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CONDUCTED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION.

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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the 7th instant, having been adjourned to suit the convenience of members of Synod. There being no business of importance, the attendance of members was limited.

Mr. John Paton having been nominated and elected a Trustee, and finding that the pressure of other engagements prevented his devoting so much time as formerly to the onerous duties of Secretary to the Board, Mr. William Ireland was appointed to fill that office.

TREASURERS OF THE SCHEMES.

One reason for inserting the subjoined list is that it contains information of importance to the friends of the Church, more especially to such as may be desirous of testifying by their contributions their interest in any of the Schemes; and another reason is that persons forwarding collections or subscriptions may send them directly to the gentlemen to whom the Synod has intrusted the duty of receiving them, and thus insure greater regularity and accuracy and save third parties some trouble. There is a real pleasure in being the medium of communication between liberal givers and the objects which they patronize, but the opportunity of noticing an acknowledgement of their donations in

the pages of the *Presbyterian* affords quite sufficient gratification of this kind. If all were to do as some do, the Church would be under the necessity of appointing a Receiver General. The addresses in the following list are given with all necessary fullness:—

Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—John Greenshields, Esq., Montreal.
Home Mission Fund.—John W. Cook, Esq., Manse of St. Andrews, Quebec.
Jewish Mission Fund.—Alexander Morris, Esq., Montreal.
French Mission Fund.—Archibald Ferguson, Esq., College Avenue, Montreal.
Synod Fund.—Rev. John H. Mackerras, Bowmanville, C. W.
Bursary Fund.—Andrew Drummond, Esq., Kingston, C. W.
Juvenile Mission Fund.—John Paton, Esq., Kingston, C. W.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

May, 28.	Con. Coll. Point Levi, per Rev. Duncan Anderson,...	12 00
" 25.	" Scarborough, per Rev. Js. Bain,	24 00
June 19.	" Chatham and Grenville, vacant,	5 80
" 20.	" Puslinch, per Mr. D. Allan, elder,	1 10
" 26.	" Dundas and W. Flamboro', per Rev. J. Herald	22 12½

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,

Treasurer.

Montreal, 1861.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.

(Congregational Collections.)

Belleville, per Rev. Archibald Walker,	\$ 5 00
Martintown, per Rev. James Mair,.....	3 00
Seymour per Rev. Robert Neill,.....	10 00

W. IRELAND,
Sec. to Trustees.

Queen's College, Kingston,
21st June, 1861.

INDIAN ORPHANAGE AND JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME.

aid of Canadian School.	
Seymour Sabbath School, per Rev. Robert Neill,.....	\$22 50
Lanark Sabbath School, per Mr. P. McLaren,.....	6 00
For support of Orphans.	
Markham and Crosby Corners, per Rev. James Gordon, for support of Keren Happuch,.....	20 00

\$48 50

JOHN PATON,
Treasurer.

Kingston, 20th June, 1861.

FRENCH MISSION FUND.

May 1.	Rec. from Rev. Wm. Bain, a donation from St. Andrew's Church, Perth,	\$24 75
" 1.	" Rev. C. Campbell, collection, Niagara	9 00
" 2.	" Rev. W. R. Ross, collection, Pickering,	9 00
" 4.	" Rev. J. Sieveright, collection, Melbourne,	16 00
" 4.	" J. M. Ross, Esq., collection, St. Paul's Church, Montreal,	71 10

* " 7.	Rev. R. Dobie, collection, Osna-bruck,	5 00
" 8.	Rev. Wm. Millar, collection, Stratford,	3 00
" 10.	Rev. F.P. Sym, collection, Beauharnois,	9 00
" 10.	Rev. T. Johnston, collection, Norval and Chinguacousy	2 00
" 12.	Rev. H. Gibson, collection, Bayfield & Varna,	5 00
" 12.	Rev. J. Thom, collection, Woolwich	2 00
" 12.	Rev. J. Thomson, collection, Renfrew,	3 50
" 15.	Rev. A. Buchan, collection, Stirling,	12 00
" 17.	Rev. D. Camelon, collection, Port Hope,	10 00
" 17.	Rev. S. Douglas, collection, Peterboro'	5 00
" 17.	Rev. S. Stuart, collection, Woodstock,	2 00
" 21.	Rev. R. Neill, collection, Seymour,	25 00
" 21.	Rev. W. E. McKay, collection, Orangeville,	2 00
" 21.	Rev. Dr. Machar, collection, Kingston,	32 00
" 21.	S. Baird, Esq., collection, Orms-town,	8 00
" 21.	Rev. J. Patterson, collection, Hemmingford,	6 05
" 21.	Rev. J. Bain, collection, Scarboro,	12 00
" 23.	Rev. T. Fraser, collection, Lanark,	3 00
" 25.	Rev. Robt. Stevens, collection, East Williams,	4 00
" 25.	A friend, a donation,	1 50
" 31.	Rev. Wm. Stewart, collection, Horaby and Trafalgar,	4 00
June 7.	Rev. A. Walker, Belleville,	5 00
	Rev. G. D. Ferguson, collection, L'Original and Hawkesbury,	11 00
		\$301 90
	ARCH. FERGUSON.	Treas. r.
	Montreal, 24th June, 1861.	
	HOME MISSION FUND.	
	RECEIPTS.*	
	Cornwall, (acct. 2nd payment).....	\$ 164 00
	Stirling, (first payment).....	24 00
	Huntingdon, (additional).....	1 00
	Quebec, (first payment).....	2232 00
	Do. (acct. 2nd payment).....	647 24
	Williamstown, (add. see list).....	45 20
	Martintown, (acct. 2nd payment)...	35 00
	Cumberland, (first payment).....	22 00
	Buckingham, per list.....	142 50
	N. J. McGillivray, Esq. Williamstown, (2nd instalment).....	100 00
	Mr. Justice Malloch, Brockville.....	400 00
	Brockville, (first payment).....	77 00
	Perth, (first payment).....	111 50
	Richmond, C. W., subscription of Samuel Davidson.....	20 00
	North Georgetown, per list.....	147 25

The following are some of the lists of sub-
scriptions to the Fund:—

QUEBEC.

The amount subscribed in Quebec reached the large sum of \$10,000, most of which is payable in 6 annual instalments. The first payment made to the Board amounts to \$2879.24, of which \$65.64 is for interest upon payments received. The following is the list of subscribers:—

John Thomson, 1st inst. of..	\$1000	\$200 00
Robert Cassels, "	500	100 00
John Gilmour, "	500	100 00
And. Thomson, "	500	100 00
James Dean, "	500	100 00
And. Paterson, "	500	100 00
And. Lewis Dean, "	500	100 00
Don. Fraser, "	250	50 00
Heirs McKenzie, "	250	50 00
J. W. Henry, "	250	50 00
J. H. Galbraith, "	200	40 00
J. C. Thomson, "	150	30 00
R. S. Cassels, "	125	25 00
D. Wilkie, "	100	20 00
Dun. Macpherson, "	100	20 00
J. Paterson, "	100	20 00
McLean Stewart, "	100	20 00
J. W. Cook, "	100	20 00
Dr. Rowand, "	100	20 00
Mrs. D. Gilmour, "	100	20 00
W. Walker, jr., "	100	20 00
N. Neilson Ross, "	100	20 00
P. McNaughton, "	100	20 00
P. Sinclair, "	100	20 00
Edward Jones, "	100	20 00
Hugh Ross, "	100	20 00
Thos. Craig, "	100	20 00
Alexander Fraser, "	100	20 00
W. Thom, "	100	20 00
Dunc. McCallum, "	100	20 00
J. & W. Home, "	80	16 00
William Ramsay, "	50	10 00
Jas. H. Michaud, "	50	10 00
Robert Shaw, "	50	10 00
Femb. Paterson, "	50	10 00
Mrs. Strang, "	50	10 00
Robert Gregg, "	50	10 00
H. J. Wallace, "	50	10 00
D. C. Thomson, "	50	10 00
Alex., Robertson, general subscrip.		50 00
D. A. Ross, "	40	8 00
J. Glass, "	30	6 00
W. Ledden, "	25	5 00
J. Reid, "	25	5 00
P. Dennis, "	25	5 00
C. S. Graddon, "	25	5 00
A. Nicoll, "	20	4 00
J. G. Dean, "	20	4 00
A. Laidlaw, "	20	4 00
George Thomson, "	20	4 00
L. J. Macpherson, "	20	4 00
J. P. McEwan, "	20	4 00
Jas. Gillespie, Scott's Bridge, "	20	4 00
And. Strang, "	20	4 00
D. A. Grant, "	20	4 00
Mrs. Gunn, "	20	4 00
George Scott, "	20	4 00
Edward Abern, "	20	4 00
John Cowan, "	20	4 00
Thomas Woolley, "	20	4 00
A. Skillen, "	10	2 00
John Dick, "	10	2 00
J. Dodd, "	10	2 00
Subscriptions paid in full:—		
Late James Hewitt.....	\$150 00	
J. H. Clint.....	100 00	
Michael Stevenson.....	100 00	
Thomas Menzies, jr.....	50 00	
J. Langlois.....	20 00	
D. Rattray.....	20 00	

Mrs. Michael Scott.....	20 00
A friend per Dr. Cook.....	50 00
Mrs. Puffer.....	10 00
J. T. Turnbull.....	10 00
Mrs. Ross.....	10 00
John McCall, jr.,.....	10 00
James Nicoll.....	10 00
Mrs. Jackson.....	5 00
J. Meiklejohn.....	5 00
John Stewart.....	5 00
Mrs. Marshall.....	4 00
Mrs. Cairns.....	4 00
Dr. Odell.....	4 00
Eliza Connor.....	4 00
W. E. Meiklejohn.....	2 00
M. Miller.....	2 00
James Henderson.....	2 00
Jane Ferguson.....	2 00
Mrs. Widow Rae.....	2 00
A. Macdonald.....	2 60
William Gunn.....	1 00
Abraham Thomson.....	1 00
Robert Elliot.....	1 00
Mrs. McQuilken.....	1 00
Mrs. McLean.....	1 00
Samuel Irvine.....	1 00
Mrs. Davidson.....	1 00
Since received:—	
John Thomson, 2nd inst. of..	\$1000 \$200 00
And. Thomson " ..	500 100 00
J. E. Thomson, " ..	150 30 00
J. H. Galbraith, " ..	200 40 00
D. McCallum, " ..	100 20 00
Dr. Rowand, " ..	100 20 00
D. Fraser, " ..	250 50 00
P. Paterson, " ..	50 10 00
J. H. Michaud, " ..	50 10 00
Mrs. Strang, " ..	50 10 00
D. A. Ross, " ..	40 8 00
J. G. Dean, " ..	20 4 00
J. O. McEwan, " ..	20 4 00
Account Dr. Morrin's subscription...	63.60
Mrs. Bennett.....	5 00
W. Cameron.....	5 00
W. Cross.....	1 00
John Elliot.....	1 00
Interest on deposit.....	65 64
	\$2879 24
MARTINTOWN.	
The Martintown subscriptions amount in all to \$419.50 of which \$155 have been received, \$35 having come to hand after the closing of the accounts. The following is the list of subscribers.—	
N. J. McGillivray, Esq.....	\$200 00
Subscriptions payable at once:—	
John Smith.....	1 00
Kenneth Urquhart.....	12 00
Alex. Urquhart.....	2 00
Finlay McMartin.....	1 00
John Haggert.....	1 00
John Sproul.....	1 00
Robert Clindenny.....	1 00
David McDougall.....	5 00
Widow McDougall.....	5 00
Hugh Robertson.....	4 00
Arch. J. McGregor.....	4 00
George Smith.....	1 00
B. McRae.....	0 25
James Grant.....	0 25
William Oliver.....	0 50
Hector McRae.....	0 25
A. McMartin.....	1 00
Donations payable in 5 years:—	
James Grant, M. D.....	5 00
John Urquhart.....	4 00
D. J. Crowell.....	2 50
Duncan Robertson.....	5 00
D. C. McMartin.....	2 00

Andrew Smart.....	1 50
W. Smart.....	2 00
James Leddie.....	3 00
Samuel Clougan.....	2 00
Charles McPhadden.....	4 00
John Foulds.....	4 00
Mal. McMartin.....	4 00
John McArthur.....	4 00
Mary McMartin.....	10 00
P. W. Conroy.....	5 00
Angus McLeod.....	4 00
James McIntosh, M. D.....	5 00
Donald McKay.....	5 00
Donald Munro.....	5 00
John Grant.....	5 00
John Grant.....	5 00
Hugh Tonner.....	5 00
John Ross.....	2 50
Peter Stickler.....	2 50
Thomas Munro.....	2 50
Finlay Ross.....	10 00
Murdoch Munro.....	2 50
Alex. Ferguson.....	2 50
James Clendinning.....	2 50
Donald Grant.....	3 00
Angus McDiinnie.....	5 50
Donald McNaughton.....	5 00
Simon Christie.....	2 50
James Clarkson.....	0 50
Arch. McCallum.....	0 50
Alex. Kinloch.....	5 00
Duncan McDiinnie.....	5 00
John Link.....	1 00
A. A. M.....	1 00
R. McDonell.....	5 00
Dermid McDermid.....	4 00
Julius Wait.....	4 00
Donald Murray.....	5 00
Henry Burton.....	5 00
Robert Brown.....	5 00
Alexander Scott.....	5 00
	\$49 50

RICHMOND, C. W.
The Rev. J. White, Minister of Richmond, writes that the handsome sum of \$267 has been subscribed in Richmond, the subscriptions being payable on the first of January, 1862. The names of subscribers will be published, with much pleasure, at a future time.

CUMBERLAND.
After the closing of the accounts the sum of \$22 was received from Cumberland through Archibald Petrie, Esq., Treasurer. The following is the list of subscribers which accompanied the remittance:—
Archibald Petrie, 1st inst. of... \$50 \$10 00
William Wilson, " " " " 40 8 00
John Baikie, " " " " 5 1 00
Patrick McLaughlan " " " " 5 1 00
Arch. McEachern, " " " " 5 1 00
Hugh McEachern, " " " " 5 1 00

BUCKINGHAM.
The sum of \$142.50 has been received from Buckingham; but it also came after the accounts had been made up. The list of subscribers is as follows:—
Robert James Lusk.....\$50 00
James Henry..... 25 00
" " 1st inst. of subscription... 3 00
James Wilson..... 20 00
William D. Waddell..... 15 00
Archibald McNaughton..... 12 00
James Fleming, 1st inst. of..... \$10 2 00
James Paisley, " " " " 10 2 00
Samuel J. Lough, " " " " 10 2 00
John Hall, " " " " 10 2 00
Duncan McEachern..... 2 00
John McEachern..... 1 00
Hugh McDermid..... 1 00
James Stewart..... 0 50
John Mitchell..... 1 00
John J. Ross, 1st inst. of.....\$10 2 00
Walter McFarlane, senr..... 1 00
William McFarlane..... 1 00

\$142 50

BROCKVILLE.

The following is the list of subscriptions already taken up in Brockville. Mr. Justice Malloch's subscription of \$400 has been separately acknowledged:

Donations payable at once:—

I. Glass.....	\$20 00
R. Pedden.....	20 00
John Jardine.....	5 00
W. McCullough.....	4 00
Mrs. Cranston.....	0 25
Mrs. McGregor.....	1 00
Matthew Kerr.....	0 50
	————— \$50 75

Donations payable in 5 instalments:—

George Hutcheson, 1st inst.,	\$20 00
James Thomas, " "	1 00
George Campbell, " "	2 00
Wm. Thomson, " "	1 00
Gavin Milroy, " "	1 00
William Martin, " "	1 00
Elizabeth Gilmour, " "	1 00
	————— \$27 00
	————— \$77 75

NOTE.—We will have much pleasure in publishing several other lists of subscriptions received in our issue for August.

HOME MISSION FUND—CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Seymour, per Rev. R. Neill.....	\$20 00
South Gower, per Rev. Jas. Anderson.....	8 00
North Easthope, per C. McTavish, Esq.....	5 00
Brantford, per Rev. Mr. Stott.....	3 00
Belleville, per Rev. Mr. Walker.....	20 00
Dundas, per Rev. James Herald.....	16 43

J. W. COOK,
Secretary-Treas. Temp. Board.
Quebec, 24th June, 1861.

SYNOD ROLL.

&c., &c.,
MAY, 29th, 1861.

REV WILLIAM BAIN, M.A., PERTH, Moderator.
REV. WILLIAM SNODGRASS, MONTREAL, Clerk.

*. The column of dates gives the times of the appointment of Ministers to the first charges held by them in connection with the Synod.

1. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO { REV. JOHN BARCLAY, D.D., Clerk.
REV. JNO. H. MACKERRAS, M.A., Asst. Clerk.
Meets at Toronto on the third Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Tawse, M.A.....	3 Mar. 1837.	James McCallum.....	King
Thomas Johnson.....	4 Aug. 1840.		Chinguacousy, a.
Alexander Lewis.....	4 Aug. 1840.	Robert Dodds.....	Monro
John Macinurely.....	19 Jan. 1842.	Jr. in Campbell.....	Edison.
John Barclay, D.D.....	6 Dec. 1842.	Edward W. Thomson.....	Toronto.
Samuel Porter.....	29 Ap. 1846.	Robert Johnson.....	Clarke. b.
John Campbell, M.A.....	5 Jan. 1853.	John Macinurely.....	Nottawasaga c.
David Watson, M.A.....	31 Aug. 1853.	James Galloway.....	Thorah. d.
John H. Mackerras, M.A.....	20 Sep. 1853.	Neil Smith.....	Darlington. e.
Archibald Colquhoun.....	14 Jul. 1853.	Isaac McCreary.....	Mulmur. f.
William Cleland.....	2 Aug. 1854.	George Smith.....	Scott and Uxbridgeg.
John Brown.....	30 Aug. 1854.	Jacob Wells.....	Newmarket.
James Gordon, M.A.....	26 Sep. 1854.	Archibald Barker.....	Markham.
James Bain.....	10 Oct. 1854.	William Paterson.....	Scarboro' h.
John Campbell, M.A.....	10 Sep. 1856.	Neil McNeill.....	Brook. i.
William McKee.....	3 Mar. 1858.	Archibald Brown.....	West Guillelmury. j.
James S. Douglas, M.A.....	27 Sep. 1858.	John Richardson.....	Peterboro'. k.
William E. Mackay, B.A.....	29 Oct. 1854.	Alexander Skelton.....	Orangeville.

Donald Ross.....	20 Jul. 1859.	Malcolm Malloy.....	Vaughan. k.
David Cameron.....	12 Dec. 1859.		Port Hope.
James Carmichael, M. A.....	2 Oct. 1860.		West King. l.
Kenneth McLennan, B.A.....	8 Mar. 1853.		Whitby.
William Stewart.....	26 Dec. 1860.	John Turnbull.....	{ Milton, Hornby, and Trafalgar. m.
Walter R. Ross.....	6 Feb. 1861.	James Madill.....	Pickering.
William Johnson, M. A.....	15 Nov. 1852.		Lindsay.
		Hugh McKinnon.....	Calodon.
			Coboury.

Peter Ferguson, Ashrove P. O. Retired Minister.
Dummer, Otonabee, Isla, Penelon, Osprey, Artemesia, Mission Stations.
Post Office addresses of Ministers when not expressed by the names of their Charges:—a, Norval; b, Newtonville; c, Bowmore; d, Beaverton; e, Bowmanville; f, Mansfield; g, Uxbridge; h, Woburn; i, Wick; j, Bradford; k, Maple; l, Laskey; m, Hornby.

2. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—REV. DUNCAN ANDERSON, M.A., Clerk.
Meets at Quebec.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Cook, D.D.....	1833.	Wm. S. Smith, L.L.D.....	Quebec.
David Shanks.....	2 Jan. 1841.		Valcartier.
Duncan Anderson, M.A.....	26 Dec. 1854.	William G. Russell.....	Point Levi. a.
James Siercright, B.A.....	30 Jul. 1857.	Douglas Brymner.....	Melbourne.
Alexander Forbes.....	5 Jan. 1859.		Leeds & Inverness. b.
		John Houllston.....	Three Rivers.
			New Richmond.
			c. Point Levi West; d. Leeds.

3. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—REV. JAMES BLACK, M.A., Montreal, Clerk.
Meets at Montreal on the first Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Alexander Matheson, D.D.....	19 Oct. 1826.	Alex. Morris, M.A.....	Montreal, St. Andrew.
James C. Muir, D.D.....	29 Sep. 1836.	Daniel McDougall.....	Georgetown. a.
William Simpson.....	16 Mar. 1840.	John Larnmont.....	La-bine.

Alexander Wallace, B.A. 1 Oct. 1845. Hugh Barr *Huntingdon.*
 James T. Paul 5 Jun. 1850. William Smith *St. Louis de Gonzague*
 John McDonald 31 Mar. 1854. Hugh McLeod *Beechridge, b.*
 Frederick P. Sym 29 Sep. 1852. John McMartin *Beauharis.*
 William Snodgrass 4 Nov. 1856. John Greenshields *Montréal, St. Pauls.*
 James Patterson 8 Sep. 1858. Fred. S. Verity, M.D. *Hemmingford.*
 William Masson 15 Sep. 1858. D. A. Livingston, M.D. *Russeltown, c.*
 Wm. Cunningham *Laprairie.*
 John Cruikshanks *Dundee.*
 Samuel Baird *Ornstown.*
 *Chatham.*
 *St. Eustache.*

John Merlin, Hemmingford, 1st. Sep. 1841, *Retired Minister.*
 Thomas Haig and James Black, M. A., *Ordained Missionaries.*
 Pointe St. Charles and St. Joseph Street, Montreal, *Mission Stations.*
 ⚡ a, North Georgetown; b, Norton Creek; c, Russeltown Flats;

4. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.—REV. ROBERT DOBIE, Clerk.

Meets at Cornwall on the second Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Hugh Urquhart, D.D.	18 Feb. 1827.	Walter Colquhoun	<i>Cornwall.</i>
Thomas Macpherson, M.A.	23 Dec. 1836.	William Young	<i>Lancaster.</i>
Donald Monro	19 Dec. 1830.	Dun. B. Macmillan	<i>Finch, a.</i>
Robert Dobie	7 Oct. 1833.	Richard Loucks	<i>Osnabruck, b.</i>
Peter Watson, B.A.	4 Sep. 1856.	Farqr. B. McLennan	<i>Williamstown.</i>
John Davidson	Sep. 1844.	Henry J. Merkle	<i>Williamsburgh, c.</i>
Thomas Scott	12 Jun. 1844.	John Harkness	<i>Matilda, d.</i>
James Mair	27 Sep. 1860.	Alexander Robertson	<i>Martintown.</i>
George D. Ferguson	16 May 1825.	Charles P. Treadwell	<i>L'Original and Haesbury.</i>

Lochiel, Dalhousie Mills, Cote St. George, Plantagenet, Indian Lands, Vacant Charges.
 Colin Origor, L'Original, 15th Jan., 1844, *Retired Minister.*
 Winchester, Alexandria, Roxboro', *Mission Stations.*
 ⚡ a, South Finch; b, Dickinson's Landing; c, North Williamsburgh; d, West Williamsburgh.

5. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—REV. GEORGE BELL, B.A., Clerk.

Meets at Hamilton on the third Wednesday in April, August, and December.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Bell, B.A.	30 May, 1844.	.....	<i>Clifton.</i>
John Skinner, D.D.	12 Oct. 1855.	Andrew Hall	<i>Nelson & Waterdown, a.</i>
Robert Burnet	26 Oct. 1853.	Alexander Logie	<i>Hamilton, St. Andrews.</i>
Hugh Niven	17 Feb. 1837.	William Wright	<i>Saltfleet & Bimbrook, b.</i>
Martin W. Livingstone	19 May, 1858.	George Gray	<i>Simcoe.</i>
James Herald	30 June, 1853.	Jas. Hamilton, M.D.	<i>Dundas.</i>
Charles Campbell	25 Aug. 1858.	Andrew Martin	<i>Niagara.</i>
David Stott	21 Mar. 1860.	.....	<i>Brantford.</i>
.....	.....	Henry Syme	<i>Hamilton, St. Johns.</i>
.....	.....	Alexander Mitchell	<i>Ancaster.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Beamsville.</i>

Dover, Lynedoch, Windham Centre, Mission Stations.
 ⚡ a, Waterdown; b, Mount Albion.

6. PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH—REV. GEORGE MACDONNELL, Clerk.

Meets at Guelph on the second Wednesday in April, August, and December.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Macdonnell	17 Nov. 1852.	Alexander D. Fordyce	<i>Fergus.</i>
James Thorn	13 Oct. 1844.	William Smith	<i>Woodrich, a.</i>
John Whyte	6 Aug. 1851.	Duncan Saunders	<i>Arthur.</i>
John Hogg	30 June, 1859.	John McCrea	<i>Guelph.</i>
John Hay	31 Jan. 1861.	.....	<i>Mount Forest.</i>
.....	.....	David Rintoul	<i>Galt.</i>
.....	.....	George Brockie	<i>Paisley.</i>

Peter Thomson, *Ordained Missionary.*
 Kincardine, Tara and Derbe, Durham, Pricerville, Leith and Johnson, Allan-Park, Ayton, Puslinch, *Mission Stations.*
 ⚡ a, Winterbourne.

7. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—REV. FRANCIS NICOL, Clerk.

Meets at London on the first Wednesday in January and May, and at Goderich on the first Wednesday in September.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Alexander Mackid	18 Jan. 1844.	John McDonald	<i>Goderich.</i>
William Bell, M.A.	17 May, 1848.	Walter Paterson	<i>North Easthope, a.</i>
William McEwen, M.A.	9 Nov. 1850.	James Weir	<i>North Dorchester, b.</i>

James Stuart 22 Aug. 1849. Donald McTaggart *Woodstock & Norwich, c.*
 James McEwen, M.A. 12 Oct. 1854. Duncan McPherson *Westminster, b.*
 Robert Stevenson 25 Oct. 1855. *Williams, d.*
 William Miller 9 Dec. 1857. Thomas Todd *Stratford.*
 John Randle, M.A. 15 Sep. 1859. Henry B. Robertson *Chatham.*
 William Barr 28 Sep. 1849. *Wawanosh.*
 Francis Nicol 22 Dec. 1859. *London.*
 Hamilton Gibson 13 Nov. 1850. *Bayfield & Varna, e.*

Zorra and Ekfrid, *Mission Stations.*

Donald Strahan, *Gaelic Catechist.*

⚡ a, Shakspeare; b, London; c, Woodstock; d, Nairn; e, Bayfield.

8. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.—REV. WILLIAM BAIN, M.A., Clerk.

Meets at Perth and Ottawa alternately, on the second Wednesday in January, May, and September.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Jos-eph Anderson, M. A.	20 Aug. 1840.	William Hyndman	<i>South Gosport, a.</i>
Alexander Maun, M.A.	16 Feb. 1841.	William Woods	<i>Pakenham.</i>
David Evans	2 June, 1841.	John Hunter	<i>Kitley, b.</i>
Thomas Fraser	14 June, 1844.	Alexander Stewart	<i>Lanark.</i>
William Bain, M.A.	29 Oct. 1845.	James McPherson	<i>Perth.</i>
John McMorine	29 June, 1838.	Robert Bell	<i>Ramsay.</i>
Alexander Spence	27 July, 1848.	John McKinnon	<i>Ottawa.</i>
Solomon Mylne	16 Oct. 1850.	Robert Hunter	<i>Smith's Falls.</i>
Duncan Morrison	22 Oct. 1851.	George Malloch	<i>Brockville.</i>
George Thomson, M.A.	19 Nov. 1851.	Henry Airth	<i>McNab & Horton, c.</i>
Peter Lindsay, M. A.	12 Oct. 1853.	James Henry	<i>Cumberland and Buckingham, d.</i>
James Sinclair	24 Oct. 1853.	William Black	<i>Huntly, e.</i>
William McHutchison	18 Mar. 1857.	John McArthur	<i>Beckwith, f.</i>
William White	24 June, 1857.	Peter Hervie	<i>Richmond.</i>
William C. Clark	27 Oct. 1858.	John Mitchell	<i>Midleville, g.</i>
Joseph Evans, M.A.	3 Nov. 1858.	.....	<i>Oxford Mills, h.</i>
William T. Cauning	19 Oct. 1859.	.....	<i>Bromley, i.</i>
.....	.....	James Blair	<i>Arnprior.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Litchfield.</i>

Hugh J. Borthwick, M.A., *Missionary.*

Ross and Westmeath, Spencerville, Hull, *Mission Stations.*

⚡ a, Hockston; b, Toledo, Kitley; c, Renfrew; d, Cumberland; e, Carp, Huntly; f, Franktown, Beckwith; g, Lanark; h, Oxford Mills, County Grenville; i, Douglas.

9. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—REV. ARCHIBALD WALKER, Clerk.

Meets at Kingston and Belleville alternately, on the first Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Machar, D.D.	25 April 1827.	John Paton	<i>Kingston.</i>
Robert Neill	29 Jan. 1840.	David Allan	<i>Seymour, a.</i>
James Williamson, L.L.D.	25 Feb. 1845.	.....	<i>Queen's College, b.</i>
James George, D.D.	4 Aug. 1834.	.....	<i>Queen's College, b.</i>
Archibald Walker	10 May 1854.	George Neilson	<i>Belleville.</i>
Alexander Buchan	12 Nov. 1856.	Geo. H. Boulter, M.D.	<i>Strling.</i>
John B. Mowat, M.A.	2 May, 1850.	.....	<i>Queen's College, b.</i>
George Porteous	22 Aug. 1860.	Azel Cook	<i>Wolfe Island.</i>
William Leitch, D.D.	9 Nov. 1859.	.....	<i>Queen's College, b.</i>

Pittsburgh, Glenbirnie, and Tyendinaga, Mission Stations.
 ⚡ a, Burnbrae; b, Kingston.

MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein, M.D. *Missionary to the Jews at Monaster.*
 Rev. Louis Baridon *Missionary to the French Canadians.*

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Quebec, the 29th day of May, and concluded on the 5th day of June, 1861 years.

SESSION XXXIII.

DIET I.

At St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, Wednesday the Twentieth Day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one years:

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to appointment,

after sermon by the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, their Moderator, on this text, Acts ch. iv., vs. 19, 20, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard,"—and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. Alexander Mathieson.

The Synod Roll was made up from Presbytery Rolls and read.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

William Bain, Moderator, John Barclay, John Campbell, David Watson, John H. Mackerras, John Campbell, William McKee, James S. Douglas, David Camelon, James Carmichael, Walter R. Ross, John Cook, David Shanks, Duncan Anderson, James Sieveright, Alexander Forbes, Alexander Mathieson, James C. Muir, William Simpson, Frederick P. Sym, William Snodgrass, James Patterson, William Masson, Hugh Urquhart, Robert Dobie, Peter Watson, John Davidson, James Mair, George D. Ferguson, George Bell, Robert Burnet, Hugh Niven, Charles Campbell, George Macdonnell, John Whyte, Alexander Mackid, James Stuart, Alexander Mann, Thomas Fraser, William Bain, John McMorine, Alexander Spence, Solomon Mylne, George Thomson, Peter Lindsay, William White, William C. Clark, William T. Canning, Archibald Walker, Alexander Buchan, John B. Mowat, George Porteous, Ministers; and John Campbell, Edward W. Thomson, John McMurchy, James Galloway, William Paterson, William Smith, Douglas Brymner, Alexander Morris, John McMartin, John Greenshields, Farquhar B. McLennan, Charles P. Treadwell, Alexander D. Fordyce, Alexander Stewart, John McKinnon, George Malloch, James Henry, and George H. Boulter, Elders.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Spence, and passed unanimously, That the Rev. William Bain, M.A., of Perth, be Moderator for the year, and he being present took the chair.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Niven, and passed unanimously, the Moderator tendered to Dr. Mathieson the thanks of the Synod for his appropriate and admirable discourse this day and for his whole conduct as Moderator, and he was requested to publish his sermon.

MINISTERS INVITED TO DELIBERATE.

The Rev. James Black, M.A., an Ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, and the Rev. Thomas G. Smith, a member of the Presbytery of Chicago, Old School Presbyterian Church, United States of America, being present, were invited to take part in the deliberations of this meeting.

REPORT ON BUSINESS.

The report of the Committee on Business was called for and read. The Synod agreed to follow the order of business prepared by the Committee and the recommendations contained in their report.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. On Bills and Overtures;—The Moderator, Convener, the Clerk, Drs. Barclay, Cook, Muir, Urquhart, Smith, and Livingston, Messrs Geo. Bell, Macdonnell, Charles Campbell, Spence, Livingstone, Treadwell, Fordyce, Malloch, and Barker, with instructions to meet at the close of this Diet, and thereafter by adjournment as they see cause, to consider all papers intended to be brought before the Synod and to report any recommendations that may occur to them in regard to their disposal.
2. To revise Presbytery Records;—Professor Mowat, Convener, Messrs Macmurchy, Gordon, Sieveright, Douglas, Patterson, Campbell (Nottawasaga), Mair, Burnet, Niven, Whyte, Mackid, Mann, McMorine, Morrison, Lindsay, Sym, Brymner, Greenshields, Morris, Fordyce, and Neilson, to meet this day at five o'clock.
3. To revise Synod and Commission Records;—Mr. Geo. Bell, Convener, Mr. Spence, and Col. Thomson.
4. To draft an address to the Queen;—Dr. Cook, Convener, Mr. Geo. Thomson, and Mr. Greenshields.
5. To draft an address to the Governor General;—Mr. McMorine, Convener, Mr. Whyte, and Dr. Smith.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

Documents anent applications of the Rev. Archibald Colquhoun of Mulmur, the Rev. Samuel Porter of Clarke, and the Rev. Thomas Fraser of Lanark, having been read, a Committee consisting of Dr. Cook, Convener, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Muir, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Barker, was appointed to consider and report thereon, and on any other application of the same kind that may be made.

APPLICATIONS TO COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Documents anent applications from the congregations of Lanark, and Ross and Westmeath to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland for aid in building Churches, having been laid before the Synod, a Committee consisting of Dr. Barclay, Convener, Mr. Campbell (Brock),

Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Greenshields, was appointed to consider and report thereon, and on any other application of the same kind that may be made.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT—AN ELDER'S COMMISSION.

The Synod heard a Dissent and Complaint of the Rev. H. Niven against a judgment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, of date 19th Dec. 1860, refusing to sustain an Elder's commission. Documents were read and parties called. Mr. Niven appeared for himself and Mr. Burnet was heard for himself in support of the judgment of the Presbytery. Parties having been removed the Synod resolved to defer its decision.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

There was read a copy of despatch from the Secretary to the Colonies, of date 10th July 1860, acknowledging receipt of the Synod's Address of last Session to the Queen, and requesting the Synod to be informed that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously; also the reply of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to the Synod's Address, presented to him, on the occasion of his visit to Canada last summer; also the reply of His Excellency, the Governor General, to the Synod's Address of last Session.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Synod elect the Rev. Alexander Spence, the Rev. John Barclay, D.D., and the Rev. James C. Muir, D.D., to be Trustees of Queen's College, in accordance with the Royal charter, and instruct the Clerk to intimate this election to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, that their names may be placed at the top of the list of clerical Trustees.

ELECTION OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

John Smith, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Machar were elected Clergy Reserve Commissioners, agreeably to regulations of Synod 1848; their names were ordered to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners and the Clerk was instructed to intimate this election to the Board.

ANSWERS TO REASONS OF DISSENT—INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The Committee appointed to answer reasons of dissent from decision on Appeal of John Robertson against the Presbytery of Toronto, respecting the mode of conducting the public psalmody of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, having been called upon, submitted answers which were read, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved, That the reasons now read be received and kept in *retentis* and that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee for the manner in which they have drawn them up.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SABBATH.

The Synod appoints the following ministers to conduct Divine service on Sabbath next;—In this Church, Rev. Professor Mowat, forenoon, and Rev. Robert Burnet, evening; in St. Andrew's Church, Point Levi, Rev. Dr. Barclay, forenoon, and Rev. James Patterson, evening.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.

The Synod renews the Act of last year for the regulation of public collections, as follows:

WHEREAS it is desirable for various reasons to make alterations in the Act of Synod, 1854, anent the regulation of public collections for Missionary and other operations of the Church, and otherwise provide for the due observance of Synodical injunctions in regard to the matter, the Synod repeal the said Act, and appoint the following public collections to be made in all the Churches during the ensuing year, namely: *First*, for the Jewish Mission Scheme—On the first Sabbath of July; *Second*, for the Temporalities Fund—On the first Sabbath of October; *Third*, for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—On the first Sabbath of January; and *Fourth*, for the French Mission Scheme—On the first Sabbath of April; Provided always, that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall happen to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or when any of the said Sabbaths shall be deemed unsuitable and inconvenient for making the collection, then another day may be selected by the Session within four weeks thereafter; Provided also, that in case of any congregation preferring to raise their contributions 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, while rejoicing at the increased fruits of Christian effort in this Church, would earnestly urge on all their people the duty of still further augmenting the means supplied by them for promoting the cause of the Redeemer, hitherto so inadequate to the extent of the field daily opening up to the operations of the Church, and so far within what might be expected from the gratitude and love due to a crucified Saviour. They strictly enjoin all Ministers of the Church to fulfil the duty incumbent on them, of at least exhorting their Congregations to embrace the opportunities afforded them of contributing towards the maintenance and spread of the Gospel of Christ on all the days above specified: And

the Synod enjoin every Minister on a Sabbath preceding that on which each collection is to be made, to give due intimation thereof from the pulpit, together with such information on the object of the collection as he may have been able to acquire; And they enjoin the Conveners of the several Committees and Boards for the management of the Schemes herein specified, to forward in good time to all the Ministers notices of the appointments herein made as they shall become due respectively, together with such statements as it may be of use and interest to read from the pulpit along with their intimations. And in particular the Synod enjoin the several Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to inquire into the diligence of all their Ministers and Congregations in this matter and to record reports thereof in their Presbytery Books, and likewise instruct the Committee of Synod for revising Presbytery Books to notice how far Presbyteries attend to this injunction; And the Synod earnestly urge on all the people seriously to consider the duty of contributing liberally for the advancement of Christ's cause, according to the ability wherewith God has blessed them; And the Synod ordain a sufficient number of copies of this Act to be printed forthwith and distributed among all Ministers and Missionaries, who are hereby enjoined to read it from their pulpits on the first Sabbath after receipt thereof. This Act shall be annually renewed, with such amendments as the Synod may deem called for, and the expense of printing it shall be borne equally by the several Schemes, and the funds of each Scheme shall be charged with all expenses connected with its own management.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.*

The report of the Temporalities Board for the past year was called for and given in, including a Balance sheet of the financial affairs of the Board, a special report of the Home Mission Fund, and a statement of the Contingent Fund. These having been read it was moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Furdyce, and unanimously resolved, That the Synod receive and adopt the reports, thank the Board and the deputations for their services during the past year, and further, while gratefully acknowledging the contributions of such congregations as have made collections for the Contingent Fund during the past year, in view of the insufficiency of the General Fund for the purposes of the Church, earnestly commend its importance to the support of the Church, and enjoin Presbyteries to use diligence that collections for the object be faithfully taken up.

REPRINT OF EARLY MINUTES.

The Clerk having made a statement respecting a continuation of the reprint of the early minutes of Synod, so as to include the second six years of the Synod's proceedings and thereby complete the undertaking, it was agreed that a subscription list lie open during this Session.

CHARGES FOR DISSENTS AND EXTRACTS.

The Clerk having also referred to the former practice of making a charge for the entering of dissents in the minutes, it was resolved to revive the same; and further as regards charges for extracts, associate Mr. Geo. Bell and Mr. Mackerras with the Clerk to report on that subject.†

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

At St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, Thursday, the Thirtieth Day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. C. Clark; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elected Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, William Edmonstone, Esq. and James S. Hunter, Esq., to be Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund; directed their names to be placed at the top of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board; and instructed the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Kingston, for leave to take James S. Mullan and William Darrach, Students of Divinity, on trials for License. The same application was made by the Presbytery of Toronto, in behalf of Alexander McLennan, B.A., by the Presbytery of Glengary in behalf of Archibald Currie, M. A., and by the Presbytery of Quebec in behalf of James Douglas, B. A. The Synod having ascertained that circular letters had been duly issued intimating the inten-

tion of these Presbyteries to make this application, instructed these Students to appear before the following

EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

hereby appointed for this year, namely, the Moderator, *Convener*, Dr. Cook, *Vice-Convener*, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Muir, Dr. Smith, and Messrs Mackerras, Duncan Anderson, Patterson, Dobie, Davidson, Niven, Geo. Bell, Campbell (Brock), Macdonnell, Whyte, Mackid, Rannie, Geo. Thomson, McMorine, Walker, Buchan, Mann, and Campbell (Nottawasaga).

MORRIN COLLEGE.

There was read a Memorial signed by John Cook, D.D., William Stewart Smith, LL.D., and James Dean, Esq., Governors of Morrin College incorporated by Act of the Provincial Parliament during its last Session, praying that in accordance with said Act and Dr. Morrin's Deed of Trust the Synod would appoint two ministers to be Governors of the College, and further, inasmuch as it was the desire of the founder of the said College that education for the ministry of the Church of Scotland should be given in it as well as that general education which is suited to all classes, that the Synod ordain that as soon as evidence shall be laid before this Court that there is a competent staff of Professors for common and theological education, such as is required by the laws of the Church, the certificates of such Professors shall be received by Presbyteries and the Synod as equally valid with those from the Professors of Queen's College and the Scottish Universities.

The Synod appointed Dr. Barclay, Dr. Urquhart, Judge Malloch, and Mr. Morris, a Committee to consider and report on this subject to-day.

The Report of this Committee was read in the evening, as also the Act of Parliament incorporating the Institution, which report recommended that the Synod do express their thankfulness that an Elder of our Church, namely, Mr. Joseph Morrin of Quebec, Surgeon and Physician, should in his lifetime have devoted so large a sum as £12000 towards the promotion of liberal education in Canada and especially for providing means for the instruction of youth intended for the ministry of this Church, and their earnest trust that the intention of the donor may be fully realized, so that the Morrin College may prove a benefit to the Province and a valuable auxiliary of this Church, and that the Synod therefore agree to accept the authority to appoint Governors of the College, and appoint as their first Governors nominated by the Synod, the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., and the Rev. James C. Muir, D.D., and the Synod further agree to accede in other respects to the prayer of the petition so soon as sufficient evidence is afforded them, that the requirements of the Church with regard to literary and theological education are provided for to the satisfaction of the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Greenshields, and seconded by the Rev. A. Mann That the Report be received and adopted and that in accordance with its suggestion, the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., and the Rev. James C. Muir, D.D., be and are elected Governors of the "Morrin College," as provided in the Act of Incorporation, and that a copy of this minute be transmitted by the Moderator to Mrs. Morrin—which motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE OF MINISTERS.

Reports of Presbyteries on the Interim Act anent the maintenance of ministers having been read, it was found that a majority of Presbyteries is in favour thereof, and the Moderator, in terms of the Barrier Act, declared the same to be a law of the Church as follows:—

THAT in every case where the settlement of a Minister is about to take place, it is absolutely necessary that the minimum stipend exclusive of any allowance from the Temporalities Board, be not less than four hundred dollars; that Presbyteries be enjoined to do all in their power to see that the congregations within their respective bounds, implement all pecuniary promises made by them to Ministers; and that the Synod retain all discretionary power in its own hands.

Some members having expressed their desire to dissent against the passing of this Interim Act into a permanent law, the Moderator ruled it incompetent to do so. The house having been appealed to, the Moderator's ruling was sustained by a vote of 32 to 29.

REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERSHIP.

Reports of Presbyteries on the Bill and Overture anent the Representation of the Eldership sent down to Presbyteries by last Synod having been read, it was found and declared that the Bill is disapproved of by a majority of Presbyteries, and that a majority of Presbyteries report approval of the Overture with certain amendments. On motion of Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Mann, it was unanimously resolved to appoint a Committee to reconsider the Overture and the Returns thereon and to frame such a measure as the wants of the Church seem to require. The Moderator nominated a Committee in terms of this resolution, consisting of Dr. Barclay, *Convener*, Dr. Cook, the Clerk, Mr. Greenshields, Judge Malloch, and Mr. Morris.

* Appendix A.

† See Report of Finance Committee, Appendix B.

ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS ON CHURCH COURTS.

Reports of Presbyteries on the Bill anent the attendance of Ministers on Church Courts having been read, the Synod refer the consideration thereof to the Committee on the representation of the Eldership.

METRICAL VERSIONS OF PSALMS.

The Report of the Committee on metrical versions of psalms was called for. No report was given in and the matter was allowed to drop.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Report of the Trustees of Queen's College having been read, it was moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Mackerras, and passed unanimously, That the report now read be received and that the Synod record their high gratification at the many evidences of extended activity and usefulness contained therein, more especially at the fact that all the Faculties contemplated by the founders of the University have now been organised—affording, as these evidences do, greater reason than ever for the Synod to solicit the interest and prayers of the Church in behalf of the Institution.

BURSARY SCHEME.*

The Report of the Committee on the Bursary Scheme having been read by Professor Mowat, it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Clark, and passed unanimously, That the Synod, recognizing the great importance to the growth and progress of the Church of the Bursary Scheme, earnestly recommend that upon the day in each year appointed by the Synod for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the rising generation and upon the officers and students of the College, or upon such other day and in such other way as may be found convenient, congregations make collections in aid of the Fund, and that the Committee, with Dr. Machar as Convener, be reappointed.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.†

Dr. Cook, Convener of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Queen, reported a draft address which was read and agreed to.

JEWISH MISSION.‡

The Report of the Committee on the Jewish Mission Scheme, together with the Treasurer's statement, was read by Mr. Morris. It was moved by Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. Mana, and unanimously resolved, That the Synod adopt the report, and rejoice that the liberal support accorded to the Scheme affords ample proof that our people are fully alive to the responsibility devolving on us of obeying the command to preach the Gospel to every creature, and that the Committee be, and are hereby, reappointed, with Professor Mowat as Convener, and Mr. Morris as Treasurer.

JUVENILE MISSION.§

The Report of the Juvenile Mission having been read it was moved by Mr. Mackid, seconded by Mr. Fordyce, and unanimously resolved, That the report now read be received, adopted and printed in the minutes, and that the Synod heartily rejoice to hear of the success that has attended the efforts of the young persons connected with the Church, and re-elect the Treasurer with thanks for his labour and zeal in the cause.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.¶

The fourteenth annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows, and Orphans' Fund having been called for was read, along with the Treasurer's statement and a copy of By-laws adopted by the Board. It was moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Mr. Mackid, and passed unanimously, That the report now read be received and the thanks of the Synod conveyed to the Chairman and Managers of the Fund; that the Synod rejoice to learn the high degree of prosperity that has marked the Scheme during the past year; again renew their injunction to Presbyteries, Ministers, and Congregations, that they severally attend to the respective duties devolved upon them in connection with this Fund by Act of Synod and the By-laws of the Board; and recommend the Board to carry out their proposal to print a tabular digest of contributions to the Fund.

It having been stated that it is necessary to print another set of copies of the Bond for Ministers' payments to the Fund, the Synod adopt the following form, and embrace this opportunity of calling the attention of Presbyteries to the duties enjoined on them by Act of Synod 1847, namely, that they are not to ordain or induct any probationer or minister until he has first signed the Bond in duplicate attested by the Moderator and Clerk, and that they instruct their Clerk to forward one copy thereof to the Secretary of the Temporalities Board and keep the other *in retentis*—

I, A. B., an Ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, inducted this day of 18 to the charge of C, by the Presbytery of D, a Presbytery of the said Church, hereby authorize the Board of Managers of

* Appendix F. † Appendix G. ‡ Appendix H. § Appendix I. ¶ Appendix J.

the Temporalities Fund of the said Church to pay to the Treasurer of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the said Church, the sum of six dollars out of each and every half-yearly allowance made by them to me, and charge the same to my account.

A. B. Minister of C.

E. F. Moderator of the Presbytery of D.

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The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

At St. Andrew's Church Quebec, Friday, the Thirty-first day of May, Eighteen hundred and Sixty-one years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. James Sieveright, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

An understanding was come to by the Court as to the time and place of next Annual Meeting of Synod.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF TEMPORALITIES FUND.

The Synod re-elect the Rev. John Barclay, D.D., Rev. William Snodgrass, John Young, Esq., and Thomas Paton, Esq., to be members of the Temporalities Board.

PRESENTATION OF SYNOD'S ADDRESS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Dr. Mathieson having read a narrative of proceedings connected with the presentation of the Synod's Address to the Prince of Wales, it was moved by Col. Thompson, seconded by the Rev. George Thompson, and passed unanimously, That this Court express, and hereby expresses, its entire satisfaction with the dignified conduct of Dr. Mathieson on that occasion.

APPLICATION OF REV. JOHN DARROCH FOR ADMISSION.

There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Toronto anent an application of the Rev. John Darroch, M.A., an Ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, Old School, to be received as a minister of this Church. Mr. Darroch was instructed to appear before the Examining Committee.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Committee on Church Property was called upon for their report. No report was received, Mr. Burnet intimating for the Convener, that on account of the fulness of the Congregational Statistics submitted to the Synod last year he did not deem it necessary to send a report this year. The Committee is continued with Judge Logie as Convener, the Synod deeming the duties intrusted to the members thereof as of very great consequence. Members of Synod being aware of the existence of Church Properties, the tenure of which is doubtful or unsatisfactory, are requested to furnish information thereunto to the Convener of this Committee, and the Synod request the Convener to give directions to Presbyteries for the proper security thereof as he may have opportunity, and enjoin Presbyteries to attend to these, and further request the Convener to report all disputed cases to this Court from time to time.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT—COMPLAINTS FROM SALTLEET AND BINBROOK.

The Synod heard a Dissent and Complaint of the Rev. Hugh Niven, Minister of Saltleet and Binbrook, against a decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton, of date 18th July, 1861, respecting complaints which formed a subject of reference to the Synod last year and which were remitted for consideration with instructions. Papers having been read, parties were called, heard, and removed. It was moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Greenshields, That the decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton be sustained in reference to the first three clauses, and at the same time the Synod express disapproval of the terms in which the concluding recommendation is expressed and of such recommendation being embodied in the sentence, however in the circumstances it might have appeared necessary to be given, and the Synod appoint a Committee, consisting of Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Greenshields, and Mr. Morris, to confer with Mr. Niven in a kind and brotherly way, and to advise with him in reference to the whole circumstances of his position. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Snodgrass, and seconded by Dr. Mathieson, That the Complaint be sustained in so far as it respects the fourth clause of the sentence complained against, and that the said clause be expunged from the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton, because of its unconstitutional character. A vote having been taken, the motion carried by 27 to 20, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

AGENT FOR THE CHURCH.

The Report of the Presbytery of Montreal on the Overture transmitted to them on the appointment of an agent of the Church was heard, stating that they had not come to any practical conclusion on the subject.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT—DISSOLVING THE PASTORAL RELATION.

Papers connected with the Dissent and Complaint of the Rev. Hugh Niven against a judgment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, of date April 17th, 1861, declaring the connection of the Complainant with the united congregations of Saltfleet and Binbrook to be forthwith dissolved and referring the determination of his future status to the Synod, having been read, it was moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Peter Watson, That the Synod hereby declare the judgment of the Presbytery of Hamilton to be incompetent and decern that the conduct of the Presbytery is highly censurable, inasmuch as it appears on the face of the documents presented in this case, that they proceeded to sever the connection between the Complainant and his people in disregard of the laws of the Church. The Moderator having asked, Shall this motion pass? a vote was demanded, when it was affirmed by 48 against 6.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

At St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, Saturday, the First Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one Years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. Campbell (Brock); and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Dr. Cook read the Report of the Examining Committee, recommending the Messrs. Currie, Douglas, Darroch, Mullan, and McLennan be taken on trials by their respective Presbyteries, but that Presbyteries be enjoined not to grant License in any case unless the student stand to their satisfaction a full and searching examination founded on Hill's Lectures, and that Presbyteries be reminded that the Synodical examination is in no respect intended to supersede the Presbyterial examination; that Mr. John Darroch, who produced evidence of a complete theological education at Princeton, an extract of his License and a Presbyterial Certificate, be received as a minister of this Church, the Committee believing that he will prove a valuable acquisition, and that in his case the law requiring a year's probation previous to induction be suspended as the Presbytery receiving him may see fit; and that a Committee consisting of Dr. Cook, Convener, Dr. Mathieson, Professor Mowat, Dr. Muir, Mr. Spence, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Urquhart, Mr. George Bell, Mr. McKerras, Judge Malloch, Dr. Smith, Mr. Greenshields, and Mr. Morris, be appointed to consider the whole matter of studies preparatory to the ministry, with instructions to consult the Principal, professors, and Trustees, of Queen's College, and report on this subject to next meeting of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Douglas, and passed unanimously, That the report now read be adopted, and the above-named Committee appointed.

SYNOD FUND.*

The Report of the Finance Committee, together with the Treasurer's statement of the Synod Fund, was read by Mr. Mackerras. The Synod adopt the report and statement now read, and, being sensible of the trouble which the management of the Fund and the preparation of these documents entail, and feeling deeply aggrieved by the large list of arrears now submitted, renew their injunctions to Sessions to be faithful in forwarding their contributions, as these constitute the means by which the Synod is enabled to give practical effect to its proceedings.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT—COMMISSION OF WM. WRIGHT.

The Synod proceeded to give judgment in the case of Dissent and Complaint heard the first day of this Session. It was moved by Mr. Greenshields, and seconded by Mr. Peter Watson, That the Complaint be sustained, and the name of Mr. Wright, whose Commission was rejected by the Presbytery of Hamilton, be entered on the Roll of this Court. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Mylne, and seconded by Mr. Mann, That the Complaint be dismissed, and that the Commission be not sustained. It was also moved in amendment by Judge Malloch, and seconded by Mr. Morris, That inasmuch as it appears to this Court that the Moderator of the Session of Saltfleet and Binbrook gave public notice from the pulpit of the meeting of Session for the election of a Representative Elder, which notice was a regular notice to the whole Session to meet, and as Mr. Wright was elected at that meeting, the

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Commission be sustained. A vote having been taken, the second amendment was carried against the first by 40 to 4, and the motion against the second amendment by 28 to 13, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

At St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, Monday, the Third Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one Years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. S. Douglas; and the minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and sustained.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.*

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools having been called for, was read by Mr. Macdonnell, Convener. It was moved by Mr. George Bell, seconded by Mr. John McKinnon, and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the report now read; express gratification with the intelligence it conveys of the increasing interest manifested in Sabbath Schools, and of the number of schools reported; re-appoint the Committee with Mr. Macdonnell as Convener; suggest that each Presbytery appoint a Committee of its number to receive the returns from each congregation and transmit them to the Committee; warmly recommend this vital and important object to the affectionate regard of all our people; and require Sessions to see to the constant direct teaching of Scripture and the Shorter Catechism in their Sabbath Schools.

MINUTE OF PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO—INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The Synod heard read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, of date 21st May last, declaring, in regard to the sentence of the Synod given last year in the case of Robertson vs. the Presbytery of Toronto, that it does not yet appear to be expedient to interfere with the use of the melodeon in the psalmody of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Dr. Urquhart, That in the present state of the question the answer given be considered satisfactory, and that the matter be remitted to the Presbytery of Toronto, with instructions to see that the injunctions of last Synod be attended to. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Snodgrass, and seconded by Mr. Mann, That it appears from the minute now read, that the Presbytery of Toronto has not exercised a due and necessary diligence in giving effect to the Synod's deliverance of last year, yet learning that the Presbytery has misunderstood the nature and extent of the power given by this Court, now instruct the Presbytery of Toronto to use forthwith all lawful means in the exercise of its authority over the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, to cause the sentence of this Court, given last session, to be carried into effect, to wit, "to cause the musical instrument which has been for some time in use in that Church to be removed without unnecessary delay after this date." A vote having been taken the motion was carried by 35 to 14, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

FRENCH MISSION.*

The report of the French Mission Committee having been called for was read by the Convener. It was moved by Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Mackid, and unanimously resolved, That the Synod receive the report and re-appoint the Committee with Mr. Snodgrass, as Convener, and the members thereof resident in Montreal as an Executive Committee; accept with gratitude the ascertained though still slight indication of reviving interest in this important mission afforded by the increased contributions of the people, this year as compared with last; and earnestly solicit, not only a continuance, but also an enlargement of this liberality, with the view of enabling the Committee to engage another Missionary.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

A report from the Committee on Congregational Statistics was read by the Convener. It set forth that while 70 Sessions had made returns this year, no return had been received from 37 congregations, only 10 of these being vacant charges, and recommended that the Synod require returns to be given in by these also, so that the Church may be put in possession of one complete return which it has not yet obtained. It was moved by Mr. Greenshields, seconded by Mr. Mann, and agreed, that the Report be received and the Committee thanked for their labours; and as it is most desirable to obtain one complete return from every Session, that Sessions that have not made returns be, and are, enjoined to send returns for the past year to the Rev. Robert Dobie, Convener of the Committee, not later than the 15th day of July next.

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UNION.

A document purporting to be a report of the Committee on union between this church and the other Presbyterian churches in the Province, and a minute of a meeting purporting to be a meeting of the Committee on union, were read. It was moved by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. John McKinnon, That Dr. George's report be received, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to Dr. George, for his attention to the business intrusted to him by the Synod, for his judicious conduct in calling to his aid, in absence of the Committee appointed by the Synod, so many able and tried friends of the Church, and for so decidedly refraining from committing himself or the Synod to any basis or terms of union, while yet ascertaining that there was a friendly spirit open to further and more definite negotiation in the other Presbyterian bodies in the Province; appoint a Committee to prepare such basis of union for this Church to agree to, and to receive any communication or overture on the subject of union which may be sent to them from Committees of other Presbyterian bodies and to report both to the next meeting of Synod; and the Synod do in the meantime enjoin on all the office-bearers of this Church to cultivate a friendly and brotherly spirit with the office-bearers of other Presbyterian churches, agreeing with us as they do in all things essential in doctrine, worship, and ecclesiastical order, and that ministerial communion and interchange of pulpits be authorized when it is found convenient and desirable.

After some discussion the consideration of this subject was deferred.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET VI.

At St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, Tuesday, the Fourth Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. T. Canning; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

The discussion consequent on the reading of papers on the matter of union yesterday was resumed. It was moved in amendment to Dr. Cook's motion, by Mr. MacKerras, and seconded by Mr. Walker, That the report of the Convener of the Committee on union having been read, the Synod, while adhering to the past declarations of this Court as to the desirability of union among the Presbyterians of Canada who are agreed in doctrine and discipline with the Church of Scotland, yet finding that in present circumstances the proposed union cannot be entertained without disturbing the harmony of this Church, take no action on the report and do not reappoint the Committee on this subject, but the Synod express their earnest trust that though a visible union is evidently impracticable at present, all branches of the Presbyterian body in Canada may avoid unseemly rivalry and cultivate a spirit of Christian charity. The question was put, motion or amendment? when the latter was carried by a vote of 29 to 20, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

FINAL STATEMENT OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

There was read and laid upon the table a final statement of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners per the Treasurer. The Synod recommends the Commissioners to put the balance now in the hands of the Commissioners in charge of the Temporalities Board, to be paid by them to its rightful owners.

MEMORIAL AND PETITION—INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

There was read a memorial by John Robertson, Esq., of Toronto, complaining of the Presbytery of Toronto for not seeing the sentence of Synod in his case of Appeal carried into effect, as also a petition signed by the Hon. Justice McLean and Col. E. W. Thompson, members of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, representing that they deemed it most prudent to forbear any proceeding towards the removal of the musical instrument complained of from that Church.

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS KYDD.

There was read a memorial by Thomas Kydd, of Goderich, containing certain complaints. The Synod agreed to appoint and hereby appoint a Commission, consisting of the Rev. John Hogg of Guelph, Rev. George Macdonnell of Fergus, and Col. E. W. Thompson of Toronto, to advise with the Presbytery of London at their meeting at Goderich, on the first Wednesday of September next, in regard to the contents of the memorial, and enjoin the said Presbytery to give heed to such advice as these Commissioners may give, and proceed according to the laws of the Church, and instruct the Clerk of the Presbytery of London to notify all parties concerned of the said meeting.

REPORT ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Professor Mowat read the report of the Committee on Presbytery Records, as follows:—

That the Committee recommend the Records of all the Presbyteries to be attested as carefully and correctly kept *cum his notis*,

In the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary the name of the Representative Elder of Lochiel was not given in the minute recording that his Commission was presented; the Moderator's circular is not copied into the minutes of the *pro re nata* meetings held on Sept. 19, Feb. 27, and March 27; and in the minutes of Inductions at Martintown and L'Orignal it is not stated that the Act of Independence was read to the ministers inducted, nor that they signed the Formula, and the bonds for Widows' Fund:

In the Records of the Presbytery of Guelph on pages 20 and 22 the name of Mr. Macdonnell appears as Moderator and Clerk at the same meeting; and in the minute of Induction at Mount Forest it is not stated that the Act of Independence was read to the minister:

In the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec the minute of members present at each meeting is not in the usual form; and no mention is made of the production of Session Records, of the Sustaining of Elders' Commissions when presented, and of inquiry as to whether the Synodical collections were taken up:

In the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal three minutes are signed by the Clerk previously to his appointment as Clerk; and there are no marginal notes:

In the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton the minutes of the meeting held on April 17th, have been engrossed before being sustained at an ordinary meeting:

In the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto the Christian names of those mentioned are not given even when noticed for the first time; in the minutes of three Inductions the words "in name and by authority of the Presbytery of Toronto" are used instead of the words, "in name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by authority of the Presbytery of Toronto;" and it is not stated that inquiry was made whether the Synodical collections were taken up, nor whether Session Records were called for:

In the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst there ought to have been mention made of Rev. William Johnson's reasons of removal from the charge of Arrnprior:

And in the Records of the Presbytery of London the signature of the Moderator is wanting to the minutes of June 2, 1860, and July 19, 1860; the signature of the Clerk is wanting to the minutes of Nov 21 and Dec. 5; deleted words are not marked in the margin on page 90, line 21, page 92, line 11, and page 94, line 23; words interlined at page 92, line 24, are not noticed in the margin; and in some instances the phraseology is not happy, e. g., on page 92, line 14, the word "as" should be "of," same page, line 39, the word "various" is ambiguous; on page 103 the time of day is ambiguous, not being marked A.M. or P.M., and on page 90 it should be stated that the Elders' Commissions presented were sustained.

The Synod having heard the report adopted the same, and the Moderator having asked if any member had any other observations to make on any of these Records, none were offered, and the Synod instructed their Clerk to attest them accordingly, and ordered Presbyteries to attend to the remarks made, and cause the necessary corrections as far as is now practicable.

REPORT OF SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

The Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Synod and Commission Records, bearing that these are carefully and correctly kept, was read, and the Moderator was instructed to attest them accordingly.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.*

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath observance was read. It was moved by Mr. McMorine, seconded by Mr. Mackid, and passed unanimously; That the Synod, believing the religious observance of the Sabbath to be essential to the real prosperity of the Province, approve of the efforts made by the Committee in reference to the desecration of this Holy Day in Public Offices and by Railway and Steamboat Companies, and reappoint the Committee, with the Rev. William Bain as Convener.

ACT ANENT CALLING AND SETTLING OF MINISTERS.

The Act anent the calling and settling of ministers was continued *ad interim*, and Presbyteries were instructed to report thereon to next session of Synod.

AMALGAMATION OF CONGREGATIONAL TRUSTEES AND MANAGERS.

The Rev. George Macdonnell was heard in support of an Overture by him for the amalgamation of Congregational Trustees and Managers into one body. The Synod appoint Mr. Snodgrass, Judge Malloch, and Mr. Morris, a committee to report on this subject to next meeting of Synod.

REPORT ON APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

The Report of the Committee on applications of ministers for leave to retire was read, recommending that the Rev. Thomas Fraser of Lanark, the Rev. Archibald Colquhoun of Mulmer, and the E. J. Samuel Porter of Clarke, be permitted to retire in the enjoyment of their commutation allowances from the Temporalities Fund in full. It was moved, seconded, and agreed, That the report of the Committee to that effect be adopted, and that the Presbyteries of Bathurst and Toronto be instruct-

ed, and they are hereby instructed, to give effect to this resolution according to the laws of the Church; and further in regard to the Rev. James Stuart of Woodstock and Norwich, who was present and submitted to the pleasure of the Synod as to his retirement, the Synod instruct the Presbytery of London to accept of his resignation, he being allowed to enjoy his commutation allowance from the Temporalities Fund in full.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Mr. McMorine read a draft Address to the Governor General which was adopted, and the Clerk is instructed to transmit a copy thereof to His Excellency, along with a copy of the Synod's Address to the Queen, with a request that it may be forwarded to the proper quarter.

APPLICATIONS TO COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The Synod considered an application from adherents of the Church in Ekfrid to the Colonial Committee for aid in building a place of worship. The Synod instruct their Clerk to authenticate the documents read, and the Clerk of the Presbytery of London to forward them to the Secretary of the Colonial Committee with an extract of this deliverance. The Synod gave like instructions in regard to an application of the same kind from the congregation of Lanark which it was agreed to recommend strongly.

REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERSHIP.

The Committee on the representation of the Eldership having been called on, the Convener stated that they had been unable for want of time to prepare a report. The Synod retransmit the following Overture, with an addition to the third clause, as an interim Act:

That every Kirk-Session shall elect one of their number to represent the Session, in the Superior Courts for the year, and it shall be the duty of the Minister to call a meeting of Session, for the purpose of such election, on some convenient day within two months after the rising of the Synod.

It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to ascertain that Kirk-Sessions and Ministers perform their several duties in this respect, and take order where from any cause, an election has not taken place within the two months specified, that it be made with all convenient speed.

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We have pleasure in inserting the Address of the Rev. William Bain, the Moderator of the Synod, delivered to that body at the close of its recent session:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—The business pertaining to our Church, for which we have, in the name of its adorable Head met in Synod, is now completed.

We dare not take any merit to ourselves either for what we have done or for the manner in which we have done it, for who of us does not feel that in that entire devotedness to the interests of the Church which ought to distinguish us, and in the purity of motive which ought to influence us, we are still very deficient. How imperfectly have we, by our labours and sacrifices as the servants of Christ, shewn our gratitude to our Lord, who has given us all our possessions, who has assigned us our high places of honour and responsibility in His Church,—yea, who has died for us that, whether we live or die, we might be His—His to glorify Him, and His to be glorified and forever blessed by Him? When we think of the Church of Christ as purchased by His blood, and of the important duties which He has devolved upon us in connection with this Church and in behalf of it, all of us, ministers and elders, in remembrance of our past unfaithfulness and apathy, where the highest interests of God and of man, of time and of eternity, have been concerned, are ready, I trust, in no affected but in sincere humility and godly penitence, to say, "Shame and confusion of face belong unto us."

But, while, in remembrance of the past, we dare not boast but must rather feel humbled, yet a contemplation of the present state of our Church, as brought under our review in course of the days we have sitted in Synod, is well fitted, I feel, to cause us to thank God and take courage.

The Representative Elder shall in every case hold office till his successor is appointed, or till the expiry of the two months.

It shall be competent for Representative Elders to resign and for Sessions to appoint a successor, whose Commission shall be valid when presented to the Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS FOR 1862.

The Synod appoint the Moderator, The Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Cook, Dr. George, Dr. Barclay, Rev. J. Bain, Rev. K. McLennan, and the Representative Elders from Montreal, Brockville, and Toronto, their Committee on Business for next Session.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod appoint their Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the first Wednesday in October next, at noon, in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the third Wednesday of February next, at noon, and oftener by adjournment when and where the Commission may choose. Nine Commissioners shall be a quorum, of whom five must be Ministers. In all their actings the Commissioners shall proceed according to the Act of Synod, 1859, ancient the nature, powers, and duties of the Commission of the Supreme Court of this Church.

The Synod appoint Dr. Mathieson, Rev. W. Simpson, A. Morris, and J. Greenshields to revise the minutes of this Session previous to their being engrossed and printed.

It was moved by Mr. Greenshields, seconded by Dr. Barclay, and passed unanimously, That the Synod record their thanks to the Minister and members of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained the members of this Court during this Session.

The minutes of this Diet were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and after praise and prayer said,—

In the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the KING and ONLY HEAD of this Church, and in the name of this Synod, I dissolve this meeting, and appoint the next annual meeting of Synod to convene in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the 1st Wednesday in May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two years, at eleven o'clock, forenoon:

Of which public intimation was made, and the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

The various important measures which have come before us have been discussed with a fulness and freedom of speech that afford evidence that the members of this Court, ministers and elders, have learned to call no man their master—One being their Master, even Christ. But, amidst all the full and free discussion which has marked this meeting of Synod, how pleasing at its close to feel that in the main a spirit of kind brotherly love has throughout prevailed, and that, if there has been any contending, that contending has been for what was felt to be important principle and truth.

It is also a very pleasant reflection that, while we have reason to believe the subordinate judicatories of our Church have been vigilant over those entrusted to their inspection and faithful in the administration of discipline, not a single case has been before this Court affecting the moral character of any of the ministers or office-bearers of our Church.

The Reports of our University, Temporalities Board and various Missionary Schemes have all, without exception, been of a very gratifying and encouraging character. Our University has been reported to us as now complete in all its Faculties, and it has at the head of its efficient and devoted staff of Professors a Principal who has already, brief as has been the period he has been in office, given ample assurance that he will fulfil all the high expectations we have been led to entertain in reference to him. Let us, then, more than ever feel that duty to our University, our country and our Church requires us in our several localities to seek out, encourage and aid young men of promising gifts and graces, that advantage may be taken by them of the favourable opportunities for a thorough literary and theological education now offered by our University.

In connection with this permit me also to

say that it is surely to us all matter of gratitude to God and of legitimate congratulation that we can now look forward to the establishment, at no distant day in this city, of "Morrin College,"—an institution with aims kindred to those of Queen's College, and in close connection with our Church. This is the more gratifying as the funds by which this College is to be established have been the spontaneous offering of one who has long been an office-bearer in this Church, and who therefore in this gift may be supposed to give expression at once to his high appreciation of the institutions and ordinances of our Church and of the personal benefits he has derived from them.

The decided measure of success which has attended the steps already taken to supplement what may appropriately be termed at once the Sustentation, the Church Extension and Home Mission Fund of our Church, and which, in the gratifying report that has been presented to us respecting it, is truthfully declared "to be of the most vital importance to the progress and prosperity of the Church," affords pleasing proof that the important objects of that Fund commend themselves strongly to the judgment and affections of the most intelligent and right-minded of our people, and further affords a pledge, it is trusted, that the ultimate success of the Fund shall be such as shall, by the grace of God, secure to this Province in all time to come, the unspeakable blessings flowing from the preaching of the doctrines of the Gospel and the administration of its ordinances by a thoroughly educated, pious and zealous ministry according to the standards and forms of our Church, which, without speaking disparagingly of any other Church organizations, we hold to be in its constitution and all its institutions most in accordance with Scripture, and therefore most efficient for good, when faithfully exhibited and carried out.

It belongs to us ministers to show that

a fund which renders ministers in part independent for their support upon the people to whom they minister does not make the ministers less the servants of their people for Christ's sake, nor cause them the less diligently, affectionately and faithfully to "preach the word, instruct in season and out of season, reproving, rebuking and exhorting with all long suffering and doctrine," so that at last they may, through the Spirit, present their people faultless before God and the Father. By our faithfulness and activity as Ministers of Christ, we can do much to further the important objects of this Mission Scheme among our people. By our indolence and inefficiency, we will furnish them with what shall and perhaps ought to be considered good reasons against an Endowment fund—reasons at all events, whether good or bad, of which many, willing to get an excuse to quiet their own consciences and to present to their neighbours for not giving to this Scheme, will not be slow to take advantage.

It has been pleasing also to hear that there has been improvement this year in the contributions given by our congregations to the Jewish and French Mission Schemes of our Church. But how disproportioned still these contributions to the importance of the objects contemplated by these Missions, and also to the means possessed by our people, in the bountiful providence of God, for sustaining them and increasing the agents now employed in carrying them on! While we continue then in love and faithfulness to commend to our congregations the claims of these Missions, let us not forget to remember in the prayers of the Sanctuary and at our family altars our Missionaries who are amidst many discouragements and sore trials laboring for us in connection with these Missions.

The long and interesting discussion which took place, when the encouraging Report of our Sabbath Schools was under discussion, affords proof that the lambs of our flocks, though absent, are not forgotten by us, but are very dear unto us, and that we are anxiously and zealously solicitous at once to surround them with every safeguard from error and injury and to supply them with the most Scriptural and efficient means, in the family and in the Sabbath School, for advancing their temporal and eternal welfare. Let them know the affectionate interest which has been manifested in the Synod by so many in their behalf.

I have alluded to the Scriptural Constitution of our Church. In virtue of this, and of our honorable and happy connection with the Parent Church, we occupy at this moment a most favorable position for usefulness in this country, and the experience of the past few years in the increased zeal and devotion to the interests of the Church, external and spiritual, on the part of Ministers, Elders and people justifies us in hoping that we shall continue to advance in our power, as a Church, for good. Let us, therefore, one and all guard against doing any thing that might compromise or imperil our position and influence for good as a Church of Christ. While, however, with a holy jealousy, providing for this, let us now and ever show that neither disposition nor effort in accordance with the word and will of Christ is wanting on our part, or shall be wanting, to bring about the blessed consummation prayed for so fervently by our Lord in behalf of His disciples, that "they all may be one, that an ungodly world may believe that the Father hath sent Him,"—let us, with a view to this, cultivate a spirit of brotherly love towards those who, differing with us in minor points, yet hold with us the Head Christ. Let us, as much as in us lies, not only keep, but also manifest the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

We can, I feel, indulge the pleasing hope that this shall be the case. The lengthened and earnest discussion which has taken place on the question that has been before the Synod on the subject of Union with other Presbyterian bodies has fully elicited the mind of the Synod on all these important matters, and I feel assured that every one who has listened to that discussion cannot but feel that, however members of this Synod may differ in opinion as to the practical difficulties existing in the way of a Union, there is but one feeling in the Synod as to the desirableness of union, according to our Lord's prayer, among His professed followers, and also as to the duty of all its members to cultivate brotherly love and maintain a brotherly Christian intercourse with the office-bearers and members of other bodies holding the Standards of our Church and one feeling also, and one determination in reference to the Parent Church—a feeling of profound gratitude, and respect to that Church, and a determination to do nothing that would bring us into less friendly connection with it than that which now exists.

Let brotherly love then continue. Let us "put on as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave us, so also let us forgive."

Fathers and Brethren, since we last met in Synod, three of our brethren have been called to give in their account unto God, and also we trust to receive their reward from Him. Let us regard this as the voice of our Lord addressing us in words of admonition and also of encouragement. Let us remember that to us too the night of death is just coming, when we can no longer rule or preach, or perform services of any kind in the house of God on earth, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth. When we are removed from the places we now occupy in the Church upon earth, may we all appear in holiness and glory in God's temple in heaven, to receive the eternal reward promised by Him to those who rule well in His Church here, and have been wise to win souls. I again most sincerely thank you for the honor you have conferred on me in electing me your Moderator, and now also for the indulgence you have extended to me in the very imperfect manner in which, I feel, I have been able to discharge the duties of this chair.

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Thursday, the 24th of May, being the day appointed for commencing the sittings of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Lord High Commissioner held the usual opening-day levee in the Picture Gallery of Holyrood Palace at 11 o'clock forenoon.

OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

About 2 o'clock his Grace left the High Church for the Assembly Hall.

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Maitland, having constituted the meeting by prayer:

Mr. Beaton Bell (agent for the Church) read the roll of members of Assembly.

The Moderator then said—Reverend fathers and brethren, I cannot retire from this chair without expressing the deep and grateful sense I entertain, and must continue to entertain, of the high favour and unrivalled honour conferred on me by last General Assembly in electing me to the office of Moderator. To the discharge of the important duties which this venerable Court conferred on me, I can con-

scientiously say that I looked forward with no little distrust, misgiving and apprehension. These duties were, however, rendered comparatively light by the order, propriety and Christian spirit which pervaded the deliberations of the last General Assembly from its commencement to its close. And now, reverend fathers and brethren, before taking my place among you in the body of the House, I would humbly, in conformity with the usual practice—a practice which, I believe, has hitherto conduced to the peace and comfort of the venerable Assembly—suggest to you the name of a reverend brother who, I believe, will discharge with honour to himself and satisfaction to the Assembly the duties of the Moderatorship. I allude to the Rev. Dr. Colin Smith, of Inverary. With Dr. Smith previously to my coming to town on this occasion I had not the slightest acquaintance—I am not aware that I had ever seen him before; but his high attainments and his urbanity of manners are well known and recognized throughout the Church; and in his own extensive locality, where he is best known, he is very highly appreciated, and stands second to none in the respect in which he is held by all classes of the community. Without detaining you further, I beg leave to suggest, as a fit and proper person to occupy this chair, the Rev. Dr. Colin Smith, minister of Inverary.

The Moderator elected was then introduced by the Clerks; and, having shaken hands with the retiring Moderator, he took the chair, and bowed to all parts of the House.

Her Majesty's commission to Lord Bellhaven to represent her in the General Assembly was read and recorded, as also Her Majesty's gracious letter, which was couched in the usual terms.

The Lord High Commissioner then said—Right Reverend and Right Honourable—Her Majesty has been graciously pleased again to appoint me as her representative in the General Assembly, and has commanded me to express to you the perfect confidence with which she looks forward to this meeting of your venerable Court. Right Reverend—Her Majesty also desires me to deliver to you her usual royal gift of £2000 for the religious instruction of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Right Reverend and Right Honourable—Since last I had the honour of addressing you from this place, as the representative of the Sovereign, we, in common with all her subjects, have had to deplore the loss which the Sovereign has sustained by the death of a parent who watched over her tender years and guided the instruction of her early youth, encouraging in her mind every noble sentiment, and cherishing all those lofty and generous feelings which have won for her the love and affection of her people and at the same time the respect and admiration of the civilized world.

THE LATE DUCHESS OF KENT.

Dr. Maitland said—I rise to propose that a small committee should be appointed to prepare a humble and loyal address of sympathy and condolence to Her Majesty under the heavy domestic affliction with which it has pleased God, in His providence, recently to visit her. Her illustrious mother, the Duchess of Kent, had no doubt arrived at a mature age, but no one who recollects a first great sorrow can fail to sympathize with Her Majesty in her recent bereavement. In losing her mother, she lost one who had tended her, as has been well observed, with a care and tenderness, with a wisdom, sagacity and foresight, I believe, perfectly unparalleled. Of this we require no proof but the contemplation of the virtues and equally accomplishments of our most gracious Sovereign. (Applause.) In looking to Queen Victoria we behold a monument to the memory of the Duchesses of Kent

which will not be merely looked to by existing generations, but which shall hand down the memory of the Duchess of Kent to future generations as one who, placed in very trying circumstances indeed, discharged with zeal, fidelity and success the important duties devolved upon her by the death of her lamented husband. I beg to propose that a small committee be appointed to prepare a loyal address to her Majesty. (Applause.)

FRIDAY, May 24.

The General Assembly met to-day at 12 o'clock. The Moderator, Dr. Smith, Inverary, presided, and constituted the meeting by prayer.

THE ENDOWMENT SCHEME.

The Rev. Wm. Smith, North Leith, read the report of the Endowment Scheme, which was as follows:—

"Your committee, in presenting their annual report, must begin by referring to the very sad and irreparable loss which they, in common with the Church and country at large, have sustained through the death of their reverend and lamented convener. The suddenness of his removal from the midst of all his active usefulness greatly aggravated the severity of the stroke at the time: and the impossibility of supplying his place has not permitted them to forget its painfulness. The report which was read by Professor Robertson to last General Assembly was more hopeful in its spirit and terms than for several years before. His end was in beautiful accordance with his life. The same simple faith in God sustained him, when passing at last through the dark waters, which had prompted his life-long efforts to promote the cause of Christ and of Truth in the World. He was ready to depart when his Lord called him away to his rest, and, with a prayer for the Spirit to bless and prosper the scheme which in death as in life he deemed so important to the interests of religion in his native land, he passed away to the unseen world, and the latter end of that man was peace. Truly a great man fell in Israel when Professor Robertson was taken from us. He will long be remembered with affectionate respect and gratitude in this House and throughout Scotland.

"What he actually accomplished for the cause intrusted to the committee, of which he was not merely the convener but literally the very life and soul, may be here briefly summed up. Under his management the Endowment Scheme, as originally cast in a general form, has been the means of directly securing the addition of 41 new parishes to the Church, while it has likewise been in a great measure instrumental in leading to the erection of 8 additional parishes (2 of them *quoad sacra*, which were respectively endowed by the principal proprietors, 6 *quoad omnia*, with endowments out of the funds), in all 49 new parishes, the total provision made for which, if we take into account all relative expenses connected with feu-duties, buildings, &c., may be estimated at upwards of £200,000.

"In addition to this, of the sum of £200,000, proposed to be raised by the provincial plan, there had at the period of his death been subscribed in group I., about £24,000. group II., about £35,000, group III., about £40,000; group IV., about £20,000. group V., £31,000—in all, £150,000.

"About £60,000 additional from groups II and V. were reported to last General Assembly, by the particulars, which were no doubt sufficiently known to Dr. Robertson, although not committed by him to writing, have not yet been ascertained, and the amount cannot therefore be at present reckoned on to any considerable extent.

"The full obligation to pay instalments of

the sums subscribed, as stated above, had arisen only in group III., but yet there had been actually paid to the treasurer—From group I., £1064 Gs.; from group II., £6639 0s. 3d.; from group III., £22,024 17s. 8d.; from group IV., £2239 12s. 2d.; from group V., £4598 9s. 2d.—in all, £36,566 5s. 3d. By means of this branch of the Scheme 11 chapels had been endowed in group III., and 1 chapel in group II., making on the whole 61 new parishes erected at the total cost of not less than £250,000.

"Such was the portion of his work achieved before the convener ceased from his labours. The General Assembly will easily conceive the difficulty felt by the committee in carrying on such a work without him. Their first step was to summon a meeting of the most influential members and friends of the Church for the purpose of giving something like adequate expression to the deep sense universally entertained of the heavy loss which the Church and the country had suffered by his death, and of concerting measures for prosecuting the work that had devolved upon them. This meeting was held in Edinburgh on 28th January last. His Grace the Lord High Commissioner kindly presided on the occasion."

Principal Tulloch said—I rise to move the adoption of this report, and of a minute in connection with it. I can say without any hesitation that I wish most heartily that this work had fallen into worthier and abler hands than mine. It was my good fortune on two previous occasions, to move the adoption of the report of the Endowment Scheme. Hitherto this has been a pleasant and comparatively easy task. On the present occasion I regret to say that it is a painful and mournful one. It is impossible to mention the Endowment Scheme without recalling the name of its late venerated convener; and, even if this were possible, this report in its very first sentence most rightly recalls him, and his labours it not unduly commemorates, for his name must remain more than any other name associated with this great scheme of Christian enterprise. The loss of Dr. Robertson is, I am sure, the subject that most fills the heart of every member of the General Assembly this day, when they think of the Endowment Scheme, its situation and its prospects. At any time and in any circumstances the loss of Dr. Robertson would be a deplorable one. His character, his talents, the energy of his nature, and above all the single-hearted and almost heroic Christian devotedness of the man made him an honour to the Church—an honour, I am sure, that all acknowledged, however at the time they might differ from him in opinion. Born of what we may call the yeoman race of Scotland, he inherited the vigour of his race both in body and mind. Naturally energetic, acute and sagacious—gifted with a sturdy and indomitable logic—he united with those more common qualities an open comprehensive mind, the utmost freedom from prejudice, great tenderness of feeling, and great tolerance of judgment, and above all, I think, a certain comprehensive insight into principles still more rarely found. The possession of these qualities early fitted him to take an active and prominent part in the business of the Church and in the proceedings of the General Assembly. Early, at least early so far as the date of his ministry was concerned, he became an accomplished and influential debater in the Church Courts. Though I can but feebly recall the character of his early speeches through the heat of those angry contentions that so long rent the Church, there are many here who can recall them, and I am sure they will bear me out in saying that no one brought to these keen and famous debates a better spirit and more pow-

erful intellect than Dr. Robertson. (Applause.) Others might excel him in skilful pleadings and in forensic address—others might excel him in earnest and impassioned rhetoric, and in mere subtlety and ingenuity of argument; but I am sure none excelled him in open and manly simplicity of purpose—none excelled him in comprehensive grasp of the great principles he believed at stake, and none excelled him in the vigorous and triumphant logic with which he set forth these principles. (Applause.) And we all remember in later times the eloquent enthusiasm with which he decanted on the great Christian interest that he conceived to be at stake in this scheme for which he so laboured. I am sure there is no young member of the Church—I do not know that there are any old members in it—who have not had their hearts often stirred by the glowing, if somewhat expansive, eloquence with which he would dwell on the duties, capacities and privileges of the national Church—above all, for that Scotch Church that he loved so well, and for which he laboured so hard. (Applause.) I think I may say in conclusion that it would be well should all feel the real urgency of doing what he can to complete this scheme. It is well known that it was never meant to be a standing Christian enterprise of the Church, and that it is a provisional scheme in its very idea. It was intended to meet a definite spiritual want; and it was in this respect an offshoot from the great Home Mission Scheme, and beyond doubt the good this scheme has effected will be of permanent benefit to the Church and to the Home Mission yet. So long as this special scheme stands in the way, the Home Mission work is to some extent impeded. I will not argue—solemn as the moment is—the necessity of completing the scheme out of respect to the memory of Dr. Robertson. Solemn as that consideration is, I think it belongs to a still more solemn, higher and worthier consideration than even this. The spiritual destitution of Scotland is a burden that lies at the conscience of the National Church, a burden which that Church must confess and deplore as it looks for God's blessing—a burden which the Church must do what it can to relieve and raise if it hopes for the continuance of God's blessing. It was this idea that actuated our lamented friend; it was this that gave such an impulse to his labours, and that sustained him in his self-denying exertions. Every minister, elder and member of the Church ought to be so far under an influence of this kind. Beyond doubt there are days of danger, and it may be, days of darkness, ahead for our National Church, but beyond doubt, if the Church ignores this great fact—if it does not recognise and strive what it can to meet this great difficulty—beyond doubt whatever dangers are ahead of the Church will be tenfold aggravated. I trust there will be a power in the Church to complete this great scheme, and, when we have done so, when we have added the last and hundred-and-fiftieth church—the number that was in the mind of our lamented friend as somewhat measuring the field of spiritual destitution to be overtaken—then, and not till then, we shall have raised a fitting memorial to the memory of our friend, and we shall have raised the only monument worthy of naming to the Christian spirit and energy of the Church of Scotland. (Applause.) I beg to move that "The General Assembly, at the request of the Endowment Committee, appoint a special committee to consider the several points contained in the report, to confer and advise with the Endowment Committee thereon, and to report to an early diet of this Assembly their opinion on the several matters embraced therein, and as to the arrangements necessary for effectually carrying out the important objects

confided to the care of the Endowment Committee."

Dr. Douglas MacLagan seconded the motion.

Dr. Hill in some remarks spoken in a tone almost inaudible, moved that it be referred to a special committee to draw up a minute to be placed on the records of the Assembly, expressive of the feelings entertained by the Church for the memory of Dr. Robertson.

The motions of Principal Tulloch and Dr. Hill were unanimously agreed to.

Dr. Macpherson, Aberdeen, was then called upon to engage in prayer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dr. Craik read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which gave an account of the missionary operations in each of the mission stations in India, of which the following is an abstract:—

Calcutta.—The business of the institution has been carried on as usual under the able and zealous superintendence of the Rev. James Ogilvie. The number of pupils during the session ending 1st December, 1860, amounted to 720—being, of Brahmins, 163; Kayasthas, 261; other castes, 287; Mahometans, 9.

Gyah.—The Rev. Alex. Clark continues to prosecute his labours in Gyah with great zeal and energy. His work at present is chiefly preparatory.

Bombay.—Since Mr. Sheriff's return to India, new life has been infused into the mission at Bombay; and, should his health be preserved, there is every reason to anticipate eminent success from his missionary labours. Already he has had the gratification of being able to admit 4 converts by baptism into the Christian Church, while there are other inquirers of whom good hopes may be entertained.

Sealkote.—The attention of the missionaries at Sealkote has hitherto been chiefly given to the work of preparing themselves for preaching the Gospel to the natives in the vernacular, and for this purpose they have been devoting much attention to the study of the native language, and at the same time embracing every opportunity of acquiring those qualifications that may fit them for preaching the Gospel to the people.

Madras.—When the report of last year was made to the General Assembly, the Rev. Alex. Forbes had just entered on the charge of the mission. Since that period he has carried on his work of superintendence with great vigour. The school is divided into 10 or 11 classes, and in every class Christian knowledge is communicated by a Christian teacher. About 12 teachers are employed with salaries varying from 14 rupees per month to 25; the whole monthly salaries of the teachers being about 220 rupees per month, or somewhere about £22. The school which was opened at Vellore, about 80 miles from Madras, has made rapid progress, the average attendance being 110. The Native Church at Madras continues under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Jacob David, of whose energy as a native pastor favourable accounts are received. 3 elders have been ordained since last year. The congregation numbers about 150 persons, of whom 70 or 80 are communicants. Since last report 4 adults and 2 boys have been baptized in the church. It is intended to send out very soon an additional missionary to Madras. The entire cost of the station at Madras and Vellore is about £780 per annum; of this sum about £150 is contributed in Madras.

Ghaspara Mission.—This Mission has sustained a severe loss by the death of its catechist and missionary, Raha Kali Goomer Ghose. It is gratifying to know that a successor has been appointed, to whose eminent qualifications the highest testimony has been borne.

Scottish Ladies' Association.—The operations of the Ladies' Association at the various presidencies are carried on as formerly. At Madras there has been a large and gratifying increase in the number of children attending the schools, there having been present at the annual examination: in December no less than 420 girls.

Conclusion.—The committee, after referring to the necessity for an increased number of missionaries, and to the number of parishes that had made no collection, concludes as follows:—"Unless our congregations can be induced in many cases to double or triple their contributions, it is impossible to place the mission on a proper footing. The influence which it ought to have cannot be secured; and, although to a limited degree it may continue to work beneficially, it can produce no great and truly gratifying results."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. McKie, Erskine, read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, of which the following is an abstract:—

"Of the 1187 churches and chapels occupied at the date of the returns, 1018 are reported as having Sabbath schools. Of the remaining 169 there are 119 from which reports have not been received. The other 50, it would appear, are at present without Sabbath schools. The whole number of Sabbath schools in the 1018 parishes and districts is reported to be 1804. As compared with the returns of last year, this shows an increase of 4 in the number of parishes and districts in the Church, an increase of 44 in congregations reported as having Sabbath schools, and reduces by 18 the number of parishes and districts not reporting; it also shows an increase over last year of 142 in the gross number of Sabbath schools reported to your committee. The number of scholars on the rolls is this year 135,441, showing an increase over last year of 10,245. The number of teachers is this year 11,607, giving for the whole Church an average of nearly 12 scholars for each class. The increase of teachers for the year is 349. The number of schools reported as having libraries is 537, being an increase of 38 for the year. The number of volumes reported is 155,946, showing an increase of 19,215 for last year, and giving in round numbers for the whole Sabbath schools in the Church 155 volumes for every 135 scholars."

Dr. Macpherson, Aberdeen, moved the adoption of the report, remarking that it was one of the most gratifying reports which he had ever read.

Mr. Adam Paterson, Glasgow, seconded the adoption of the report.

The Assembly then adjourned till Saturday at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 25.

The Assembly met at 11—Dr. Smith, Inverary, Moderator.

The Moderator read a letter, dated 15th February, which he had received from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Australia, expressive of brotherhood and sympathy with the Church of Scotland. And Dr. Nantland, ex-Moderator, read the acknowledgement he had received of the response of the General Assembly to a similar letter received last year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIAN CHURCHES.

Rev. Dr. Bryce gave in the report of the Committee on Indian Churches. The report stated that of the ministers lately sent out to India, 4 have been located at the large and important stations of Allahabad and Meerut in Bengal, at Secunderabad in the Madras and at Poonah in the Bombay Presidencies; and the committee had the strongest grounds to hope

that these stations will maintain the places given to them, as centres of permanent spiritual labours, extending to the surrounding smaller stations, through the itinerating ministrations, as proposed, of the chaplains located at the larger stations.

At Allahabad the Rev. Mr. Williamson is labouring with daily increased usefulness and comfort, and is gathering around him a large and increasing congregation from among those of the Presbyterian communion within and beyond Her Majesty's services. The committee had received no communication from Meerut, but they have no doubt that the Rev. Mr. Thomson, the chaplain of the Church of Scotland at that important station, has met with much courtesy and is discharging his duties with success and acceptability. The report proceeded to notice the labours of Mr. Dawson at Umballa, Mr. Bell at Secunderabad, Mr. Walker at Bellary, after which it stated that, by the registration of Mr. Cook, Mr. Ross had become junior chaplain on the Bombay establishment, with the increased allowances of that rank, but remained at Poonah, and went on to refer to the fact that the Presbyterian bodies in India had been directing their attention to the subject of a native Christian agency, the importance of raising up such an agency being generally acknowledged.

After referring to the proposed establishment of public schools for the children of Europeans at Poonah, Secunderabad, Allahabad, and other stations, the report alluded to the subject of an intended representation of the Church in India within the General Assembly, stating that the chaplains and missionaries appear so satisfied of the expediency of the measure, and would regard it as one bringing them into more intimate relationship with the Church of their fathers. Instead of the whole Scotch Church being represented, as at present, by 1 minister and elder, chosen by the 3 sessions of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, it had been proposed to give the right of sending as many delegates from each of the Presbyterian bodies at the 3 Presidencies. The committee were alive to the importance of this change—of which, so far as the interests of the Church in India are concerned, they cordially approve. As it is one affecting the constitution of the General Assembly, they are opinion that, if entertained by the Assembly, the matter is one that maybe sent down as an Interim Act to Presbyteries under the Barrier Act.

Principal Tulloch moved the adoption of the deliverance to the following effect:—"That the General Assembly sustain the report, approve the diligence of the committee, record their thanks to the convener of the committee, and reappoint the committee; that the General Assembly have heard with satisfaction the statements contained in the report showing the continued prosperity of the Church of Scotland in India, and rejoice in the addition made to the staff of Her Majesty's ecclesiastical establishments in India, that the Assembly warmly sympathise in the exertions of the Metropolitan of India in establishing a school for the children of Europeans and Eurasians, and would impress on the members of the Church of Scotland in India their high sense of the privilege within their reach of contributing to the formation of a similar institution in connection with the Church of Scotland. that the General Assembly rejoice to hear of the steps being taken in instituting a native Christian pastorate, and in thus promoting the primary object of her foreign missions, and that the subject of the status of the army chaplains be referred to the Army and Navy Chaplains' Committee, and direct the committee to take such steps as they may think expedient."

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS.

Dr. Cook, St. Andrews, gave in the report of the committee appointed by last Assembly on army and navy chaplains, and generally to consider and advance the means of promoting the spiritual interests of Presbyterian soldiers and sailors. The report stated that the number of Presbyterian Chaplains attached to the British army has not been increased during the past year, and still appears to the committee to be below the number required in proportion to the number of Presbyterian soldiers, and not in proportion to the number of chaplains of the two other denominations—Church of England and Roman Catholic. Few of them, moreover, have received permanent appointments, and it seems a reasonable object to endeavour to attain that there should at least be a Presbyterian chaplain permanently attached to each of the 14 Scotch regiments. The Committee have also been enabled, partly through the assistance of the Assembly Committee on Colonial Churches, to send a supply of copies of Assembly Committee's Aids to Devotion to Mr. Paton, and to all the 4 army chaplains in England at Aldershot, Shorecliffe, Chatham and London; and that they have received from the chaplains the most gratifying assurances of the readiness with which these were welcomed among the soldiers, and of the beneficial effects with which the distribution of them has been attended. The Committee had received some very liberal donations and parochial contributions, which they desire very gratefully to acknowledge; but they regretted to say that the whole sums transmitted to them have been of so inconsiderable amount as to prevent them giving such aid to the chaplains as might have been desired, and altogether to preclude them from entertaining at present the question of sending, with the sanction of the official authorities, any assistance of the nature which Scripture-readers or others so employed might have been able to render.

Dr. Cook, after reading the report, said he could not avoid expressing the earnest wish that he could impress members of the House with a sense of the vital importance of this subject. There were upwards of 20,000 soldiers of the British Army belonging to the Church of Scotland; and surely, separated as these men were from their native country, most of them in distant parts of the World, this Church must feel a lively sympathy with them, and a desire that there should be a Presbyterian minister wherever there was any number of Scotch Presbyterian soldiers.

Dr. Nisbet rose to move the adoption of the report.

He could testify to the value of the services of the chaplains in the army, and he knew well that both officers and men deeply prized their ministrations. He was glad to say that a good many of his congregation contributed to the support of a Scripture reader who was at present on his way to the 92d in India, and communication after communication had been received from India pleading that there might not be any delay in sending out the reader. He was strongly of opinion that Government should be asked to do something for our Presbyterian soldiers, of whom they had no need to be ashamed in the field of battle. Lately on the field of Kalaclava the "thin red line" gained for them an immortal name, and in their march to Lucknow they had shown what Presbyterian worship could do. After referring to the advantages likely to be derived from the circulation of the Book of Prayer which had been sanctioned by the Church, Dr. Nisbet concluded by moving—"That the report be approved of, that the thanks of the Assembly should be given to the Convener and

members of Committee, and that the Assembly be reappointed—Dr. Cook, Convener."

Dr. Irvine, of Blair-Athole, seconded the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Dr. Crawford, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, read the report of the committee, of which the following is an abstract:—The main source of revenue of this scheme is that arising from the church-door collections. These collections, on an average of 10 years preceding 1860, yielded little more than £3000, and the contributing congregations numbered about 94. During the past year the collections have reached £3865, 4s. 2d., and the number of contributing congregations has increased to 994. Compared, therefore, with the average amount of collections, and the number of contributing congregations during the previous 10 years, the past year shows an increase on the former to the amount of about £800, and of the latter to the number of upwards of 50. The entire receipts for the year ending 15th April, 1860, amounted to £5022, 18s. 6d., while the expenditure for the same period amounted to £4969, 9s. 10., thus showing an excess of revenue for that year to the amount of £53, 8s. 8d. The entire receipts for the year ending 15th April last were £5054, 5s. 4d., inclusive of £445 from legacies, while the expenditure for the same period was £4619, 0s. 8d., showing the excess of revenue over the expenditure of £435, 4s. 8d. which, however, was inadequate to meet the outstanding building grants now in course of payment. The expenditure in aid of unendowed churches and towards the support of missionaries for the year ending 15th April next would exceed £4500, and the total outgoings, including 4 building grants to Kelvinnah, Sprugfield, Inverie and Calderhead, formerly voted, as also the usual items of ordinary expenditure, will approach £5500. After giving a detailed statement of their dealings and management during the past year in regard to church-building, the aiding of unendowed churches, and the employment of probationers as missionaries, the Committee concluded their report by expressing their hope that the Assembly would suggest such advice and instructions as were necessary efficiently to conduct and largely to extend the all-important work of its Home Mission Scheme.

Sheriff Barclay, Perth, seconded the motion, which, after a few words from Dr. Hill in its support, was unanimously approved of.

The Assembly adjourned about 6 o'clock until Monday at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, May 27.

The General Assembly resumed this morning—Dr. Smith, Inverary, Moderator.

THE DUNBLANE CASE.

The Assembly then took up the Dunblane case, which came up in the form of certain appeals from the judgement from the Synod of Perth and Stirling.

The Assembly proceeded to consider an appeal taken by the objectors against a judgment of the Synod, of date 3d January last, allowing to be kept in *status* a certain communication from a considerable number of parishioners, communicants and adherents of the congregation of Dunblane, expressing their opposition to the settlement of Mr. Ingram. In connection with this appeal certain other appeals, all depending upon it, were also taken up, these appeals being against the refusal to allow certain questions to be put to witnesses regarding the communication referred to in the first appeal.

Parties were then removed from the bar.

Dr. Cook, St. Andrews, submitted that, although there were differences in the sermons, there was a fair exposition of the Word of God, and the subjects were well selected, relating to

the Divine character and work of our Lord, with practical exhortations. The effect of these sermons upon the congregation was, according to the evidence, that a few of those who went to hear the presentee prejudiced against him, in consequence of reports which had been industriously circulated in the parish, had their impressions altogether removed, and were led to welcome the presentee as one qualified to be their spiritual instructor. He did not think, therefore, that there was anything in the sermons calling for censorious remark or condemnation. There remained the other question whether the presentee was heard. He was quite willing to admit that some parties gave evidence truthfully that they did not hear Mr. Ingram distinctly; but there were other causes that might account for that irrespective of the presentee himself. He gave credit to the objectors for conscientious motives; but, admitting that, it must also be allowed that some of them went to hear Mr. Ingram in a state of mind that might operate so as to prevent them from hearing him distinctly. There was not, he believed, a single hearer out of a thousand who, returning from the House of God, could be able, without perjury, to say in strict truth that he did not lose some word or sentence of the preacher. Without, therefore, imputing to the objectors anything unworthy, he thought they might not have heard Mr. Ingram so fully as they desired on account of their own state of mind. Then it must be considered that it was the first time Mr. Ingram had preached in Dunblane Cathedral, where it was admitted that there was an echo. Looking to the whole circumstances of the case, he thought that, unless they were, upon the ground of any excitement in the parish—a case too common in the present day—to hold themselves warranted to reject the presentee, he did not see how they could decline to instruct the Presbytery to proceed with the settlement. He would not recommend the adoption of this course if he had not in his own mind the most complete conviction that Mr. Ingram was fully qualified to discharge the duties of a minister in that parish. (Applause.) Dr. Cook concluded by moving—"That the Assembly having considered the evidence, and having regard to the whole circumstances and condition of the parish, and to the spiritual welfare of the people, and that the objections to Mr. Ingram's fitness are not substantiated by the evidence, and remit to the Presbytery to proceed with the settlement of the presentee according to the rules of the Church." (Applause.)

Sir J. Heron Maxwell, in seconding the motion, said that it was evident from the record that the objectors in this case had been much irritated by the refusal of the Crown to give them the choice of a minister, and he firmly believed that their determination was so strong to reject any presentee that, if a Chalmers, or a Caird, or a Guthrie, or a Cumming had been presented, they would have refused to receive him.

Dr. Pirie said he felt the greatest doubts in assenting to the motion. He thought there was at least one important difference betwixt this case and those decided last year, and, were he to allow the case to pass on the assumption that there was any superiority in this presentee over the presentee rejected last year, he would be doing an injustice to the presentee rejected last year. (Hear, hear.) The only thing that could induce him to agree to this motion was the extraordinarily small number of objectors. Last year the number of objectors was exceedingly large, and the number of callers peculiarly small; this year, out of a parish that contained 1000 people, and out of 200 communicants, they had only 60 communicants who were objecting. There were cer-

tainly a considerable number of additional names, and in an earlier part of the day he did feel great difficulty in acceding to the proposition to strike these names off the record, for if they had continued there, the motion he would have submitted would have been in direct opposition to that now before the House. But, as only 60 objectors were before them, and the others had lost their opportunity, by the rules of the Church, of objecting, he could not feel—especially as he suspected there was a tendency in the House to agree to the motion—that he was bound to bring forward a counter-motion. He desired to make this statement, however, that it might be distinctly understood that, in agreeing to this motion, he by no means committed himself against the judgement at which he last year arrived, and to which under similar circumstances he pledged himself that he should adhere—that if they found objections of such a character brought up by a large number of the people, he at all events should do his best to give effect to these objections. (Applause.) And, if he gave his assent to this proposition, he did so with fear and trembling as to the consequences of the step the Assembly were now taking; and so far at all events he shook himself clear of all responsibility. Under the circumstances, however, and seeing the feeling of the House, he did not feel himself called upon to take any stronger step than entering the protest which he had now done.

The motion of Dr. Cook was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Fowler, in the absence of Dr. Stevenson, read the report of the Colonial Committee, which gave a detailed statement of the committee's operations in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Guiana, Jamaica, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Buenos Ayres and British Columbia, and concluded by imploring that a special effort should be made to replenish the reserve fund, which had been seriously encroached upon. The whole ordinary income of the committee for the year to 15th April last was £3264, 3s. 10., being £301, 10s. 6d. more than the income of the previous year; and the whole expenditure of the committee for the same period had been £3876, 15s. 11d., being £45, 19s. 8d., more than for the previous year. The committee had to commence the year with a balance due to the bank of £326 17s. 8d., and without the prospect of any further general collection for the period of the next ten months.

After some conversation the report was, on the motion of Dr. Cook, St. Andrews, unanimously adopted, and it was agreed to take up at a future diet the question of the position of the Church of Australia to the Church at Home. It was also agreed to remit to a committee to consider and report on certain suggestions contained in the report of the Colonial Committee.

The Assembly then adjourned till next (Tuesday) morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 28.

The Assembly met to-day at 11 o'clock—Dr. Colvin Smith, Inverary, Moderator.

REPORT OF THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The Assembly then took up various matters referred to in the report of the Colonial Committee, and which had been reserved for further consideration.

Professor STEVENSON addressed the House upon the points reserved in the report. He referred to British Columbia, the wants and claims of which appeared to be very strong at this time. It was a colony that in many respects claimed their attention. Its enormous productiveness, its metallic and mineral wealth, and the great variety of races that inhabited it, all commended it to their attention, and called on

the General Assembly to adopt the earliest means for obtaining a footing for the Church of Scotland in that colony. The report suggested that the mission should consist of 2 ministers and 2 agents. One minister would, no doubt, be sent out in the first place; but he was of opinion that that provision would not meet the case.

If they looked to the very interesting report of the Church of England mission in British Columbia, and read the diary of the Bishop's tour, they would see it was a colony to which they ought as soon as possible to apply themselves. The colony was likely soon to be connected through the Grand Trunk Railway with all our other colonies in North America, and he hoped the Colonial Committee would be supported in its endeavours to obtain a footing for the Church of Scotland in that most flourishing and most promising colony. With regard to funds the committee had in their hands as much as would meet the engagements of the year on which they were entering, but they had no means of engaging in any new undertakings which appeared to crave their attention, and he implored that means might be forwarded to them of meeting all the demands that might come in in the course of the year. Dr. Stevenson then referred to the unions of the Presbyterian Churches which had taken place in Victoria. This was felt by the committee to be a most important subject, and they were perfectly prepared to recommend a course of policy to the General Assembly. He thought they should not allow themselves to be either alarmed or disappointed by the result of the unions being formed in the colonies. What they wished to have propagated was their own Presbyterian form of discipline, and what they wished to see in the colonies was a strong Church, dependent or independent, as circumstances might best permit. If the colonial Churches, by throwing aside those questions which had a local interest only, and which had a powerful influence only at Home, saw their way to union, they would be better able to meet the demands of the colonies, and to a complete extent to relieve the funds of this Church; and they would gain by their union such a position in the country as would give them strength in all questions, not only of ecclesiastical interest, but even of colonial policy. It was painful, no doubt, to think of the separations that must take place, and the contemplated union in North America gave them no small measure of anxiety, for it would depend on the relation in which the new independent Church should stand towards them in consequence of the terms of union whether or not a complete separation must ensue; but the question of union there was still in dependence and was probably some years distant. Australia alone presented them with a colony in which a union had been effected by the ministers who represented the three great Presbyterian Churches of this country. The subject was long and anxiously discussed, and difficulties of almost insurmountable magnitude seemed to present themselves, but gradually these difficulties were removed, and their brethren there, isolated to a certain extent, came to feel the need of mutual encouragement and support, and gradually were drawn together till at last they formed a complete basis of union. Of the terms of union he did not think there was anything that called for censure on their part. The third article of the basis of union might occasion reflection, for it asserted the complete independence of the new Presbyterian Church of all other Churches. Some attempt had been made in the negotiations for this union considerably to mutilate the 23d chapter of the Confession of Faith; but it had nevertheless come pretty well through the ordeal. The following was the second article of the basis of union, and he ventured to say it

was an explanation which no member of the Assembly could have any hesitation in adopting, namely:—

“That, inasmuch as there is a difference of opinion in regard to the doctrines contained in these standards relative to the power and duty of the civil magistrate in matters of Religion, the office-bearers of this Church, in subscribing to these standards and formularies, are not to be held as countenancing any persecuting or intolerant principles, or as professing any views as to the power and duty of the civil magistrate inconsistent with the liberty of personal conscience or the right of private judgement.”

After some further remarks Dr. Stevenson moved to the effect that the General Assembly, as regards the union which has been consummated in the Australian colony of Victoria, find that their ministers there, entering into that union, had done nothing which merits censure, and find that the most friendly relations may continue to be cultivated between the parent Church and the Presbyterian Church in Victoria; but that the ministers of the said Church of Victoria cannot merely as such be recognised as ministers of the Church of Scotland.

Mr. MILNE HOME seconded the motion. He said that, so far from there being any jealousy or distrust as to this new Presbyterian Church in Australia, he thought they ought to regard it with a deep feeling of satisfaction and delight, on witnessing the evidence of so much life and energy, and on witnessing the rise of an independent Church having for its purpose to establish religious worship throughout the colony, a Church founded on Presbyterian principles and which was desirous still to hold communion with the mother Church of the mother country. He congratulated the convener of the Colonial Scheme that there had been such a friendly correspondence kept up between the committee and the ministers of the Church in Victoria. He should be well pleased to see in their other colonies the same life and energy shown in providing the means of religious worship. When he looked to the vast extent of the interests committed to the hands of the Colonial Committee, and the amount of labour devolving on the committee, he thought every possible encouragement should be given to the convener and the committee in the discharge of their duties.

Mr. OSWALD and Dr. HILL both expressed their opinion as to the importance of cultivating friendly relations with the Church in Australia.

The motion of Dr. Stevenson was unanimously adopted.

(To be continued.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

POPULAR ERRORS.

From the *Pictou Record* for June.

We have spoken of congregational delusions on the subject of “pinning.” But connected with every portion of ministerial work there are popular fallacies. People accept and act upon them without thinking. Do not get angry, beloved brother reader, at a statement of some of these. If they sit you very closely—even to the pinching point—why then drop them. If you are “not guilty,” do not accuse the writer of having had you in his eye when he was writing. This little article is saying “thou art the man” only to the really guilty. And it aims not at a cloud of words but at plainness of speech. Listen then.

(1) Many members of the congregation expect that their minister should marry to please them. Agreed then; but let it be understood also

that they are always to marry to please him. But it would be impertinent for him to meddle with any of his people in these affairs of the heart, you say. Well, give him the benefit of the same code. Leave to him some little corner of a private life. Whether his wife be taken from his own congregation or not, whether she belong to his own denomination or not, whether she be a native of the same country or not, is simply none of your business. Was that not a fair answer that the minister made to a deputation of his congregation who waited upon him to ask if the lady of his choice was a saint—"I cannot be sure, but at any rate she is a pretty little sinner, and I love her?"

And again, to hear the talk of many, one would think that the congregation paid the minister's wife as well as the minister. "Why is she not more fine in her way?" "why does she not give more attention to the Sabbath School?" "why is she so extravagant?" "so mean?" &c., &c.—All no more your business, my backbiting friends, than such matters in your houses are your minister's business. And do you not know that any man worthy of the name would far rather you found fault with him than with his wife?

(2) Many members of the Congregation expect that their minister should vote to please them. He is to have nothing to do with politics on penalty of being branded as a political hack, but he will be allowed to vote—on one condition—and that is, that he vote according to his own conscience. Oh no, that is not it, but according to the conscience of the party. The party may in his opinion go wrong, and the opposition be on the right track, but all that makes no difference. And, when the congregation consists of men of both political parties, then the rule seems to be that the minister should not vote at all that he may offend neither. What ridiculous nonsense! He must become a nonentity lest the exercise of his simplest citizen right should be construed by some childish hearer into a cause of offence. It is strange that this contemptible tyranny, which would degrade ministers into being slaves of political feeling, should be the fruit of that dissent and voluntarism which would separate the Church and the national interests as naturally independent. But so it is; for, while in the national churches in Britain there are members and ministers of all shades of politics, and a man would no more ask "whom does my minister vote for?" than he would ask "who is his hatter?" among the sects on the contrary there is almost always one stamp of politics, and with that their ministers are expected to be duly signed and sealed. One sort of Popery would make the people vote as the priests dictate; another sort of Popery would make the ministers vote or refrain from voting as the people dictate.

(3) Many members of the Congregation think that the great end of their minister's preaching should be to please them. Paul had a different idea of the office, the duty and the judge of a true minister. He is a steward of the mysteries of God; his duty therefore is to be faithful to Him who called him to the stewardship; and He who judgeth him is the Lord. Let men not forget that the words to the speakers "take heed how you speak," and to the hearers "take heed how ye hear," are from the same authority. The speaker is before God; so is the hearer. Both have their parts to fulfil. Is it the part of the hearer to come as a critic trying every word by his own standard? Let him come because he hungers and thirsts to hear God's Word, and he will not so often have to complain of a Dry-as-dust pulpit.

Are there no "popular errors" among the ministry? Yes, not a few, but it is not of such that we are now speaking. Perhaps we are not

yet done with the "popular errors" of the congregation.

UNION BETWEEN THE ESTABLISHED AND THE FREE CHURCH.—At the London dinner on Saturday the Duke of Argyll said, in reference to the above subject, in a short speech which was loudly cheered—"In proposing the next toast—'The Church of our Fathers'—I comprehend in that form of words those Churches in our native land who draw their light and life from the Reformation. With reference to the Free Church, I look forward with hope to see that Church again united to the Church of Scotland. It is well known that I had at the time, and still have, a very large amount of sympathy with the opinions and feelings of those who became members of the Free Church, although I do not entirely agree dogmatically with their views, and, if there were any means by which it was possible to contribute to the return of that Church, I should be delighted to devote myself to it. Especially I may say, with reference to what I regard as the great cause of controversy between us—I mean lay patronage in the Church of Scotland—I have no right to speak for any other member of the body of lay patrons, but, speaking entirely for myself, being one of the largest of them as regards the number of livings, I feel the law one of great and irksome responsibility, and, if by means of its abolition or any other measure the Church of Scotland could be re-invigorated by a large majority of those who left her in former years, I should think it a cheap sacrifice to make for such an object."

The University of Queen's College, Canada, has conferred the honorary degree of D. D. on the Rev. William Donald, A. M., of St. Johns, N. B. We beg to congratulate Dr. Donald on this well earned honour. Distinguished not less as a scholar than as a Christian gentleman, we trust he will be long spared to wear his distinction among an attached people to whom he has long endeared himself by his fidelity and zeal in their service, as well as for the liberal and catholic spirit he has ever evinced towards all classes and degrees of people around him. The Church of Scotland in the Lower Provinces now numbers among its ministers 3 Doctors of Divinity—Dr. McGilvray of McLennan's Mountain, Dr. Brooke of Fredericton, and Dr. Donald of St. Johns.—*Pictou Record*.

PRESBYTERY OF EDINBURGH.—The Clerk laid on the table a nomination in favour of the Rev. Mr. Barbour to be minister of St. Saviour's, Berbice. The ordination of Mr. Barbour was appointed to take place in the Presbytery Hall on Tuesday next. The Rev. William Middleton, of Roslin, delivered the trial discourses prescribed to him at last meeting, previous to his being ordained as chaplain to the Presidency at Bombay in room of the Rev. George Cook, resigned, and the Presbytery then adjourned to the church to ordain Mr. Middleton. Dr. Glover preached and presided, choosing for his text Rom. x. 14, 15.

The Presbytery then adjourned.

POETRY.

OUR BABY.

1858.

Of all the darling children
That ere a household blessed,
We place our baby for compare
With the fairest and the best—
She came when last the violets
Dropped from the hand of Spring;
When on the trees the blossoms hung;
—Those cups of odorous incense swung—
When daily robins sing.

How glowed the early morning

After a night of rain,
When she possessed our waiting hearts,
To go not out again;
Dear Lord, we said with thankful speech,
Grant we may love Thee more
For this new blessing in a cup
That was so full before!

1860.

This year before the violets
Had heralded the Spring,
And not a leaf was on the trees,
Nor robin here to sing:
An angel came one solemn night
Heaven's glory to bestow,
And take our darling from our sight;
—What could we, Lord, at morning light
But weep and let her go!

How dark the day that followed

That dreary night of pain:
—Those eyes now closed,—and nevermore
To open here again!
Dear Lord, we said, with broken speech,
Grant we may love Thee more
For this new jewel in the Crown
Where we had two before!

A. D. F. R.

P.S.—Several communications in type are necessarily crowded out.

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