 42096\end{array}$
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The Total amount received up to date for Special Widows Fund, including interest, and deducting expenses, was $\$ 560583$.

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FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.
REOEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of the year. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 62413$
Sundry contributions, dorations, \&c. ..... 22888
One half contributions for Widows Fund ..... 5600
One half contributions for Widows Fund......... 91417182318
EXPENDITURE.
Annuities paid to Ministers $\$ 80000$
Discount on silver ..... 1000
Proportion of General Expenses ..... 3000
Balance in hand.................................... 95818182318 In addition to this balance there is the amount of $\$ 700$ invested for this fand.

## FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTE.
Balance at beginning of year. $\$ 538133$
Receipt ..... 34865310211
$\$ 896987$EXPEND ITURE.
Paid Rev. Jamieson, on accoinnt ..... $\$ 120000$
Rev. J. Nisbet ..... 73450
Rev. D Duff.
45000
Widows' Fund rates for Mr. Jamieson
1600
1600
Books sent to Rev. R. Jamieson
Books sent to Rev. R. Jamieson ..... 1280 ..... 1280
Discount on silver ..... 3500
Printing
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Proportion of Geueral Expenses ..... 8450Balance on hand9000
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## HOME MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of year
Grant from Presbyterian Church in Ireland ( $£ 250$

EXPENDITURE.
Paid balances of appropriations for 1863-4, viz : . .
Presbytery of Montreal

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## SYNOD FUND.

RECEIPTE.
Balance at beginning of year.
\$ 16996
Balance Dr. at end of year. ..... 143018

## EXPENDITURE.

Paid on account of Synod accommodation 1865... \$ 25000
"Rev. W. Fraser's salary
10000
" Rev. J. Gray, expenditure on ac. of Statistics $\quad 10000$
"Doorkeeper for attendance.................... 2000
"Printing, sundries, including Minutes........ 32915
" Postage, Rev, W. Fraser 5 64, Rev. R. Torance 490
" Expenses of Hamilton Commission. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 .......... 54
"Account of J, Yung " 6
" For engrossing sundry papers of Procedure"... $2 \% 0$
" For engrossing sundry papers.................... 500
" Discount on Silver. .............................. 1000
"Proportion of general expenses................................. 8500
"Salary of Agent...................... 85000
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## HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

RECEIPTS.
Subscriptions \&c., received doring year........... \$2231 31
Balance at end of year.
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## EXPENDITURE.



FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.
RECEIPTS.

Paid James Court, Esq. ........................... \$ 84762
"Rev. J. T. Byrne. 84762
17657
"Order of A. F. Ke:ap. 3200
Discount on Silver........................................ 3200
Proportion of General Expenses.
805
" "Salary of General Agent
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Balance
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BUXTON MISSION,
RECEIPTE.
Apportionment for Home Mission Fund on account of 1863-4
Apporionment from Irish Grant.
$\$ 21264$
Balance due......................................... 44519
30000

EXPENDITURE
Balance at beginning of the year................ \$ 50162
Paid Mr. King on account,
42621
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## RED RIVER SCHOOL AT KILDONAN.

 RECEIPTS,Balance at beginning of year. .......................
$\$ 17044$
Sunry Receipts.
23965
EXPENDITURE.
Paid Mr. Nisbet's draft.
$\$ 19467$
Discount on Silver, proportion of.
600
Balance in hand
20942
$\$ 41009$

MISSION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.
Received during the year.
Remitted to Nova Scotia
85950
5950

## MISSION TO AMERICAN INDIANS.

Total balance in hand.............................. \$ 35225
The above accounts have been examined, voucher's compared, and found

(Signed) J. MoMurrich<br>J. S. Playfair.

## REPORT OF COLLEGE BOARD.

The College Board has to report that, in carrying out the instructions of Synod, they appointed Mr. Gregg of Toronto to teach Apologetics for the finst three months, and Mr. Caven of St. Mary's to teach Exegetics for the last three months of the Session, and agreed to allow them supply for their pulpits for four months, in order that they might have a month for preparation, before entering on their work, and to pay each of them the sum of $\$ 400$. They also appointed the Rev. Dr. Burns to teach Church History; and they have pleasure in bearing testimony to the cordial manner in which he entered on the discharge of the duty thus intrusted to him.

The Board of Management, at their first meeting after the Synod, took up, as directed, the subject of College Finances, and, after deliberation, found that in the state of the country it would be unwise to attempt to do more than to meet the current expenditure, and the floating debt. And they appointed a committee to apportion the sum necessary for this end, among the congregations of the Church whese report they now present to the Synod. The report is subjoined.
The Board also appointed a Committee to consider whether the Boardinghouse might not be dispensed with, and the rooms thereof profitably used for other purposes. On the report of said Committee, it was found that nothing would be gained by dispensing withit, and that the rooms could not be employed for any other pu:pose, without a considerable pecuniary outlay which they are not prepared to recommend. They were satisfied with the manner in which the Boarding house was conducted.
The Board have the satisfaction of being able to congratulate the Synod, that, notwithstanding the condition in which the College was left at last meeting of Synod, by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Burns and of Professor Young, a large number of Students attended, there having been, as the report of the Synod shows, ten Non-Theological and forty-six Theological students in regular attendance ; and the work of the College was conducted with marked spirit and efficiency.

The report of the Senate which is subjoined contains a full and minute account of the work done.
In conclusion, the Board would call the attention of the Synod to the necessity of giving particular attention to the preliminary training of students and providing the most efficient means possible for securing that end.
The Board are agreed on the following points :-

1. That the Synod appoint a Board for the examination of students.
2. The great desirableness of a regular university course being taken by our students before they have entered on the study of Theology.
3. The propriety of instituting scholarships, with the view of encouraging stadents to take this course - such scholarships being open to all students intending to study for the ministry, and who shall attend any College approved by the Board ; satisfactory assurance being given, that in the

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event of their not entering the ministry of the Church, they shall refund the amount which they shall have received from this source.
4. That those students who do not take a regular university course, be, in ordinary circumstances, required to attend for three Sessions, such classes as the Synod may determine, in some appoved College, and that such students be examined by the Board, with the view of determining their fitness for attendance on the classes prescribed.
5. That in order to provide for speeial cases, or cases of applicants who can show very peculiar grounds of exception, the Board be empowered to examine students who howe not attended any, or may have attended some, but not all of the prescribed preliminary classes, and to decide as to the position which they shall take.

All which is respectfully submitted,
JOHN McTAVISE, Chairman

## REPORT OF SENATE OF UPPER CANADA.

Toronto, April, 1865.
The Senate, in submitting its report has to mention that the number of students who have been in attendance during the session of 1864-5 was in all, fifty-six, the students of Divinity proper amounting alone to 46.

Those in th3 preparatory stages of the course were, according to arrangements made by the Senate, directed in their reading in Mental and Moral Science, by the appointment of certain books, or parts of books, on which it was intimate to them they would be examined first at mid-term, and again at the close of session; two of the brethren near to the seat of College, Dr. Ormiston and Rev. Mr. Baird having obligingly undertaken the charge of these examinations.
The students of the first and second preparatory years formed themselves into a class under one of the students of divinity, Mr.Burkett, who, with the Senate's approval, and trusting to his private arrangement with the young men themselves as to the remuneration of his labours, devoted an hour daily during the session to their instruction. It may be mentioned that both these classes of students-those ( that is) in philosophy, and those in the classics, had occasional opportunities of instruction from Drs. Willis and Burns, and'Messrs. Gregg and Caven, who spontaneously took an interest in their progress, and guided their readings in the intervals of those appointed terms of examination.
For the study of the Hebrew language the students very generally attended as before on Professor Hirschfelder of the University College. A few prosecuted their studies in private with such aid as they could command.

Dr. Willis had under him, as before, the Theological classes of the 2d and 3d years, both in the departments of Systematic Theology and of Bibical Criticism.

The two divisions (second and third year's) during most of the session formed one class for the study of common theological subjects, these including the very central parts of its,system-the junior or second jear students, however, meeting with the professor once a week by themselves, for initiation in the part of the system already gone over by the seniors, that, to wit, telating to the attributes of God, and the doctrine of the Trinity. In the department of Biblical Criticism they met apart, or as separate classes, each two days a week. On Mondays they met together for Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Reading, or Elocution. In these various classes lectures and examinations were blended.

Dr. Willis reports very punctual attendance, as given by the members of his classes, almost universally, and great interest manifested in the exercises, In Church History, Dr. Burns, for special reasons, limited the senior division,
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or second year's stadents, ( 13 in number, ) to three months; his prelections embracing Old Testament history on to the Egyptian Captivity. The junior class 25 in number, being students of the first theological year, met one hour daily four days of the weeks, during the whole course of the session. The course of lectures embraced the period of the Christian era to the present time. Examinations were mixed or alternated, both orally and in writing, the answers exhibiting a great variety of attainmeni. He remarks less fall and less regular attendance by the junior class than by the the senior; and he strongly expresses an opinion, which the observation of nine years has forced on him, that the stndents exhibit much deficiency in elementary training and mental discipline.
Mr. Gregg reports for the class of Apologetical Theology, embracing twenitytwo students, that very regular attendance was given-that the course of study embraced notices of the leading Infidel writers, a statement of the principles of Natural Theology, an explanation of the claims which the Scriptures make to be an inspired revelation, and proofs of their divine origin under the four heads of the presumptive, the internal, external, and experimental. The instructions given in lectures were accompanied by frequent oral examination. The conduct of the students, so far as known to him, Mr. Gregg reports as satisfactory.
Mr. Caven reports tor the Exegetical class, which embraced 36 students in all-being eleven of the second year, and twenty-five of the first-that he met with them one hour each day for readings and expositions in the Greek Scriptares, and another hour in the Hebrew; that he went over the largest part of the Epistle to the Galatians (or to ch. 5.-7.) critically. Avd in the Hebrew read selected chapters of Isaiah, ( 9 or 10 in number). In addition to the exposition of these passages he delivered, during the session, six lectures on the principles of Exposition, and other topies belonging to a course on Hermeneatics. He remarks good attendance at the Greek hour (forenoon); the attendance at the afternoon, or Hebrew hour, was not. so regular. It is partly accountable from attendance being given at University classes at that time of the day. He expresses much satisfaction with the application of the students to their work with hardly any exception. Mr. Caven added that their deportment was ail that could be desired.
Mr. Hirschfelder handed a report to Principal Willis in which he attests very regular attendance by twelve of our students and more partial attendance by the other four (or from Oct. to 19 Dec. ); a few attended on him for Chaldee as well as Hebrew. Of the greater part he says, they obtained first-class honors, for which they will obtain Oollege certificates.

Dr. Willis, during the session, took an interest in these classes, not so directly included in the College corrieulum, viz: visiting Mr. Hirschfielder's class at the University, just mentioned ; also-Mr. Burkett's Greek and Latin classes, and finally an Elocution class, which only remains to be referred to lisre. The Senate was enabled to avail itself of the services, in that department, or that of rhetorical reading, of Dr. Connon of Upper Canada College, by appropriating to this purpose part of the proceeds of the Gibib donation or bursary recently so handsomely placed at the Senate's disposal, for the encouragement of study in tbis branch of ministeral training.
It may be added that the usual discourser requiring to be delivered by students daring their theological course were rendered and heard-those in the more advanced department, or the Exegesis and Popular Discourse, by Dr. Willis ; those in the critical department, or Exercise and Additions, by Mr. Caven; those in the earlier stage, or the Homily and Lecture, by Dr. Burns, assisted by Mr. Gregg.
Little remains but to include the reports of the final examinations, and the allotment of the Bursaries or Prizes.
In the Systematic Divinity, Dr. Willis and Rov. Mr. Dick were co-examiners; they express much satisfaction with the written answers to a series of testing

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queries issued to the senior and junior, or 3rd and 2nd year's theological students respectively.

In the Biblical Criticism, Drs. Willis and Jennings express themselves thus : "Satisfied ; all respectable papers ; some containing excellent answers."
In the Cburch History, Dr. Burns and Mr. Dick repost considerable variety in the degree of excellence; some answering very well, others are arranged relatively to these in a second and third classification.
In the department of Exegetical Theology, after stating that several stadents did not appear, the Committee report papers, on the whole, satisfactory. Mr. Laing and his co-examiners remark deficiencies as to several in elementary education, and say that in one case they feel difficulty in sustaining the papers.
The Class of Homiletics or Christian Eridences, is thus reported on "The Papers given in indicate attention and standing ; some are very good, and, on the whole, are respectable." "Well satisfied."
The Examiners in Moral Science, already named, say: "Ail the Papers were highly respectable, and furnished evidence that the writers had read the Author with greai care.
In Greek, and Latin, and on Reid's Essays, the Rev. Mr. Baird reports satisfaction with the Students.
The Bursaries in the gift of the College were disposed of on competition as follows :-The J. Knox Bursary to P. Musgrave : The Geo. Buchanan, to J. McBain: First Grelic to A. C. McDonald: Second Gælic to G. L. Murray.

A book prize was, at the suggestion of the Teacher of Elocution, given for exemplarly attendance and proficiency to Robert Thornton.
The Senate, while looking with satisfaction from some points of view, on the services rendered by the Students of Theology in the mission field of the Church, is sti!l not without its fears that some disadvantage as respects their attendance on their College Classes and their power to profit by the Lectures, is connected with the employment of so many of them in labours of this kind. It is especially worthy of consideration how this might be avoided or modified, in the case at least of those who have scarcely begun the Study of Theology.
The Senate has great satisfaction in bearing testimony to the harmony and decorous conduct which characterized the young men in the Boarding house, and so far as they know, those residing outside the walls, throughout the past Session. It is hoped that this state of things has been furthered by the occasional visits of Professors and other members of the Senate to the domestic Table, and by the monthly devotional meetings held as hefore on the Saturday. It is hoped that by these means those holy and spiritual habits have been cherished among our candidates for the ministry which Intellectual and even Theological studies at least alone will fail to secure.
Finally, they have to acknowledge, with gratitude to God, the general good health vouchsafed both to the Students and their instructors-1 hough not with. out one solemn lesson, as to the daty of redeeming time and opportunities, in the death, near to the close of the Session, of one who had formerly been enrolled, not indeed this Session, among our aspirants to the Sacred office. They refer to Mr. Mitchell, a few years ago from Ireland, who in the Providence of God was arrested in an darly stage of his preparations for the work on which his heart had been set. His amiable disposition and serionsness had endeared him to his companions. "It was good that it was in his heart"we trust the Divine Master may have thus reckoned ot him ; ana it is gratiffying to find him sustained in the prospect of death by the Gospel of consolation he would gladly have preached to others. May the living be stimuiated to dili gence in working while it is day.

All which is respectfully submitted,
M. WILLIS, Chairman.

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## REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCES OF COLLEGE.

The sub-committee appointed by the Board of Management of Knox College, in accordance with the instructions of last Synod, for ths purpose of taking steps.to raise a sum sufficient at once to defray the expense of the college for the current year, and meet the still unliquidated arrears of past years, piesent the following report.
On inquiry it was found that $\$ 8315$ would be needed to attain these objects. Following the course that had been adopted during the previons, year, the Committee proceecied to divide this sum among the Presbyteries of the Church, according to the returned membership of each, with this modification, however, as giving nearer approach to an equitable distribution than would be reached by taking numbers siruply into account, that, the apportionment to the Presbyteries of Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, and London, was at the rate of 25 cents per member, that of Brockville, Haron, and Grey, 15 cents per member, and that of the other Presbyteries of the Church about $22 \frac{1}{2}$ cents. It was thought that these Presbyteries-Guelph, Paris, Ottawa, \&ce.-might fully be regarded as representing the average ability of the Church, and the amount apportioned to them are exactly what would have fallen to their share, had the distribution of the entire sum to be raised been simply according to number.
A circular setting forth the details of this distribution, and urging an earnest effort on the part of all to attain the desired object, was addressed to the various Presbyteries and to the individual ministers likewise. The following table will show what success has attended this effort.

| Presbyteries | $\underset{\text { Apportioned }}{\text { Sum }}$ | Sum Raised | Contemplated Average | Actual <br> Average |
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| Montreal . | \$1147 | .... \$ 673* | .... 25 cents | 15cents |
| Brockville | 200 | 4550 | . 15 | ... 31 |
| Ottawa. . | 434 | 16965 | . $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | $\cdots{ }^{\text {a }}$... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Kingston | 304 | 23266 | .... $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | .... 17 |
| Cobourg | 585 | 23539 | .... 22 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | .... 9 |
| Ontario | 372 | 16661 | .... $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | ... 10 |
| Toronto | 1062 | 109756 | ... $25^{2}$ | ... 25 |
| Guelph. . | 857 | 48285 | .... 221 | .... 121 |
| Hamilton | 859 | 74950 | .... $25^{2}$ | .... $21 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Paris.. London | 630 833 | 64377 56217 | .. $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | … $22 \frac{2}{2}$ |
| Haron | 366 | 10767 | 15 | .... 161 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ |
| Stratford. | 462 | 20065 |  | ... ${ }^{4}$ |
| Grey | 221 | 6219 | $15{ }^{2}$ | $\cdots{ }^{\text {.... }} 4$ |
| Donations. . |  | 9066 |  | 4 . |

The entire sum raised during the year has been $\$ 552023$ or $\$ 279477$ less than aimed at: 44444 less than last year.
From this table it will be seen that only two Presbyteries have come up to the amount apportioned to them, viz, Toronto and Paris, Hamilton has exceeded the contribution of the previous year, by $\$ 114$, and would probably have made up its apportionment but for the failure to contribute of one of the largest congregations in thePresbytery, at present without a pastor. The other $P_{1 \sim i}$ isteries, without exception, have contributed less than during the previous year, the greatest diminution being the cases of London and Montreal; the contributions of which are $\$ 210$, and I73, respectively, less than those of the former year.
The failure of many of the Presbyteries of the Charch to raise the amount

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expecied of them may be partially explained by two curcumstances-the monetary depression, owing to repeated defective harvests, and the increasing difficulty felt by those Presbyteries which have large mission fields, to do anything like meet the payments due to the Missionaries employed by them. These circumstances afford, h$\varphi w e v e r$, but a partial explanation of the deficiency, It was uninamously agreed at last Synod that a special effort should be made to liquidate the indebtedness of Knox College previons to this meeting of Synod. There is no evidence on the part of some of the Presbyteries of the Church any effort to attain this object. Congregation after congregation is found returning the same sums as the previous year, or considerably smaller ones, while a very large number, amounting to more than a fourth of the whole, have made no contributions at all. Nor are these in every small and strug. gling congregations. In the beginning of June, a month after the period when the accounts are formally closed for the year, there were twentr congregations, of a membership ranging from 160 to 190 , and with an aggregate membership of 4911, which had failed to make the smallest remittance for college purposes. The Committee refrain from characterizing such a state of things; but, with deep regret lay it before the Board of Management, and through it, if it thought fit, before the Synod.

JOHN M. KING, Convener.

## STUDENTS

## ATTENDING KNOX COLLEGE 1864-5.

senior theology class.
R: N, Grant.
A. B. Simpson.
K, McDonald. Allan Findlay. Jas. Baikie. H. McQuarrie. John McColl. J. H. Thom.
second theological class.

| Archibal McLean. | T. H. Burkett. |
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| Alez. McLennan. | P. Wright. |
| W. H. Simpson. | R. H. Warden. |
| R. Knowles. | Alex. Thompson. |
| Jas. Hastie. | A. J. Traver |
| Jas. Little. | Wm. Grant. |
| Geo. Sutherland. | D. J. MeInnes. |

junior theology class.
E. Reeve.

John McNabb. Geo. Chrystal.
A. C. McDonald.
R. M. Thornton.
J. B. Edmondson.
J. Riley.
F. W. Farries.
H. B. Crozier.
J. Douglas.
N. Clark.
R. M. Croll.
J. Carswell.

Mungo Fraser.
Wm. Burns.
John Aull.
John Becket.
Peter Musgrave.
Jas. Pritchard.
A Gillies.
W. Groulx.
R. Harbottle.
J. E. Croly.
J. W. Bell.

## - SENIOR LITERARY CLASS.

J. H. Paradis.
J. A. F. McBain.
K. McRae.
H. Currie.
A. G. Foster.

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## SECOND LITERARY CLASS.

H. McDiarmid. Thos. Ritchie.

J. L. Murray.<br>John Murdoch

## REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL RESPECTING A THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT MONTREAL.

To the Reverend, the Moderator and Members of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Caurch, to meet at Montreal on June 6, 1865, the Preshytery of Montreal, respecting a The ological Institution at Montreal, begs to Report.
In prosecuting the matter committed to them, the Presbytery have obtained a Charter of Incorporation for said Institution under the style and title of the Presbyterian College of Montreal, the provisions of which are the same, mutatis mutandis, as of the charter of Knox's College, Toronto.
No steps have been faken to provide a permanent Endowment, but the Presbytery requests the Synod to the foliowing effect : Taking it for granted that the scheme of a General Assembly will be adopted, the Presbytery requests that the Eastern Synod sball be connected with the College in Montreal, and the moners contribated by the congregations within the bounds of said Synod, shall be appropriated to the support of said College. This would yield an annual revenue of $\$ 1242,00$, at the average rate of contribution for the last three years, as appears from a statistical statement drawn up by Mr. Kemp. But as no less than twenty-nine Congregations presumed to be within the bounds of said Eastern Synod, have not made any collection for the College at all, it is believed, that by a little more effort on the part of the Presbytery, to bring non-collecting Congregations to their duty, and to stir up those already collecting to greater liberality, the sum of $\$ 2,000$, or upwards, coulä easilybe raised.
Or, if the Synod should not grant this, but determine to have one central College Fund, the Presbytery then asks the Synod to assign to the College in Montreal, a sum equal to the annual College collections of the above mentioned Congregations.
The Presbytery has also to report that a Sub-Committee was appointed to raise an annual Subscription for five years, to an amount of not less than $\$ 1600$ per annum, for additional aid to the College. This Sub-Committee have not yet finished their canvass, but have already upon their lists, subscriptions to the amount of about $\$ 1200$, and as the canvass has been confined to the city of of Montreal, it is hoped, that with the assistance of our liberal brethren in Quebec, and elsewhere, the above sum of $\$ 1600$ will easily be reached. This would place the salary of at least one Professor above the uncertainty which attaches to congregational collections.
The Presbytery have also to report that circular letters were sent to all the members of the Presbytery of Montreal requesting to be informed of the num. ber of young men in their respective Congregations, who are proposing to study for the holy ministry, and according to the returns received, the number is 26decisive proof that a College is needed in this section of the Province to sapply the wants of our Church.

Montreal, 7th June, 1865.

> W. TAYLOR, D. D., Conv.

## FOURTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

So many elements of difficulty, either directly or indirectly, enter into the preparation of correct and complete statistics for a church so large and widely scattered as the Canada Presbyterian, that it need not excite wonder, if, under

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existing arrangements, your Committee are constrained, during each successive year, to atter the language of complaint against non-reporting Congregations, and to give explanation after explanation to this venerable Court regarding the incomplete character of the information submitted to its consideration.
They have, moreover, at the outset, to express regret, that various circumstances have combined to render the Returns less full than those of last year, Two causes have largely operated in producing this unfavorable state of matters, - the natural desire of each minister that the state of his Pastoral Charge should be exhibited, in as favorable light in the returns, and the impossibility of this being done, in several cases, owing to the depressed pecuniary state of the country. Placed in such a paiaful dilemma, not a few decline furnishing any Report, while others give but a few fragmentary items.

A cursory view of the Returns will show that the chief difficulties in this respect lie with the larger Presbyteries and the rural congregations.

The causes, just indicated, conjoined with others which need not be specified, have so thwarted the efforts of the various Presbyteries, that your Committeein presenting their fourth Report, are constrained to state, that only five, those of Ottawa, Singston, Ontario, Paris and Stratford-have succeeded in giving in complete returns, -that only 203 Pastoral Charges ont of 233, have complied with the injuuctiocs of Synod, and that to these are to be added about 20 vacant Congregations, forming altogether an array of defaulters of an imposing and not very encouraging character.

Your Committee do not deem it necessary to insert such a large list in the body of their Report, as the various Presbyteries can easily gather the necessary information from the printed Returns. There are, moreover, a few congregations, which have furnished no Report, for the past four years, and with which the Church Courts are called on to deal as they consider most proper.

With these preliminary remarks, the Table, embodying the condensed results gathered from a comparison of the Statistical Returns, is herewith subjoined, and its prominent characteristics urged on the attention of the Synod.

From the defective nature of the Returns for this year, no proper comparison can be instituted between it and the Synopsis of lastyear. Incomplete, however, though they be, yet they afford satisfactory proof, that in numbers, general prosperity, and laborious working for the Lord, the Church is not retrograding, but rather progressing. Among other pleasing features, they show an increase of communicants to the extent of 1311, though this number might be somewhat lessened, instead of augmented, were the returns complete. They, moreover, point out the regular and efficient maintenance of religious ordinances, as well as the prominent position assigned to the religious instruction of the young, along with the rich and varied religious literature provided fo: them; and they exhibit in many varied aspects the working of those several congregational agencies, based on the word of God, by which sinners are saved and saints edified.
The changes in the ministerial staff-caused by death, translations, and other circumstances, have been even more numerous than those of last year, and leave the increase of that body painfully small, and capable of being expressed by the least of units. May this sad and solitary fact urge on us the duty of praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard.
The number of baptisms is not yet returned by some ministers, this seeming to imply that no regular record is kept of those to whom this holy ordinance is administered. Apart altogether from the religious privileges associate? with the divine sacrament, civil rights, more or less dependent on such a bapusmal record, render it of very great importance, that it should be very carefully kept; and that, besides, steps should be taken to obtain a system of registration of births and deaths for Upper Canada.

The attendance at the meeting of the Supreme Court, has necessarily been af fected by the place of assembly not being the ecclesiastical centre of our

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The total number of ministers on the roll, including professors, \&ce, is 244.

Having dealt with our position, as presented in the Statistical Returns, your Committee next call special attention to our financial condition, which may be ascertained from the study of the following Tabular Statement compiled from the Returns sent in.
It is gratifying to be able to report, that the Synod was, at its last meeting, awakened to a sense of the alarming position of the Stipend Fund, and apoint. ed a special committee to deal with the whole question. The labours of that Committee have been of service in improving the financial state of several congregations, and in drawing the more special attention of Presbyteries to the $\mathrm{s}^{\circ}$ ject. It is, however, to be regretted, that their labours were not more ${ }^{n}$ enerally extended over the Church, and that the long-continued commercial and agricultural distress of tho country has prevented their efforts from being so effectual as they would otherwise have been. That this action of the Synod has been beneficial, is evident from the fact, that the Tabular Statement exhibits a considerable decrease in arrears on the part of several Presbyteries; and represents the gross amount to be $\$ 950455$, as compared with $\$ 1495399$ last year. And whatever difficulty may be fourd in ascertaining the exact reduction, from the incompleteness of the Returns and other causes, sufficient evidence exists to show, that it must, on the whole, have been considerable. This is confirmed by the fact, that, while last year, 78 charges, out of 220 which reported, were in arrears, this year only 51 out of 203 , or ohe-fourth,occupy this undesirable position.
Your Committee, therefore, begin to cherish the hope, that, with returning material prosperity, the column of arrears in the Financial Statement will soon become a blank, and be ultimately deleted as an unsightly excrescence atattached to the pecuniary transactions of the Canada Presbyterian Church. And, without seeking to draw any invidious distinction between the several portions of our Zion, it may not be out of place to commend to the thirteen Presbyteries in arrears for Stipend, the study of the Financial policy of the Paris Presbytery, which has, for the past two jears, occupied, the solitary, but satisfactory position oí owing no arrears for Stipend, though at the time of the union, it had, within its bounds, the Congregation most largely indebted to its Pastor. May not the hope be expressed, that its example will prove so stimulating, that it will not henceforth be left alone in its present enviable state, but be speedily surrounded by Presbytery after Presbytery, until all are incladed, and the true friends of the cause utter over the grave of buried arrearages the pithy and pleasing epitaph - 'Esto perpetua."'
Another important point, to which the attention of Synod is earnestly called, is the present inadequate Stipend of many of our ministers. Even, when the minimum adopted is $\$ 450$ with, or $\$ 500$, without a manse, there are about fifty-seven of those reporting, more than one-fourth, who receive less than that moderate sum. This unfavorable circumstance, when conjoined with the question of arrearages, must seriously affect.the comfort, zeal, and usefulness of many a ministerial laborer in the Supreme Court. For it is to be feared, that, unless some efficient remedy be provided, not a few charges, where the Lord's work has formerly prospered, will be left, as sheep, withouta shepherd, and the hold, which our Church has now upon large numbers of the agricultural population, be seriously' endangered. Any Scheme, to be effectual, must not only deal with the present financial state of many congregations, but also contem. plate the gradual increase of Stipend, in proportion to the growth of Church and country in material wealih. A simple and effective movement might be at once made in this direction, by steps being taken to provide suitable homes for
our ministers. In this respect, the Retur s exhibit large room for improve ment, by pointing out, that the proportion of Manses is as 91 to 203 , or 1 to 21 -and that of these fifty are withont the almost essential addition of a Glebe. Your Committee cannot but urge these matters most strongly on the earnest and immediate attention of this meeting, and plead the cause of many a minis. terial sufferer throughout the Province, whose hands are weakened and heart discouraged, not only by the many trials incident to a Pastoral Charge in this land, but also by a ceaseless contest with the gaunt spectre of poverty.
Not unfrequently, during the past year, have many friends of the Church considered the question, "How will the Synodical Schemes be affected "by the depressed state of the country ?'" The conclusion to which they have come has usually been adverse to their prosperity. It is, therefore, all the more encour aging to observe their favourable condition, as indicated in the Returns. Taking into account the fact, that the Contributions reported are from 203, instead of from 220 Pastoral Charges, as was the case last year, it is pleasing to notice an increase in the following Schemes and to the following amounts: College, $\$ 16456$; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $\$ 13567$; Synod Fund, $\$ 27,31$; French Canadian Mission, $\$ 32330$; and other Benevolent Objects, $\$ 74090$.
The Foreign Mission shows a slight decrease of $\$ 24060$
Though the amount, reported last year for the Home Mission Fund, was ex. ceptional, owing to a special contribution from the Montreal Presbytery, yet it still occupies its former position of the most popular of the Schemes, by show. ing contributions to the amount of $\$ 6666,61$. Were the sums raised by the various Stations added to the above amount, and the whole of the Contrib utions included, which have been unusually late, on account of the Collection for this object having been appointed for the 3rd Sabbath of April, there are grounds for believing that they would have approximated $\$ 20,000$.
The whole contributicns reported amount to $\$ 225,80991$. Taking into account the smaller number of Returns, 203: and instituting a laborious comparison of the items, the average contribution of each communicant may be regarded as increased from $\$ 637$ to $\$ 650$.
Wers it possible to obtain the large and varied donatiors of our people to religious Societies and kindred benevolent objects, it would probably be found, that, in point of liberality, our denomination occupies a very high, if not the highest position.

It was thought desi:able to procure for the present financial year, some ac. count of the value of the ecclesiastical property held by our Church, along with a statement of the debt by which $1 t$ is encumbered. Though the Returns are defective in this respect, yet the value may be generally stated, as $\$ 90,000$. This valuable property is, however, loaded with a debt of more than $\$ 12,000$, a burden, which must seriously cripple the energies and usefulness of many Congregations, besıdes diverting into other less desirable channels, considerable sums, which would otherwise have been largely employed for the spread of the Messiah's Kingdom.

Viewed in their general aspects, these Returns indicate progress and pros perity, not indeed to the extent that is desirable, but sufficiently so to lead us to thank God and take courage.

Past expression having shown the impossibility of obtaining.correct or com. plete Statistics, under the present plan, some change in the financial year, is absolntely necessary. Great difficulty has been found in deciding what period should constitute this year. The claims of two periods have been strongly urged -that running from 1st April to 31st March, and that extending from 1st January to 31st December.

The Synod being unable, for want of time, to decide on any chanze of the Statistical Year, it remains the same as last year, viz: from 1st May to 30 th April.

It will be for this Court to decide, what period should in future be adopted. All which are respectfully submitted,
Toronto, June, 1865.
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REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PRESENTED TO THE SYNOD HRLD IN MONTREAL, JUNE, 1865.

Your Committee have received reports from all the Presbyteries of the Church, with the exception of those of Grey and Montreal, the most important results of which they would lay before the Synod as succinctly as possible.
tabular view of stations, etc,

Huron
Stations are grouped as follows: Wingham, Bluevale, and Eadie's Station; Goderich Harbour ; Stephen and Hay. Stratford

Stations as grouped: Wallace; East Zorra.
Toronto
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Stations are reported without reference to grouping, viz: Ruasell, East Gloucester, Thurso, Lochaber, Aylwin, Tem pleton.
Brockville
Statio:s Fince, Beverly, etc.
Kingston
Groups of Stations: Lansdowne (2); Glenvale (3); Fredericksburg (2); North Hastings (4); Camden (4).
Guelph
Groups of Stations: Arthur and Kenilworth; Everton and Mimosa; Alma and Cumnock; Campbellville; Luther (3 stations).
Hamilton
Groups of Stations: St. Ann's and Welland Port; Welland, Crowland and Port Colborne; WaIsingham, Louth and Silverhill.
London..
Groups of Stations; Florence and Bothwell; Chalmers' Church, Iunwich; Dorchester; Vienna and Port Burwell; Parkhill and Edina; Brook; Oilsprings and Petrolia; Corrunna and Mooretown ; Elmira.
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Under the head vacancies, the separate parts of vacant charges are meant, or separate points at which Gospel ordinances are maintained. Adding to these 69 places the 131 separate Stations reported, and also the 64 Mission Stations, which, according to the published statistics, are supplied by settled pastors, in addition to the more than 400 places constituting their regular charges, -this shows that, irrespective of congregations at present supplied by their Ordained Pastors, our Church supplies the light of the gospel at 264 points ; of which about 195 are proper Mission Stations. All coreparison with former years must, however, be withbeld; as, to afford any right ground for comparison, there is required to be instituted a more precise and uniform system of reporting.
As to the Gaelic language, it is stated that in the Presbytery of Huron it is desirable in two places; in the Presbytery of Ontario, in three; in the Presbytery of London, in two; in the Presbytery of Brockville, in one.
tabular view of home mission contributions apart from oentral fund.


Supposing the Ottawa stations to have contributed about $\$ 300$ as before, and the Presbyteries of Grey, and Montreal to have contributed the same as for the forner year, this gives a purely local Home Mission income of $\$ 17,204,21$; which is $\$ 2389,18$ short of what was derived from the same source in the previous year.
In the case of only cne report, are the contributions of vacant congrega. tions for their own supply, separated from the contributions of proper Home Mission Stations; though this should have been done in all cases, to give a correct idea of the Home Mission ability of the Church.

As to the means employed for raising missionary contributions, it does not appear that missionary societies have yet been very generally organized ; though, where they have been brought into operation, they are represented as having been attended with the very best results. The extent to which they have been instituted in our congregations, is a matter of much interest at this moment; for considering the objects at which the Synod is now aiming, it is necessary that these be supported by greatly increased liberality. The small extent to which as yet they seem to be established, is, in one point of viem discouraging; but, in another, very incouraging, as it shows what an amount
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of slumbering ability for Missionary work yet lies waiting to be called forth. As a general rule, it may be said, that the congregation which has an efficient - Missionary organization, just contributes three fold what is given by another in the same circumstances, to this, or any other scheme of the church. In order to understand the great inequalities, in point of Missionary liberality, that exist amongst us; we have only to take examples from the mass of our congregations, and compare their numbers, and donations to the Home Mission Fund. Take congregations, or united charges, of between 100 and 200 members, and we fird a result something like this. Three contribute $\$ 50$, or upwards; two, $\$ 40$ or upwards; nine $\$ 20$ or upwards ; twenty-five, $\$ 10$ or upwards; eighteen, about $\$ 5$ more or less ; and ten, nothing at all. A similar comparison of larger congregations, would give similar results; and while it must be confessed, that the difference in many cases is so far explicable from difference of circumstances; in many cases, this cannot be said; and so much may suffice to show, to what extent we have before us as yet unbroken, or unwrought soil.
As to other matters of interest connected with the state of our Mission field, the Presbytery of Huron reports, that during the summer months, the field with one exception, was regularly supplied, but, has not been'extended; that its contributions have come short of those of the previous year only $\$ 11733$; and that it expects its present indebtedness to be paid off by the stations in arrears. The Presbytery of Stratford reports, that its Mission field is almost wholly occupied, with th3 exception of a somewhat destitute district in Wallace, to which it has given a few months, supply. It has a balance on hand of $\$ 36$ 31. The Presbytery of Toronto reports, that almost all ita stations have received a regular supply throughout the whole year; that the state of its funds is satisfactory, though many congregations have failed to establish Missionary Societies, and come far short of what might be expected of them; and that the mission field is, on the whole, in an encouraging condition. Two new places of worship have been erected. The Presbytery of Ontario reports, that two of its vacancies are about to be filled; that its Mission field is fully occupied by the stations at present in operation; and that these have during the year, been very regularly supplied by Students, Preachers and Members of Presbyteries; that congregational contributions have greatly decreased and that its indebtedness will be considerable. One new place of worship has been erected. The Presbytery of Ottawa reports, that no new stations have been opened, though a large portion of its field is still unoccupied ; that its only mode of raising Musssionary funds is by means of Missionary Meetings ; has been very much neglected; but that it will be free of its indebtedness, should statoons pay up their liabiliues. The Presbytery of Brockville reports, that at least four new stations might be easily opened by it, had it the means to do so ; and that it has indeed, from want of means, been able to do very little for the stations it already possesses, during the past year. 1 ts indebtedness, by this forced inactivity, has been somewhat decreased; but is still about 8200. The Presbytery of Kingston reports, that the past year has been one of great difficulty. Its Mission field has been fully taken possession of, but by no means furnished with adequate supply. It is one not easily worked, from the Presbyterians being few and greatly scattered. It finds it much easier to aid Misssion fields, in sustaining Pastors, than in paying the salaries of Missionaries Who labour only a short time in one place. It expects that more than one of its groups, or Misssion fields, will be able soon to call a Pastor, if all goes well; but, during the past year one refused, from iuability, a missionary for the summer, and another was on the point of doing the same. No new stations have been opened during the year. About $\$ 400$ less have been raised, than last year ; but no debt is spoken of. The Presbytery of Hamilton reports, that most of its field is occupied; though there is a Presbyterian population in some places yet requiring to be cared for. It gave a donation of $\$ 100$ to the Central Fund; yet its supplies seem to be plethoric, as, in April, it had $\$ 800$ ou hand, with some congregations yet remaining to be heard from. Two groups of stations are prepared for settlement. The Presbytery of London
reports, that its Mission field is rather increasing than diminishing ; and both funds and suitable labourers are required to occupy it properly. It employs two Catechists for the greater part of their time. Of its stations, four groups, wth very small help, are prepared to call pastors. The Presbytery of Cobourg' reports that it has been very desirous of commencing operations upon, the Burleigh road settlements, but has hitherto been unable, for want of funds. During the past year it has reduced its indebtedness from $\$ 400$ to about $\$ 190$.

Only some Presbyteries give any information as to the amount of aid given by the settled Pastors in the general Mission_field, the number of stations that are organized congregations ; with their membership; the attendance at the stations, \&c. There are several other things, not noticed here, on which also the information given is too limited to be useful.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS STEVENSON, Couvener.

## HOME MISSION REGULATIONS, AS ADOPTED BY THE SYNOD.

I. The Synod shall appoint annually a Home Mission Committee, consisting of Eighteen members.
II. The operations of the Committee shall have respect to-

1. Mission Stations, which, having been recommended by Presbyteries and approved by the Committee, shall be placed on the list of Aid-Receiving Stations. Provided always, that no application for aid shall be entertained by the Committee on behalf of any Station, unless the Preshytery of the bounds shall have made arrangements with the people for paying, according to their ability, the salary of the Missionary ; and the Presbytery shall see to the implementing of such engagements.
2. Mission Stations reported by Presbyteries, but Not Receiving Aid.
3. Weak congregations, not self-sustaining, but able to contribute at least $\$ 300$ per annum, and in which, in the judgment of the Presbytery, a fixed Pastor is desirable. Such congregations, having made application to the Presbytery of the bounds, and furnished satisfactory information in regard to their statistics and financial position and prospects, (which application and information shall also be laid before the Committee), may be placed on the list of Oongregations Receiving Supplement.
III. The list of Missionaries shall consist of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates of this Church ; and Students of Divinity, and Catechists, duly approved as the Synod may direct. Each of these Missionaries shall be recommended to the Committee by some Presbytery.
IV. The Synod's Central Home Mission Fund shall consist of all moneys contributed for that fund, whether by annual contributions from the congregations and Mission stations of the Church, or by grants of money from Foreigg Churches, or moneys accruing from other sources, such as legacies, donationg \&c.
Y. The duties of the Cor nittee shall be-
4. To prepare annually, and send down to Presbyteries and Missionaries, 8 blank form for their reports, so as to ascertain the peculiar circumstances, necessities, and, generally, the state of the Mission stations and weak congreg. Lions throughout the Church.
5. Consider the reports thus rendered by Presbyteries, and to distribute the Missionaries among the Preshyteries, as in view of the detailed information before them may be deemed advisable.
6. To give such aid to Mission stations and weak congregations, in paying their Missionaries or Pastors, as in view of the detailed intormation before them may be deemed advisable.
7. To prepare a full Annual Report of all the Home Mission operations of the Church, to be submitted to the Synod; and to publish from time, to time, such information as may serve to call forth the interest and liberality of the Church.
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VI. Additional regulations.

1. The Committee shall not be responsible for the salary of Missionaries beyond the amount of aid promised to the stations or congregations by it, and for the time during which they may have laboured in said stations or congregations.
2. The amount of salary to be paid by each Congregation, Station or Group of Stations, shall be determined by the Presbytery of the bounds, and specified to the Committee ; and it is recommended that a minimum be aimed at by the Presbytery and Committee conjointly, of $\$ 400$ for an Ordained Minister, or a Licentiate ; and $\$ 300$ for a Stadent or Catechist, per annum.
3. The amount of aid, granted to any congregation receiving supplement, shall, in no case, exceed the amount necessary to make the salary of the Minister $\$ 500$.
The following Resolutions were also adopted with reference to the important subject of Home Missions, and with a view to the carrying out of the above Regulations :
1st. Enjoin the Presbyteries of the Church to furnish information to this Committee in accordance with the requirements of the above Scheme, and cooperate with the Committee.
2nd. Enjoin all Congregations and Mission Stations to make an annual contribution to the central fund.
3rd. Instruct the Committee to assume the existing obligations of Presby. teries arising from grants in aid promised to weak congregations, or arrears of salaries due to Missionaries for services rendered, at least to the amount furnished by such Presbyteries.
4th. Earnestly recommend this, one of the principal Departments of the Church, to the prayers and liberality of the members of the Church, in the hope that due attention to this work will, under the blessing of God, tend to the advancement of the cause of Christ in the land.
5th. That the Synod appoint a small committee to arrange with the Prespyteries for the orderly hearing of Probationers in the vacancies, and to fix the terms of remuneration, and, in order to define who are on the list of Probationers, re-enact in terms of the regulations of 1861, as follows :
That the roll of Probationers shall consist of Preachers who have been licensed less than three years; and Ministers who have been loosed from their charges, or who have been received from other Churches, and been receiving ppointments from the Committee less than two years (reckoning in both cases from the date of their admission to the roll.)
Preachers who have been on the roll for three years, and Ministers for two ears without settlement,shall have their names removed from the list : allownce being made in all cases of sickness, leave of absence, or time occupied in he public business of the Church, or Mission work, apart from fulfilling reguar appointments : Provided, also, that the Synod alone may order the retention of a Probationer's name on the list beyond the above specified times.
Probationers, concerning whom complaints of inefficiency have been receivd from their Presbyteries by the Committee, may have their appointments ithdrawn, till a decision of the Synod shall be given in the case.

EPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE CANADA PRESBYTER1AN CHURCH, PRESENTED AT THE SYNOD HELD IN MONTREAL, JUNE, 1865 .
In taking their annual Review, your Committee find mueh reason to thank lod and take courage. The measure of health enjoyed by the Missionaries nd of success that has attended their labours ; the increased interest and berality displayed by the Churches, and the effort initiated to extend our Id of operations, call for fervent gratitude and renewiwed devotedness. It is us as yet, but a day of small things. But if as a Church, we set our face
to seek unto the Lord, though our beginning be small, our latter end shall great ly increase. The fact that the sister Charch in England, though, but a third of ours in size, raised four times our revenue for Foreign Mission purposes, and that our enterprising Nova Scotian Sister has so far outstripped us in the blessed work, should provoke us to love and good works.
In taking our customary resume we shall commence with-
our mishonary at the mines.
When last Report was submitted, Mr. Duff was on his way to his distant field. He arrived at New Westminister in July, and after considering and co-operating with Mr. Jamiesuu for a brief season, he proceeded towards Cariboo, visiting the principal places on the way. He has spent the winter at the Mines, and has found abundance of work to engage him. He is the only Missionary of any Church that has braved the seveities, and the solitude of a Cariboo winter, and his labcurs, have, on this account, been all the more appreciated.
The letters from him which have appeared in the "Record," gave such full details on his position, and progress, that it is unnecessary to go into details here.
Though his solitude has been sweetened by the realized presence and preciousness of the Maker he has faithfully served, and the consciousness of good accomplished, it is not to be wondered, if he should have felt some sense of isolation. If Paul, at the very centre of civlization, with all its advantages and attractions wrote, "At Athens, I was left alone," and "at Troas, his spirit had no rest," because be foumd not Titus his brother, we may sympathize with the loneliness of our Missionary during his six months exclusion from the privlleges of fraternal Christian intercourse, and residence in a region almost wholly given to idolatry in its worst form. But even there he can write of God's hidden ones, who have not defiled their garments, and, amid manifold temptations have held fast the profession of their faith without wavering.

Mr. Duff writes of Kootenay, a new Gold region towards the South, on the Pacific slope, as presenting great attractions, and drawing towards it the tide of emigration. He is ready to proceed thither if it be deemed advisable. In the meantime, partly from the climate not agreeing with him, and partly in order to admit of Mr. Jamieson's, undertaking a contemplated missionary toor, he purposes supplying for a season at New Westminister.

## NEW WESTMINISTER.

The last advices from Mr. Jamieson, are dated March the 20th. H3 writes in good spirits respecting the work. The times he describes as having been "very, very hard," and the population as fluctuating as ever. But the out ward machinery of the Church is in good condition ; and the best possible feeling prevails. The people will make good their promise to raise $\$ 400$ of the salary, which, considering the financial purpose in the Colony, and the local claims upon our little flock, is very fair. A collection just taken up for Knox College yielded $\$ 21$.

## red river.

Our beloved brethern at Red River continue their work with diligence and zeal. Several additions bave been made to the Church. A spirit of inquiry seems to be abroad among some of the young. Outwardly the position and prospects of the settlement have beerr poor.

## rev, mr, geddie'g visit.

Two years ago, we had a visit from Mr. J. D. Gordon, a Missionary elect to the New Hebrides group of Islands, where our sister Church in Nova Scotia has won such honourable laurels. We are now favoured with the presence of the father and founder of that Mission, one of the most successful in the annals of the modern Missionary enterprise. Unquestionably there is no portion of the great Foreign Mission field, where, for the means expended, the returus
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## MISBION TO THE AMERICAN INDIANs.

The deliverance of last Synod empowered your Committee to commence a mission to the American Indians, in the event of their considering that the state of the funds admilted of it. In October last, your Committee came to the unanimous finding that such a Mission was praclicable, and that as a Church we were, financially, in a position to undertake it.
Their attention had been directed to three diff 3 rent fields, Mackenzie River ; Beren's River ; and the Saskatchewan. Immediately after last Synod, the Convener wrote to the brethren at $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{d}$ River, asking if it would be practicable to establish an Indian Mission somewhere in the great Saskatckewan Valley, which might be within manayeable distance of Red River, and be on the highway of connection with British Columbia, as well as admit of some attention being paid to the Miners.
A few days after that this letter was dispatched, a lengthened communication was received from the Red River brethren, suguesting this very idea. We regarded this as providential. In a letter dated Jan. 16th, last, Mr. Nisbet says:- "With you, we recognize the leading of God's Providence in turning your attentiou and ours in the same direction at the same time, and altogether
unknown to each other."
It seemed also providential that at the very time the Rev. Thomas Woolsey visited our Province, an old and experienced Missionary of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination, from the immediate neighbourhood of the region recommended. Mr. Woolsey had a lensthened interview with your Committee in October, and imparted much useful and valuable information, for which cordial thanks were tendered him. Your Committee felt that the Youcan District on the Mackenzie, was too distant, and that that at Beren's River was too limited. The region spuken of combined the advantages ot being easily accessible from Red River; within reach of the Mines, and of experienced Missionaries of the Episcopalian and Wesleyan bodies, whose connection and co-operation would be of material consequence, and yet sufficiently isolated, as not in the least to interfere with their Departments. It is in the vicinity of Fort Pitt, some 800 miles from Red River, and 200 from the Roeky Mountain Mission of the Wesleyan Methodists. Within an area of some 200 miles, roam at large 4,000 Cree Indians, for whose souls no one statedly cares, and who are peculiarly accessible to Gospel influences. Your Committee resolved to select this fied, and that, for a time at least, the Mission should be largely of an itinerant and experimental kind. Though the sending of two Missionaries in tiue Apostolic style, would have obvious advantages, still your Committee felt that they would not be justified in incurring such an outlay at present. They accordingly advertised for one Missionary. Publicity was given to the wishes of the Committee, hy notices and repeated Articies, both in the "Record" and the "Canada Observer." The sabject was also brought, in various forms under the notice of the Students of Knox College, but with very limited success.
The Committee recommend that the Rev. James Nisbet be devoted to this work, this being but the full carrging out of his original appointment, and that an effort-be immediately made to send forth one to take his place at Red River.
We have opened our mouths to the Lord, and we cannot go back. Our credit as a Charch is at stake. Other Denominatioss are eyeing us. The Great Ege is on us. The poor Indian himself echoes the Macedonian cry, "Wtered recently by an intelligent Chief to one of the Wesleyan brethren. "When I think of my children, an overwhelming sorrow fills my heart. If I

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look to the Traders with whom we have bartered for more than a handred years, I have no hope, for our robes and furs will soon be gone. Servants of the Giver of Life, you bring the blessing that cheers our troubled hearts. Teach us to be Christians, and then we s.all cease to kill each other, and our children will learn how to live on the rich lands the Good Spirit has given us." This cry enters into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. May it enter into our ears too, and affect our hearts ! Let us attempt great things for God, and we may expect great things from God. The Lord in His Providence, is saying to us as a Church:-"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation. Spare not. Langthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand, and on the left."

Robert F. Burns,
Convener.

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## ERRATA

In part of the impression, the following typographical errors occur, which the reader is requested to correct.
Page 10, line 12, for "1865" read "1864."
" 11, " 6, " "1856" " "1865."
" 27, " 20 , from bottom, for "morning" read "afternoon."
" 30, " 7 , after "as follows" add "and agreed to."
" 44, last line, for "devoting" read "devolving."
" 46, line 7, for "Col. Hamilton" read "Col. Haultain."
" 55, " 11, for "details" read "duties."
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