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COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

By appointment of Synod, the first collection for the Synodical year, viz., that for the Synod Fund will be taken upon the 3rd Sabbath of this month. The objects of the Synod fund are the various expenses connected with the Synod, the payment of salaries, printing the minutes, general expenses, and a certain amount (this year \$250 00) towards the accommodation of members of Synod during the annual meeting. Were each congregation on the roll of Synod to bear its proportion, a moderate contribution would suffice. Hitherto several congregations have contributed nothing to this fund; but it is hoped that each congregation will bear its share. We may state that the expenses of the Synod minutes will be greater than usual as a larger number of copies have been ordered by the Synod for distribution. Of course every congregation receiving its proportion of minutes should feel itself bound to pay its share of the general expenses of the Church.

When the day appointed by the Synod for this or any of the other Synodical collections is not convenient, the collection should not be omitted, but taken up on the first convenient Sabbath.

The collection should be remitted to the Rev. W. Reid, Knox College, general agent for the schemes of the Church.

THE LATE MEETING OF SYNOD.

Our readers will find in this number of the *Record* a brief account of the proceedings of Synod, at its late meeting in Toronto. We have not time nor space at present to make any lengthened remarks on the work done. All agree that it was, in a far higher degree than on any former occasion, a *business Synod*, a large amount of work having been accomplished. Let us now earnestly pray that the blessing of God may follow the deliberations of the assembled ministers and elders, and over-rule for good what has been done.

Several things indicate the growing vigour and confidence of the Church. Among these we might mention the steps taken with a view to the establishment of a Theological Hall in Montreal, and the encouragement given to the Foreign Mission Committee, to begin a mission to the American Indians in the North-West. It is also a cause of thankfulness that in all the funds there was an increase of receipts as compared with the preceding year.

The decided steps taken with a view to the removal of the arrears of stipend which had been allowed in many quarters to accumulate, will meet with universal approbation. We trust that the effort will be successfully carried out.

The Home Mission Regulations were very fully discussed. It will be seen that the Synod again decided in favour of a central fund, and committee. The regulations are remitted to the special committee to amend and modify them, in the light of the suggestions made by the several Presbyteries. If a really good plan, suitable to the circumstances of the whole Church can be secured, the delay will not be found fault with.

Important changes have taken place in regard to Knox College. We doubt not suitable arrangements will be made for the efficient and vigorous conducting of the classes during the ensuing session, and that due wisdom will mark all the steps that may be taken for filling up permanently the vacant chair in that Institution. The Church owes much to Knox College for what it has done in the past, and we doubt not this Seminary will, by the blessing of God, still maintain its position in the confidence of the Church, and be the means of training and sending forth many who shall prove able ministers of the New Testament.

PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

The Synod met according to appointment on the evening of Tuesday, 14th ult, and was opened with sermon from the retiring Moderator, the Rev. J. Dick, from 2 Cor. iv. 1-2. "Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not," &c. The sermon presented in a very impressive manner, the duties, difficulties, and encouragements of the Christian ministry. Mr. Dick, at a subsequent sederunt, received the thanks of the Synod for his sermon, and for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The Rev. John McTavish was elected by the Synod to succeed Mr. Dick as Moderator.

The Rev. William Johnston, of Belfast, deputy from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland was invited by the Synod to sit as a corresponding member. At a subsequent diet, Mr. Johnston was invited to address the Synod, which he accordingly did at some length, in a most interesting and impressive speech; setting forth the state and progress of the Church with which he was connected, and the various means adopted by that Church for extending the interests of Christ's kingdom at home, as well as in foreign fields, and in the various British Colonies. Mr. Johnston also expressed the great satisfaction he had experienced in visiting the various localities within the bounds of this Church which he had been able to reach.

The following motion was unanimously agreed to: "That the Synod having heard the Rev. Mr. Johnston, Deputy of the Irish Presbyterian Church in Ireland, would express their sincere pleasure at having the opportunity of hearing his statements of the prosperity of the Church which he represents, convey to him through the Moderator the assurances of our affection for the Church in Ireland, our gratitude for the deep interest she has ever taken in the welfare of the Church in this Province, and our desire that God may continue to crown with success her labours for the advancement of the Gospel both at home and abroad; trusting also that Mr. Johnston may experience the Divine protection in his return to his home and flock.

On meeting on Wednesday morning, the Synod spent the principal part of the diet in devotional services. These were conducted by Principal Willis, Mr. Dick, and Mr. D. Inglis. Thereafter various Committees were appointed, and the Synod on the motion of Mr. Topp, seconded by Principal Willis, agreed

to present an address to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, congratulating them on the birth of a son, and heir apparent to the throne.

DEATH OF MINISTERS.

It appearing from the reading of thereports of Presbyteries that during the past year five ministers had been removed by death, the Synod appointed a Committee to draw up an appropriate minute. At a subsequent diet, the following minute was presented and agreed to: "The Synod feels called upon, while observing the greater than usual number of Fathers and Brethren, who are reported as having been removed by death since last Synod, to recognise the sovereignty of the all-wise disposer in withdrawing from the field of their earthly labours, not only some of the more aged and infirm, but some also whose bow was yet in its strength. The Synod records its gratitude to God for the good services which He permitted their lamented Fathers and Brethren to render while spared to the Church, some of them having in no small degree distinguished themselves by their zeal in the public defence, as well as the promulgation of Evangelic truth; and all of them having in their congregational spheres diligently prosecuted the work of Evangelists, commending themselves to men's consciences by declaring both publicly and from house to house the testimony of God, exemplifying also, and some of them under circumstances of difficulty, and amid many tribulations, the patience as well as the faith of the saints. The Synod desires for itself to hear the voice of God admonishing each spiritual labourer to watch and work while it is day; and deeply feeling for the bereaved flocks and families, appoint an extract of this minute to be sent to the respective widows, or fatherless children, or nearest relations of the deceased, with assurance of our prayerful sympathy."

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

On the evening of Thursday 16th, the Synod called for the report of the Committee on the State of Religion. The report was given in by Mr. Torrance, Convener of the Committee. The report shall be given in full to our readers, but we may state here that it gave a statement of the means adopted by the Committee to ascertain the spiritual condition of the various congregations of the Church, and also a synopsis of the various answers received. From these it appeared that while there were many drawbacks and hindrances, and many discouragements to pastors, there were also some localities where there appeared to be indications of the gracious presence of God. Mr. McVicar gave an account of a revival of a very decided character, which had taken place in the congregation of Lancaster, the minister of which had not been able to attend the meeting of Synod in consequence of the work which was still going on among his people. The Synod unanimously agreed to receive and adopt the report, and record their thanks to the Committee for their diligence in the discharge of the duties with which they had been entrusted.

KNOX COLLEGE, &c.

The report of the College Board was presented by Mr. Dick, chairman, on the evening of Thursday the 16th. The Report, besides setting forth the facts bearing on the conducting of the classes &c, and the financial state of the College, referred to communications which had been received, viz. from Professor Young, intimating his acceptance of the situation of Inspector of Grammar Schools, and his resignation of his office of Theological Professor; from Dr. Burns, expressing his earnest wish to have some help in the discharge of the duties of his class, especially in the Evidence Department; and from Principal Willis with reference to his salary.

There was read also an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, setting forth the expediency of establishing a Theological Institution in Montreal. The Overture was supported by Rev. Dr. Taylor and Rev. D. H. McVicar.

The consideration of the College report and of the Overture from Montreal, was referred to a Committee.

At a subsequent diet the Committee brought in a report, which was received, the clauses considered seriatim and severally disposed of. In accordance with the recommendations of this report, the Synod agreed, 1. To receive the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Burns as Professor in Knox College, according to him the position of Emeritus Professor, and requesting him to deliver occasional lectures to the students on such subjects as may be agreed on by the Senate, his retiring allowance to be \$1000 per annum, his present salary continuing till the opening of next session of College.

2. It was agreed by a majority to adopt the recommendation of the Committee, that it was inexpedient, in present circumstances, to increase the salary of Principal Willis.

3. It was agreed also that the classes in Knox College shall be exclusively Theological, and that in the meantime only one Professor shall be appointed.

4. It was agreed to remit to the Board of Management to consider whether the boarding-house may not be dispensed with, and the vacant rooms profitably used for other purposes.

It was also agreed that with the view of meeting the financial difficulties of Knox College, a special effort be made throughout the Church to raise a sum of money during the present financial year sufficient to cover the ordinary expenses of said College, together with the floating debt, and such other sums as may be requisite to pay off the debt on the College Buildings in the course of two or three years, a sum of \$9000 being requisite for these purposes, and that the College Board be instructed to commit this matter to a small Committee to carry it into immediate effect.

The Synod afterwards appointed the 2nd Sabbath of October as a day of special prayer in behalf of the College; and with reference to the raising of funds, recommended the same mode of distributing the amount to be raised as was employed last year, the funds to be remitted by the end of February, congregations that can remit earlier being earnestly urged to do so.

RESIGNATION OF PROFESSOR YOUNG.

The proposed retirement of Professor Young having been brought before the Synod in the report of the College Board, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to confer with Mr. Young respecting his resignation of the office of Professor of Theology. The Committee presented a report to the effect that having met with Mr. Young, and signified to him the object of their appointment, to retain, if possible, his services to the Church in his office as Professor. Mr. Young stated that he had carefully and deliberately weighed the matter, and that for reasons which to his mind were satisfactory, while expressing thanks for all the kindness and support which he had received from the Synod, he yet adhered to his resignation. The Committee also recommended that the resignation of Mr. Young be accepted, and reported a deliverance for the adoption of the Synod.

The report of the Committee was received, and the deliverance therein contained adopted, and was ordered to be engrossed in the Synod's minutes to the following effect: The Synod in accepting, as they now do with reluctance, the resignation by Mr. Young of his Chair as Professor of Theology in Knox College, resolve to record their deep sense of the ability and faithfulness and zeal with which he has discharged the duties of his office, their high appreciation of his eminent qualifications and important services in the College, their sincere regret that he has felt it his duty to withdraw from the Chair which he has so efficiently filled, their best wishes for his future welfare, and their earnest prayer that in whatever sphere of labour he may in the Providence of God be placed, he may be largely honoured in promoting the interests of the cause of Christ.

RETIREMENT OF REV. DR. BURNS.

The following minute was adopted with reference to the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Burns: The Synod in view of the retirement of their venerable Father, Dr. Burns, from the duties of Professor in Knox College, agree to record the sentiments of esteem and affection with which they continue to regard him.

It is with a lively sense of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that they acknowledge the eminent and rare abilities with which it has pleased him to endow their much beloved friend and Father. This Synod would recognise His care and wisdom on behalf of His Church, in having sent Dr. Burns to Canada about 20 years ago, at a period of our history when his varied talents, and the force of his character were so much needed, and His goodness to their much respected Father in enabling him to labour so abundantly and efficiently as a pastor in the Church, and as a Professor in the College, while at the same time he displayed such indomitable energy and zeal in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ in the extensive mission field of the Church.

Although Dr. Burns has retired from the ordinary duties of the Professorial Chair by reason of the infirmities of a good old age, yet the Synod rejoice in knowing that they still enjoy among them the presence of Dr. Burns as Emeritus Professor, and the benefit of his counsels and services.

The Synod would hereby give utterance to their earnest prayer that God would be pleased to prolong the life of His honoured servant in the Church, and crown the evening of his days with health, unclouded serenity and usefulness.

APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSOR.

On the subject of the mode of appointing a new Professor for Knox College, three motions were proposed: (1.) That it be remitted to Presbyteries to nominate persons eligible to the office of Professor, reporting to next meeting of Synod, and that temporary provision be made by the Board of Management for conducting the classes in the College. (2.) That the Synod proceed at once to the nomination of a Professor. (3.) That the matter be sent down to Presbyteries to report to a special meeting of Synod to be held in the month of September.

The first motion was carried, and the appointment is accordingly deferred until next meeting of Synod.

OVERTURE FROM MONTREAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN THAT CITY.

The overture was in the following terms;

“Whereas the number of students now being educated at Knox College, Toronto, is inadequate to meet the wants of the Church, the extensive missionary field in the eastern part of the Province containing a large professedly Presbyterian population, having as yet been little attended to, mainly from the want of suitable missionaries:

“And whereas the Church in this section of the Province, in seeking to maintain and disseminate scriptural and evangelical principles has to contend against the dominant power of Popery, with all the ignorance and superstition which it entails, as well as against many other adverse influences hurtful to a sound and pure Protestantism:

“Whereas also sixteen students from Canada East have been educated at Knox college, Toronto, only one of whom is now settled in a pastoral charge in this part of the Province, and about twenty students residing east of Cornwall, are now known who would in due time enter a Theological Hall, if instituted in Montreal, and be likely afterwards to labour in Lower Canada.

“And whereas the University of McGill College, which is thoroughly Protestant and positively Christian in its tone, offers special advantages to Theological schools viz.: Its charter permits them to become affiliated, and thereby en-

titled to a representation in the corporation of the University ; its curriculum of study, which embraces the sacred languages, is well adapted to supply such a course of instruction as this Church requires for its ministers, and renders unnecessary any other chairs than those for theological education ; while many scholarships are held by gentlemen in Montreal, who would willingly bestow them on theological students.

‘ It is therefore respectfully overtured to the Synod that a Theological College be forthwith instituted at Montreal, under the authority and care of this Synod, to consist of two professors, one of whom shall be appointed at once, and the other at such a time as may be found necessary.’

It was supported by Rev. Dr. Taylor, and Rev. D. H. McVicar of Montreal and other members of the Presbytery. After a full discussion two motions were proposed with reference to the disposal of the Overture from Montreal. The first was to the following effect, viz. That the Synod sanction the formation of a Theological College, as craved by the Presbytery of Montreal, and that for this purpose that Presbytery be authorized to obtain a charter similar (*mutatis mutandis*) to that of Knox College, and report to next Synod. The second motion was : That the Synod express approval of the object contemplated, at the same time holding in view the important interests involved, and desiring to obtain full expression of the mind of the Church thereon, remit the Overture to Presbyteries for consideration instructing them to report to next Synod.

The former of these motions was carried by a majority.

HOME MISSION REGULATIONS.

The important subject of Home Mission Regulations engaged a large share of the attention of the Synod. Several diets were occupied with the discussion of the subject in a Committee of the whole, the chief point being whether there should be a Central Fund and a General Committee, or whether each Presbytery should have the management of its own Home Mission work. The subject having been fully discussed, three motions were proposed.

1. It was moved by Rev. D. H. McVicar, seconded by the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, (1.) That a Committee be appointed to receive grants of money from Foreign Bodies, and from Presbyteries that may have a surplus, and distribute the same, together with Probationers, according to the requirements of Presbyteries. (2.) That Presbyteries be authorized to carry on the Home Mission work by themselves, or in conjunction with neighbouring Presbyteries, and to report annually to the above committee, which report shall be transmitted to Synod.

2. It was moved by Rev. J. M. King, seconded by the Rev. A. D. McDonald, that as it seems impossible to mature during the present meeting of Synod, a plan for the efficient working of the mission field of the Church, that will be satisfactory to all parties, the Synod constitute the Conveners of Home Missions in the various Presbyteries, together with Messrs. W. Clark, T. Mair, D. McLellan, Hon. J. McMurrich, Dr. Holden, and Mr. Warden King, its Committee on Home Missions for the ensuing year, to carry on its missionary operations in the Church in whatever manner shall prove to be most effective, and be at the same time consistent with the full control which the constitution of the Church gives to Presbyteries over the congregations and stations within their bounds, and that this committee shall draw up such a plan for the working of the mission field as the experience of the year may suggest, to be submitted for the approval of the Synod at its next meeting, and that the present regulations be re-enacted for another year, with the exception of the regulation referring to the remuneration of preachers.

3. It was moved by Mr. W. McKenzie, seconded by Hon. J. McMurrich, That the Synod re-affirm the principle of a central fund, re-enact the *ad interim* regulations, re-appoint the special committee on Home Missions, remitting to them the scheme which they have presented to the Synod, in order to modify

and mature it in the light of the suggestions for its improvement made by the several Presbyteries.

On a division, this last motion was carried by a majority, several members entering their dissent.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Foreign Mission report was presented by Rev. R. F. Burns, convener. It referred to the operations of the committee during the year, especially to the sending out of an additional missionary, Rev. D. Duff, to British Columbia. It referred also to the gratifying fact that during the past year the collections had amounted to nearly \$700 above the amount contributed the previous year. The report was received, and it was agreed, (1.) To instruct the committee to take steps to establish a mission among the American Indians, in the event of the committee feeling that the funds warrant such a step. (2.) To direct the Presbytery of Toronto to take steps to organise a Kirk Session at New Westminster, and that so soon as there are three Kirk Sessions in British Columbia and Vancouver Island, they be authorized to form a Presbytery. (3.) To approve of the appointment of Mr. Duff as missionary to British Columbia, express approbation of the liberal grant of £100 sterling towards Mr. Duff's salary, guaranteed by the Free Church of Scotland, and its deep sense of the valuable services of the late Rev. Dr. John Bonar, of Edinburgh. (4.) That the success of the Red River Mission, and that to British Columbia calls for gratitude to Almighty God, and for continued prayer and liberality on the part of the Church.

STATISTICS AND FINANCES.

The report on statistics was given in by Rev. John Gray, the Convener of the Committee. The report stated that all but 13 settled charges, and the same number of vacant congregations, had given in returns.

The Presbyteries of Montreal, Kingston, Stratford, Huron, Paris, and Hamilton had given in complete returns. The following is an abstract of the returns :

There were 40,000 communicants, being an increase of 2,000 ; 4,500 baptisms, being an increase of 500 in the year ; 21,000 Sabbath-schoolers, an increase of 1,300 ; 410 weekly meetings, being 30 less than last year ; 1,250 elders, an increase of 50 ; 2,200 other office-bearers ; 600 preaching stations, being an increase of 50 ; 73,000 persons attending divine ordinances, being an increase of 6,000 ; stipends paid to the Ministers, \$122,000, an increase of \$10,000. Total contributions, \$236,845, being an increase on the preceding year of \$17,809.

The Presbytery of Paris was still the model Presbytery, in that all its congregations had paid their minister's stipends in full. Several churches were in debt to their pastors, but in this respect there was a slight improvement this year.

The report recommended, as the best remedy, the careful dealing of Presbyteries with defaulting congregations, by visiting and holding friendly intercourse with them.

The Home Mission Fund was the most popular, the contributions to it being about \$9,000 ; but all the funds of the Church had improved this year, the largest increase being in the College Fund, and the Foreign Mission Fund.

The thanks of the Synod were recorded to Mr. Gray the Convener.

ARREARS OF STIPEND.

Attention having been called by the Rev. T. Stevenson to the fact, that, while there might be some improvement this year as compared with last year, there were still arrears of stipend owing to the amount of about \$6000, a large proportion being due to those whose stipends were the lowest. It was agreed to appoint a small committee to consider the subject and report. The report of this committee was given in at a subsequent diet. This report was received and adopted, to the effect that the Rev. W. S. Ball be relieved for some weeks from his pas-

toral work, with the view of his visiting the various sections of the Church for the purpose of raising a fund to be appropriated for assisting congregations in paying off their arrears, the administration of the fund to be in the hands of a committee. The report suggested that for the future, Presbyteries be instructed to adopt steps to prevent the accumulation of arrears.

SANDWICH MISSION.

The Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot, on behalf of the Presbytery of London, presented a report with reference to the mission to the French Canadians at Sandwich. The report stated there were a large number of French Canadians, accessible to the Gospel, at Sandwich and neighbourhood, and that were there the necessary means, there was a most favourable opportunity of introducing the true doctrines of the Word of God among them. It was agreed that the Synod receive the report of the Presbytery of London, look most favourably on the interesting object of ameliorating the moral and religious condition of the French Canadians in the western district, and without giving any opinion on the details of the contemplated plan, recommend the case to the congregations of the Church, as the Presbytery in mature consideration, may see fit to present the same to them.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

A minute was agreed to with reference to the Calvin Tercentary. This minute shall appear in our next number.

The report on Home Mission operations for the past year was presented by Rev. R. Ure Convener of the Committee. It gave a summary of the Home Mission work for the past year in the several Presbyteries to the following effect.

The Presbytery of Ontario had fifteen stations, the average attendance at which about 1,250. The amount raised by the Presbytery \$2,992 73

The Presbytery of Toronto has five vacant charges and eight mission stations. Amount raised for mission purposes \$3,004

The Presbytery of Hamilton has three vacant charges and six series of mission stations. Sum raised for missions \$1,352 75.

The Presbytery of Paris reports three vacant charges. Amount of money raised \$308 18.

The Presbytery of Stratford has only one vacant charge and one mission station. Amount raised for mission purposes \$521 27.

The Presbytery of Grey reports seven groups of stations, most of which are self-sustaining. Amount of mission funds raised \$1,045.

The Presbytery of Huron has one vacant charge and nine groups of stations attendance at which is 9,000, 8,000 of whom require Gaelic. Amount of mission fund \$1,255.

The London Presbytery reports eight vacant charges and nine groups of stations. Amount of collections \$2,103.

Presbytery of Cobourg has four groups of stations. Sum raised by congregations \$407 35.

Presbytery of Kingston has five series of stations. Amount raised \$1,042.

Presbytery of Ottawa reports two mission stations. Sum raised \$700

Presbytery of Brockville has five groups of stations, with about 1,070 attending them. Sum raised \$560 25.

Presbytery of Guelph has four vacant charges and five stations. Amount raised \$1,188 36.

Presbytery of Montreal has about 15 stations, and raised \$3,113 for home mission purposes.

From the above it appears that there are in all throughout the Church about 25 vacant charges, and 99 mission stations or groups of stations. The gross amount raised by Presbyteries and mission stations for home mission purposes is \$19,593. There have been 50 labourers engaged in the mission field, 30 of whom are probationers. The report also presented the claims which had been made on the Central Fund and the disbursements made from it.

WIDOWS FUND REPORT.

The report on the Widows Fund presented a favourable account of the Fund, the receipts from all sources being in advance of those of last year, and the total amount invested, being now on account of the general fund nearly \$40,000, while the amount in hand for the special fund is \$5,100, of which there is invested \$3200. The report referred to the large increase during the past year in the number of annuitants, four new names being on the fund, while one annuitant had died.

The report was received. The report on the special fund was also received, and it was agreed to grant one year still for collecting the balance of subscriptions due.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

The report was given in by the convener, Rev. Dr. Thornton. The report stated that one minister, who had been placed on the fund, had died during the year, while another had been placed on it, and the grant to another had been increased. The amount of \$700 had been invested, while there was still on hand the sum of \$642 for carrying on the operations of the present year. The report was received and adopted. The case of the Rev. D. McLean was remitted by the Synod to the committee, with instructions to grant as liberal a sum as the state of the funds would allow. A petition from Rev. Dr. Cairns for an increase in his allowance was also remitted to the committee.

A memorial from the congregation of Chalmer's Church, Elora, with reference to the state of the Widow's Fund, in consequence of the heavy charges upon it for the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, was referred to the Widow's Fund committee that they may consider it and report.

On a division, it was agreed to grant to the Rev. C. Fletcher the privilege of an interest in the Widows Fund on the payment of twenty pounds.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

On the report of a committee appointed in the case, the Synod granted leave to Presbyteries to receive the following ministers, viz.: Rev. Mr. Ferrie, Rev. Mr. Simpson, and the Rev. Mr. McGlashan. Leave was given to license the following students: Messrs. W. Caven, O. Labelle, J.M. Gibson, J. Hubbert, J. Burton, G. McLennan, E. Baald, J. Ferguson, S. Ycang, and W. Reeve.

RETURNS TO OVERTURES &c. REMITTED TO PRESBYTERIES BY LAST SYNOD

A committee was appointed to examine and report on the overtures &c. sent down to Presbyteries and sessions by last Synod. It was found that they were all disapproved of by a majority of Presbyteries, with the exception of the overture on the formation of a General Assembly, which was approved of by a majority. It was on motion, made and seconded, agreed to send down the overture in an amended form for the consideration of Presbyteries, so that a General Assembly may meet in 1866.

CAUSES.

There were several causes which came up by reference, complaint, or appeal viz.: 1. A dissent and complaint from a deliverance of the Presbytery of Stratford with reference to the St. Mary's case, already twice before the Synod; also a memorial connected with the same case. This case was remitted to the committee on causes. On the report of this committee, the Synod agreed to re-affirm its decisions of last two years, in which Mr. Beattie withdrew all claims on the St. Mary's congregation. 2. Two dissents and complaints against findings of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in matters connected with Port Hope. The dissents and complaints in both cases were dismissed, and the findings of the Presbytery confirmed. 3. A reference with several appeals, and a memorial with reference to proceedings of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in the matter of a memorial from Mr. James Walker. This case in some of its aspects was before last meeting of Synod. These several cases were remitted to the com-

mittee on causes. The Synod adopted the report of the committee, disposing of the several appeals, and appointing a commission of Synod to meet at Hamilton to dispose of the original matter.

In all these cases the Synod had great reason to acknowledge the diligence and wisdom of the committee on causes. Their work was onerous and it was well done.

APPLICATION FROM ELMIRA, ILLINOIS.

An application from a Gaelic-speaking congregation at Elmira, Illinois, was considered, and sustained, and the congregation put under the charge of the Presbytery of London.

REV. M. Y. STARK.

On application of the Presbytery of Hamilton, the Synod granted permission to the Presbytery to continue on their roll the name of Mr. Stark.

SALARIES OF PROBATIONERS.

On a vote, it was resolved that the salaries of probationers should be \$300 per annum with board.

VARIOUS REPORTS.

Various reports were presented and received, viz. from Finance Committee; from committee on Home and Foreign Record; committee appointed to advise with Rev. C. Chiniquy; from committee on Book of Forms; from committee on Model Deed for Church Property. These two last mentioned committees were re-appointed for carrying out their respective tasks. There was presented a report from the committee on Psalmody.

DEPUTATION FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION

We should have mentioned that on the evening of Tuesday 21st, the Rev. Dr. Lillie appeared as a delegate from the Canada Congregational Union, and addressed the Synod, expressing in cordial terms the fraternal salutations of that Body. A resolution was adopted warmly reciprocating the sentiments of Christian regard and affection, which had been expressed by Dr. Lillie.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

The next meeting of Synod is appointed to take place at Montreal and in Cote street there, on the first Tuesday of June 1865.

CLOSING OF SYNOD.

On Tuesday 24th at 12 noon the Synod was closed, the Moderator addressing the Synod in brief but appropriate terms.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DUNDAS.—The Rev. E. Graham has declined the call from the congregation at Dundas.

KINCARDINE.—The minister and congregation of West Church, Kincardine, desire to acknowledge the liberality of the congregation in Beverly, in granting the sum of \$60 90, to aid them for the present year.

WINCHESTER.—The Rev. W. Bennett, formerly of Windsor, has been inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Winchester, and enters on his charge with encouraging prospects.

REV. DR. IRVINE.—The Rev. Dr. Irvine having received a renewed call from the congregation of Westminster church, Philadelphia, has accepted the call, and has been released from the pastoral charge of Knox's church, Hamilton, with the view of being inducted into his new charge at Philadelphia. Dr. Irvine leaves behind him many warmly attached friends in the scenes of his labours in Canada.

THE LATE REV. ALEX. MCLEAN.—A memoir of the late Rev. A. McLean, of East Puslinch, will appear in an early number of the Record.

THE RECORD.—In consequence of the lateness of the meeting of Synod, and the length of the session, the *Record* has been unavoidably delayed. The August number will be out, we trust, in good season.

THE REV. D. DUFF.—The convener has received letters from the Rev. D. Duff, dated from Panama. It is hoped that before this he has reached the scene of his labours in British Columbia.

ST. EUSTACHE.—A deputation from the united congregations of St. Eustache, St. Therese, and Grand Freniere, waited lately on their pastor, the Rev. A. Allan, and presented him with a purse of about one hundred dollars, as a token of their affection and esteem. This is the third time they have evinced their respect for him in this way.

THE MINUTES.—The minutes of Synod will be published and distributed as soon as possible. By resolution of Synod 2,500 will be printed, and will be distributed according to the number of elders in the several congregations, so far as can be known. Extra copies can be obtained at the rate of 12½cts exclusive of postage, or 17cts postage free.

The parcels will be sent to the several Presbytery clerks for distribution.

CHALMER'S CHURCH, DUNWICH.—The congregation of Chalmer's Church, Dunwich, being now prepared to give a call to a minister, recently deputed a few of their generous people to wait upon the Rev. W. R. Sutherland, of Ekfrid, and express to him their esteem and appreciation of his occasional services among them during the past year. The parties deputed having fully attended to the duties entrusted to them, concluded their kind visit by giving Mrs. Sutherland a purse containing a very useful and valuable present.

CHURCH OPENING AT PINE RIVER.—A new church lately erected at Pine River, in the township of Huron, in connection with the congregations under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Walter Inglis, was opened for public worship on the 15th May. The Rev. R. Ure, of Godrich officiated. The sacrament of the supper was dispensed the same day, the roll of communicants being 78. The church affords sittings for about 160. There remains a debt of about \$150, a somewhat serious sum in such times of poverty as are experienced in the neighbourhood of Kincardine. The pastor and congregation tender their best thanks to the friends who have lent them a helping hand, and especially to the congregation of Central Church, Hamilton. Their liberality has been a "Central Fund" to the congregation at Pine River.

MOORE.—The congregation at Moore, vacant since the resignation of the Rev. John Gauld, having addressed a unanimous call to the Rev. P. McDermid, formerly of Bethesda Church and Alawick, which was accepted, the induction took place on 28th April at the Bear Creek Church. Mr. Troup conducted the opening services, and delivered an impressive discourse to the large assembly met on the occasion, on their duties as a Christian people to uphold religious ordinances. Mr. Goodfellow afterwards addressed the minister, and Mr. Stewart the people, in an efficient manner. The season was a truly refreshing one to all present, for the want of a resident pastor in our midst has been long felt and deeply deplored by many. Mr. McDermid enters his new field of labour with pleasing prospects, so far as human eye can see, for he is heartily welcomed by all, both members and adherents; and as he possesses talents of no mean order, it is to be hoped his ministrations will tend to edify and build up his flock in the faith and hope of the Gospel.

THE LATE REV. A. J. MACAULAY.—The Presbytery of Guelph have adopted the following minute in reference to the late Rev. A. J. MacAulay, minister of the congregation in Nassagaweya.

That this Presbytery, while devoutly acknowledging the absolute sovereignty of the Great King and Head of the Church, to whom all power has been given in Heaven and on earth, would express their sense of the loss they have sustained through the bereaving dispensation which has deprived them as a court, of the presence and counsel of their beloved brother, the late Rev. Andrew James Macaulay

Nassagaweya, who was faithful in his attendance on their meetings, and ever ready to give them the benefit of his cultivated and matured mind, would tender to the widow and fatherless children their sincere and warm sympathy with them in their affliction, and record their hope that in the one God and Father of all they will find a Guardian and Benefactor, and would communicate to the congregation their deep sorrow that they have had taken from them a Pastor whom his Master had eminently endowed with the gifts and graces of the Spirit, who was diligent in his studies that he might make himself a scribe well instructed in the kingdom, and able to bring out of his treasures things new and old; who made full proof of his ministry, in teaching, rebuking, and exhorting, with all long suffering and doctrine, who was instant in season, and out of season in waiting upon the sick and in visiting from house to house and whose labours were crowned with manifest success. *May we hear the voice of our Master, in thus taking away our beloved brother in the midst of his usefulness, calling to us "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 10th. May it was resolved that records of Sessions be called for at next ordinary meeting. The report of the committee appointed to consider the feasibility of uniting Lakefield and Warsaw was considered, and there is reason to hope that this union will be effected before long. Mr. Roger mentioned the pleasing fact that there is a probability of a church being built this summer on the boundary line between Emily and Smith.

Mr. Alexander McNaughton, student, having undergone in a satisfactory manner the usual trials was licensed to preach the Gospel.

THE LATE REV. DAVID WALKER, OF SARNIA.

It is our painful duty to record the death of the Rev. David Walker, of Sarnia.

For the last two years Mr. Walker's health had been declining, and it was deemed advisable in the summer of 1862, that he should take a sea voyage with the view of trying the effect of his native air, which with the entire cessation of professional duty for a time, it was hoped would issue in a complete convalescence. Accordingly his congregation, with a liberality and affection rarely found among our churches, gave him a few months leave of absence, and furnished him with the means of meeting all the expenses of a tour in Britain. On his return, feeling his health much improved, he resumed, with increased zeal and devotedness, his faithful labours in Sarnia, which he prosecuted unfalteringly until the middle of March last, when they were suddenly suspended by a severe attack of fever, which his weakened constitution vainly struggled against, revealing all too plainly that an insidious and deep-seated disease of the lungs had been doing its hidden work for years, and its triumph over all medical effort was soon completed, for on the morning of Saturday, the 30th April, he breathed his last. Amid the calm tranquility and peace which he so long enjoyed in communion with his God, he fell asleep in Jesus, and as a Christian who saw him expire, truly remarked, "his death was like his life, calm and peaceful."

Mr. Walker was the son of pious parents. His father, William Walker, still surviving, has been for nearly forty years an active and exemplary elder in the Presbyterian Church at Boardmills in County Down, Ireland.

David was born in 1827, and dedicated to God in baptism as he had been at his birth, by a sainted mother, whom he lost while very young. She was a woman of strong mind and fervent piety, and her beloved son who inherited her weak constitution was heir also of that richest of all blessings, a mother's

prayers. In his next marriage, Mr. Walker was equally blessed, and under the prayerful training of his excellent father and pious step-mother, David's mind was early led to those subjects which affect the eternal salvation of the soul. Having given himself about the age of fourteen to Christ, he resolved also to give himself to the work of the ministry. In this he was much encouraged by the zeal and affectionate counsel of the Rev. John Downs his instructor, under whom he studied ancient classics. After reading the preliminary course of classics, he entered the Royal College at Belfast in which he took a full course Latin, Greek, Logic, Mathematics, Metaphysics, and Natural Philosophy. In all the above branches of study Mr. Walker made and maintained a most respectable position for himself, having earned during his collegiate course the highest respect of his professors, and the greatest esteem of his fellow students. Having finished his academic studies, he was sent to Edinburgh, where he entered the Divinity Hall, then under the presidency of the Rev. Thos. McCrie, D.D., now professor of Divinity in the College of the English Presbyterian Church, in London.

After finishing his course of Theology in Edinburgh, he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel at the age of 21 years, and soon after settled as the pastor of the Congregation of Kirkwall, in Orkney, which position he occupied until after the union with the Free Church of Scotland in 1852, when, feeling that one F. C. congregation was all that the town required at that time, he resigned his charge, and his people though regretting to part with him, joined under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Sinclair.

After officiating for a time as assistant to the late Rev. J. Watt, of Elgin, he resolved on devoting himself to the work of Christ in the Colonies. In the summer of 1854 he married the eldest daughter of the Rev. David Burn, of Thurso, whom he leaves with a daughter of seven years and a son of four months to mourn their irreparable loss; three of his children having gone before him to "the better land."

Arriving in Canada in the fall of 1854, and being assigned by the Home Mission Committee to the Presbytery of London, he was sent to supply Sarnia, to the pastorate of which place he was soon after invited by the all but unanimous voice of the Church there, and was duly inducted on the 14th Feb, 1856. From the date of his induction till the 20th of March last (except during his visit to his native country in 1862) he never failed to perform all his duties: most faithfully and conscientiously, though at times his friends doubted the prudence of his incessant labours.

When he became minister of Sarnia, there were many Presbyterian families scattered throughout the surrounding neighbourhood, and he had to minister more or less steadily for their benefit at two or three stations or preaching places, but these stations having in course of time become organised and otherwise supplied with means of grace, Mr. Walker's labours gradually became restricted to the Presbyterian population of the town of Sarnia, to whose spiritual interests he devoted the untiring energies of his heart and soul.

One feature of his missionary and evangelistic spirit was his entire unselfishness. While it must have been pleasing to him to find numbers driving a distance of several miles on the Lord's Day to receive the ordinances of grace at his hand, still he laboured earnestly to have such ordinances supplied at their own doors. Hence his unwearied efforts to obtain settled pastors for all the districts round about him. His missionary zeal was unbounded, he being ever ready at the call of the Presbytery to give any reasonable amount of labour to the Home Mission Field within the bounds, and when his health began to fail, he was still willing to spend and be spent for Christ in the Home Mission Work.

As a man, Mr. Walker was most amiable and obliging, free from all austerity of character and sternness of manner, and possessed of a heart full of the milk of human kindness. He was comparatively free from all that was combative, yet

self-relying and capable of forming a clear view and an accurate judgment on any topic to which he bent his mind, and always firm and unvarying in his opinion when once he had formed it.

As a minister of the New Testament, Mr. Walker was deservedly appreciated alike by his own congregation and all others, who either stately or occasionally enjoyed the privileges of waiting on his ministrations. His sermons manifested much care and close application in his study. He never neglected the important and imperative duty of faithful preparation for the pulpit. Even his week evening lectures were carefully prepared. Such preparation not only inured his mind to close habits of thought but always imparted a freshness and force to his public ministrations, and rendered him a more useful and acceptable preacher. His improvement with each succeeding year, but especially during the last, was very marked and most beneficial to his people, while he, doubtless, was much gratified by the steady increase of the congregation, and more than all, by its increased attention to the messages of love and truth he so earnestly delivered. The congregation had increased so much that greater church accommodation was found necessary, and at the very time he was so suddenly cut down, preparations were being prosecuted for building a new and enlarged church.

The known purity of his heart and life insured for him the confidence and unqualified respect of the entire Christian community. So universal was the high esteem in which he was held as a minister and as a man, in the town of Sarnia, that all religious persuasions paid him the highest respect while living, and on the day of his funeral, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, and all other denominations in common with his own congregation closed their places of business during the funeral solemnities, thus testifying that they felt as though the town of Sarnia had sustained a heavy loss in the death of so good and blameless a Christian gentleman.

In the Presbytery by his brethren, Mr. Walker was as highly respected, as he was by the members of his own congregation. He had, because he deserved it, the confidence of all his brethren, the best proof of which is found in the fact that he held the office of Clerk in the Presbytery of London for several years past, the duties of which he performed to the entire satisfaction of the Court and the best interests of the Church.

It seems as though God had completed his work *in him and by him* sooner than the Church on earth was ready to part with him; for the general regret expressed alike by his people and his brethren, proves that while the Lord took him, we could ill spare him.

It must be truly gratifying, however, to surviving friends and relatives on both sides of the Atlantic, to feel that Mr. Walker had done so much for Christ, and Christ had done so much for him, and in him, and by him before he removed him from the Church on earth to the Church in Glory. In his holy life and faithful labours it may be truly said of David Walker that "he being dead yet speaketh."

At the request of the Session, the Rev. Dr. Robert Irvine, of Hamilton, the only minister in Canada who knew Mr. Walker from his childhood, kindly consented to preach to the bereaved congregation on the Sabbath following the funeral.

He accordingly preached two eloquent and appropriate discourses to large and sympathizing audiences, that in the morning being from John xvii, 24, and in the evening from Phil. ii, 1. At the conclusion of the morning service he gave the congregation a slight sketch of their late pastor's early life. The whole services on the occasion were most impressive and affecting, and will long be remembered by the mourning congregation to whom they were addressed.

MONEYS RECEIVED TO THE 25TH JUNE.

KNOX COLLEGE.		St. George, special	120 00
Brantford, Zion Church, adl . . .	\$ 7 00	With rates from Rev. T. Wardrope ;	
Binbrook and Saltfleet	31 02	Rev. S. Balmer ; Rev. W. Inglis ; Rev.	
Hullett	10 00	J. Skinner ; Rev. J. Fotheringham ;	
Manchester	6 00	Rev. J. G. Murray ; Rev. J. L. Gourlay ;	
Ayr, Stanley st	4 25	Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot ; Rev. W. Caven ;	
Alliston, &c. adl	2 20	Rev. W. Peattie ; Rev. John Duff ;	
Lagauchetiere st. Montreal . . .	9 70	Rev. R. Torrance ; Rev. J. Irvine.	
Owen Sound, (Rev. T. Stevenson's)	8 00	HOME MISSION.	
Guelph (Knox's)	24 00	Sullivan, adl	\$ 2 00
Verulam	8 00	Ayr, Stanley st.	19 25
Meaford, 4 00, Thornbury, 0 95	4 95	Priceville, 2.25 ; R. Saugeen	
Paris, Dumfries st.	11 50	1.42 ; Artemisia, 1.03	5 00
Blyth	6 00	Owen Sound	35 00
Chalmer's Ch., Woodstock . . .	11 30	Rockwood	1 70
Galt, Knox's	178 33	Ratho	5 29
Saugeen (Rev. A. Tolmie)	14 70	Member of Union Church	10 00
Chalmer's ch., Dunwich	10 00	St. Thomas	7 25
Napanee	10 00	Wellesley	5 18
Port Hope	16 00	Malton	8 65
Centreville (Cavan)	4 00	Cornwall	5 00
FOREIGN MISSION.		Centreville (Cavan)	20 00
Shakspeare and Grant's Corners	\$ 9 50	FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.	
Hullett	5 00	Hullett	\$ 3 00
Ayr, Stanley st	20 00	Aylmer &c.	7 39
Zorra	25 15	Peterboro S. S.	6 00
Owen Sound (Rev. T. Stevenson's)	15 00	J. S., Auburn	0 15
Guelph (Knox's)	40 90	Owen Sound (Rev. T. Stevenson's)	10 00
Beaverton	11 00	Eden Mills	1 60
London, St. Andrew's	47 00	Friend	0 40
Aylmer, &c.	6 60	Centreville (Cavan)	3 00
Grimsby, &c.	22 00	SYNOD FUND	
Peterboro	22 48	West Port	\$ 2 22
" S. S.	6 00	Hullett	2 01
Cornwall	6 05	Manchester	1 50
Centreville (Cavan)	8 00	Lagauchetiere st., Montreal . . .	35 00
WIDOWS FUND		Guelph, Knox's	12 00
Hullett	\$ 3 00	" 1st	10 00
Manchester	2 63	Blyth	1 90
Norval	8 08	Aylmer, &c	6 86
Blyth	2 70	Peterboro	10 00
Cornwall	5 85	Cornwall	3 85
Peterboro	20 90	Owen Sound (Rev. T. Stevenson's)	12 00
Aylmer, &c.	8 00	Centreville (Cavan)	8 00
Shakespeare	11 30	MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH	
Owen Sound (special)	120 00	Hullett, for Jews	\$ 4 00
Huntingdon and Athelstone (special)	120 00	Peterboro, for Jews	26 62
Donblane	2 00	Mrs. Kellie, Vankleekhill, for India	3 00
Mt. Pleasant (Rev. W. Peattie) special	80 00	Member of Union Church, for India	5 00
Lagauchetiere st., Montreal. special	200 00	Member of Union Church, for	

St. Mary's, special.....	80 00	Jews.....	5 00
Beverly, special.....	30 50	SCHOOL AT KILDONAN.	
Guelph, 1st, special.....	40 00	Blyth S. S.....	\$ 4 00
Biddulph, special.....	20 00	COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.	
Lachute, 1st, special.....	40 00	Culross.....	\$ 12 00

RECEIPTS FOR RECORD UP TO 25TH JUNE.

G. L., Port Hope; W. W., Cobourg; \$1; C. A., Binbrook; A. S., Bright; W. J. D., Kingston, \$17.00; Rev. A. G., D. C., \$1 50, D. McN., Aldboro; Owen Sound, \$1.00; J. M., W. H., G. D., Mrs. C., J. P., T. L., W. G., J. B., D. J., P. F., W. E., Bluevale; D. McD., Kirk- Mrs. J., D. C., Rev. J. M., Laskey; J. W., hill; J. McL., Vankleekhill; D. C., Wanstead; M. G., Widder; W. O. N., Ashburn; J. McC. Iona, \$2.00; R. C., Arkona; J. McD., J. B., Hyde Park; D. N., J. C., P. P., jr., C. R. W., Lyn, A. F., A. C., Longwood; J. McD., Lobo, \$1 ea; A. E., Guelph, \$25; A. B., A. McN., A. G. R., \$1, Williams; D. C., J. T., Rockwood; D. McK., Guelph, \$1; A. B., London; R. H., J. B., Napanee; R. M., J. F., Mrs. G., Mrs. S., J. G., Mrs. McE., Edmonton; R. Y., Erin; J. H., Scotch \$1 each; Mrs. McG., W. H., A. G., J. P., Block; J. B., Milton; J. F., T. F., W. O. H., Oshawa; D. B., A. W., A. P., Wroxeter; M. McM., \$1, D. C. M., D. J. F., P. McC., \$1.50; W. J., J. P., J. McD., D. R., D. M., D. McG., Martintown; W. McF., \$1; T. G., \$1, J. S., \$1.50; Mr. L., \$1, White Lake; Rev. N. M., T. H., \$1.50; J. N., \$1; J. S. Cobourg; West Port, \$1; J. A., Rev. J. R., Bruce- Rev. P. McD., Birkhall; H. McD., Aum- field; Mrs. C. Madoc; Rev. W. S., Flo- bree; W. McB., T. O., M. S., R. M. H., rence; J. M., Mrs. L., J. S., W. H., A. S., Paisley; J. McL., Scone, \$1; W. C., Cobourg; J. G., sen, Bell's Corners, Quebec \$1.10; A. McC. Kirkhill; Rev. \$3; J. T., \$1.50, J. H., \$1, J. McA., \$1; A. A. D., Shakspeare, \$8.50; G. R., \$1; Jos. McA., J. McC., J. D., R. K., W. B., Mrs. C., 75c, Wellandport; G. B., R. R., J. W., Cross Hill; T. C., G. S., Almira; J. McO., Ashton; D. McL., W. McL., J. D., J. B., W. W., J. B.; Hamilton, \$18.50; J. W. McW., A. W., Athelstone; W. D. J. McE., Carlingford, Alliston; T. H. B., Knox College; J. R., Mr. B. Avonton; Miss McL., Ballinafad; Mrs. P., M. D., A. McL., F. McL., Mrs. J. D. C., St. Thomas; Mr. McL., Mr. F., J. K., P. S., J. McL., Rev. P. C., P. C., Harrietsville; J. McL., Nissouri, \$1; Brucefield; J. McL., \$1.50; J. McN., \$1, P. R. Perth, \$3; R. W., Alexandria, \$1; T. M., A. P., Mrs. C., T. W., Vankleek- W. Y., Scarboro; H. McK., Woodstock; hill; T. McM., H. W., A. W., J. T., \$1, Mr. Y., Milligan; J. A. Brownsville; Mitchell; Mrs. C. \$3.50, B. Vankleeh, Per G. O., Toronto, \$16; J. B., Warwick; R. Adam, Madoc; J. S. Mohawk; M. Rev. J. W. C., Mandawmin, \$1; Miss P. McC., Vankleekhill; per A. McGoun, Simcoe; P. McG., Erin, \$1.50; H. T., Montreal, \$6.40; H. McP., T. R., Cart- Waterdown; Rev. J. I., Mille Isles; wright; J. D., Galt, \$2; W. L., Scarboro; W. O., Gormleys; Mr. M. Dufferin, \$2; A. McC., Griersville; R. S. Woodburn; R. B., M. B., Jas. B., J. B., Avonton; J. Stewart, Binbrook; A. P., Brantford,

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