

THE  
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE SYNOD  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SESSION XXV.  
HELD AT TORONTO, 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY,  
1854.

*Nec Tamen Consumebatur.*

TORONTO:  
THOMPSON & Co., KING STREET.

1854.



**Examining Committee for 1854-5.**

The Moderator and Clerk,—Mr. Barclay, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ross, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. M'Gill, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Urquhart, Dr. Mair, Mr. Mowat, Dr. Skinner, Mr. Mann, Mr. M'Morine, Mr. Spence, Dr. Machar, Professor Smith, and Professor George.

**Finance Committee.**

Mr. Barclay, Mr. M'Kerras, Mr. George Bell, and Edward W. Thomson, Esquire.

**Clergy Reserve Committee.**

Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. M'Gill, Dr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Barclay, *Ministers*:—John Thomson, Esq., Alexander Morris, Esq., Thomas A. Gibson, Esq., John Cameron, Esq., James Hamilton, Esq., M.D., George Malloch, Esq., and James D. Pringle, Esq., *Elders*:—together with the Hon. William Morris, Hugh Allan, Esq., and William Richard Graham, Esq.

**List of Moderators**

*of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, in connection with the Church of Scotland.*

- 1831—Rev. John Mackenzie, A.M.
- 1832—Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D.
- 1833—Rev. John Machar, D.D.
- 1834—Rev. Archibald Connell, A.M.
- 1835—Rev. John Cruickshank, A.M.
- 1836—Rev. William Rintoul, A.M.
- 1837—Rev. Alexander Gale, A.M.
- 1838—Rev. John Cook, D.D.
- 1839—Rev. Robert M'Gill, D.D.
- 1840—Rev. Hugh Urquhart, A.M.
- 1841—Rev. James George.
- 1842—Rev. Henry Esson, A.M.
- 1843—Rev. John Clugston.
- 1844—Rev. Mark Y. Stark, A.M.
- 1844—Rev. John Cook, D.D.
- 1845—Rev. William Bell, A.M.
- 1846—Rev. George Romanes, A.M.
- 1847—Rev. Walter Roach.
- 1848—Rev. John Barclay, A.M.
- 1849—Rev. James C. Muir.
- 1850—Rev. John Malcolm Smith, A.M.
- 1851—Rev. Robert Neill.
- 1852—Rev. John M'Morine.
- 1853—Rev. Alex. Spence.
- 1854—Rev. James Williamson, A.M.

**The Commission of Synod**

Meets at Kingston, in St. Andrew's Church, on the First Wednesday in October, 1854, and in St. Andrew's Church, at Montreal, on the First Wednesday in February, 1855.

**ROLL OF THE SYNOD**  
OF THE  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,**  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

JUNE, 1854.

REV. PROFESSOR JAMES WILLIAMSON, A.M., KINGSTON, *Moderator.*  
REV. ANDREW BELL, L'ORIGNAT, *Synod Clerk.*

1. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—*Clerk, REV. J. BARCLAY, A.M., Toronto.*

*Meets at Toronto, on the Third Tuesday of February, May, August & November.*

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Pukering</i> .....	Peter McNaughton, A.M.	John Madill.
<i>Esquesing and Milton</i> .....	Peter Ferguson	John Turnbull.
<i>Ko g</i> .....	John Tawse, A.M.	
<i>Chinguacousy</i> .....	Thomas Johnson.	
<i>Mono</i> .....	Alexander Lewis	Robert Dodds.
<i>Eldon</i> .....	John McMurchy.	
<i>Toronto</i> .....	John Barclay, A.M.	Edward W. Thomson.
<i>Guelimbrary West</i> .....	Alexander Ross	Francis Kirkpatrick.
<i>Clarke and Hope</i> .....	Samuel Porter	Robert Johnson.
<i>Hornby</i> .....	William Barr	David Forrest.
<i>Nottawasaga</i> .....	John Campbell, A.M.	
<i>Thora</i> .....	David Watson, A.M.	
<i>Darlington</i> .....	John Hugh McKerras, A.M.	Alexander Colville.
<i>Midmor</i> .....	Archibald Colquhoun.	James Aberdeen.
<i>Vaugh n</i> .....		Donald Cameron.
<i>Scarboro'</i> .....		Thomas Brown.
<i>Newmarket</i> .....		Jacob Wells.
<i>Markham</i> .....		James Daniels.
<i>Brock and Reach, Scott and Uxbridge, Whitby, Mara, Caledon.</i>		

William Cleland, }  
James Bain, } **Ordained Missionaries.**  
John Brown, }

2. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—*Clerk, REV. THOMAS HAIG, Beauharnois.*

*Meets at Montreal, on the First Wednesday of February, May, August and November.*

<i>Montreal, St. Andrew's</i> .....	A. Mathieson, D.D.	John Smith.
<i>Dundee</i> .....	Duncan Moody	
<i>Chatham and Grenville</i> .....	William Mair	
<i>Ornstown</i> .....	James Anderson	Neil Campbell.
<i>Georgetown</i> .....	James C. Muir	Robert Robertson.
<i>Quebec, St. Andrew's</i> .....	John Cook, D.D.	John Thomson.
<i>Lachine</i> .....	William Simpson	John Learmont.
<i>Hemmingford</i> .....	John Merlu	John Reay.
<i>New Richmond</i> .....	John Davidson	
<i>Three Rivers</i> .....	James Thom	L. J. McNair.
<i>Huntingdon</i> .....	Alexander Wallace, A.B.	Hugh Barr.
<i>Montreal, St. Paul's</i> .....	Robert McGill, D.D.	Thos. A. Gibson.
<i>St. Louis</i> .....	James T. Paul	William Smith.
<i>Beauharnois</i> .....	Thomas Haig	James Laing.
<i>Melbourne</i> .....	Thomas Morrison	

CONGREGATIONS  
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*Valcartier*  
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3. PRESBYTERY

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*Williamstown*  
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*Lancaster*  
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*George*  
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*Meets at Perth*  
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PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL—Continued.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Norvaltown .....	Archibald H. Milligan.....	Donald A. Livingston.
Valcartier .....	David Shanks.....	
Beech Ridge .....		
Laprairie .....		Donald Finlayson.
French Missionary within } the bounds of Presbytery. }	T. J. Charbonell.	William Fenton.

3. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.—Clerk, REV. T. McPHERSON, A. M., Lancaster.  
Meets on the Third Wednesday of January, May and September.

Williamstown .....	John McKenzie, A.M.....	Hon. Jno. McGillivray.
Cornwall .....	Hugh Urquhart, A.M.....	James Pringle.
Martintown .....	John McLaurin.....	Daniel McDougall.
Lancaster .....	Thomas McPherson A.M.....	John McPherson.
Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George .....	Aeneas McLean.....	Angus Catanach.
Finch .....	Donald Monro.....	Duncan McMillan.
Williamsburgh .....	Thomas Scott .....	Henry Merkley.
L'Original & Plantagenet .....	Andrew Bell .....	Chas. P. Treadwell.
Osnabruck .....	Robert Dobie.....	Wm. R. Croil.
Lochiel .....		John Fraser.
Indian Lands.....		J. McRae.
Coteau du Lac.....		J. A. McIntyre.
Vankleek Hill.....		Farquhar Robertson.

4. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—Clerk, REV. JOHN B. MOWAT, A.M., Niagara.  
Meets at Hamilton on the Second Wednesday in January, May and September.

Goderich .....	Alexander Mackid .....	John Haldane, Sen.
Fergus .....	Hugh Mair, D.D. ....	Alex. D. Fordyce.
Guelph .....	Colin Gregor .....	John McCrae.
Stratford and N. Easthope .....	William Bell, A.M.....	James Todd.
Simcoe and Vittoria .....	George Bell, A. B.....	George Jackson.
Niagara .....	John B. Mowat, A.M.....	George Dawson.
Galt .....	Hamilton Gibson .....	Alexander Allan.
Chatham .....	John Robb.....	John Mackay.
Woodstock and Norwich .....	Frederick P. Sim .....	James Chambers.
Saltfleet and Binbrooke .....	William Johnson, A.M.....	Charles Anderson.
Nelson and Watdown .....	George Macdonnell.....	Andrew Hall.
Dundas and Ancaster .....	Kenneth McLennan, A.B.....	James Hamilton, M.D.
Hamilton.....	Robert Burnet.....	James D. Pringle.
London.....	John Skinner, D.D.....	Donald Macnaughton.
North Dorchester.....	William McEwan, A.M.....	William Woods.
Wawanosh.....	James Stuart.....	

William King,  
George McClatchey, } Retired Ministers.

5. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.—Clerk, REV. WILLIAM BAIN, A. M., Perth.  
Meets at Perth on the Second Wednesday in January, May and September.

Perth, 1st Church .....	William Bell, A. M.....	John Ferguson.
South Gower .....	Joseph Anderson, A.M.....	Jacob VanAllan, jun.
Pakenham.....	Alexander Mann, A.M.....	Hugh Dickson.
Kitley .....	David Evans .....	James Edgar.
Lanark .....	Thomas Fraser .....	Alexander Stewart.

PRESBYTERY OF BATHERST—*Continued.*

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Perth, St. Andrew's</i> .....	William Bain, A.M. ....	John Spalding.
<i>Ramsay</i> .....	John M'Morine .....	Robert Bell.
<i>Bytown</i> .....	Alexander Spence .....	Hon. Thomas McKay.
<i>Smith's Falls</i> .....	Solomon Mylne .....	James Elliot.
<i>Brockville</i> .....	John Whyte .....	George Malloch.
<i>Beckwith</i> .....	Duncan Morrison .....	John McArthur.
<i>McNab and Horton</i> .....	George Thompson, A.M. ..	Peter McIntyre.
<i>Richmond</i> .....	Peter Lindsay, .....	William McFarlane.
<i>Cumberland &amp; Buckingham</i> .....		Archibald Petrie.
<i>Huntley</i> .....		
<i>Dalhousie</i> .....		
<i>Newboro' and Bedford</i> .....		

6. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—*Clerk, PROF. GEORGE WEIB, A.M., Kingston.*

*Meets at Kingston on the first Wednesday of every month.*

<i>Kingston</i> .....	John Machar, D. D. ....	Andrew Drummond.
<i>Seymour</i> .....	Robert Neill .....	David Allan.
<i>Queen's College</i> .....	James Williamson, A. M. ...	
<i>Queen's College</i> .....	John M. Smith, A.M. ....	
<i>Queen's College</i> .....	James George.	
<i>Belleville</i> .....	Archibald Walker, A.M. ....	George Neilson.
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# ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Toronto, the 31st day of May, and concluded the 6th day of June, 1854 years.**

## SESSION XXV.

### DIET I.

*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church, there:—  
Wednesday, the Thirty First Day of May, One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four  
Years:—*

The which day, after sermon by the Rev. Alexander Spence, Minister of Bytown, Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from Zackariah vi. 12, "Thus speaketh the LORD of Hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is THE BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD,"—the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to appointment, and was by him constituted with prayer.

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

Sederunt, Mr. Alexander Spence, *Moderator*; Mr. Peter M'Naughton, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Alexander Lewis, Mr. John M'Murphy, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. Alexander Ross, Mr. Samuel Porter, Mr. William Barr, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. David Watson, Mr. John H. M'Kerras, Mr. Archibald Colquhoun, Mr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. James Thom, Dr. Robert M'Gill, Mr. Thomas Haig, Mr. Archibald Milligan, Mr. John M'Kenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John M'Laurin, Mr. Donald Monro, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Robert Dobie, Mr. Alexander M'Kid, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. Colin Gregor, Mr. William Bell, (Stratford,) Mr. George Bell, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. Hamilton Gibson, Mr. John Robb, Mr. Frederick P. Sim, Mr. William Johnson, Mr. George Macdonnell, Mr. Kenneth M'Lennan, Mr. Robert Burnett, Dr. John Skinner, Mr. William M'Ewen, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. William Bell, (Perth,) Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John M'Morine, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. John Whyte, Mr. Duncan Morrison, Mr. Peter Lindsay, Dr. John Machar, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. John Malcolm Smith,

Mr. James George, and Mr. Archibald Walker, *Ministers*:—together with Mr. John Turnbull, Mr. Robert Dodds, Mr. Edward W. Thomson, Mr. Robert Johnson, Mr. James Aberdeen, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Charles P. Treadwell, Mr. Alex. Dingwall Fordyce, Mr. John M'Crae, Mr. George Dawson, Mr. Andrew Hall, Dr. James Hamilton, Mr. James P. Pringle, Mr. John Spaiding, Mr. George Malloch, *Elders*.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Professor James Williamson, A.M., of Queen's College, Kingston, was unanimously elected, and, at the Synod's desire, took the Chair.

The Minutes of the Synod, at last Annual Meeting, were read over, and approved of:—and the Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Records of the Synod, and report on them, viz., Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Mann and Mr. Malloch.

The late Moderator laid before the Synod a communication from His Excellency the Governor General's Secretary, conveying the Answer of His Excellency to the Address of the Synod, presented to him last year, and intimated that the Address of the Synod to Her Majesty the Queen, had been transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it might be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of two Trustees for Queen's College, at Kingston, in room of the Rev. James Williamson and the Rev. Dr. John Machar, who retire from office at this time, according to the terms of the Royal Charter of Queen's College, when the Rev. James Williamson and the Rev. Dr. John Machar were unanimously re-elected, and their names placed at the top of the Roll;—and the Clerk was instructed to intimate the same to the Board of Trustees.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in room of the Rev. Hugh Urquhart and the Hon. Peter M'Gill, who retire from office at this time, according to the Regulations of the Synod, of 1848, when the Rev. Hugh Urquhart and the Hon. Peter M'Gill were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed, in terms of the aforesaid Regulations, to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners. Dr. Mathieson, the Chairman of the Board, having, at the same time, reported that there was a vacancy in the Board, by the death of Alexander M'Martin, Esq., the Synod appointed the Rev. John Machar, D.D., of Kingston, to be a Commissioner in his stead, and directed his name to be inserted in that part of the Roll of Commissioners occupied by Mr. M'Martin's name. And the Clerk was instructed to certify the above appointments to the Board of Commissioners, and also to the Government.

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The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Ordinances, with instructions to meet this evening, at half-past seven o'clock; and all Papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee, viz:—the Moderator and Clerk, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. John Campbell, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. Robert M'Gill, Mr. Thomas Haig, Mr. John M'Kenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. George Bell, Mr. John B. Mowat, Mr. George McDonnell, Mr. William Bell, (Perth,) Mr. William Bain, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. John M'Morine, Mr. Alexander Mann, Dr. John Machar, Professor Smith and Professor George, *Ministers*;—and Mr. John Turnbull, Mr. C. P. Treadwell, Mr. Alexander D. Fordyce, Mr. Andrew Hall and Mr. George Malloch, *Elders*.

Presbytery Clerks were instructed to lay the Record Books of their respective Presbyteries on the table as soon as convenient.

Leave was given to Presbyteries to meet in Toronto, for all competent business, during the meeting of the Synod, at such hours as the Synod may not be sitting.

The Synod agreed that, during their present Session, they shall meet at Ten o'clock, A.M., and continue in Session till Five o'clock, P.M.,—with an interval of an hour between One and Two;—and it was further agreed that the first part of each morning's Sederunt be devoted to devotional exercises.

Dr. Mathieson introduced to the Synod the Rev. John Brown, an ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, lately arrived, as desirous of being received as a Minister in connection with this Church. The Synod directed Mr. Brown to appear before the Presbytery of Toronto, and submit his credentials to them.

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

#### DIET II.

*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—  
Thursday, the First Day of June, One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four  
Years:—*

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

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

Sederunt as before.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved of.

It was, on motion of Professor Smith, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Spence, their late Moderator, for the very excellent and appropriate sermon with which he opened the Synod, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication at the cost of the Synod ;—the which was done by the Moderator.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures made a Report in regard to the business to come before the Synod, with divers suggestions in regard to the order in which it should be taken up,—which report was approved by the Synod.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to draft an Address to Her Majesty, the Queen, viz. :—Professor George, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Urquhart, Dr. Skinner, Dr. Hamilton, and Mr. Malloch ;—and the following to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, viz. :—Professor Smith, Mr. Barclay, Dr. Mair, Mr. Mann, Mr. M'Kerras, and Mr. Treadwell.

The Synod appointed Mr. Barclay, Mr. M'Kerras, Mr. George Bell, and Mr. E. W. Thomson, a Committee to attend to the Financial concerns of the Synod ; and the Synod instructed Presbytery Clerks, and others to pay over to the Committee all monies collected by them for the Synod Fund, and directed all accounts against the Synod to be given in.

The Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the Records of Presbyteries, and report on them, viz. :—Mr. Mowat, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Fordyce, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto ;—Mr. Bain, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Treadwell, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal ;—Mr. Haig, Mr. William Johnson, and Mr. E. W. Thomson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary ; Mr. M'Laurin, Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. John Turnbull, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton ;—Mr. Simpson, Mr. Sim, and Mr. Hall to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst ;—Mr. M'Morine, Mr. Macdonnell, and Mr. Malloch, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston.

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The Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was given in, and read, and is as follows :—

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

*Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.*

Since the last Report submitted to the Synod, the Managers have placed two Widows on the Roll of Annuitants—Mrs. Purkis and Mrs. Bryning. There are now seven ladies deriving benefit from the Fund, and it is hoped, should no increase in the number take place during the current year, that the Managers may be able, following up the cautious policy with which they commenced the administration of their trust, to make a small addition to the Annuities. That addition will probably be declared from the Fund consisting of Congregational Collections, which, owing to the improved contributions made by most of the Churches, will be best able to bear it—indeed, the Annuities now payable from Ministers' subscriptions amount to quite as much as it is prudent at present to issue from that source.

The Managers take leave to suggest, that the Synod should pass a Resolution, directing that Presbyteries should, at the meeting next succeeding to the decease of any one of the members, communicate the event to the Secretary of this Board, accompanied by such information as may enable them to place the widow (where there is one) on the Fund.

So far as returns have been received the Congregational Collections show an increase over preceding years. The Managers, however, have, as in former Reports, to call attention not only to the long delay which has occurred in committing to them, but to the fact that no fewer than ten Congregations have not up to the present date sent forward their collections—these are : Markham, (Rev. Mr. Stewart); Perth, (W. Bell); Guelph, (C. Gregor); West Gwillimbury, (A. Ross); Quebec, (Dr. Cook); Clarke and Hope, (Porter); Smithfalls, (S. Mylne); Belleville, (M'Ewan); Woodstock, (P. Sim); and Norvaltown, (Milligan).

The Managers have great pleasure in bringing under the notice of Synod the liberal contribution made to the Fund by the Rev. W. Montgomery Walker, of the Parish of Ochiltree. That Rev. gentleman was for many years a faithful and zealous Minister labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal, and he has never ceased to remember with affection that portion of the Church with which he was so long connected. The gift was accompanied by so kindly an expression of feeling as considerably to enhance its value in the estimation of the Managers.

As the books of the Trust are balanced in July after receipt of the Minister's half-yearly Contributions, and the payment of Annuities, the Managers can at this period of the year only give a sketch of what the Fund is likely to exhibit at the above date; but it is probable that the actual statement will not vary more than a few pounds from the present, which is necessarily in part conjectural.

12 MINUTES OF SYNOD, TORONTO, THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1854.

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Cash expected from ten Congregations for collections of January, 1854, not yet remitted, say, .....	£35	0	0
Cash for Ministers' half-yearly contribu- tions, to be received in July, say, .....	109	0	0
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Less payments to be made in July, say, .....	59	5	0
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After the books are closed, a full statement of the account will be addressed to each member of the Synod.

Meantime, the foregoing is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) ALEX. MATHIESON, *Chairman of Board.*  
HEW RAMSAY, *Secretary.*

MONTREAL, 16th May, 1854.

It was then moved by Mr. M'Morine, seconded by Mr. Mann, and unanimously agreed to, that the report now read be received and approved of, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Managers of the Fund, for the faithful and admirable manner in which they have managed the Fund entrusted to their care.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of three Trustees for the management of the Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in room of the Rev. Dr. John Cook, Thomas Peck, Esq., and William Whiteford, Esq., who retire from office at this time, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, when the said Rev. Dr. John Cook, Thomas Peck, Esq., and William Whiteford, Esq., were unanimously re-elected, and their names directed to be placed at the head of the lists of Ministers and Laymen respectively composing the Board.

The Synod had laid before them a statement from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, in regard to the state of the Fund. Dr. Mathieson, the Chairman of the Board, at the same time gave a number of explanations for the information of the Synod. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. George Bell, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Commissioners for the care and prudence with which they have acted in the management of the Trust committed to them; and further, that

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The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to conduct the French Mission in Lower Canada, which was given in by Dr. Mathieson, from which it appeared that the Committee had engaged the services of Mons. T. J. Charbonell, and that he was now employed as a Missionary under their superintendence. Dr. Mathieson also brought under the consideration of the Synod some pleasing instances of the beneficial results of the former operations of the Mission. Along with the Report of the Committee there was also laid before the Synod the statement of the Treasurer in regard to the state of the Fund. It was then moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Robb, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report be approved of, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee for the attention devoted to the interests of the Mission during the past year. The Synod re-appoint the members of the Presbytery of Montreal a Committee to take charge of the Mission during the present year, with instructions to use their best endeavours to put the French Mission in a more favourable condition, and to take steps for publishing, for the information of Congregations, such circumstances connected with the past success of the Mission as may be within the knowledge of the Committee, and may be an encouragement to the support of the Mission. And the Synod, further, enjoin Ministers to bring the claims of this Mission before their Congregations, and have collections made at the proper season.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee for obtaining and assisting in the Education of Students for the Ministry, which was given in by Dr. McGill, the Convener. Also, an Abstract of the Treasurer's accounts, showing that five bursaries amounting to £50, were paid to Students at Queen's College, during the past Session, and that there is at present a balance of £57 in the Treasurer's hands. The Synod agreed to receive and approve the Report, and thank the Convener and Committee for the care and attention bestowed by them on the business entrusted to them.

The Synod appointed the following Examining Committee, in terms of the Act anent the Examination of Ministers, Preachers, and Students, coming from other Churches, not in connection with this Church, viz: The Moderator and Clerk, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ross, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. McGill, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Urquhart, Dr. Mair, Mr. Mowat, Dr. Skinner, Mr. Mann, Mr. McMorine, Mr. Spence, Dr. Machar, Professor Smith, and Professor George.

The Synod had laid before them, by the Presbytery of Toronto, an

Extract from their minutes of date the 13th December last, in recommendation of the Rev. James Bain, stating that "the Rev. James Bain appeared in the Presbytery and was introduced to the Moderator by the Clerk, who laid on the table a Presbyterial certificate in Mr. Bain's favour, granted on the 29th August last, by the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kirkcaldy, of which Mr. Bain appears to have been a member for twenty-seven years. Said certificate was read, and found to be highly satisfactory. Mr. Bain, further, gave a full and satisfactory statement of his reasons for seeking to join this Church, and of his views respecting her position and principles. He was then examined as to his doctrinal views. After due consideration, the Presbytery resolved to recommend Mr. Bain to the Synod, as, in their judgment, a fit and proper person to be admitted into this Church, on the approval of the Examining Committee." The Synod directed that Mr. Bain appear before the Examining Committee.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Appeal by the Rev. John Whyte, Minister of Brockville, against a finding of the Presbytery of Bathurst anent the relevancy of a libel served on him, together with accompanying Papers.

It was moved by Mr. McKid, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, that this case be heard with closed doors, which motion was carried by a majority of votes. Against this decision, Mr. Whyte entered his dissent.

The following Papers transmitted to the Synod, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, were then read. 1. Extract minute of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date March 8, 1854, containing the Deliverance appealed against. 2. Libel served on Mr. Whyte by the Presbytery of Bathurst. 3. Reasons of Protest and Appeal by Mr. Whyte against the Deliverance of the Presbytery.

Parties were then called to the Bar, when there appeared Mr. John Whyte for himself—and Mr. Spence, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Bain for the Presbytery of Bathurst.

Mr. Whyte was then heard at great length in support of his Protest and Appeal. Mr. Spence, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Bain were also heard on the part of the Presbytery of Bathurst, in support of their Deliverance. Mr. Whyte was heard in reply.

Parties were then removed from the Bar:—and the further consideration of the case was deferred until to-morrow.

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

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## DIET III.

*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—  
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The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

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

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The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Synod made the following appointments for the public Services of the Sabbath, viz :—Mr. Burnett to preach in St. Andrew's Church in the forenoon,—Mr. Duncan Morrison in the afternoon,—and Dr. Skinner in the evening :—Mr. M'Laurin, to preach in Vaughan, and Mr. Macdonnell at Newmarket.

The Synod had laid before them an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, in regard to the Rev. John Brown, who had already been remitted by the Synod to that Presbytery. Said Minute stated that the Presbytery had examined Mr. Brown's credentials and found them quite satisfactory, and that they unanimously recommended him to be received as a Minister of the Church of Scotland, in full standing, eligible to a charge in this Church. The Synod, having had read over the said credentials, unanimously agreed to receive the Rev. John Brown as an ordained Minister in connexion with this Church, and appointed him to labour within the bounds, and under the direction of the Presbytery of Toronto, in the meantime.

The Synod had transmitted to them certain Extract Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, in recommendation of the Rev. William Cleland, an ordained Minister of the (old school) Presbyterian Church of the United States, and originally educated in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, who had applied to that Presbytery to be admitted as a Minister in connection with this Church. The Presbytery also transmitted the credentials of Mr. Cleland. The Synod directed Mr. Cleland to appear before the Examining Committee, and referred his credentials to them.

An application was made by the Rev. Kenneth M'Lennan in favour of Mr. Donald M'Lennan, Student of Divinity, formerly of Queen's College, and recently at Edinburgh, and at Halle, stating that owing to his recent residence in Germany, and the uncertainty of his reaching this country in time to be present at this meeting of Synod, no application had been made by him to any Presbytery, nor circular letters issued. The Synod agreed, notwithstanding the irregularity, to receive the application, and directed Mr. M'Lennan to appear before the Examining Committee.

It was intimated to the Synod on behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal, that it was the intention of said Presbytery, with leave of the Synod, to take Mr. George D. Ferguson, Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, on trials for license;—and it was also intimated on behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston, that it was their intention, with leave of the Synod, to take Mr. James Gordon, Mr. John Lindsay, and Mr. James M'Ewan, Students of Divinity, of Queen's College, on trials for license. Application was also made by Professor George, on behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston, for leave to take Mr. George Weir, whose course of Theological Study included three partial Sessions in Scotland, and one full Session at Queen's College last winter, on trials for license. The Synod directed all of said Students to appear before the Examining Committee;—and appointed a meeting of the Examining Committee to be held this evening at half-past Seven o'clock.

The Hon. John Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, Kingston, appeared in the Synod, and presented the following Extract Minute of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Queen's College, which was read viz :

“ At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Trustees of Queen's College, held on Friday, the 12th May, 1854.

“ It was unanimously agreed,—That inasmuch as the Trustees have incurred very heavy liabilities in the purchase of the Summerhill Property for College Buildings, and inasmuch as a very considerable additional outlay will be necessary to put said Buildings into a suitable state for the accommodation of the different classes; and as the Trustees have not funds in their possession to liquidate these claims,—Be it Resolved,

“ 1st. That application be made to the Synod of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to meet in the City of Toronto, in the end of this month, for its aid in paying off said debt.

“ 2nd. That the following, viz., the Rev. Professor George, Andrew Drummond, Esq., and the Chairman, be a Deputation to lay the pecuniary wants of the College before the Synod, and to urge on the Synod the necessity for a general and liberal contribution being made throughout the whole Church, in order that Funds may be raised to

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“3rd. That the Synod be respectfully requested to appoint, along with the Professors, a deputation to visit all the principal Congregations, immediately after the Synod breaks up, with the view of awakening an interest in the people in the above matter, as well as in bringing before them the claims of the College in general.”

Extracted from the Minutes by

W. McIVER, *Secretary.*

The Hon. John Hamilton and Professor George were then heard at length in support of the request of the Trustees of Queen's College, when the Synod, after deliberation, appointed the following Committee to prepare a Minute for the further consideration of the Synod, and to report the same to-morrow morning, viz:—Dr. M'Gill, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Tawse, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Spence, Mr. Macdonnell, Dr. Machar, Mr. George, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Malloch.

The Synod resumed consideration of Mr. Whyte's case, when, after lengthened deliberation, the following Committee was appointed to prepare a Minute for further consideration, embodying as far as possible the views of the Synod, and to report the same to-morrow morning, viz:—Dr. M'Gill, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Machar, Mr. George, Mr. Tawse, Mr. E. W. Thompson, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Treadwell.

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

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#### DIET IV.

*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—  
Saturday, the Third Day of June, One  
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Years:—*

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

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

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The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on matters connected with Queen's College, which was given in and read by Dr. M<sup>c</sup>Gill. After lengthened discussion, the said Report was recommitted for amendment, and the Committee was instructed to report again on Monday.

There was laid before the Synod a Reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, anent a Student of Divinity, requesting the case to be remitted to the Examining Committee for their advice on several points,—which was agreed to.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Mr. Whyte's case, when the draft of a proposed Minute was given in and read. After lengthened consideration, the said draft and an additional one proposed by Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Laurin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, were recommitted, and the Committee were instructed to report again on Monday.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures was directed to meet on Monday morning at half-past Nine o'clock.

The Synod adjourned until Monday morning at Ten o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

#### DIET V.

*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—  
Monday, the Fifth Day of June, One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Years:—*

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

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

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The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Mr. Whyte's case, which was given in and read by Dr. McGill. After deliberation, it was moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Robb, that the Minute reported by the Committee be adopted, and that the Synod decern in terms thereof.

It was also moved in amendment by Mr. McLaurin, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the following be the deliverance of the Synod, viz:—"The Synod, after mature deliberation on the case, Whyte *versus* the Presbytery of Bathurst anent an Appeal against their Deliverance, finding the relevancy of the whole Libel, decern, that the major proposition is partially relevant, in so far as it declares, "That by the Word of God, and the Laws and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, maltreatment of one's wife is an offence of a heinous nature, and unbecoming the character and sacred profession of a Minister of the Gospel, and severely punishable by the Laws and Rules of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland." Also, decern, that the 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 20th and 21st Counts of the minor proposition are relevant:—The Synod, further, authorize the Presbytery to enquire into the matters contained in the other Counts of the minor proposition, if they see cause, but not, even if proved, to involve penal consequences, as contained in the conclusions of the Libel:—And, otherwise, authorize the Presbytery to proceed in this case according to the laws of the Church."

The Roll having been called and the votes marked, the motion was carried by a majority of votes;—when, the Minute proposed by the Committee having been adopted, the Synod decerned accordingly, as follows:—

The Synod, after mature deliberation, find and decern that the major proposition of the Libel is a valid ground of process, viz: "That by the Word of God, and the Laws and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, maltreatment of one's wife, and the indulgence of habits and practices inconsistent with the duties and happiness of those united by the marriage bond, and separation from one's wife in consequence of such unbecoming conduct, are offences of a heinous nature, unbecoming the character and sacred profession of a Minister of the Gospel, and severely punishable by the Laws and Rules of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland;—And, further, the Synod decern that the following Counts of the minor proposition are relevant, and a valid ground of process, viz:—the 1st, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 20th, and 21st,—and the Synod instruct the Presbytery of Bathurst to meet without delay, and to proceed to the probation of the Libel in conformity

with this Deliverance ;—And, further, the Synod decern that it shall be competent for the Presbytery of Bathurst, if they see fit, to take up the matters contained in the other Counts of the Libel, under the general charge of ministerial misconduct and impropriety, and to enter upon probation of the same ;—And the Presbytery are instructed to carry through the probation in the face of all appeals, and to adjudicate in the same according to the laws of the Church.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on matters connected with Queen's College, which was given in, and read by Dr. McGill, and in terms thereof the Synod gave the following Deliverance :—

The Synod, having heard the statements of the Honorable John Hamilton and the Reverend Professor George, a deputation of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Queen's College to represent to the Synod the claims of that Institution upon our Church, record their satisfaction with the representations that have been made respecting its condition and prospects generally, and, in particular, with the purchase of the Summerhill Property, in the City of Kingston, on terms so favourable, having on it buildings for all the purposes of the College for a long time to come ; and the Synod, in compliance with the request made by the deputation to assist the Trustees of the College to raise the sum of £6000, the purchase price of the property acquired, recommend to all the congregations within their bounds to exercise their largest liberality in this behalf :—and the deputation having stated that, if the Synod gave their sanction, it was the intention of the Trustees to send out some of the Professors, in the course of the present summer, to solicit contributions to pay the purchase price of the property acquired, the Synod agree to recommend, and hereby do recommend, to Presbyteries, as soon as these Professors shall have come within their bounds, to appoint two clergymen and two laymen to act with them and assist them in their object, viz : to collect, as far as may be in their power, the unpaid subscriptions, and to obtain new subscriptions ; and, further, the Synod recommend, in the conducting of this business, that the deputation appointed, before attempting to canvass within the bounds of any congregation for subscriptions, shall previously obtain the full consent of the Minister, Elders, and Temporal Managers of said congregation ; and further, the Synod recommend that the Trustees do publish, on their part, a full expose of the Funds, Plans, and prospects of the University, and, on the part of the Synod, the Synod authorize their Moderator to publish a Pastoral Letter in their name, enforcing on our people the duty of sustaining and extending this Institution, founded originally by their liberality ;—and further, should the Deputation from the College deem it expedient to proceed to the Lower Provinces in the furtherance of their object, the Moderator is authorized to write, in the name of the Synod, a fraternal letter to the Ministers and Congregations there, requesting their cordial co-operation and effective aid ; and finally, the Synod recommend to the brethren who shall be engaged in this work to use their best exertions to stir up parents, possessing the means, to confer upon their sons that higher education which Queen's College was founded to give, and to consecrate to the work of the Ministry such of them as afford favor-

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The Synod agreed to re-transmit the Draft of the Form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers, to Presbyteries, for their consideration, and instructed them to send up their opinions thereon to the next meeting of Synod; and, in the meantime, did, and hereby do, convert the same into an Interim Act for one year. And the Synod, further, instructed Presbyteries, in connection with this matter, to take into their consideration, and report to next meeting of Synod, as to whether, and how far, it may be proper for Presbyteries, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to relax, in the case of *new congregations*, that law of the Church (July 1846—Act XXI) which requires that there shall be at least Forty families adhering to this Church, in a Congregation, before the Pastoral relation can be formed.

The Synod agreed to call the attention of the Presbyteries and Sessions anew to the necessity for a stricter observance of the Law of this Church (Act XVIII) “anent greater punctuality in the electing of Representative Elders by Sessions”—which is as follows:—“*Kingston, July 5th, 1845.* Whereas many of the Kirk Sessions connected with the Synod are very neglectful of their duty in returning Representative Elders to the Church Courts, the Synod enjoin Sessions to use greater diligence in this matter, and instruct Presbyteries to employ all competent means to secure a compliance with this injunction on the part of Sessions;—And the Synod, further, enact that all Representative Elders shall be elected within two months after the annual meeting of Synod, to attend the meetings of the Presbytery of the bounds, and the ensuing annual meeting of the Synod; that in case of death or demission, a new election shall be made within one month of the same; and that the extract minutes of such elections, duly certified, shall be laid on the Tables of Presbyteries at their first ordinary meeting after such elections shall have taken place.”

The Synod agreed to re-transmit the proposed Act of last year, anent the Status of Retired Ministers, to Presbyteries, that they may send up their opinions thereon to the next meeting of this Synod, which they are hereby strictly enjoined to do;—and the Synod, in the meantime, converted the same into an Interim Act, for one year,—as follows:—

“The Synod, having fully considered the Overture anent the status of retired Ministers, decree that, agreeably to the views of this Church respecting the permanency of the Pastoral relation, when a Minister becomes unfit, through age or infirmity, for the discharge of his pastoral duties, the case shall be referred to the Presbytery of the bounds for examination and judgment, and if it shall appear that the facts are as stated, the Presbytery shall meet with the congregation, and declare

its duty to make such provision as may be within its power for the maintenance of their Minister, until God shall be pleased to restore his health, or remove him to the inheritance of a better life. But in the meanwhile his name shall remain on the Roll of the Presbytery as the Pastor of that Church, and as such he shall retain authority to perform all the ministerial duties for which he is competent, yet so as not to interfere with the rights and duties of the Pastor that may be ordained to fill his place, and in all the Church Courts, except the Session, of which he shall cease to be the Moderator, he shall retain full liberty, to counsel and advise, though not to vote, on all matters that shall come up before them."

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton of the following tenor, viz:—"The Presbytery of Hamilton having found a system of Presbyterial visitation to be both practicable and useful within its bounds, respectfully overture the Synod to repeat the recommendation to Presbyteries to carry into effect the former Acts of the Synod in regard to this work." The said Overture having been fully considered, the Synod agreed to enjoin Presbyteries to collect full information on all matters temporal and spiritual connected with the congregations under their care, and, in obtaining such information, to carry out the spirit of former Acts anent Presbyterial Visitation;—recommend to Presbyteries the use of the Questions proposed in the scheme submitted by Mr. George, in 1850;—and, further, instruct the Commission of Synod to endeavour to carry out the provisions of Article VI of that scheme, as follows:—"VI. In order to secure to the Church the full advantages of the Visitation of Presbyteries and for divers good ends which it may serve, the Synod recommend that the Commission at their meeting in October, shall elect a Committee of Three Ministers and Two Elders, to be known as the *Standing Committee of the Commission of Synod*; that said Committee may meet at any time on the call of the Chairman, but shall have an Annual meeting on the First or Second week of May, on such day as the Chairman may fix. And at this meeting all the Reports of the Visitations of Presbyteries shall be thoroughly examined, and in case the Committee shall find, in any of these Reports, matter which seems to demand immediate action, they shall without loss of time communicate their views to the Clerk of the Presbytery, and require him to direct the attention of the Presbytery to the same. And, furthermore, the Synod specially enjoin said Committee, at their meeting in May, to prepare a full statement from all the Visitation Reports, to be given into the ensuing meeting of Synod—to be known as the Report on the general state of the Church."

The Synod called for the Reports of the Committees appointed to revise the Records of the several Presbyteries, which were given in, and read. The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Toronto, Montreal, Glengary, Hamilton, and Kingston, having reported

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the said Records as carefully and correctly kept, the Synod ordered their Clerk to attest said Records accordingly. The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst reported that they were satisfied with the care and attention bestowed upon the Records, with the exception that in a minute on page 224, they found a want of order and perspicuity, the conclusion drawn by the Presbytery and the action taken by them in a certain case being minuted, without the premises from which the conclusion was drawn or the grounds on which the action was taken, being alluded to in the preamble to the minute. The said minute having been read over in the hearing of the Synod, it was moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Ross, that notwithstanding a certain want of fullness, in the minute, alluded to by the Committee, the Clerk be instructed nevertheless to attest the Records as carefully and correctly kept. It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. McLaurin, that the Records be attested *cum nota*. The first motion was carried by a majority of votes, and the Clerk was instructed to attest the Records accordingly. Against this decision Dr. Mathieson entered his dissent, and there adhered to him Mr. McKid, Mr. McKerras, Mr. McMurchy, Mr. McLaurin, and Mr. Colquhoun.

The following Report from the Examining Committee was given into the Synod, and read:—"It is hereby certified that the Rev. James Bain and the Rev. William Cleland compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the Act anent the examination of Ministers from other Churches; that the Committee were satisfied with their knowledge and acquirements, and sustained their examination; that they likewise examined their certificates of character and of Literary and Theological Curriculum, and were satisfied with the same, and recommend that they be received as Ministers of this Church—James Williamson, *Convener*." The Synod, having heard this Report, agreed to receive and approve the same,—and instructed the Presbytery of Toronto to proceed, in the case of Mr. Bain and Mr. Cleland according to the laws of the Church,—authorizing them, in the event of their receiving calls, to proceed to their settlement at the expiry of the prescribed period of probation, without again reporting to the Synod, or even within that period, should the circumstances of the case appear to them, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to warrant that step; and, in the meantime, to employ them as missionaries in such congregations as may appear to the Presbytery to be desirable and necessary.

The following Report was also given in to the Synod by the Examining Committee, and read:—"It is hereby certified that Mr. George Weir, Mr. John Lindsay, Mr. George D. Ferguson, Mr. James Gordon, Mr. Donald McLennan, and Mr. James McEwen, Students in Divinity, compeared before the Examining Committee, in accordance with the

Act anent the examination of Students, and having submitted their certificates and been examined on the several branches of education required by this Church, the Committee were well satisfied with their knowledge and acquirements, and recommend that the respective Presbyteries to which they belong be allowed to take them on further trials with the view of their being licensed to preach the Gospel.—James Williamson, *Convener.*” The Synod, having heard and approved this Report, agreed to grant leave to the several Presbyteries to which the aforesaid Students belong to take them on trials for license.

The Synod agreed to continue, for another year, the suspension of the Act anent the training of Licentiates for the Pastoral work.

The Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Bathurst to meet at Perth, on the First Wednesday in July.

An agreement was come to, as to the appointment that should be made of the time and place for the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed John Mowat, Esq., of Kingston, to act as Treasurer on behalf of the Jewish and Foreign Missions of the Church of Scotland, to receive collections made by congregations in aid of the said Missions, and to remit the same to the Treasurers of the respective Missions, in Scotland.

The Committees appointed to prepare drafts of Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen, and to His Excellency the Governor General, gave in the same, which were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

The Synod adjourned until half-past Eight o'clock to-morrow morning,—and was closed with prayer.

#### DIET VI.

*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—  
Tuesday, the Sixth Day of June, One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Years :—*

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

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The Address of the Synod to Her Majesty the Queen, was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod. The said Address is as follows:—

*Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled in Synod, embrace the opportunity thus afforded us of again tendering the expression of our sincere attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

Feeling, as we ought, a deep interest, not only in the spiritual, but temporal well-being of the country in which our lot is cast, it affords us much satisfaction to say that this Province is at present in the enjoyment of no ordinary share of prosperity. A bountiful Providence has so graciously smiled on the labours of the industrious, for some years past, that it may, without exaggeration, be said that the greater part of your Majesty's subjects in Canada are in full possession of all the comforts of life. That vast multitudes of poor but industrious men have been enabled by patient toil to make for themselves homes in this country, in which poverty is almost unknown, cannot but yield to your Majesty the most pleasing reflections. And while the wonderful natural resources of the colony ought not to be overlooked, yet it were criminal to forget that for this extraordinary prosperity, the Province is, in many ways, to a great extent indebted to British Institutions, as far as these have been established among us, and to our happy connection with the Mother Country. It is not, therefore, wonderful that we, in common with all good men, should ardently desire to see these Institutions more widely extended, and that we should earnestly pray that that connection may for ever continue. We have a very thorough conviction that the extension of British dominion, has, in all cases, been the extension of liberty, order, and substantial prosperity. While this is seen in all the dependencies of the Empire, it is seen in none more clearly than in this colony. Hence it is alike our duty and our inclination to cherish in our own hearts, and in the hearts of all over whom we can exercise any influence, a profound respect for the stability and glory of that Empire, which God has made instrumental in accomplishing so much, not only for the civil but for the spiritual interests of the human family. The honour of reigning over such an Empire is only less than the responsibility.

But while, in this Province, we can rejoice in the peace, order, and prosperity that prevail among us, we are not indifferent to a great and painful event which has lately taken place. It penetrates us with grief to think that since we last addressed your Majesty, Great Britain has been necessitated to declare war against the Emperor of Russia. It were quite foreign to the nature of this Address to enter at large into the merits of this most solemn question. It is enough to say that, in regard to the position taken by your Majesty's Government as to this war, we think it eminently just, and in the highest degree generous towards the weak and the oppressed. It is no vain boast to say, that Britain has often drawn the sword in defence of the sacred claims of

justice, and has often thrown the shield of protection over the feeble. Those who revere our beloved country cannot fail to point with peculiar exultation to these as among the grandest events in our history. It rejoices our heart to reflect that, in the declaration of this war, as to the motives for which it has been undertaken, the world has received another proof how deep the sense of justice, is in the heart of the British people,—how tender their sympathies are with the oppressed,—and how ready they ever are to make all sacrifices to preserve the freedom of others as well as their own.

At a crisis so momentous, it is extremely cheering to think of the unanimity which prevails among all classes of your Majesty's subjects, as to the necessity, at length, of the solemn step which has been taken, as well as the loyalty to your Majesty's Person which animates every bosom, on the present trying occasion. But, while we would not overlook these as weighty considerations, as also the vast resources of the British Empire, as grounds of hope that a brave people shall at length triumph, still we must not forget that Divine aid is indispensable to such a triumph as shall be for the glory of God and the real good of the nations of the earth. It was, therefore, to us exceedingly gratifying to find that, while your Majesty was sending forth the naval and Military forces of the country to fight the battles of justice, You were directing your subjects to lift up their hearts, as no doubt you were lifting up your own, in supplication to Almighty God for his help. We would fain hope that these prayers have been heard, and that God, whose throne is a throne of righteousness, will so direct your Majesty's councils by His infinite wisdom, that all measures may be taken which may best conduce to bring this war to a speedy and successful termination, and that while it continues, He may, by His omnipotent arm, strengthen and protect your brave warriors in the day of battle.

Although the struggle which has begun may be sore, and may not soon end, and deeply as we deplore the miseries which it must bring on many of our fellow men, yet when we consider the justice of the cause in which the armies and fleets of our country are engaged, we do not only hope for success, but also firmly believe that God will make the issue of this war in many ways subservient to the advancement of the principles of true liberty and pure religion throughout the world.

That the God of all consolation may greatly bless Your Majesty, not only as Sovereign of the British Empire, but also in the dear relationships of wife and mother which you so eminently adorn, is our earnest prayer.

Signed, at Toronto, this Sixth Day of June, one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Years:—In Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

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The Address of the Synod to His Excellency the Governor was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod, and is as follows:—

*To His Excellency, the Right Honourable, JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Governor General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled in Synod, at Toronto, take this opportunity of renewing the expression of our loyalty and ardent attachment to the Person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, and our respectful and dutiful submission to your Excellency, Her Majesty's representative, whom we heartily welcome on your return to resume the duties of your high office. While we rejoice in the many evidences of that material prosperity with which a bountiful Providence continues to bless this portion of the Queen's dominions, as office-bearers of a Christian Church, we also feel the responsibility under which we lie to endeavour in our own sphere to make this prosperity truly a blessing to the people, by diffusing the principles of divine truth, without submission to which no prosperity can be solid and lasting.

We deem it both proper and necessary to inform your Excellency that we continue to take a lively interest in the state of education throughout the Province, and our Synod at its present meeting has determined to make a general effort among our people to maintain and increase the standing and efficiency of the University of Queen's College with which our Church is so closely connected.

In our previous addresses to your Excellency or your predecessors in office, it has been usual for us to allude to many matters of great public interest as they have transpired, either in this Province, or in the mother Country. And at the present moment we cannot refrain from adverting to the war in which Great Britain has reluctantly been compelled to engage. Highly as we value the blessings of peace, and anxious as we should ever be to secure these by any reasonable sacrifices, circumstances may arise, and, we firmly believe, have arisen, in the present instance, demanding the last recourse to arms, for the relief of the oppressed, and, generally, for the interests of civilization and freedom throughout Europe.

We cannot doubt that the war in which Great Britain and France are united against the power of Russia, is an eminently just one, and, under this conviction we deem it our duty to pray for the success of the arms of our country, and for the speedy attainment of the great objects which the war is undertaken to achieve. While we, in this corner of Her Majesty's dominions, are now happily exempt from the pressure, and the perils of war, we deeply sympathize with our fellow subjects who are called to bear their part in maintaining it; and the sympathy which we now express, so far from being an act of mere sentimentalism, would, we are confident, lead us and the people of this Province generally, joyfully to contribute their aid towards the accomplishment of the

great ends in view. But our earnest hope and prayer to Almighty God is, that the evils and horrors, inseparable from a state of war, may soon pass away, that the blessings of peace may again be restored, and that by the wider diffusion and reception among mankind, of the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, wars shall cease from the earth, and God shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plough shares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

That the great Disposer of all events may bless your Excellency and your Excellency's family with every temporal blessing, and crown you with eternal happiness, is our earnest prayer.

Signed, at Toronto, this Sixth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four Years:—In Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

JAMES WILLIAMSON,

MODERATOR.

The Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. Cook, and John Thomson, Esq., of Quebec, together with such other members of the Synod as can conveniently join with them, to be a Deputation to wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, and present the Synod's Address to His Excellency, and also to request that he would be pleased to transmit the Synod's Address to Her Majesty the Queen, to the proper quarter, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte against a Deliverance of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date October 12th, 1853, declining for the present to grant further supplies of preaching for his Pulpit. The same having been read and considered, the Synod came to the following Deliverance, viz:—"That inasmuch as it appears that the first supplies craved by Mr. Whyte, for the congregation of Brockville, and granted by the Presbytery of Bathurst, were granted solely out of sympathy with him in his domestic troubles, he had no claim on the good offices of the Presbytery, till his own Pastoral Office was regularly and lawfully put into the hands of the Presbytery, the Synod dismiss the case as frivolous and vexatious, and admonish Mr. Whyte to be cautious in vexing the Church, exciting strifes, and troubling the Church Courts with needless discussions."

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte, against a Deliverance of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date January 18th, 1854, declining for the present to take any action in regard to an addition to the Session at Brockville, as petitioned for by

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Mr. Whyte :—Also, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte, against a Deliverance of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of same date, agreeing to allow a complaint of Mr. Whyte against Mr. Malloch, one of the elders at Brockville, to lie on the Table for the present. The Synod, having duly considered these Complaints, unanimously agreed to dismiss them both.

The Synod had further transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Protest and Complaint to the Synod, by the Rev. John Whyte, against a Deliverance of the Presbytery of Bathurst, of date February 15th, 1854, declining to grant him a copy of the Memoranda of the Report given in by the Committee of Inquiry, in his case. After the hearing of parties, and full deliberation, it was moved by Mr. George Bell, seconded by Professor Smith, "That, inasmuch as Mr. Whyte had already been furnished, in the Libel, with the charges made against him, to which he was required to answer, as well as the names of the witnesses, the Complaint be dismissed." It was also moved in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Robb, "That Mr. Whyte has a right to Extracts from the Paper entitled Memoranda, on which the Presbytery of Bathurst founded their Libel, as necessary to the protection of his own character, and the maintenance of justice." The Roll having been called and votes marked, the motion was carried by a majority of votes, and the Synod accordingly dismissed the complaint.

Presbyteries were again enjoined, without delay, to take such steps for securing the Public Property of the Church, within their bounds, as may be considered necessary,—either by the appointment of efficient Committees of Lay Members of the Church to take action in this matter, or otherwise, as may be deemed best for the speedy attainment of this object,—and to report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to attend to the interests of this Church, in regard to the Clergy Reserve, and take whatever steps may appear to them to be necessary towards the protection of the same, and in particular to watch over the progress of legislation thereanent ; to call the attention of Presbyteries and Congregations to what may be the proper course of action, as indicated by circumstances ; and, if necessary, to take steps to be heard at the Bar of the Houses of Parliament, viz :—Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. McGill, Dr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Barclay, *Ministers* ; Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Alexander Morris, Mr. Thomas A. Gibson, Mr. John Cameron, Dr. James Hamilton, Mr. George Malloch, and Mr. James D. Pringle, *Elders* ; and the Hon. William Morris, Hugh Allan, Esq., and William R. Graham, Esq., were requested to act as members of this Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in, and read, showing the number of congregations who

have contributed to the Synod Fund, for the past year, and the amount paid;—and showing, further, that there is a large amount of arrears still due,—that, except in a few instances, the contributions have never come up to the scale of assessments, which was agreed to in 1851 as being barely necessary to meet the expense of carrying on the public business of the Synod, and that, as yet, only a very few of the Ministers have forwarded contributions towards the expense of publishing a new edition of the earlier Records of the Synod. The Synod, having taken into consideration the various matters embraced in the Report, agreed, on the recommendation of the Committee, to enjoin, as they hereby do enjoin, Presbyteries to take immediate steps for the collection of arrears, and to use their diligence to promote greater liberality and more general punctuality on the part of Ministers and Sessions, in their payments to the Synod Fund,—and to this end they enjoin Presbyteries, at some meeting previous to the meeting of Synod in each year, to call upon Ministers and Sessions to attend to this duty, and to enquire how far they have done so:—And, further, in order to obviate the inconvenience and delay arising from making the payments at the meeting of Synod, and that only by those who are present, the Synod direct that hereafter it shall be part of the duty of Presbytery Clerks to receive, from the Ministers, Sessions, and Congregations, within their bounds, the annual contributions to the Synod Fund, and to pay over the same to the Treasurer. And, further, the Synod recommend to Ministers greater promptitude in sending in to the Treasurer the proposed contribution of One Pound each towards the expense of publishing the early Records of the Synod. And the Synod ordered the accounts against the Synod to be paid, and appointed the Treasurer and Clerk, together with Mr. Barclay, to be a Committee to attend to this matter.

The Synod had brought before them an Overture to the effect that the Synod would renew the Act regulating the Public Collections in the several Congregations, and make some alterations therein—to exchange the order of the collections for the Synod Fund and the French Mission Fund, so as to have the collection for the Synod Fund made previous to the meeting of Synod—and, considering that the collection for the College Fund, declared by a former Synod (1850, p. 18) to be one of the standing schemes of the Church, was intended to aid the College with the view of securing the education of Students for the Ministry, and that another collection, more directly intended to assist Students for the Ministry in the way of bursaries, has been ordered to be made, to allow congregations to substitute this for the other,—and, to suspend for the present the ordinary annual collection for the College, so as not to interfere with the larger and more thorough effort about to be made to raise funds for that Institution. The Synod having heard the said Overture, and considered the same, agreed to adopt the several suggestions therein contained, and accordingly renew, with the aforesaid

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Whereas great inconvenience has resulted from the irregular manner in which many Congregations have contributed to the several Funds for carrying on the Missionary and other operations of the Church; and whereas it is desirable that a more uniform and regular mode of raising the said Funds should be observed throughout the Church,—the Synod enact, that all Ministers of this Church shall annually have collections made in their several Congregations on behalf of each of the following objects at the time specified, viz:—1. For the Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the First Sabbath of January.—2. For the Synod Fund, on the First Sabbath of March.—3. For the French Mission Fund, on the First Sabbath in June.—4. For the Bursary Fund, on the First Sabbath in September.—5. For the Home Mission Fund, of the Presbytery of the Bounds, on the First Sabbath of November.—Provided always, that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper happens to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or any of the said Sabbaths is otherwise deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then the collection shall be made within at least four weeks thereafter; and provided also that in case of any Congregation preferring to raise the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so. The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain and advocate the object for which the collection is to be made, upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod, also, enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of the Synod in giving their Congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed, unless a sufficient reason be given.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Synod Records, which was given in, read, and sustained,—and the Synod ordered the Records to be attested by their Moderator, in terms of the Report, as carefully and correctly kept, which was done accordingly.

An application was made to the Synod, for leave to the Trustees of the Church at Guelph to be heard at the Bar of the Synod, in regard to certain Property belonging to the Congregation at Guelph. Satisfactory reasons having been given why the case could not have been brought forward at an earlier period of the Session, and why the Trustees could not at present bring forward written documents; leave was granted as required, when there appeared Mr. William Alexander, Mr. John McCrea, and Mr. David Allan, Trustees and Elders of the Congregation at Guelph, who were heard, at great length, on their application to the Synod, for leave to dispose of the Glebe belonging to the Congregation, and to invest the proceeds in some other way, for the benefit of the congregation, as also to dispose of their Church Site in Guelph, and to purchase another and erect a new Church—all which they stated could be very advantageously effected, in consequence of the public improve-

ments going on at the present time. After lengthened discussion, it was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Dr. Machar, and unanimously agreed to—That the general principle, on which this Synod desire to act in relation to all property of congregations over which they have Ecclesiastical superintendence, being, that they are not warranted to accede to any arrangement by which the Property of congregations may be brought in danger of alienation from the purpose originally designed, or the security of the investment be brought into hazard, the Synod decline acceding to the prayer of the Trustees of the Congregation at Guelph, in so far as it respects the Glebe,—but, inasmuch as it appears that the lot on which the Church is built might be now advantageously disposed of, and as the Church itself is old and falling into decay, and a new one will soon require to be built, the Synod agree that their sanction be given to the sale of said lot and Church, by the Trustees, they being responsible that the proceeds of sale be strictly applied to a similar purpose; that is, the purchase of a lot and the erection of a Church.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish to the Secretary of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners a correct list of those who were present at the last meeting of Synod, so that the money forfeited by absentees may be disposed of according to the wish of those present.

The Synod had laid before them a Circular from the Secretary to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners anent a claim of the Rev. Dr. McGill in regard to a sum of nearly £70, for matters connected with the publication of the *Christian Examiner* some years since,—recommending to the favourable consideration of the Synod a Resolution of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to the effect that the Synod should recommend the payment of the same from the Clergy Reserve Fund. After mature deliberation, the following deliverance was given, viz:—The Synod can give no countenance whatever, either directly or indirectly, to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners paying any part of the Funds in their hands for the purpose referred to in their Circular letter. But, inasmuch as Dr. McGill's loss from his connection with the *Examiner* was very considerable, and believing that that publication was of service to the Church, it is recommended that each Minister shall pay One Pound to aid in cancelling the debt referred to,—that Hugh Allan, Esq., Montreal, be the Treasurer,—and that said sum be transmitted to him.

The Synod had laid before them a Draft of an Act to incorporate the Church,—and the same having been read and considered, the Synod directed that it be submitted to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners for their consideration, with the request, that, should they see fit, they should prepare a measure to bring before the Legislature.

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ries are to take care that at least two of their members, who are named on the Commission, shall attend.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Montreal, on the last Wednesday in May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five Years, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod ;—when, after prayer, and singing the last half of the CXXII Psalm, the Synod was closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

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## MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

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1853.—August 9th. Mr. Peter Lindsay, A.B., Student of Divinity of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to Preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

August 9th.—Mr. John Hugh McKerras, A. M., Student of Divinity of Queen's College, Kingston, licensed to Preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

August 16th. Mr. David Watson, licensed to preach the Gospel.

August 31st.—Mr. David Watson, ordained and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of Congregation at Thorah.

August 31st.—Mr. David Watson, A.M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Thorah, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

September 6th.—The Rev. Mr. George, demitted his charge at Scarboro', on his admission to the Chair of Logic, &c., in Queen's College.

September 14th.—Rev. Daniel McNee's demission of his Pastoral Charge at Hamilton, accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

September 15th.—The Rev. John Bryning, of Mount Pleasant, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, died.

September 20th.—Mr. John H. MacKerras, ordained and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of Congregation at Darlington.

September 28th.—The Rev. Archibald Colquhoun, inducted to the Pastoral Charge of Congregation at Mulmur.

October 7th.—Mr. Robert Dobie, Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Osnabruck, by the Presbytery of Glengary.

October 12th.—Mr. Peter Lindsay, A.B., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Richmond, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

1853.—October 12th.—The Rev. John Skinner, D.D., inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation at London, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

October 26th.—The Rev. Robert Burnett, inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Hamilton, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

November 15th.—The Rev. William Cleland, formerly in connexion with the Presbyterian Church in America, (O.S.,) admitted to labour as an Ordained Missionary, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto.

December 13th.—The Rev. James Bain, formerly a Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, at Kirkealdy, admitted to labour as an Ordained Missionary, under the direction of the Presbytery of Toronto.

1854.—February 10th. Mr. Archibald Walker, A.M., Preacher of the Gospel, from Scotland, received as a Missionary, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

February 12th.—The Rev. William McEwen, A.M., formerly of Belleville, inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation at North Dorchester, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

March 15th.—The Rev. James Stuart, translated from the Congregation of Markham, in the Presbytery of Toronto, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation at Wawanosh, by the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the 26th April.

May 10th.—Mr. Archibald Walker, A. M., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Belleville, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

May 16th.—The Rev. David Shanks, formerly of Cumberland and Buckingham, inducted to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Valcartier, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

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