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THE LATE MEETING OF SYNOD.

In another part of the *Record* our readers will find a detailed account of the proceedings of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at its first ordinary meeting since the accomplishment of the Union. We have neither space nor time to enlarge on these proceedings. Still we cannot forbear expressing very briefly a few thoughts which have again and again risen in our mind in looking back to the past meeting of Synod.

In the first place, we have often thought, and the same has been felt and expressed by many, how completely all traces of separation have been obliterated. Until a year ago, we were two separate bodies, not knowing much of each other personally or ecclesiastically. But now all mark of a dividing line is gone, and a stranger coming into the Synod could not possibly have known that a state of separation had ever existed. Have we not abundant reason to be thankful for this? May we not believe that it is the full flow of spiritual influence and of christian love that has so effectually obliterated all traces of separation, just as the full-flowing tide washes out every mark in the sand, and unites together the little pools that formerly were separated and isolated. Let us pray that brotherly love may CONTINUE. In our future progress let us take care that we fall not out by the way.

One giving any attention to the business of the Synod could not but see that there was a determination to look well into every case, and to settle it thoroughly and righteously. There were several cases which might have tried the patience of the Court, and which no doubt did so. But there was no disposition to pass any of them lightly. They were gone into thoroughly, even at the sacrifice of much precious time. It was perhaps best that they should have been thoroughly discussed. It is not likely that so many cases will be before the supreme court again. Several of the decisions too will be precedents, which will guide inferior courts in their proceedings for the future. But at the same time, while we admire the patience of the Synod in dealing with the cases of appeal, &c., which came before it, we feel that it is absolutely necessary that greater efforts be made for the future to have the real business of the church—the Home and Foreign Mission work, and the report of the College—brought on at an earlier period of the session. This would be greatly

facilitated were the Conveners of the Standing Committees to have their reports ready when the Synod meets. We know that from the fact of the members of committee being scattered over the church, there is great difficulty in accomplishing this. Still it should be aimed at, and we trust that in this respect there will be an improvement next year.

We cannot but take it as a token for good that so many doors of usefulness are opening before us as a church. We have an application from the French Canadians in the western part of the Province, and we have Mr. Chiniquy and his congregation making application to be connected with us; and, if this application shall be granted, what a door of usefulness and influence may be opened to us among the French Canadians in our own Province, as well as in the United States. May these calls have the effect of causing us to put forth all our energies for the advancement of the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From the discussion which took place in our own Synod and the discussions in the Synods and meetings of other Bodies, it is evident that a struggle is impending, in connexion with our national education. While in Britain enlightened educationists and christian patriots are giving up a denominational system, and seeking the establishment of a national one, some here are apparently going back from the broad national platform to the narrow platform of denominationalism. Our Synod has spoken out with no ambiguous voice on this matter. Let our people speak out too. The cause of a national common school system, and the cause of a national unrestricted college and university system are one. We believe an attempt is being now made to attack both. Let our people be prepared for the defence. Let them speak out in tones that cannot be misunderstood, and earnestly and emphatically forbid, so far as their influence can go, the impairing of our present system of unrestricted and unsectarian education.

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## Official Notices.

### COLLECTION FOR THE SYNOD FUND.

By appointment of Synod, the collection for the Synod Fund will be taken up in the various congregations throughout the church on the third Sabbath of this month. It is desirable that this and the other Synodical collections should be taken up on the day appointed, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient. Besides the ordinary charges on this fund, in connexion with our ecclesiastical organization, there will be this year several special charges, arising from the commission appointed to visit St. Anne's, Illinois, for the purpose of inquiring into the mission of Mr. Chiniquy, and other commissions appointed by the Synod to visit particular localities. All these charges should in equity be divided among the various congregations of the church, and were each to bear its share, the burden would in every case be light.

The collection, when made, should be remitted to Rev. W. Reid, Knox College, Toronto.

## FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee is requested in the vestry of Knox's Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, 8th July, at 2 P.M.

R. F. BURNS, *Convener*.

## Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

THOROLD AND DRUMMONDVILLE.—The Rev. R. Wallace, formerly of Ingersoll, and latterly agent for the French Canadian Missionary Society, has received a call from the congregations of Thorold and Drummondville.

PORT HOPE.—We understand that on a second invitation, the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick from Ireland still declines to accept the call from Port Hope.

WEST CHURCH, TORONTO.—The members of the West Church, Toronto, have given a cordial and unanimous call to Mr. W. T. Murdoch. It is understood that a call is to be given to the same gentleman by the vacant congregation in the town of Galt.

WESTON.—A new church, erected in the pleasant village of Weston, was opened for divine worship on Sabbath, 29th ult. The services were conducted by Rev. Professor Young, and Rev. J. B. Logan. A fuller account will appear in our next.

REV. JAMES NISBET.—The Rev. James Nisbet left for Red River *via* St. Paul's on Wednesday, 25th ult. We trust that in the course of a few weeks we shall hear of his safe arrival.

REV. R. JAMIESON.—The Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee has received a letter from Mr. Jamieson, announcing his safe arrival at Victoria, Vancouver's Island. He has met with Mr. Hall and has preached more than once for him. When he wrote he was about to leave for New Westminster. At Victoria a congregation has been gathered by Mr. Hall, and they are about to obtain a site for a church. Mr. Jamieson had received friendly visits from Mr. McFie, Congregational minister, and Dr. Evans, Wesleyan Methodist. A letter of more recent date was received before going to press, and will be found in another column.

ELORA—KNOX'S CHURCH.—The members and adherents of Knox's Church, Elora, lately presented their Pastor, the Rev. John Duff, with a very commodious and handsome Buggy, and a set of silver-mounted harness, as a token of their respect and affection for him as their pastor. The presentation was accompanied with an address expressive of the feelings of the congregation, to which Mr. Duff gave an appropriate reply. Mr. Duff has been for about twelve years pastor of Knox's Church, Elora, and under his charge the congregation has grown from a small beginning to be one of the largest of the rural congregations in connexion with the Canada Presbyterian Church.

## MEETING OF SYNOD OF CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Synod met according to appointment in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the evening of Tuesday, 3rd June, and was opened with sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor of Montreal, from Mark xv. 16: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The sermon, which was most appropriate and impressive, set forth both the duty, and the privilege and encouragements of the church in seeking to extend the knowledge of salvation throughout the whole world. The thanks of the Synod were cordially tendered to Dr. Taylor both for his suitable and excellent sermon, and for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted for business.

The retiring Moderator, after referring to certain correspondence with other churches, &c., and laying on the table letters received since last meeting of Synod, briefly addressed the Synod, warmly thanking them for the honour which last year they had conferred upon him by placing him in the chair, and for the kindness which he had received during his term of office, and intimating that the time was now come for electing another to take the chair which he had occupied.

On proceeding to elect a Moderator, it was found that the following nominations had been made by Presbyteries, namely: Dr. Burns, Mr. Robert Ure, and Mr. Alexander Topp. Mr. Topp not being present, having gone to Europe, the list contained the names of Dr. Burns and Mr. Ure. On a vote being taken, Dr. Burns was elected by a large majority. The result of the vote being announced, Dr. Burns addressed the Synod, acknowledging the honour conferred upon him, but intimating that on account of the state of his health he did not feel able to discharge the duties of Moderator, and therefore respectfully declining the appointment. Mr. Ure was then unanimously and cordially elected Moderator, and on taking the chair addressed the Synod in appropriate terms.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Business, and on Bills and Overtures, which was presented by Mr. Kemp, Chairman of the Committee. The Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, added to it an elder from each of the Presbyteries.

The Business Committee was appointed to examine and report on the returns of Presbyteries to overtures and remits from last Synod.

After some other routine business the first sederunt was closed.

On the second day of the Synod's meeting the principal part of the forenoon sederunt was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator, Dr. Burns, Mr. Caw, and Principal Willis.

Committees were appointed to examine and report on the Records of Presbyteries and of the Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. G. Murray, A. McGlashan, A. McColl, R. Wallace, Dr. Cairns, and also the Rev. Mr. Duclou of the French Canadian Mission, and Rev. Mr. Clark of the Congregational Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The afternoon sederunt of Wednesday, and part of the evening were occupied with the consideration of the report on the returns of Presbyteries on the standing orders as sent down by last Synod for consideration. These were agreed on with slight alterations from last year.

In the evening two overtures were considered. One was from the Presbytery of Hamilton, having reference to the constitution of Kirk Sessions in cases in which two or more congregations are under the charge of one minister. After discussion and a division, the Synod agreed to dismiss the overture, and to consider the whole subject to which it refers, when the report on the returns of Presbyteries to the remit of Synod, on the question of the representation of sessions in the superior church courts, is brought up by the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The other overture was transmitted by the Presbytery of Ottawa, and was with reference to the desirableness of a Synodical observance of the Lord's Supper at the annual meeting of Synod. The overture was read, and was supported by Mr. T. Wardrope and Mr. Goulay. The overture was favourably received and was referred to a Committee to report at an early sederunt. We may here state that this Committee reported at a subsequent sederunt, their report embodying a recommendation that the ordinance of the Lord's Supper be dispensed in connection with the meeting of Synod in Hamilton next year, and that a Committee be appointed to mature a plan to be submitted at an early diet of next Synod for the carrying out of this desirable object. The ministers of the several churches in Hamilton and the representative elders were appointed a Committee for this purpose, Dr. Ormiston, Convener.

At the morning sederunt of Thursday, 5th, the Synod proceeded to fix the time and place of the next ordinary meeting of Synod. After considerable discussion it was agreed that Hamilton and the Central Church there (Dr. Ormiston's) should be the place of meeting, and that the time should be the first Tuesday of June, 1863, at half-past seven p. m.

#### CASES OF APPEAL, &c.

*The Ashburn Case.*—In connection with this case there were several appeals, &c.

1. A protest and appeal of Mr. Thomas Sharp, minister at Ashburn, against the action of the Presbytery of Ontario in appointing a special meeting at Ashburn for the purpose of investigating certain difficulties between Mr. Sharp and members of that congregation.

2. Appeal of Mr. Sharp against the Presbytery of Ontario in recognizing Mr. William Heron as a representative elder, and a member of Presbytery.

3. Complaint of Mr. Sharp against the Presbytery of Ontario for denying to him certain rights and privileges as a member of Presbytery and for granting certificates to certain parties.

4. A reference by the Presbytery of Ontario of the whole Ashburn case.

The several parties in these appeals, &c., were heard at length, and all papers read.

With reference to Mr. Sharp's first appeal three motions were submitted. The first by Mr. Kemp, was to the effect that the Synod dismiss the dissent and complaint of Mr. Sharp and declare the action of the Presbytery competent and lawful. An amendment was moved by Principal Willis to the effect that the Synod sustain the appeal to the effect that in the resolution against which the appellants reclaims there was some ground for dissatisfaction in so far as the Presbytery's visitation of Ashburn, although competent, was liable, at the stage at which the matter had arrived, to be misinterpreted, as a reopening of the entire question of Mr. Sharp's continued relation to his congregation, instead of a measure for determining the question as to separate supply of religious ordinances to the dissentients, or effecting such reconciliation of the parties as the Presbytery seems honourably to have aimed at. Another amendment was moved by Mr. William Inglis to the effect that the Synod sustain the protest and appeal and declare that the Presbytery of Ontario having, with the assistance of Synodical assessors, come to a decision on the whole case, were not justified, without new matter having emerged, to reopen what was already *res judicata*.

The amendment of Principal Willis was ultimately carried and adopted as the deliverance of the court. Against this decision a large number of members dissented for reasons given in.

On the second point, viz: the recognition on the part of the Presbytery of Mr. Heron as a member of the court four different motions were brought forward. That by Mr. Kemp was adopted. It was to the following effect: dismiss the dissent and complaint of Mr. Sharp against the decision of the Presbytery regarding Mr. Heron and confirm the action of the Presbytery.

On the third point the Synod on a division decided in the following terms: The Synod having read the memorial of Mr. Sharp find that the action of the Presbytery of Ontario was unconstitutional in so far as they refused to Mr. Sharp certain rights and privileges due to him as a member of that court without any process of discipline, but at the same time sustain the action of the Presbytery in reference to the certificate granted to Mr. Mitchell.

On the subject of the reference to the Synod by the Presbytery of Ontario of the whole case of Ashburn three motions were submitted. The first was by Mr. Gillespie to the effect that the Synod appoint a Commission to proceed to Ashburn with full powers to inquire into all the circumstances of the case and finally dispose of it. The second was by Mr. T. McPherson recommending that Mr. Sharp and his congregation be placed under the supervision of the Presbytery of Toronto, and that the members of the congregation who could not conscientiously remain under Mr. Sharp's ministry might unite themselves with any of the neighbouring congregations. The third motion, which was carried on a division, was by Principal Willis. It was in the following terms:

"That the Synod receive the reference, approve the Presbytery's procedure so far as they have given supply to the dissentients, and considering from the case now so fully before them that there seems little prospect of agreement between the divided parties, the Synod appoint Commissioners to visit the locality, not to reopen the general question, (unless in the case of new circumstances having emerged fitted to arrest the Commissioners' procedure) but to deal finally with the minority on the question, —should reunion be impracticable —of their separate congregational organization on the spot, empowering the Commissioners to sanction such organization, and to di-join dissentient elders and members from the existing congregation of Ashburn, or to direct them (this failing) to apply for certificates of di-junction to the session or Presbytery with the view of annexing themselves to other congregations."

*The Cartwright Case* —This case, like that of Ashburn, embraced several distinct dissents and complaints, &c.

1. Appeal by Mr. Windell from decision of Presbytery of Ontario, to rebuke him for contumacy.
2. Dissent and complaint of Mr. Windell in regard to the sustaining of a minute of Presbytery.
3. Dissent and complaint of Mr. Windell against Presbytery for resolving to grant certificates to certain parties.

The papers in these cases were read, and parties were fully heard. Four different motions were proposed to the Synod for the settlement of this case. We do not consider it necessary to give all the motions. We may observe that all of them were in favour of dismissing the two dissents and complaints, while two were in favour of sustaining the appeal. The motion which carried was proposed by Mr. J. Mitchell and was as follows:

"The Synod having heard the papers and the parties in the case, dismiss the dissents and appeals of Mr. Windell, and sustain the action of the Presbytery of Ontario"

*The Southampton Case* —This case arose out of the resolution of the Presbytery of Grey to grant a moderation in a call to a minister in the vacant congregation at Southampton in connexion with West Arran. Against this resolution of Presbytery, Mr. Dewar, Mr. Stevenson and others dissented, and complained to the Synod, on several grounds embracing the following, viz: That the whole number of Presbyterians in Southampton were not sufficient to form two congregations, and that those forming the congregation that desire a minister had no charge against the minister already settled in Southampton. The papers were read and parties fully heard. Four motions were proposed, all of them moving to dismiss the dissent and complaint and to confirm the action of the Presbytery, but, in various terms expressing the desirableness of

having but one congregation at Southampton— The motion of Mr. Scott of London which ultimately carried is as follows.—

“Dismiss the protest and appeal, and sustain the action of the Presbytery, but at the same time declare the desirableness of the members and adherents of this Church in Southampton forming but one congregation, and with a view of effecting this, instruct the Presbytery to defer the matter of granting the moderation of a call, and appoint a committee to meet at Southampton, advise the parties concerned, and act as assessors with the Presbytery in determining its future action.”

The Commission was appointed as follows, viz.—Messrs. Skinner, Scott, of London, D. McKenzie, W. S. Ball, ministers; and the Hon. J. McMurrich elder.

*The Owen Sound Case.*—There were several different papers connected with this case which were read. From these it appeared that the former Presbytery of Hamilton of the Presbyterian Church of Canada had declared the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Owen Sound, extinct, and that the congregation of Mr. Grant was the only congregation in communion with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Several individuals, trustees, &c., of Chalmers' Church, prepared a memorial praying the Synod to recognize them as still a congregation and thus set aside the decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton. This memorial they laid before the Presbytery of Grey for transmission to Synod. The Presbytery refused to transmit it. Against this decision memorialists protested and appealed, giving in due time their reasons. The Presbytery at first received the protest and reasons and named a Committee to answer them. Subsequently they resolved that the parties should not be allowed to appeal. Against this decision of Presbytery Messrs. Stevenson and Waters dissented and complained. The parties connected with Chalmers' Church sent up a memorial stating the circumstances and praying that the Synod might take up the whole case.

The Synod, on motion of Mr. Kemp, came to the following deliverance on the subject of the dissents and complaints and the petition from Mr. Crichton, representative of the congregation of Chalmers' Church:

“That parties having been heard on the petition of Mr. Crichton, and on the dissent and complaint of Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Waters regarding the action of the Presbytery of Grey aforesaid parties desiring to petition the Synod in reference to Chalmers' Church, Owen Sound, the Synod sustain said petition and said complaint, and reverse the decision of the Presbytery of Grey, refusing to grant said parties the right of appeal, and refusing to transmit their petition and memorial to the Synod.”

The original petition of the members of Chalmers' Church, which brought up the real merits of the case, was on a division remitted to a Committee for full examination. Subsequently this Committee brought in a report which was unanimously adopted by the Synod. It is as follows:

“That, without interfering with the decision of the late Presbytery of Hamilton in the case of Chalmers' Church, Owen Sound, they would yet state it as their decided conviction that the property of Chalmers' Church, Sydenham or Owen Sound, belongs to and is in rightful possession of Mr. Crichton and other trustees and members of said church, and that only by them can the said property be sold or otherwise disposed of.

“The Synod would therefore indicate to the parties that the difficulty in the case would in all probability be removed, were the consent of the trustees and members of Chalmers' Church given in writing to value the property, and to offer it to the second congregation (Mr. Grant's) on the condition of their paying half its appraised value to the other congregation, or *vice versa*; and in the event of neither party agreeing to accept of said property, would recommend that it be sold and the money divided between the two congregations in Owen Sound. Appoint further Mr. Scott, minister, and Mr. Clark, elder, London, to counsel the parties in this case, and instruct the Presbytery of Grey



to implement any arrangement which may in accordance with this decision be brought before them by the parties in this case."

*The St. Mary's Case* — In connection with this case there were: 1. An appeal by Mr. D. Beattie against a decision of the Presbytery of Stratford with reference to a claim of Mr Beattie for arrears of stipend to the amount of \$331 75 due by the congregation of Chalmers' Church, St. Mary's, and 2. A dissent and complaint on the part of Mr Thomas McPherson and others with reference to the same decision. Papers having been read and parties having been heard, several motions were submitted. These were all withdrawn with the exception of one, by Mr. Dick, which was adopted by the Synod as its deliverance in the case. It was in the following terms:

"The Synod sustain the protest and appeal, and find that the congregation of St. Mary's is under moral obligation to pay the arrears of salary due to Mr. Beattie, and instruct the Presbytery of Stratford to use all legitimate means that this obligation be implemented by the congregation; also, disapprove of individual negotiations between ministers and people, irrespective of the action of the Presbytery."

*Dissent and Complaint of Mr. D. Inglis* — This was a dissent and complaint of Mr. D. Inglis and others against the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton in refusing to examine certain minutes of Kirk Sessions, viz: those entered in the several records from the time of the last attestation by the Presbytery until the time of the Union. Parties having been heard and removed, two motions were submitted. One was by Dr. Thornton to the effect that the Synod dismiss the dissent and complaint and confirm the action of the Presbytery. The other, by Mr. Kemp, was carried. It was to the following effect:

"The Synod having heard parties in the dissent and complaint of Mr. Inglis against the Presbytery of Hamilton refusing to confirm the minutes of Sessions prior to the union of the churches in June last, sustain said dissent and complaint, reverse the decision of the Presbytery and declare that it is in conformity with the final declarations of the two churches at the Union that said minutes should be examined and certified in the usual manner."

We subjoin the other proceedings of Synod as much as possible in the order in which they took place.

#### FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A commission was laid on the table appointing Mr. Duclou, with Messrs. Kemp, McVicar and Wallace, to represent the French Canadian Missionary Society before the Synod, to state the present condition and progress of the Missionary work and plead their claims to the increased sympathy and support of the Protestant community, and especially of the congregations of this church. On the evening of Thursday, 5th, Mr. Duclou addressed the Synod in an able and effective manner on the position and prospects of the Society.

At a subsequent sederunt the following resolution was adopted:

"The Synod having, at a former sederunt, heard Mr. Duclou, representing the French Canadian Missionary Society, desire to express their sincere congratulations at the good work conducted with so much effect and promise, pray that the divine blessing may rest upon the various educational and evangelistic labours conducted under the auspices of the Mission, and commend the Mission to the continued aid and sympathy of the members of the church throughout the Province."

In connection with this subject it may be mentioned that at one sederunt there was presented a memorial from French Protestants residing in the neighbourhood of Sandwich, praying for the establishment of an Educational Institute. This memorial was transmitted by the Presbytery of London, and was supported by Mr. Bennett of Windsor. The following was the delivery of Synod with regard to it:

"The Synod having heard the memorial from the French Canadians at Sandwich remit the memorial to the Presbytery of London to consider and report on the subject of it, instructing them to take such steps in the meantime as they may see fit, in conjunction with the Home Mission Committee, for providing christian instruction for the French Canadian people in that district."

## FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

On the evening of Thursday, 5th, the Synod called for the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee. The same was given in by Mr. Burns, Convener. The Report referred to the steps taken by the Committee which had resulted in the appointment of Mr. Jamieson to British Columbia and Mr. Nisbet to Red River. The state of the funds was reported as in a satisfactory state, the amount available at the end of the year being \$6,157 32.

At a subsequent diet the following resolutions were adopted with reference to the Foreign Mission Report:

"1. That the Synod do hereby express their gratitude to God for the safe arrival of the Rev. Mr. Jamieson at the distant field of his future labours, and heartily pray for his success in the important work in which he has now entered. They commend the Rev. James Nisbet to the gracious care of God in the journey which he contemplates, and they recommend the brethren to the prayerful sympathy of the congregations under their care.

"2. The Synod desire to express their deep interest in the Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Province, and their cordial sympathy with that Church, both in the successes and trials of their evangelical efforts among the heathen, and express their readiness to cooperate with them in this work in so far as this may be deemed advisable.

"3. That the Synod, in terms of the recommendation of the report, commend the Church of Assiniboine to the special interest of the children of the Church, and recommend that the attention of the Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes be directed to the missions of the Church, with the view of enlisting the sympathies of our youth in the great work of evangelizing the world.

"4. That the Committee be reappointed, with instructions to take into consideration the desirableness of securing a second missionary for British Columbia, and that if it be deemed advisable, and if the funds at their disposal admit of it, they be empowered to take the necessary steps for his selection and designation.

"5. That the Synod, deeply alive to the duty of sending the Gospel to the heathen nations, do further instruct the Committee to take into their consideration the propriety of entering more fully and distinctly upon the Foreign Mission work, and enjoin them to use all diligence to collect such information as may enable the Synod at its next meeting to carry this arrangement into effect, either by cooperating with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, or by the establishment of a mission in a new field.

"6. That the Committee be empowered, if the funds at their disposal admit of it, to grant to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces a sum equal to the support of a missionary in the South Sea Islands for one year."

## DONATION OF TRACTS FROM JOHN HENDERSON, ESQ., OF PARK.

John Henderson of Park, whose christian benevolence has on various occasions been manifested in this as well as in other lands, transmitted through Dr. Taylor, the Moderator for last year, a donation of Tracts on the subject of the Sabbath, for distribution among congregations of the church. The cordial thanks of the Synod were voted to Mr. Henderson for his valuable donation.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

A memorial from the Kingston Sabbath Observance Society was laid before before the Synod. It was favorably received and referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. P. Gray, A. Wilson, W. McLaren and H. Gordon. It may be here mentioned that the attention of Synod was called to an attempt that

was being made to obtain the sanction of the City Council for running cars on the street railways in Toronto. The Synod appointed a Committee on the subject, who prepared a memorial which was transmitted to the Council. The Synod had the satisfaction of hearing, before the conclusion of their sessions, that the sanction sought was unanimously refused by the Council.

#### ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO THE QUEEN.

The Synod, on motion made and seconded, unanimously agreed to draw up and transmit an address of condolence to the Queen. At a subsequent seditur the draft was approved. It was in the following terms.

*"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

"May it please your Majesty.

"We the Ministers and Elders composing the Supreme Court of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and now met in Synod, desire, in common with all classes of your Majesty's subjects, to express on the earliest opportunity available to us, our heartfelt sympathy with your Majesty and the Royal Family on the death of your Royal Consort, Prince Albert. Deeply do we feel that the event is no less a national loss, than it has been to your Majesty and the Royal Family, an unspeakably severe domestic bereavement. It is our sincere prayer, that, by the blessing of God on the instructions and example by which it was the care of the distinguished and lamented Prince Consort to form the minds of the youthful circle, so dear to your Majesty's heart, your Majesty may experience all the solace that is to be found in witnessing the development in your Royal offspring, of each Christian grace. And it is with a satisfaction, well warranted by our observation of your Majesty's course, as well as of that of your lamented Royal Consort, that we recognise the good Providence that has spared your Majesty as the head of a family so interesting to the nation, and as the occupant of a throne which your Majesty's virtues have adorned.

"May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies and the God of all comfort, sustain your Majesty by the faith of that glorious gospel which enables the deeply sorrowing to be yet 'always rejoicing!' May He guide your Majesty's councils, and may it please Him to continue peace in your Majesty's days to every portion of the extended realms that own with unabated contentment and increased gratitude to the British sceptre.

"Signed in the name and by appointment of the Synod, by, &c."

The address was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Clerks, and to be transmitted to Her Majesty in the usual way.

#### DELEGATE FROM CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke laid before the Synod a Commission appointing him delegate to this Synod from the Congregational Union of Canada. Mr. Clarke addressed the Synod, conveying in warm terms the fraternal greetings of the body with which he is connected, and informing the Synod that the Congregational Union would meet in Hamilton this week, and requesting the Synod to appoint a delegation to attend the meeting of the Union.

The Synod cordially reciprocated the sentiments of Christian regard expressed by Mr. Clarke, and resolved to appoint a deputation to attend the meeting of the Union. Dr. Burns and Mr. H. Young were appointed deputies.

#### APPLICATION OF MR. CHINIQUEY.

An event in connexion with the meeting of Synod, not the least interesting, was the application of Mr. Chiniquey. His papers having been laid before the Business Committee, it was recommended by them that his case should be submitted to the Synod. Accordingly, at the morning seditur of Tuesday, 10th, he was introduced to the Synod and gave a lengthened address with reference to the position of things at St. Anne's, and concluded with the expression of a most earnest desire on the part of himself and congregation (having resolved

to leave their present connexion,) to be received into connexion with this church. The address was listened to with deep interest, and a committee was appointed to consider the application of Mr. Chiniquy, to confer with him, and to report at a future sederunt. This committee at a subsequent sederunt presented a report embracing statistical statements with relation to the condition of the mission to St. Anne's, and recommending that a small committee should proceed to St. Anne's at an early date, to make full inquiry, and in the way of their finding the way clear, to commit the congregation and Mr. Chiniquy to the care of the Presbytery of London, to be by them brought before next meeting of Synod in due form. The Synod adopted the report and appointed as the Committee Messrs. Kemp, Caven, and Scott, of London.

#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS, AND LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

On applications made, the Synod agreed to sanction the reception of the following Ministers, viz: Mr. Constantinides, Mr. A. McColl, and Mr. Martin. Leave was given to take the following students on trials for Course:—Messrs. W. T. Murdoch, W. Richardson, T. Kellough, L. Cameron, J. K. Hislop, A. Stewart, and W. McWilliam.

#### EXAMINATION OF PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD RECORDS.

The Records of the several Presbyteries, and of the Synod were examined in the usual way, and ordered to be attested in terms of the several reports.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

A Report on the subject of Sabbath-schools was presented in behalf of the committee appointed last year by Mr. J. C. Becket. The Report (which will be published,) was received and adopted.

#### SUPPRESSION OF INTEMPERANCE.

The Synod took up an overture on the subject of Intemperance, signed by Mr. J. C. Becket and other elders attending the Synod.

On motion of Rev. R. F. Burns, seconded by Rev. Dr. Thornton, it was unanimously resolved:

"1. That the Synod deeply deplore the sad ravages of intemperance in the Church and in the world, and earnestly entreat all the office-bearers of the church to use their utmost endeavour by precept and example, to restrain and remove this widely-extended and destructive vice.

"2. That the liquor traffic, as now legally conducted, tends directly to promote and perpetuate the evils deplored, and that all legitimate efforts be employed to prevent the wider extension and to bring about the ultimate extinction of this great and growing evil.

"3. That the several Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church are hereby recommended to take such steps as in their judgment may seem most expedient and efficient for the suppression of intemperance, and for the maintenance of a pure and scriptural discipline on this matter, in each of their respective congregations.

"4. That a standing committee be appointed to take charge of this subject."

The Synod appointed the following as the Committee: Mr. John Smith, Mr. McLaren, Dr. Thornton, Mr. A. Kennedy, ministers; and Messrs. D. Kennedy and J. C. Becket, elders.

#### REPORT OF COLLEGE BOARD.

The College Report was presented by Dr. W. Taylor, who had been appointed Chairman in the absence of Mr. Topp. The Report, with the exception of the rather important matter of the ordinary College fund, was encouraging. It stated:

"That in the senior class in theology the number of students was 7; in the second, 12; and in the first, or junior class, 11; in all, 30. In the senior preparatory class, there were 8 students; in the second, 14; and in the first, 5; in all 27. There were thus 57 young men in training for the ministry at vari-

ous stages of progress—being, as one of the expected fruits of the Union, a considerable increase since last year. The Board further reported that, by the special effort which had been made, the greater part of the sum required to pay off the debt resting on the College building, had been raised and paid over to the parties who held the mortgage, and that, if the congregations which hitherto had remitted nothing to the fund, would each send a moderate contribution, the whole debt would be wiped away. With regard to the ordinary fund, the Board regretted that there was a very considerable deficiency, as would be shown by the published accounts. The Board called attention to the changes sought for in the University of Toronto, in order that the Synod might take such action in reference thereto as in its wisdom might appear proper in the circumstances."

The following resolutions were severally moved, seconded and agreed to, with reference to the report of the College Board:

"That the Synod remit to the Finance Committee to take such steps as it may deem best to secure the regular payment of the Professors' salaries.

"That the cordial thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Alexander Topp for his laborious efforts in devising, and for carrying out the scheme for liquidating the debt on the College building.

"That all proper means be used to secure that those congregations that have not yet contributed to the College Buildings Fund, do their part, so that, if possible, the entire debt may be liquidated this year."

Rev. J. M. King moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Thornton,

"That a special committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of the preparatory and theological education of candidates for the ministry, to consult with the Senate if they deem it necessary, and to report to the meeting of Synod next June."

The motion was carried, and the following members appointed as said committee: The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Thomson, Rev. Messrs. Caven, Dr. Inglis, Gillespie, Scott (London), Proudfoot, and King.

The Synod agreed that the Presbyteries shall not send up students to Knox College, in the theological course, out of the order prescribed in the curriculum enjoined by the Synod.

It was also agreed to recommend to the Board of Management of the College, to take into earnest and careful consideration the rate of charges in the College Boarding House, with the view of having the charges, if possible, reduced.

On the University question the following motion was submitted by Mr. R. F. Burns:

"That the Synod instruct the College Board to watch the proceedings of the Legislature in the matter of the University of Toronto, and if they see fit to petition in the name of the Synod, as well as in their own name, against any partition of the University Fund among the denominational colleges. They farther recommend Presbyteries and Sessions to take similar action in the event of circumstances emerging to render such action necessary."

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Willis:

"That in the present circumstances of the Province and of this Church, the Synod does not deem it expedient to move in this matter."

Mr. Kemp submitted the following amendment:

"That this Synod resolve to petition the Legislature and Governor in Council against any appropriation of the funds of the University of Toronto, or for the appropriation of the public funds for the maintenance or endowment of denominational colleges in Canada West, it being the decided opinion of this Synod that such appropriation would lead to the destruction of our unsectarian system of education in this portion of the Province, and be a grievous injustice to a large and influential portion of the community who cannot conscientiously participate in such grants of money. Appoint also a special committee to watch over any proposed legislation in regard to the above matter,

and to use their utmost efforts by petition or otherwise, through the Presbyteries and Sessions of this Church, to prevent any such legislative proceedings."

After lengthened discussion, Mr. Burns' motion having been withdrawn, the vote of the Synod was taken, when 4 voted for the amendment by Dr. Burns, and 46 by Mr. Kemp.

#### WIDOWS' FUND.

The Report of the Widow's Fund Committee was read. It presented an encouraging position of the Fund, which amounts now to upwards of \$32,300. There has been no increase in the number of annuitants. The Report was received and adopted.

The Report presented by Mr. J. M. King, on the part of the Committee appointed to take steps to raise a certain amount from congregations connected with the former United Presbyterian Church, was of a very gratifying nature.

"The Committee reported that already 50 ministers had signified their intention to connect themselves with the fund; that \$6,492 had been promised within the three years, and that \$2,111 had already been paid. The Committee expressed the hope that by June, 1864, the whole amount would be raised, and that all the ministers of the late United Presbyterian Synod who had any desire to join the fund would be connected with it."

The Report was received and adopted, and the Committee re-appointed.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCES OF THE CHURCH.

The Hon. J. McMurrich presented the report of the Committee on the Finances of the Church, together with the accounts of all the schemes. The report stated that all the funds were in a favourable state, with the exception of the College Fund. The Report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Mr. J. McTavish presented the Report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. From the report, it appeared that there were now three ministers in the fund, so that there is a necessity for continued and increased liberality. The amount at present available is \$715 00. The Report was adopted, and certain regulations which were proposed by the Committee, were sent down for the consideration of Presbyters. The case of Dr. Cairns, an aged minister and missionary, was referred to the consideration of the Committee.

#### PRAYER FOR COLLEGE, &C.

The Synod appointed the first Sabbath of October as a day of special prayer for Knox College. The Synod farther agreed to leave it with the Moderator, to appoint a day for special religious services, adapted to the condition of the country, when the results of the coming harvest shall have been ascertained.

#### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Home Mission Committee was presented by Dr. Thornton, Convener, on the evening of Thursday, 12th. The Report will be published either in the present or in a future number of the *Record*. The Report stated that at the first meeting for distribution there were 59 applications and only 30 missionaries available, at the second meeting the applications were 59, while the number of preachers was only 22. The Committee had admitted claims for aid to the amount of \$1,393 73, which they were in a condition to meet, with a balance still left. The Synod sustained the Report, and agreed to record their thanks to the Church in Ireland for their liberal assistance, instructing the Convener to forward to the Convener of the Mission Board of the Church in Ireland a detached statement of the application of funds so kindly furnished by their liberality, together with an expression of their thanks for the assistance furnished during the year.

In connexion with the Home Mission Report, there was read by Mr. King a report of the Buxton Mission. The Report related that "there are two schools

in connexion with the mission, at which 120 pupils are receiving education. A school has also been established about four miles from the mission, attended by forty-five pupils. Seven hundred Bibles have been distributed among the settlers. The library contains six hundred volumes. The mission is out of debt, and there is \$4000 in hand for the erection of new buildings. In addition to the usual expenses of the past year, the sum of \$200 has been expended for repairs; and for providing materials for a new building, \$327. The report concluded by stating that a large portion of the missionary expenditure had been borne by the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church."

#### RESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL WILLIS.

On the evening of Thursday 12th, Principal Willis tendered the resignation of his position in the Synod, and his connexion with Knox College. After some conversation, the Synod appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Willis, and to report the same evening. The committee accordingly reported to the effect that they had met in conference with Principal Willis, but that he still considered it better to tender his resignation. The Synod appointed a committee to confer further with Dr. Willis, empowering them, if he shall adhere to his resignation, to request the Moderator to call a special meeting of Synod, for the purpose of taking necessary action in the matter.

We may here state that Dr. Willis subsequently intimated to the Committee his withdrawal of his resignation on certain grounds stated to the Committee.

#### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

A Committee appointed previously for the purpose of nominating members for the Standing Committees presented a report embodying the names of members of Synod for the Standing Committees. The Committees were nominated accordingly.

#### REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was presented by Mr. J. Gray before the close of the Synod. The Report was received and sustained, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for the care and labour expended upon the Report.

#### REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

The Report on the *Record* was presented by Dr. Jennings, Convener. It stated the circulation was nearly 6900, while the receipts from 6th June, 1861 to 30th April, 1862, had been \$2,137 02. The Report was received and sustained.

#### OVERTURE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Synod took up an overture signed by a number of the ministers and elders of the Synod, proposing to divide the Synod into three Synods and to form a General Assembly composed of one-fourth of the members of the several Presbyteries. The overture having been read, it was moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. T. Wardrope, that the overture be received, and sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions, to be reported on at next meeting of Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Ross, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the overture be rejected as premature. The motion of Mr. Cross was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided accordingly.

#### MEMORIAL FROM RED RIVER.

A memorial from Red River on the subject of dancing was brought before the Synod. It was referred to the Presbytery of Toronto.

#### STATED COLLECTIONS.

The stated Synodical Collections were appointed to be taken up as last year.

## OTHER MATTERS.

A petition from Rev. Mr. A. F. Kemp with reference to a debt incurred by the publication of the Digest of the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The petition was favourably received, and it was agreed that the debt be discharged out of the balance of the Synod Fund.

On application made to the Synod the station of Orangeville, within the bounds of Presbytery of Huron, was transferred to the Presbytery of Grey.

It was agreed to present an address to the Governor General of the Province.

Sundry matters were left over till next Synod, viz two overtures with reference to the Standing Committees of the Synod, their constitution, and the payment of expenses of members; two petitions for transference from the Presbytery of Paris to that of London; the returns of Presbyteries with reference to Home Missions, distribution of Preachers, and Forms of Process, &c., &c., (with the exception of the Formula and Questions which were adopted with the change of the word "never" into "not," and with the exception also of the Standing Orders which were adopted at a previous sederunt.) The regulations in Home Missions, &c. were again enacted *ad interim* until next stated meeting of Synod.

## CONCLUSION.

After a cordial vote of thanks had been passed to the Committee of Accommodation, the Trustees of Knox's Church, and the Ladies of the several congregations in Toronto for their kindness in promoting the comfort of the members of the Synod, the Moderator requested Dr. Burns to offer up prayer. Part of the 122nd Psalm was then sung, and the Synod was closed with the apostolic benediction, after a somewhat tedious but not unpleasant meeting.

## SYNOD OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

In our last number we referred to the opening of the annual meeting of this court. The whole proceedings were interesting, and the reports in connexion with the missions, both domestic and foreign, were encouraging. At home, there are 145 congregations receiving aid from the Home Mission fund, most of these congregations being missionary congregations. Their Foreign Missions now embrace 26 congregations in Jamaica, three in Trinidad, five stations in Old Calabar, two congregations in South Africa, three stations in India, and four in different parts of Africa and Europe with special reference to the Jews. The sum of £1,300 is also given annually to aid the Evangelical Societies in France and Belgium. The amount contributed during the year was, for Foreign Missions, £17,578; for Home Missions, £5,810; and for the Gospel Ministry Fund, £1,027; there was also raised for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, £1,225, making the capital now £18,000.

The subject of National Education, with special reference to the Lord Advocate's Bill occupied attention. Resolutions were passed by a large majority, affirming (1) the lawfulness of the civil government providing for the secular education of the people; (2) that religious instruction is the province, not of the civil government, but of parents and of the church; (3) that any system of national instruction should be aided more or less by local assessment, and managed by local boards; (4) approval of the absence of any religious test in the Bill introduced; (5) that the Synod shall seek the removal of certain objectionable features in the Bill, especially the provisions relating to rural schools, and grants to Episcopalians and Roman Catholics; and (6) that grants to denominational schools are peculiarly obnoxious, and that all pretext for such might be avoided.

A Report was received from the Committee on Royal Proclamations of Fasts, Thanksgivings, &c., stating the result of a conference with the Lord Advocate, to the effect that they had submitted to him the importance of removing the language of authority from such edicts, and giving a simple invitation, and that



the Lord Advocate had explained himself as favourable to the object they had in view.

The subject of Theological Education engaged a large share of attention. There were several overtures brought forward and discussed at great length. Many were favourable to an extension of the session, which has hitherto been only two months. This change would leave involved the separation of the Professors from Pastoral charges. It has been agreed in the meantime that no change shall take place. A proposal too to have a General Assembly consisting of representatives of the several Presbyteries has not found favour.

A Committee was presented by the Committee on Christian Union. The report stated that the Committee were not prepared to suggest any immediate steps towards union with any of the sister churches; but they recommended certain resolutions referring (1) to the evils of division among those who are agreed in matters of faith and worship; (2) to the progress made of late years in liberality of sentiment and friendly feeling, a change which should call forth deep thankfulness to God; (3) to the importance, as a means of promoting Christian Union, of exercising mutual forbearance in points on which there may be differences. The Report further recommended that the Synod re-appoint the Committee with instructions to report from time to time. The Report was received and the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee. It was not deemed necessary, however, to re-appoint the Committee.

Several foreign deputies were present and addressed the Synod, viz. Dr. Revel of Florence, Dr. Monod of Paris, and M. Anet of Belgium. The Synod was addressed by Dr. Ormiston and Messrs. Laing and McLaren, Ministers of our own church. We are glad to say that our brethren were most warmly received, and that the most friendly feelings were expressed towards our Canada Presbyterian Church.

With reference to the Bicentenary of the Ejection of the Nonconforming Ministers in 1662, the Synod recommended that their congregations in England should unite with their brethren there in the commemoration, and that Ministers in Scotland should direct the attention of their people to the subject on the 24th of August.

We should have stated that that Rev. Dr. John Taylor formerly of Toronto, was warmly welcomed and received as a Minister without charge.

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### SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England was held in London, in Regent Square Church, beginning on the 12th May. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Islington, was unanimously chosen Moderator. On taking the chair he delivered an able and impressive address, referring to the loss which the church had sustained in the death of one of their members, Mr. Duncan of Newcastle, and especially by the death of Principal Cunningham; and also to the measures which were being adopted with a view to union, and dwelling particularly and at considerable length on the ejection of the non-conforming ministers in 1662.

At the very outset of the proceedings it seemed as if the harmony of the Synod would be disturbed by the introduction of the organ question. It came up in this way. A petition had been laid before the Committee on Bills and Overtures from members of the congregation in Exeter, praying to be allowed to use an organ. The Committee on Bills, &c., had refused to transmit the petition on the ground that it had not come up through the inferior courts. After some discussion the action of the Committee was sustained by a vote of 74 to 45.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Dr. Hamilton, and was of a very encouraging and gratifying nature. The accounts of the China Missions were particularly gratifying. Connected with the Mission there are now five

churches, and a station at Anhai, embracing in all 355 church members, the accessions during the year being about 70. The want of additional missionaries was greatly felt. One of the missionaries, Mr. Grant, is no longer available in consequence of a change of view on the subject of baptism. The income of the year was £2,500, including contributions from children and Sabbath Schools to the amount of £270. The Report was unanimously adopted.

The Report of the Committee on union with the United Presbyterian Church was given in by Dr. Hamilton. It referred to the means adopted for the promotion of union, especially several non-official meetings of office-bearers of the two churches, and the administration of the communion to members of the two churches. The Report was adopted and the Committee reappointed. A deputation from the United Presbyterian Church was introduced and received with applause. The deputation consisted of Drs. Robson and Lindsay of Glasgow, Dr. Thomson of Edinburgh, with Messrs. Scott of Manchester and Stitt of Liverpool. These deputies addressed the Synod on the desirableness and importance of union, and on motion of Dr. McCrie a resolution was adopted warmly reciprocating the friendly sentiments which they had expressed.

The College Report was given in by Mr. A. T. Ritchie. The Report was on the whole encouraging, but strongly urged the importance of two things, viz: an endowment, and a more abundant supply of students. The Report was adopted and the thanks of the Synod voted to Mr. Ferguson for his exertions in connection with the endowment fund, which amounted now to £2,335.

The subject of the St. Bartholomew Bicentenary occupied the attention of Synod. It was introduced by an overture from Dr. McCrie. The Synod adopted the following motion as their decision on this subject:

"That the Synod, approving of the overture, would express their sympathies with the leading principles held, as well as with the spirit displayed by the 2,000 ministers ejected on the 24th of August, 1662; and, without intending to pronounce any judgment upon others, they cannot but admire, and admiring record to the praise of Divine grace, the conduct of our Presbyterian fathers, who were enabled to bear such a noble testimony to the power of Christian principle, and who chose rather to suffer affliction for their Nonconformity than to forfeit the inestimable privilege of having a conscience void of offence towards God and man; and the Synod recommend that steps be taken by the ministers of this Church to bring before their people—from the pulpit or otherwise—that memorable example of love and loyalty to the Divine Head of the Church, 'notwithstanding whatever tribulation and persecution may arise'—an example which has had so important a bearing on the social and religious interests of these lands."

Several deputations from other churches addressed the Synod besides that from the United Presbyterian Church, viz: one from the Free Church of Scotland and one from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Dr. M. D'Aubigne and Dr. Kevel were also present and were warmly received.

The Report on Statistics stated that,

"The number of congregations had in the last seventeen years increased from 73 to 99, whilst a new Presbytery (Birmingham) had in the same period been called into existence. There were 10 vacancies in process of being filled. Several ministers have failed to fill up and transmit the schedules issued by the Synod, a complete and accurate return could not be furnished in this report; but, making allowance for the defaulting congregations, there were about 450 elders and 350 deacons in the Church, with a considerable number, probably 50, managers in place of deacons. The communicants were between 19,000 and 20,000; and the sittings occupied from Sabbath to Sabbath 30,000. There were 1,500 Sabbath School teachers, and 14,000 scholars. The existing churches could contain 51,000 sitters, and new ones are being built. Church

debts amount to £20,000. There are 31 manse in all, with debts amounting to £1,450.

"The stipends paid to all the ministers amount to upwards of £16,000 per annum; and the sums raised throughout the Church for all purposes during the past year was £40,000."

The Synod adopted the Report, approved the great diligence of the Conventer and reappointed the Committee.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Assembly met on the 22nd May. The opening sermon was preached by Dr. Candlish, the retiring Moderator, from 1 Cor. xii. 4, 5, 6, 12 and 13. The sermon was characterised by all the ability and eloquence of Dr. Candlish. On the motion of Dr. Candlish, seconded by the Earl of Dalhousie, Dr. Guthrie was elected Moderator for the year, and on taking the chair delivered an eloquent address, which was received with great applause.

The matters which were before the Assembly were so numerous that it would be utterly impossible for us to glance at them all. We shall notice a few of the more important topics.

#### JEWISH MISSIONS.

The Report on the Jewish Missions was presented by Mr. Wood of Elie, in the absence of Mr. Moody Stewart. The report was of a favourable character. The financial state of the Mission was more favourable than in former years, the receipts having been £2,857, a slight increase on the preceding year. The report referred to the operations at Amsterdam, Breslau, Pesth, and Constantinople, at all which places the missionaries are exerting a very considerable influence. At Amsterdam the Sabbath services are attended by from 1,200 to 1,500, among whom many are Jews. At Pesth, the number of children enrolled in the schools is 308, of whom 184 are Jewish children. At Amsterdam a family of six persons had been received into the church during the year. The Committee have sent a missionary to Italy to labour among the Jews. Mr. Swartz from Amsterdam addressed the Assembly, after which, on the motion of Dr. Candlish, the report was adopted.

#### FUNDS OF FREE CHURCH.

1. Building Funds, Church and Manse, &c. . . . .	£42,347	8	0
2. Sustentation Fund (affording to each minister £127). . . . .	115,815	17	2
3. Congregational Funds. . . . .	105,341	13	10
4. Education . . . . .	15,430	18	1
5. College (including Mr. Webster's donations). . . . .	13,685	8	7
6. Missions—Home, Foreign, Colonial, Jewish, Highland, &c. . . . .	40,667	5	11
7. General Trustees and Miscellaneous. . . . .	3,915	8	4½
Total. . . . .	£337,204	4	11½

This was an amount larger than in any year since the disruption, except the year 1858-9, when a large amount was received through legacies, for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

#### REPORT ON POPERY.

The Report on Popery was given in by Dr. Begg. The report referred to the Protestant Institute for Scotland, to the labours of Dr. Wyhe in conducting classes of students in Edinburgh and Glasgow, where the young men were instructed and trained in the Popish controversy, and to the necessity of something being done to check the active support given to Popery by the British Government, by whom upwards of £200,000 a year is given for the support of Popery. The report was approved and the Committee reappointed.

## REPORT OF COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The Colonial Report was presented by Dr Bonar. It referred to the unions lately effected in Nova Scotia, Canada, and Australia, to the progress of Presbyterianism in the Colonies generally, and the importance of sending out additional ministers. In laying this report on the table Dr. Bonar gave an able and lengthened address, earnestly pleading for additional interest and aid in behalf of the Colonies. In connexion with this report addresses were delivered by Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. Laing and McLaren, as well as representatives from some other Colonial churches. Our own brethren were most heartily received, and the characteristic address of Dr Ormiston called forth repeated applause. On the motion of Dr. Begg, seconded by Major General Anderson, the report was adopted.

The part of Dr. Bonar's report bearing on the Continental Department was presented at a subsequent diet. It referred to the evangelistic efforts carried on in France, Italy, Belgium and other places on the continent. Dr. Monod of Paris, M. Anef of Brussels, Dr. Revel of Florence and Mr. Swartz of Amsterdam, addressed the Assembly and gave interesting information with reference to the progress of religion on the Continent.

## NEW COLLEGE ELECTIONS.

Ever since the lamented death of the late Principal Cunningham much interest has been felt and expressed with reference to filling up of the vacancy in the principalship and the professorship of Church History. Various names were proposed, although throughout the church the general feeling was in favour of Dr. Candlish being appointed to the principalship. The appointment came before the Assembly on Tuesday, the 27th. For the professorship there were three nominations, viz: Mr. R. Rainy of Edinburgh, Mr. Islay Burns of Dundee, and Mr. Laughton of Greenock. On the first vote Mr. Burns had 256 votes, and Mr. Laughton 156. On the second vote Mr Rainy had 230 and Mr. Burns 202. Mr. Rainy was accordingly declared elected. For the principalship two were proposed, viz. Dr. Candlish and Dr James Buchanan, one of the professors of the New College. The vote having been taken Dr. Candlish was elected by a majority of 162, the number being for Dr. Candlish 288, and for Dr. Buchanan 126.

## REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Report was given in by Dr. Roxburgh. It stated that the total amount of contributions for the year had been £9395, leaving a balance in favor of the Committee of £1884. Mr. Webster had bequeathed £1000 to Home Mission scheme. The Report further stated that 44 probationers have been employed at stations; five catechists at missions not yet erected into stations, nine ministers ordained in connexion with territorial churches; 14 probationers employed in territorial missions in large towns; 17 students employed by the Committee; 24 ministers of church extension charges, receiving grants from Committee, and 46 ministers employed in evangelistic labours during the summer.

The Report was adopted and the scheme commended to the sympathy and support of the Church.

## COLLEGE REPORT.

Dr. Henderson gave in the College Report. It stated the income of the General College Fund to be £3744 6s 2d, the expenditure being £3403 9s. 2d. The debt on the College Building was £3,031 14s. 10d, for the liquidation of which little had been done during the year. The Report stated further the arrangements which were in progress for having a colleague and successor appointed to Dr. Duncan, Professor of Hebrew. The Report was adopted, the Assembly making several arrangements with reference to the salaries of professors at Aberdeen.

## RELIGIOUS REVIVAL.

The important subject of Religious Revival was brought before the Assembly by Dr. Wood, the convener of the Committee on Religion and Revivals. It referred to the revival of religion which has been going on for some time, and to the results of the revival movement as tested by the experience of the past year. It mentioned the fact that in a few places there had been a second movement of revival, while in several places where there had not been any revival before, there had been during the past year a great work of conversion and revival. It referred also to revivals abroad. Several members addressed the Assembly on the subject, and on the motion of Dr. Candlish, the report was adopted and its recommendations approved, especially the proposal to issue pastoral letters for general circulation. It was agreed also that the week beginning 22nd June, should be observed as a season of thanksgiving for the outpouring of the Spirit as well of confession of sin, and prayer for still more abundant awakenings.

## BICENTENARY COMMEMORATION.

The subject of the Commemoration of the ejection of the non-conforming ministers of 1662, was brought before the Assembly by several overtures from Synods and Presbyteries. Dr. Wylie and others addressed the Assembly on the subject, and the Assembly agreed that "considering the importance of keeping before the minds of the people the great principle for which so many of the saints and servants of the Most High, both in England and Scotland testified and suffered in 1662 and subsequent years, appoint all ministers to preach on the subject, on the first Sabbath of November, and that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable address on the subject, to be circulated throughout the congregations of the Church."

## FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Foreign mission Report was laid on the table by Dr. Tweedie, Convener of the Committee. The Report stated on the subject of funds, that the income had been £14,712 11s. 9d, but that with last year's balance, there was still a balance in hand of £2,163 3s. The Report gave a condensed view of all the missions. In Caffraria there are 24 stations, 5 ordained European missionaries, 4 European teachers, 15 native teachers, 643 communicants and 512 baptized adherents—thirty children during the past year, and 97 adults had been baptized. The mission stations themselves had contributed during the year, £297 11s. 8d. The following is a tabular view of the missions in India.

	Ordained European Missionaries.	Licensed Preachers	Native Teachers.	Communicants	Scholars on Roll.
Nagpore (3 stations)	2	2	6	4	216
Poonah . . . . .	3		3	55	1,042
Bombay . . . . .	3	2 (native)	7	75	1,021
Madras (9 stations) ..	5	6 "	16	99	2,473
Calcutta do.	4	4 "	16	84	3,389

At all the stations very considerable sums had been raised for missionary purposes. Mr Campbell, Missionary for Madras, addressed the Assembly. The Report was received, and the Committee re-appointed, with Dr Hanna as Convener, Dr Tweedie, who has been Convener for 15 years, having, to the great regret of all parties, resigned the convenership.

## THE EDUCATION SCHEME.

The Assembly agreed unanimously to a motion approving of the Report of the Committee on Education and a National Education, laid on the table by Dr. Candlish. The Lord Advocate having withdrawn his Educational Bill, there was little for the Assembly to do in the matter. The feeling was, however, strongly expressed in favour of a national system instead of denominational.

The meeting of the Assembly was closed with a deeply impressive address from the Moderator.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Assembly met on Thursday, 22nd May, and was opened with sermon by the retiring Moderator, Dr Smith, of Inverary. Dr. Bisset, of Bourtie, was elected Moderator. Lord Belhaven was the Lord High Commissioner. Dr. Cook, of St. Andrews, was then elected Principal Clerk of Assembly, in room of the late Dr. Simpson, and Principal Tulloch was appointed to the second clerkship, vacant by the promotion of Dr. Cook.

The Assembly resolved, almost unanimously, to petition Parliament against the Lord Advocate's Education Bill.

The Report of the Colonial Committee was presented by Professor Stevenson. The Report was of an interesting and encouraging nature. The income for the Colonial scheme had been £6,000.

Professor Mitchell gave in the Report on the Jewish Missions. At all the stations—Salonica, Smyrna, Alexandria, and Abyssinia, progress was reported. The income for the year had been £3,961 6s 6d.

The Report on the Indian Missions was given in by Dr. Crack. The Report referred to the mode of conducting missionary operations, and to the opinion that some attention should be given to purely evangelical efforts, and less to education. This subject was sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration. The income of the Mission, for the past year, had been £4,804, being an increase of £675 on the preceding year.

The Dunlop case, or the charge brought against Rev. Mr. Gebbie for heresy and extravagance in connexion with the revival meetings in his parish, was before the Assembly on Tuesday, 27th. Some of the counts of the libel were found proven, and a Committee was appointed to confer with him. The Report of this Committee was, on the whole, favourable to Mr. Gebbie, who was admonished to be more careful and circumspect for the future, and to avoid all occasion of unreasonable and unscriptural excitement.

There was a lively discussion on the subject of the Scotch Benefice Act (Lord Aberdeen's). It was moved by Dr. Lee, that the Assembly petition the Legislature for the repeal of this act. This was opposed by the Procurer of the Church, Mr. Cook, whose motion carried against Dr. Lee's by a vote of 145 to 91.

Several other subjects, such as Education, the Eldership engaged the attention of the Assembly, which was closed on Monday, 2nd June, with an address from the Moderator.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS OF ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES IN CANADA.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNEXION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—This Body met the last Tuesday of May in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. The Rev. Principal Leitch of Queen's College was elected Moderator for the year.

The Report of the Trustees of Queen's College stated that the number of students in the various faculties at the close of last Session was as follows: Arts, 39; Theology, 22; Medicine, 85; Law, 7—total, 153. The report referred to the plan proposed with respect to the University, viz. to have one National University Board at which each College shall be equally represented, to be called the University of Upper Canada, the course of study and the graduation examination being regulated by this University Board. The report was adopted by the Synod.

An overture was presented by the Presbytery of Guelph in favour of Synod sending one or more missionaries to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia. The overture was adopted and the subject referred to a committee.

The Annual Report on the Jewish and Foreign Mission was presented. The resignation of Dr. Epstein was mentioned. The report was adopted.

The Report of the Temporalities Board was presented by Mr. J. Paton. The report stated that owing to the increase of ministers the Board was compelled to come to the conclusion not to put the names of any more ministers on the list of those who receive allowances until the state of the fund enables them to do so, and that payments after 1st July next must depend on the additional funds which may be placed at the disposal of the Committee. The receipts for the year had been \$35,945 03. The expenditure had been \$38,100.

The subjects of Sabbath observance, Sabbath Schools, and the French Canadian Missions occupied the attention of the Synod. There were also a number of appeal cases which took up a large portion of time. With reference to the musical instrument in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, the Synod decided by a majority that the congregation be at liberty to retain it.

MEETING OF CONGREGATIONAL UNION.—The Congregational Union of Canada met in Hamilton on the second Wednesday of June. The Union gave a very decided expression of opinion as to the University question. It was anew resolved to petition against the appropriation of the University funds or of any other funds to denominational Colleges.

Addresses were delivered on the subjects of "English Nonconformity in 1662, and Canadian Nonconformity in 1862."

The Rev. Dr. Burns addressed the Union as a delegate from the Canada Presbyterian Church.

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.—The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held its annual meeting during the third week of June. The proceedings were of considerable interest. After a lengthened discussion resolutions were adopted in favour of separate schools. A report was presented approving of the affiliation of Trinity College with the University of Upper Canada under the proposed new arrangement. But the Bishop was averse to the arrangement, and after a discussion the report was withdrawn, and the proposal thus fell to the ground.

MEETING OF WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.—The Wesleyan Conference met at Belleville in the beginning of last month. In the absence of the respected President of the Conference, who was seriously ill, Dr. Wood was chosen President.

#### MEETINGS OF ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, O. S.—This body met at Columbus, Ohio, on the 15th May. After sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Bickus, of Baltimore, the Assembly proceeded to elect a Moderator, when the Rev. Dr. Beatty was elected by a majority.

The usual matters connected with the work in the Home and Foreign field occupied the attention of the Assembly. The Foreign Mission Report was, on the whole encouraging. A debt of \$10,000, which had existed at the beginning of the year, had been cleared off entirely; and the general work, at the same time, carried on. The Committee, however, called for more liberality, as they had thirteen new missionaries under appointment, whose sending out would require \$30,000.

The report on Theological Seminaries was encouraging. At Princeton the classes were well attended, there being in all 171 students, of whom 41 completed their curriculum. At Allegheny there were 148, of whom 33 completed their course. At Danville, the number of students was greatly diminished by the war, the number in attendance being only 11. At Chicago there were 11 students, of whom 3 completed their course. Resolutions were adopted, sustaining the Report, and expressing gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of success attending the older Seminaries of the Church.

There was a protracted discussion on a paper introduced by Mr. Breckenridge on the subject of the state of the country. The paper, which was decidedly in favour of the Union, was, after long discussion, adopted by a vote of 206 to 20.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, N. S.—The General Assembly of the New School Presbyterian Church took place at Cincinnati. The Assembly had its attention occupied with the consideration of the usual matters connected with their domestic work and with their Foreign Missions. It was resolved to engage again in missionary work in the South. The subject of union with the Old School Church engaged their attention. There appears to be a growing desire for union, and it has been agreed that there shall be an interchange of deputations.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—This body met in Pittsburgh. The Rev. J. T. Cooper was elected Moderator. The reports in connection with the missions of the Church were encouraging. It was resolved to enter on missionary work in the Southern States and in California; also to reinforce the mission in China. It was agreed to open up friendly intercourse with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, O. S.

MISSIONARY AND RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES IN BRITAIN.—The *News of the Churches* and other journals give full accounts of the recent Annual Meetings of the Missionary and Religious Societies in Britain. The great Missionary Societies, the Bible Society, the Tract Society, continue to prosper. The total receipts from ordinary income of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the past year, amounted to £167,684 1s. 4d, being £519 14s. 9d. more than in any former year. The Tract Society had issued, during the year, 41,661,097 publications. The receipts for benevolent purposes amounted to £12,779 9s. 3d. We subjoin the income of several of the more important Societies:—

Church Missionary Society .....	£160,000	0	0
Wesleyan Missionary Society .....	137,280	0	7
Society of Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts...	83,885	0	0
London Missionary Society .....	79,576	5	2
Baptist Missionary Society .....	33,151	4	10

MISSIONARY AND RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES IN AMERICA.—The anniversaries of the various benevolent and Missionary Societies in the United States, were held, with a good deal of interest and success, in May. The state of things in the Union has interfered to some extent with the funds of these societies. There is a falling off, upon the whole, of about one-sixth, a deficiency far less than, under the circumstances, might have been anticipated.

## Missionary Intelligence.

### LETTER FROM REV. ROBERT JAMIESON.

Shortly before going to press we received from the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee the following letter from Mr. Jamieson, which we insert in full, believing that it will be read with interest:—

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, *May* 16th, 1862.

REV. R. F. BURNS.

DEAR BROTHER,—About seven weeks ago, I wrote to you from New Westminster, B. C.—[Not received. R. F. B.]—Since then, I have to report that I



remained there for a few weeks, and left everything in readiness to begin the building of the Manse, when Mr Hall very kindly exchanged places (I was going to say *pulpits*, but we have not got such things as yet) with me, in order that I might be with my family. To-morrow, D V, I return to New Westminster. The manse will be so far finished in about three weeks that we can reside in it this summer. It is a large, commodious dwelling, and when we are able to have it entirely finished, will not only be comfortable, but respectable, and very creditable to the Presbyterians of New Westminster. I said to them that I was afraid they were undertaking too much in attempting the erection of such a fine house at the outset, but the reply I got was one I wish you to circulate throughout the length and breadth of our highly privileged Canada Presbyterian Church—"If we are to have a minister of our own among us, he must not only have a house, but a decent one, and that, too, at our expense." Who could gainsay such sound practical theology as that. Of course, I had no conscientious scruples preventing my submission at once to such reasonable and agreeable logic.

Mr. Hall has been preaching to large congregations there, as a great number of people bound for Carriboo have been compelled to remain at that point, owing to the scarcity of provisions farther up.

I have had small congregations here, composed, too, principally of strangers on their way to the mines. Every week we have some leaving us, the next steamer bringing in others to occupy their places on Sabbath, and so on with one relay after another; so that, though I never have had a large congregation at one time, I have preached to a large number of people, endeavouring faithfully to preach Christ "exalted a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins."

I have felt a solemn responsibility resting upon me in such circumstances, knowing that many for weeks before they have reached this point, have had no opportunity of attending public worship, and that for a long time to come they may be entirely destitute of the means of grace. For instance, for the last two Sabbaths I have had two Scotchmen who lived many years in Canada, attending the services, one of whom has been for six and the other for three years through California, Utah, and other Territories, and have never in all that time heard the voice of a Presbyterian Minister. On the Sabbath after their arrival here, sauntering up the street at the hour of service, they heard what they thought was Presbyterian psalm-singing. In they came to see what was going on, and so earnestly did they listen, that my attention was particularly turned towards them; and when at the close of the services I asked them who they were, and told them I was a Presbyterian Minister sent out from Canada as a Missionary, oh! Sir, it would have abundantly recompensed you for a week's hard and discouraging labour, to have seen the lighting up of the features, and receive the warm greeting that there took place. May the God of all grace plant deeply and water richly the seed sown in these and many such unexpected and providential meetings!

Though our congregations in Victoria are small, the place is full of Presbyterians, or those who once were, many of them very wealthy and influential, but who will not now give any support or countenance to the Church of their Fathers, or the Ministers of that Church. Nor can we reasonably expect they would. When men have been neglected for years by their own Church—are attentively waited upon, and counselled, and comforted, and warned and flattered, themselves married, their children baptized, their dead buried, and *situations and patronage obtained for themselves and their friends*, by ministers of other denominations; and when, in addition to all this, they have contributed liberally to erect churches for these ministers, is it to be wondered at by any man who knows what is in man, that the cold shoulder is now turned to Presbyterianism, and Presbyterian Ministers, when they come so late upon the field.

Though there were none here whom we should specially care for, up to this time our Mission is of the utmost importance, as so many of our people are coming here from all quarters. In the suburbs of the city there is at present a large encampment of newly arrived emigrants, living in tents, resting for a few days, getting information and the necessary outfit, and breaking themselves into the manner of living they must adopt when they reach the far-famed Cariboo. On Wednesday last I visited them, for the purpose of distributing tracts, talking with them, and announcing an open air service beside their tents in the evening. Here I met with Presbyterians from Scotland, Ireland, New Brunswick, United States and Canada.

In the evening Mr. Hall, who had arrived from New Westminster, preached in the midst of the tents to a very large congregation made up of all denominations, and most attentively did they listen to an able and appropriate discourse upon the parable of the lost sheep. It was no sign of weakness to see the tear start from the eyes of many of those young, hardy, energetic looking adventurers, when affecting reference was made to the lonely wanderer far away from native land, and home and friends, but who at the same time had the Lord to provide for them, and who could here as well as at home say in filial confidence, "The Lord is my Father, yea, the Lord is my Shepherd—the good Shepherd, and I shall not want." When I commenced the services by giving out a Psalm, I was astonished to see so many Psalm books or Bibles with Psalms, pulled out of coat pockets, and in good old Presbyterian fashion, each one reading for him-self; and when Brother Hall, assisted by the Rev. G. Murray's son from Princeton, Canada West, started good old "Ballerma," every head was uncovered, and every voice seemed let out with an energy and earnestness that pews and pulpits and coiled houses seldom hear. And as we praised and prayed, and read, and listened to the eloquent preacher of sound Scriptural doctrine and precepts, and interceded at a throne of grace, with the woods behind us, the city before us, and the clear blue sky above us, for ourselves, our adopted country, our dear friends, and native lands far away, oh, Sir, we felt in the very depths of our souls that it was good to be there, and that truly Israel's Shepherd was good unto us.

I have received a number of letters of introduction by the hands of young men, from ministers of our church in Kingston, Hamilton, Port Dover, Blenheim, Guclph, London, St. Mary's, Erin, Innerkip, Grimsby, and Woodville. Many young men I have met with accidentally from other congregations, such as Galt, Sarma, Clinton, Bowmanville, &c. I would have been very much gratified, however, had they had a line to me, so that they might come and find me out, and that I might get acquainted with them, &c.

I do earnestly trust that you will have sent out here another missionary before this reaches you. Victoria and New Westminster should be constantly occupied by us, and there should be one more, if not two, to go at once up the country where the vast majority of the people will be for the summer months. I am strongly of the opinion that in a month or so I should go preaching—D. V.—in the towns by the way, and holding services with our people at the mines for a few Sabbaths. Mr. Hall and I have just now under consideration the propriety of doing this, and having fortnightly services in the places now occupied. If you send us a brother soon it will greatly relieve us in our present difficulty, and be the means of carrying the glad tidings of a free and full salvation to those beyond our reach.

Yours in Christ,

R. JAMESON.

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ARTICLES OMITTED.—The large amount of space occupied with ecclesiastical intelligence has made it necessary to omit several articles and communications. The accounts of the various schemes for the past year, with several reports of committees, will appear in next number.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS, AND FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

The Committee on Home Missions (to which was entrusted the distribution of Probationers) have to report that the first meeting was held on the 2nd of October, 1861, at which period all the Preachers connected with both branches of which the Synod is composed, were to be at disposal. Applications having been presented from the different Presbyteries, your Committee, while furnished with tokens of the extension of our cause throughout the Province, were, at the out-set, met with no small ground of discouragement, owing to the very inadequate supply. For while the wants of Presbyteries required no fewer than 59 Probationers, your Committee had only 30 to dispose of. These were allocated as follows, viz:—

To the Presbytery of Montreal, three, for the period of six months.

To Ottawa, two, for six months, and one more, after three months.

To Brockville, one for six months, and one for three months.

To Kingston, two for three months each. To Cobourg, one for six months, and one for three. To Ontario, three for three months each, extending over the period of six months.

To Toronto, one for three months, with what assistance could be obtained from the College. To Guelph, three for three months each, and one for six months. To Hamilton, two for three months each, and one for six months. To Paris, three for three months each. To London, five for three months each, and two for six months each. To Stratford, two for three months each.

To Huron, two for six months, and two for three months each; and to Grey, one for six months, and two for three months.

It was agreed that these appointments should extend from the third Sabbath of October to the second Sabbath of April, inclusive.

The Committee again met on 2nd April, 1862, for a rearrangement of the Supply; and to consider and dispose of applications for aid from the Home Mission Central Fund. The applications from Presbyteries, as well as the number of Probationers, were found to be somewhat less than before, the applications amounting to 55 and the Preachers to 22. Yet there is reason to believe that the decrease of Presbyterial demands is not attributable to decrease in their actual wants so much as to a more correct presentation of these claims, by classing more carefully those stations within their bounds which could be supplied together. To secure accuracy in this matter, forms of application for the respective Presbyteries were, in accordance with the requirements of Synod, prepared and issued, by filling up which it may be clearly seen what stations can be supplied together—those which are in an advanced condition and to be regarded as vacancies ready to call ministers, and such as are to be more strictly regarded as missionary labour.

To supplement the list of Probationers the number of 22 students was added, and the list then presented an aggregate of 44 labourers for the mission field. The whole were disposed of in the following manner, viz:—

To Montreal, three; to Ottawa, four; to Brockville, three; to Kingston, three; to Cobourg, three; to Ontario, three; to Toronto, five for three months; to Guelph, four; to Hamilton, one for six months, and three for three months each; to Paris, two; to London, nine for three months each; to Stratford, two for three months each; to Huron, two; and to Grey, two. All, except where mentioned, were allotted for the period of six months.

At the second meeting of Committee a communication was laid before them from Bruce Mines, and was referred to a sub-committee, but upon which no action has yet been taken.

In regard to applications for aid from the Central Fund, and the disposal of them, your Committee felt no small difficulty. At the date of the Committee's meeting a very few Presbyteries only had contributed anything to the Fund, and yet there seemed to have been a very general impression prevailing that

the funds in the hands of your Committee were very ample. Some of these applications were of such a nature as your Committee did not feel warranted to entertain. After a careful consideration the following were recognized :--

The Presbytery of Ottawa's claim for Pakenham for . . . . .	\$60 00
The Ontario Presbytery, for Prince Albert for . . . . .	120 00
The Brockville Presbytery, for Winchester for . . . . .	60 00
"                    "          for Cornwall for . . . . .	80 00
"                    "          for Williamsburgh for . . . . .	60 00
The Kingston Presbytery, for Lansdown for . . . . .	80 00
The London Presbytery, for Buxton Mission for . . . . .	400 00
The Grey Presbytery, for Normanby, for . . . . .	100 00
Being a total of . . . . .	<u>\$960 00</u>

As the state of the Fund at that time, however, was wholly inadequate to meet these demands, it was agreed that payment should be made to the amount of one-half of each claim, and that in the meantime a notice should issued, presenting a farther opportunity for all applications to be made in regard to supposed existing claims, such claims to be duly certified by the Presbyteries in whose bounds they existed; and a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Reid, Dick, Fletcher, and John McMurrich, Esq., with the Convener, were appointed, to meet at an early day and consider and settle all old obligations duly certified, so far as additional means might enable them. That sub-committee accordingly met on the 23rd of April last, and the following additional claims were presented, viz: from

The Presbytery of Grey, in behalf of sundry stations which had been supplied with preaching, for . . . . .	\$400 00
The Presbytery of Stratford, for . . . . .	92 70
The Presbytery of London, for Carlisle for . . . . .	75 00
"                    "          for Buxton School for . . . . .	80 00
The Hamilton Presbytery, for Mr. Davidson . . . . .	86 00
The Brockville, for additional . . . . .	60 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$793 70</u>

Payment of these demands to the amount of one-half was agreed upon, until it can be ascertained what the whole amount ultimately at the disposal of the Committee might be. And with regard to the application from the Presbytery of Hamilton, it was agreed that the Secretary should correspond with the Clerk of said Presbytery to ascertain whether the claim sent in had reference to services before the Union, inasmuch as the Committee did not consider that they could with propriety attend to any claims for obligations incurred previous to the Union, especially as all the other Presbyteries had undertaken the liquidation of such claims within their bounds respectively. The claims have now been all answered to the amount of three-fourths of the whole, and there is now in hand sufficient to liquidate all claims admitted, and still leave a balance.

It may also be stated that there has been paid since last meeting of Synod, by the late Treasurer of the United Presbyterian Synod, Robert Christie, Esq., and in liquidation of old claims not adjusted at the period of Union, the sum of \$1,591 28. The above obligations, let it also be observed, extended only to the 28th June, 1861.

The sources from which funds available to the Committee have been obtained are the following :—

By collections from Congregations . . . . .	\$847 20
Balance handed over by R Christie, Esq. . . . .	463 00
From the Presbyterian Church of Ireland . . . . .	730 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$2,040 20</u>

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. THOMSON, *Convener*.

## MONEYS RECEIVED UP TO 21TH JUNE.

Parties sending money are requested to look at the acknowledgments, and communicate with Mr. Reid if there is any error or omission. Written receipts will be sent when asked.

## KNOX COLLEGE.

Beckwith .....	\$14 00
Ottawa .....	40 00
Clinton .....	12 00
Galt, Knox's .....	212 00
Smith's Falls .....	9 16
Lagauchetiere street, Montreal ..	24 00
Amherst Island .....	4 00
Ayr, Knox's .....	20 00
Thamesford .....	10 00
Durlam .....	5 00

## SYNOD FUND.

Ottawa .....	\$15 00
Lagauchetiere street, Montreal ..	16 00
English Settlement & Proof Line	12 90
Aylmer .....	4 00

## FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

Springville .....	\$4 00
Aylmer .....	7 00

## FOREIGN MISSION.

Ottawa .....	\$34 80
Clinton .....	10 00
East Pusloch .....	20 30
Vankleek Hill .....	6 00
Amherst Island .....	5 00
Springville .....	7 74
Aylmer .....	4 50

## HOME MISSION.

Nissouri, Fish Creek, & Biddulph	\$9 00
Streetsville .....	12 35
Ottawa .....	22 46
Florence .....	22 00
Mission Board of Irish Pres. Ch.	730 00
Ingersoll, Knox's .....	5 00
Blenheim .....	6 50
Mount Pleasant .....	3 80
Lagauchetiere st. Montreal, S. S.	10 00
Amherst Island .....	6 00
St. Mary's .....	48 00
Ayr, Rev. G. Irving's .....	15 00

## BUNTON MISSION.

Mission Board of Irish Pres. Ch	\$486 67
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## WIDOWS' FUND

Elora, Knox's .....	\$40 00
Woodstock, Erskine's Ch. ....	20 00
Fullarton, \$24—Avonbank, \$15	39 00
Lagauchetiere street, Montreal ..	200 00
(1st instal. \$120 for N Glasgow.)	
Eramosa 1st instalment .....	40 00
Richmond Hill .....	40 00

## Per Rev. J. M. King—

Whitby and Oshawa .....	90 00
Dumbarton and Canton .....	102 00
Clarke .....	100 00
Prince Albert .....	9 00
Columbus and Brooklin .....	167 00
Newton .....	101 50
Newcastle .....	36 50
Carlisle .....	32 00
Westminste .....	52 84
Adehide, &c. ....	100 45
Bothwell .....	26 00
Chatham .....	100 00
Windsor .....	24 00
Ridge'own .....	52 00
English Settlet & Proof Line	146 00
Springville .....	4 00
Peterboro' .....	16 00
Brampton, 1st, and Derry West,	20 00
Aylmer .....	7 00
Ayr, Rev. G. Irving's .....	10 00
With rates from:—Rev. J. L. Gourlay,	
Rev. R. Ure, Rev. W. Caven, Rev. A.	
Grant, Rev. T. Stevenson, Rev. N. Mc-	
Kinnon, Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot, Rev. J.	
Skinner, Rev. W. Walker, Rev. A. Wad-	
dell, Rev. M. Barr, Rev. R. Hall, Rev. R.	
Binnie, Rev. R. Dewar, Rev. Dr. Taylor,	
Rev. J. Logie, Rev. R. Hamilton, Rev. J.	
Duff, Rev. A. Cross, Rev. J. M. King,	
Rev. Wm. Inglis, Rev. J. Fotheringham,	
Rev. J. B. Duncan, Rev. W. Donald,	
Rev. T. Wardrop.	

## COLLEGE BUILDING.

Beckwith .....	\$25 00
Elora, Knox's .....	11 00
Priestville, &c. ....	3 18
Cobourg .....	200 00
Doon .....	5 37
Grimshy (list in next number) ..	25 00
Springville .....	14 00
Napanee .....	4 00
Cumberland .....	19 00

## FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Fergus .....	\$20 00
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## COLPORTAGE.

G. Read, Esq., Keene .....	\$9 40
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## RECEIPTS FOR CONTEMPLATED CHURCH AT THE ASSINIBOINE.

Miss A. McD .....	\$0 50
Mrs. W. B. ....	1 00
Nairn Church, per Rev. A. McL ..	7 00
Knox Church, Guelph, S. S. ....	16 00
Knox's Church, Toronto, S. S. ....	26 20
Cooke's Church, Toronto, S. S. ....	20 00
Galt, Knox's Church S. S. ....	20 20
Cobourg Sabbath School .....	8 00