

MINUTES

OF

THE SYNOD

OF

The Presbyterian Church of Canada,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,

SESSION XVI.,

HOLDEN AT KINGSTON, 2ND JULY,

1845.

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## SESSION XVI.

### DIET I.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—Wednesday, the Second Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Five Years:—*

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
July 2, 1845.

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, and, after sermon by the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D. D., from Isaiah xlv. 22, was, by him, as Moderator *pro. tem.*, constituted with prayer.

Moderator's  
Sermon.

The Synod  
constituted.

Presbytery Rolls having been called for, and given in, the Synod Roll was made up, and read over, as follows :

Synod roll.

## SYNOD ROLL.

### I. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

| MINISTERS.                    | ELDERS.              | CONGREGATIONS.             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| John Machar, A. M. ....       | Joseph Bruce.....    | St. Andrew's, Kingston,    |
| Robert Neill. ....            | James Leadingham.... | Seymour.                   |
| Thomas Liddell, D. D. ....    |                      | Queen's College, Kingston. |
| Peter C. Campbell, A. M. .... |                      | Queen's College, Kingston. |
| James Williamson, A. M. ....  |                      | Queen's College, Kingston. |
|                               |                      | Belleville.                |

The Rev. JAMES WILLIAMSON, A. M., *Presbytery Clerk.*

2. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

| MINISTERS.              | ELDERS.                | CONGREGATIONS.        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Andrew Bell.....        | Joseph McBride.....    | Toronto Township.     |
| Peter Ferguson.....     | David Henderson .....  | Esquesing.            |
| James George.....       | William Paterson ..... | Scarboro'.            |
| Thomas Johnson .....    |                        | Chinguacousy.         |
| John Tawse, A. M.....   |                        | King.                 |
| Alexander Lewis.....    |                        | Mono.                 |
| James Lambie, A. M..... | Andrew Alison .....    | Pickering and Whitby. |
| John McMurchy.....      | James Munro.....       | Eldon.                |
| John Barclay, A. M..... | John Cameron.....      | Toronto City.         |
|                         |                        | Caledon.              |
|                         |                        | York Mills.           |
|                         |                        | Newmarket.            |
|                         |                        | West Gwillimbury.     |
|                         |                        | Vaughan.              |
|                         |                        | Markham.              |
|                         |                        | Thorah.               |
|                         |                        | Darlington.           |

The Rev. ANDREW BELL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

3. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

| MINISTERS.                    | ELDERS.              | CONGREGATIONS.           |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Alexander Mathieson, D.D..... | Hugh Brodie .....    | St. Andrew's, Montreal.  |
| Duncan Moody .....            |                      | Dundee.                  |
| William Mair .....            |                      | Chatham.                 |
| Walter Roach.....             | R. H. Norval .....   | Beauharnois.             |
| James Anderson.....           | William Elliot ..... | Ormestown.               |
| James C. Muir.....            | William Greig .....  | Georgetown.              |
| William Simpson.....          |                      | Lachine.                 |
| David Shanks.....             |                      | St. Eustache.            |
| John Marlin.....              | John Reay.....       | Hemmingsford.            |
| Emile Lapelletrie.....        |                      | French Church, Montreal. |
| John Davidson.....            |                      | Laprairie.               |
| John Robb.....                |                      | Chambly.                 |

James Tully..... *Huntingdon.*  
*St. Gabriel's, Montreal.*  
 John Bruce..... *St. Paul's, Montreal.*  
 The Rev. WALTER ROACH, *Presbytery Clerk.*

4. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

| MINISTERS.                | ELDERS.                     | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| John Mackenzie, A. M..... | Hon. John McGillivray ..... | Williamstown.  |
| Hugh Urquhart, A. M.....  | Hon. Justice McLean .....   | Cornwall.      |
| John McIsaac, A. M.....   | John McPhee.....            | Lochiel.       |
| John Maclaurin.....       | Alexander McMartin .....    | Martintown.    |
| Isaac Purkis.....         | John N. Ault.....           | Osnabruck.     |

MINISTERS  
 John Dickey...  
 Thomas McPhee...  
 Donald Sinclair...  
 Colin Grigor...

MINISTERS  
 Robert McGill...  
 William King...  
 John Bryning...  
 George McClatchie...  
 Alexander Ross

MINISTERS  
 John Cook, D. I...  
 John McMorine...  
 Alexander Buchan...  
 James Thom...

MINISTERS  
 John Cruickshank...  
 John Smith...  
 George Romanes...  
 William Bell...  
 Joseph Anderson...  
 Alexander Mann...  
 David Evans...  
 Alexander McKim...  
 Thomas Fraser...  
 George Bell.....

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY—(continued.)

| MINISTERS.                | ELDERS.             | CONGREGATIONS.               |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| John Dickey.....          |                     | Williamsburgh.               |
| Thomas McPherson, A.M.... | John McPherson..... | Lancaster.                   |
| Donald Sinclair.....      | Angus Catanach..... | Dalhousie Mills & St. George |
| Colin Grigor.....         |                     | L'Original.                  |

The Rev. THOMAS MCPHERSON, A. M., *Presbytery Clerk.*

5. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

| MINISTERS.             | ELDERS.               | CONGREGATIONS.          |
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| Robert McGill.....     | John McFarland.....   | Niagara.                |
| William King.....      | Timothy Cooper.....   | Nelson.                 |
| John Bryning.....      |                       | Mount Pleasant.         |
| George McClatchey..... | Robert Comfort ..     | Beamsville.             |
| Alexander Ross.....    |                       | Woolwich.               |
|                        |                       | St. Andrew's, Hamilton. |
|                        | Hon. James Crooks.... | Dundas and Ancaster.    |
|                        | Walter Cowan.....     | Galt.                   |
|                        | Al. Dingwall Fordyce. | Fergus.                 |
|                        |                       | Guelph.                 |
|                        |                       | Saltfleet.              |

Dr. WILLIAM CRAIGIE, Hamilton, *Presbytery Clerk.*

6. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

| MINISTERS.            | ELDERS.            | CONGREGATIONS.       |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| John Cook, D. D.....  | John Thompson..... | St. Andrews, Quebec. |
| John McMorine.....    | John Fraser.....   | Melbourne.           |
| Alexander Buchan..... | John Lambie.....   | Leeds.               |
| James Thom.....       |                    | Three Rivers.        |
|                       |                    | Valcartier.          |

The Rev. JOHN MCMORINE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

7. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

| MINISTERS.                 | ELDERS.               | CONGREGATIONS.          |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| John Cruickshank, A. M.... | George Malloch.....   | Brockville.             |
| John Smith.....            |                       | Beckwith.               |
| George Romanes, A. M....   | William Williamson..  | Smith's Falls.          |
| William Bell.....          | John Ferguson.....    | Perth.                  |
| Joseph Anderson, A. M..... |                       | South Gower.            |
| Alexander Mann, A. M.....  | Robert Whyte.....     | Packenham.              |
| David Evans.....           | Anthony Phillips..... | Richmond.               |
| Alexander McKid.....       | Hon. Thomas McKay.    | Bytown.                 |
| Thomas Fraser.....         | Robert Mason.....     | Lanark.                 |
| George Bell.....           | Archibald Petrie..... | Buckingham & Cumberland |
|                            | John Clark.....       | St. Andrews, Perth.     |
|                            |                       | Ramsay.                 |
|                            |                       | Dalhousie.              |

The Rev. JOHN CRUICKSHANK, A. M., *Presbytery Clerk.*

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
July 2, 1845.

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Members present.

Sederunt Dr. Alexander Mathieson, *Moderator pro. tem.*, Mr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Principal Liddell, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John McLaurin, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. William Bell, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. Alexander McKid, and Mr. George Bell,—*Ministers*: together with Mr. Joseph Bruce, Mr. James Leadingham, Mr. James Munro, Mr. John Cameron, Hon. Justice McLean, Mr. Alexander McMartin, Mr. John McFarland, Hon. James Crooks, Mr. Walter Cowan, and Mr. John Clark—*Elders*.

Moderator  
chosen.

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. William Bell, Minister at Perth, was unanimously chosen, and, at the Synod's desire, took the Chair.

Trustees for  
Queen's College  
elected.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of three Trustees for Queen's College, at Kingston, in room of the three who retire from office at this time, according to the terms of the Royal Charter of Queen's College, when the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, the Rev. George Romanes, and the Rev. John Barclay were unanimously elected.

Committee of  
Bills and  
Overtures.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, with instructions to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning,—and all papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee,—viz., the Moderator and Clerk, Mr. Machar, Dr. Liddell, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Purkis, Mr. McGill, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Romanes, and Mr. McKid—*Ministers*; and Mr. Bruce, Mr. McMartin, Hon. Mr. Crooks, and Mr. Clark—*Elders*.

Devotional  
exercises.

It was agreed that an hour should be spent in devotional exercises, each morning, during the sitting of the Synod.

Adjournment.

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

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KINGSTON,  
Thursday,  
July 3, 1845.

DIET II.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—Thursday, the Third Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Five years:*

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

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

The Minutes were read and sustained.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Records of the Synod, and report, viz., Mr. Machar, (Convener,) Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Cruickshank, Hon. James Crooks, and Mr. John Cameron.

Committee on  
Synod Records.

The Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the Records of Presbyteries viz.:

Presbytery Record  
Committees.

Mr. McGill, Mr. McKid, and Mr. Clark, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston.

Kingston.

Mr. Mann, Mr. Machar, and Mr. Bruce, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Toronto.

Mr. George Bell, Mr. Barclay, and Mr. McMartin, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Montreal.

Mr. Romanes, Mr. Neill, and Hon. Mr. Crooks, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary.

Glengary.

Mr. Urquhart, Dr. Mathieson, and Mr. Cameron, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Hamilton.

Dr. Liddell, Mr. Cruickshank, and Mr. McMartin, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Quebec.

Mr. A. Bell, Mr. Purkis, and Mr. Leadingham, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst.

Bathurst.

Leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet in Kingston, for all competent business, during the sitting of the Synod:—and Dr. Liddell was authorised to sit with Hamilton Presbytery.

Leave for  
Presbyteries to  
meet.

The Synod appointed John Cameron, Esq., of Toronto, to be Synod Treasurer.

Synod Treasurer  
appointed.

KINGSTON,  
Thursday,  
July 3, 1845.

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Finance  
Committee.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to attend to the Financial concerns of the Synod, viz., Mr. Urquhart, (Convener,) Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Sheriff McMartin :—and the Synod instructed Presbytery Clerks and others to pay over to the Treasurer all monies collected by them for the Synod Fund.

Committee to  
draft Address to  
the Queen and to  
the Governor.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to prepare Drafts of Addresses to the Queen,—and to the Governor-General, viz., Mr. Romanes, (Convener,) Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Cruickshank, Hon. Mr. Crooks, and Mr. Cameron.

Alteration in the  
list of the Nine  
Commissioners.

The Synod appointed the Hon. William Morris, of Montreal ; the Hon. James Crooks, West Flamboro' ; and, Alexander McMartin, Esq., Martintown, to be Commissioners of the Synod under the Clergy Reserve Act, in room of the Rev. Dr. Black, deceased, and the Rev. Dr. Liddell, and Charles Tait, Esq., resigned :— the Hon. William Morris to be Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. And the Clerk was instructed to communicate this alteration in the list of the Commissioners to the Governor-General, and also to the Board.

Reference anent  
Mr. Ross'  
allowance.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for advice as to the course to be pursued, in order to recover for Mr. Ross the Government allowance originally held by him while at Alaboro'. The Synod having heard a statement of the case, and of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Hamilton thereanent, instructed the Presbytery of Hamilton to draw up a full statement of the grounds on which the allowance is claimed, and to transmit the same to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, to be by them laid before the Government.

Acknowledgment  
of presentation  
of Address to  
the Queen.

There were produced and read by Dr. Mathieson, on behalf of the late Moderator, communications from the Civil Secretary's Office, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, intimating to the Synod that the Synod's address to the Queen had been transmitted, and that it had been duly received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and by him laid before Her Majesty.

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Dr. Mathieson laid before the Synod a communication from the Secretary of the Province, by command of his Excellency the Governor General, requesting a list of the Ministers of this Synod in Lower Canada, with a view to the distribution of the Statutes of the Province to Ministers. The same having been read and considered, the Synod instructed the Clerk to furnish the Provincial Secretary with an attested Roll of the Synod, and respectfully to request that his Excellency the Governor General may be pleased to extend the same privilege to the Ministers and congregations in Upper Canada, and in particular to the Clerk of Synod and the Clerks of Presbyteries.

There was also laid before the Synod, on behalf of the late Moderator, Dr. Cook, a communication to him from Frederick Widder, Esquire, of the Canada Company, containing a proposal in reference to the management and sale of the Clergy Reserves by the Canada Company, on behalf of the Church. The Synod referred the same to the Nine Commissioners of the Synod under the Clergy Reserve Act.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Petition from the Presbytery of Hamilton, stating that in consequence of the great number of vacant congregations under their care, they were unable to give them any adequate supply of sermon, and praying that the Synod would assist them in supplying these. The Synod, at the same time, heard an interesting Report from Dr. Liddell, on the condition of the said congregations and his missionary labours among them since the commencement of the college vacation, in accordance with the appointment of the Commission. The thanks of the Synod were given to Dr. Liddell. After deliberation, the Synod agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and appointed the following Committee to make the necessary arrangements for furnishing supply to the vacant congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, viz., Dr. Liddell, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Crooks.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Memorial from the Presbytery of Montreal, praying that the Synod would, in the case of Mr.

KINGSTON,  
Thursday,  
July 3, 1845.

Correspondence  
and distribution  
of the statutes.

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pany's proposal  
referred to the  
Nine  
Commissioners.

Hamilton Pres-  
bytery's petition  
and vacant  
congregations.

Dr. Liddell's  
report of  
Missionary  
labours.

Committee to  
provide supply  
for the west.

Case of Mr. Alex.  
Wallace.

KINGSTON,  
Thursday,  
July 3, 1845.

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Alexander Wallace, Student of Divinity of Queen's College and at present Cathechist in Huntingdon, shorten the usual period of study at the Divinity Hall, and give the Presbytery leave to take him on trials for license. Accompanying said memorial there was transmitted to the Synod a memorial, very numerously signed, from the congregation of Huntingdon, praying that the necessary steps might be taken as soon as possible to enable him to be permanently settled with them as their Minister. The Synod, after having heard a report from the Rev. Principal Liddell as to Mr. Wallace's classical and theological attainments, agreed that his period of study be shortened and that leave be granted to the Presbytery of Montreal to take him on trials for license. The Synod, at the same time, agreed to record their resolution that this case shall not be considered in future to be any precedent for shortening the usual period of study.

Adjournment.

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

DIET III.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;—Friday, the Fourth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Five Years :—*

Friday,  
July 4, 1845.

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

The Rev. Isaac Purkis, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the scriptures, and prayer.

Minutes read.

The minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained.

Overture anent grants for church building lost.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from the Presbytery of Toronto that the Synod would rescind their Resolution (of 1842) anent grants from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to aid in building churches, and appoint a Committee of Synod to

correspond with the Presbytery, in consequence of the province, of assistance moved by Mr. Synod adopt the vote was taken "Not" by a majority.

The Synod met in Committee of Bills and Overtures of Toronto, to enquire into the conduct of Ministers in relation to church property of Synod. The Committee, on the overture, agreed to refer the matter to a Committee for the purpose (Convener), Mr. Hon. J. Crooks, to enjoin Presbytery to enjoin parties in connection with the Committee may apply for every facility in the

The Synod had met in Committee of Bills and Overtures of Kingston along with Extraordinary and a Petition signed by Dummer, Belmont in favour of Mr. Crooks, to be removed.

Parties having been appointed and Mr. Neill on the part of Mr. Henry Fawcett, the Petitioners,—a

Parties having been appointed following committee and report to the Moderator, and Mr. Urquhart, giving judgment in

correspond with the Colonial Committee and show the propriety, in consequence of the altered circumstances of the province, of assisting in securing Church Property. It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Romanes, that the Synod adopt the overture;—when, after a full discussion, the vote was taken, “*Adopt*” or “*Not*,” when it was carried “*Not*” by a majority of votes.

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, that the Synod would appoint a committee to enquire into the manner in which Glebe Lots for the use of Ministers in connection with this church, and other church properties, are held, and report to next meeting of Synod. The Synod, having duly considered the said overture, agreed to the same, appointed the following committee for the purpose therein specified, viz., Mr. Lambie (Convener), Mr. A. Bell, Mr. J. George, Mr. John Cameron, Hon. J. Crooks, and Dr. Craigie. The Synod, further, enjoin Presbytery Clerks, Trustees of Property, or other parties in connection with this Church, to whom the committee may apply for information, to afford to the committee every facility in the fulfilment of this appointment.

The Synod had then transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a reference from the Presbytery of Kingston in the case of Mr. Archibald Colquhoun, along with Extract Minutes of the Presbytery in the case, and a Petition signed by 23 Presbyterians in the Townships of Dummer, Belmont, and Asphodel, two of which are Elders, in favour of Mr. Colquhoun, praying that his suspension be removed.

Parties having been called, there appeared Mr. Machar and Mr. Neill on the part of the Presbytery of Kingston,—Mr. Henry Fawlds and Mr. John Robertson on the part of the Petitioners,—and Mr. Colquhoun for himself.

Parties having been heard, the Synod appointed the following committee to deal with Mr. Colquhoun in private, and report to the Synod, viz., Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Cruickshank, and Mr. Urquhart;—and the Synod agreed to defer giving judgment in the case until to-morrow.

KINGSTON,  
Friday,  
July 4, 1845.

Committee  
appointed to  
make certain  
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glebe lots.

Reference anent  
Mr. A. Colquhoun

Parties

Committee to  
deal with  
Mr Colquhoun  
and report.

**KINGSTON,**  
Friday,  
July 4, 1845.

Appointments  
for Sabbath.

Adjournment.

Saturday,  
July 5, 1845.

Case of Mr.  
William Bain.

Report on  
Mr. Colquhoun's  
case.

First motion.

Second motion.

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The Synod made the following appointments for the public services of the Sabbath, viz., Mr. Neill to preach to the Military at Nine o'clock in the morning,—Mr. Romanes at Eleven o'clock,—Mr. McGill in the afternoon,—and Mr. Purkis in the evening.

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

DIET IV.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;— Saturday, the Fifth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five Years.*

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

The Minutes were read and sustained.

Dr. Liddell, on behalf of the Presbytery of Kingston, intimated to the Synod the intention of said Presbytery, with leave of the Synod, to take Mr. William Bain, Student of Divinity of Queen's College, on trials for license. There were, at the same time, produced and read, certificates in favour of Mr. Bain, that he had completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod. The Synod agreed to consider the same at next sederunt.

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Colquhoun, which was given in and read by Dr. Mathieson. The report having been fully considered, it was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Crooks, that Mr. Colquhoun's suspension from the Office of the Ministry be removed. It was also moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. A. Bell, that "the Synod receive the report, and, rejoicing in the indications of a sincere and contrite heart in Mr. Colquhoun, in reference to the matters on which he was suspended from the sacred office of the ministry, evinced not only by his own solemn confessions but also by the testimony of the delegates appointed to represent the views

of the petition therewith, and exhort and encourage the humble Christians who have entered, forth in all things. But, inasmuch as the Synod that of those whom of penitence and Apostolical injunctions, utterly forbids the of the ministry, gently applies, erred,—the Synod state of the case until further time, proof of his penitence that, by among those who sion, the duties of penitence and the Synod exercised properly viewed spiritual well being been at once corrected Presbytery of there shall be reconciled, or h reconciled to the offended with him.

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There was a Committee of the Presbytery of the Sessions. The overture, adopted as follows:—

of the petitioners, agree to record their utmost satisfaction therewith, and, with the feelings of brotherly kindness, exhort and encourage Mr. Colquhoun to persevere in the humble Christian course on which he to them appears to have entered, and, seeking the grace of God, to walk henceforth in all the commandments of the Lord blamelessly. But, inasmuch as it does not appear from any thing before the Synod that Mr. Colquhoun has been reconciled to any of those whom he has offended, nor that he has in the spirit of penitence sought to be so reconciled, and also as the Apostolical injunction to those holding spiritual rule absolutely forbids precipitation in admitting any one to the office of the ministry,—a rule which in the spirit of it more stringently applies to the restoration of one who has grievously erred,—the Synod considered it inexpedient, in the present state of the case, to remove the sentence of suspension, until further time be given to Mr. Colquhoun to make full proof of his penitence. And this they do in the firm persuasion that, by recommending Mr. Colquhoun to exercise, among those who petitioned for the removal of his suspension, the duties of a teacher, the manifestation of continued penitence and humility in him, and the caution which the Synod exercises in a matter of such importance, will, if properly viewed, have a more beneficial influence on their spiritual well being than if the prayer of their petition had been at once complied with. And the Synod instruct the Presbytery of Kingston to remove the suspension when there shall be sufficient evidence presented that he has been reconciled, or has shown himself earnestly desirous to be reconciled to those persons who had just reasons for being offended with him."

After long discussion, the vote was taken, when Dr. Mathieson's motion was carried by a large majority of votes, —and the Synod ordained accordingly.

There was next transmitted to the Synod, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from the Presbytery of Montreal anent Representative Elders from Sessions. The Synod, having fully discussed the said overture, adopted the same, and ordained in terms thereof, as follows:—

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Saturday,  
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Second motion  
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Mr. Colquhoun  
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Overture anent  
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KINGSTON,  
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Letter from  
trustees of the  
church in Cavan.

Report of the  
committee on  
re-union.

Draft of model  
constitution  
referred to  
Presbyteries.

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Whereas many of the Kirk Sessions connected with the Synod are very neglectful of their duty in returning Representative Elders to the higher Church Courts, the Synod enjoin Sessions to use greater diligence in this matter, and instruct Presbyteries to employ all competent means to secure a compliance with this injunction on the part of Sessions :—And the Synod, further, enact that all Representative Elders shall be elected within two months after the annual meeting of Synod, to attend the meetings of the Presbytery of the bounds and the ensuing annual meeting of the Synod ; that in case of death or demission, a new election shall be made within one month of the same ; and that the extract minutes of such elections, duly certified, shall be laid on the tables of Presbyteries at their first ordinary meeting after such elections shall have taken place.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a letter from the Trustees of the Church on the town line between Cavan and Monaghan, seeking advice in reference to their Church. The same having been read and considered was referred to the Committee on Glebes.

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to negotiate on the subject of re-union with the Seceding Brethren, which was given in and read by Mr. McGill, the Convener, stating that in November last they had a meeting with the committee appointed by the Seceding Synod and discussed several points connected with the subject of re-union, but that the sentiments unequivocally expressed by the Seceding Brethren in regard to the Church of Scotland were such that the committee concluded to hold them as a bar to all negotiations, *in limine*, and thus the conference terminated. The said report was ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to draft a model constitution for new churches. The draft was given in by Mr. Romanes, and read. The Synod ordered it to be transmitted to Presbyteries for their consideration, with instructions that they report fully upon it at next meeting of Synod.

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The Synod called for the report of the Nine Commissioners of the Synod under the Clergy Reserve Act, when an interim report was read by Dr. Mathieson, on behalf of the Commissioners, detailing their proceedings, and expressing their belief that there was a prospect that the funds would shortly be made available for the assistance of the unendowed ministers; and calling upon the Synod for a list of the ministers, specifying who are unendowed, and who are endowed and to what extent. The Synod instructed the Commissioners to use their diligence to secure the application of the Clergy Reserve Fund, according to its original intention, as speedily as possible;—and ordered the Clerk to furnish the Commissioners with the list required.

The Synod called for the draft of the Address to the Governor General, which was given in and read by Mr. Romanes. After full consideration, the Synod agreed to adopt the same:—and it was ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

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

DIET V.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—Monday, the Seventh Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five Years:—*

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

The minutes were read and sustained.

The Synod agreed to record their sympathy with their late Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Cook, under his severe domestic affliction, and also with him, his congregation, and fellow citizens, in consequence of the repeated conflagrations by which, under Divine permission, so large a portion of Quebec has been destroyed, and the Synod recommend to all congregations under their jurisdiction to make collections in aid of the destitute sufferers.

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Saturday,  
July 5, 1845.

Report of the  
Clergy Reserve  
Commissioners.

Address to the  
Governor adopted

Adjournment.

Monday,  
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Expression of  
sympathy with  
Dr. Cook and the  
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Committee to  
draft a Pastoral  
Letter.

Reports of  
Committees on  
Records.

Synod Records  
to be attested.

Presbytery  
Records to be  
attested.

Mr. Clarke, of  
Indian Lands,  
declared no longer  
a minister of this  
church.

The Synod appointed Mr. Machar, Mr. Purkis, and Dr. Mathieson, to draw up a Pastoral Letter to the congregations under their jurisdiction in regard to the late calamity at Quebec.

The Synod called for the reports of the committees appointed to revise the Records of the Synod, and of Presbyteries.

A report on the Synod Records was given in, read and sustained:—and the Synod ordered the records to be attested by their Moderator as carefully and correctly kept.

Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston, Toronto, Montreal, Glengary, and Bathurst. The same were read and sustained.

The Synod ordered the Clerk to attest the records of these several Presbyteries as carefully and correctly kept. But inasmuch as it does not appear that the Presbytery of Kingston, in the ordination of Mr. Williamson (recorded at page 189 of their records), read over the act anent the Synod's spiritual independence, passed at last meeting, and which is appointed to be read over to all ministers admitted into this church, the Synod require the Presbytery to read over the said act to Mr. Williamson, and receive his assent thereto, at the first meeting at which he shall be present:—and inasmuch as it does not appear that the Presbytery of Montreal, in the ordination of Mr. Thom (recorded at page 113), and of Mr. Robb (recorded at page 117 of their records), read over the above mentioned act anent the Synod's spiritual independence, the Synod require the Presbytery to read over the said act to Mr. Thom and Mr. Robb, and receive their assent thereto, at the first meeting at which they shall be respectively present.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary reported "that they find that the connection of Mr. Clarke, of Indian lands, with the Presbytery of Glengary has not been terminated, according to the instructions of the Synod last year, notwithstanding it is a well known fact that Mr. Clarke has seceded from this church and is actually a member of the Seceding Synod." The Presbytery of

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Glengary were heard as to their reasons for delay. Whereupon the Synod did, and hereby do, declare the Rev. Daniel Clarke, of Indian lands, no longer a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The committee appointed to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton reported that the said records had not been put into their hands. Mr. McGill stated the reasons why the said records were not present. The Synod sustained the same, but expressed their regret at the records not being produced.

Hamilton Presbytery's records not present.

The committee appointed to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec reported that the said records were not present.

Quebec Presbytery's records not present.

The Synod annexed the Rev. James Thom and the congregation of Three Rivers to the Presbytery of Quebec; and authorized the Rev. Dr. Mathieson to sit with the said Presbytery.

Mr. Thom annexed to Quebec Presbytery.

It having been intimated to the Synod that a Deputation from the Church of Scotland had been appointed to visit this country, and might be expected very soon to arrive, it was unanimously resolved—

1. That the Synod learn with much gratification that the Church of Scotland, through her General Assembly, has, with parental regard for many of our countrymen and fellow Christians in this Province, over whom the Holy Spirit has placed us as overseers, appointed several of her ministers to visit this country with the special view of aiding this church in accomplishing the sacred objects of its institution; and that there is the prospect of the speedy arrival among us of the said Deputation from the parent church.

2. That the Deputation be requested (in accordance with instructions which the Synod feel persuaded the Deputation bear with them from the Church of Scotland) not to introduce the discussion of recently controverted subjects, as if an appeal were made to the people of this country for their support or suffrage in respect to such subjects; but, in the event of the Deputation being asked to give an explanation

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of subjects recently controverted in Scotland and in Canada, or to furnish a refutation of calumnies so industriously circulated of late, that they should present such subjects to the people under the charge of the Synod, as well as to all others, in such a way as to the Deputation and the members of this church may appear best fitted, under the blessing of God, to secure the general edification of the body of Christ:—the Synod, at the same time, hereby declaring their conviction that the church in this country cannot be ecclesiastically concerned in these controversies, and cannot be practically affected by them, inasmuch as it is one of its constitutional principles, always acted on and recently more formally declared; that this Synod is the Supreme Court of an independent church.

3. That the Synod, regarding the appointment of a deputation to Canada by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland as the most gratifying and significant of all proofs that could be afforded of the desire believed to be all along cherished by the friends and brethren of this church in Scotland, to make themselves accurately acquainted, by actual inspection and observation, with the spiritual circumstances and wants of the population of Canada,—hereby also unanimously resolve to afford every facility in their power to the Deputation, with the view of enabling them carefully and minutely to inquire into and ascertain the means of religious instruction and pastoral superintendence enjoyed by the people of this country, and also the modes most likely to prove effectual in directing the liberality of the parent church to the spiritual destitution so extensively prevailing throughout the province.

4. That local committees shall be formed to receive the Deputation,—to direct and assist them in their movements, and to secure most effectually the important ends for which the Deputation has been appointed:—Such local committees to consist of the ministers and elders of the various places which may be visited, and such other friends as they may deem it proper to associate with them,—the chief places for the meeting of such committees, to make arrangements on behalf of the surrounding country, being understood to be Quebec, Montreal, Cornwall, Bytown, Perth, Brookville,

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The Synod resumed consideration of the certificates of Mr. William Bain, Student of Divinity, mentioned in the minutes of a former diet; and particular inquiry having been made whether any member of court had any objection to state against him, none was brought forward. Whereupon the Synod considering the certificates, the report of the Presbyteries regarding the due receipt of the requisite circulars, and all the circumstances of this case, did, and hereby do, allow the said Mr. William Bain to be admitted on public trials for license by the Presbytery of Kingston.

The Address to his Excellency the Governor General was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod; and it was ordered to be presented by Dr. Mathieson, and such members of the church in Montreal as he may see meet to associate with him. The Address is as follows:—

*To his Excellency the Right Honourable CHARLES THEOPHILUS BARON METCALFE, of Fern Hill, in the County of Berks, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, beg leave to approach your Excellency with sentiments of the utmost respect and esteem for your Excellency's person, and our most sincere wishes for the prosperity and success of your administration.

It is a subject of deep regret that those divisions, which lately rent our church asunder, have not been healed, and that the attempts we made to effect a re-union with those who left our body were unsuccessful.

It affords us encouragement, however, that very many of the Presbyterian population remain firmly attached to the church of their fathers, and from every part of the province we receive the most urgent application for ministers—applications which it is at present entirely out of our power to answer.

In many places, from the poverty and scattered state of our people, it is impossible for them to support the ordinances of religion. It is therefore much to be regretted that the provision so wisely and beneficently made by the British government for this purpose has not yet been rendered available to any adequate

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Leave granted  
to Kingston  
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extent; and we earnestly hope that immediate measures may be adopted for giving effect to the Acts of the Imperial Legislature on this subject, and thus affording assistance to those who are making such laudable efforts to procure the means of religious instruction.

We beg leave to express our grateful sense of the interest which your Excellency has manifested in the welfare of our church, and the liberal aid which on many occasions you have afforded for the erection of places of worship; and we assure you that these expressions of your Excellency's kindness and good will are warmly appreciated both by us and our people.

That Almighty God may bestow upon your Excellency every temporal and spiritual blessing and make you partaker of a heavenly inheritance, is our fervent prayer.

At Kingston, this Seventh Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five Years;  
— Signed in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

**WILLIAM BELL, Moderator.**

The Synod called for the draft of the Address to the Queen, which was given in and read; and, having been duly considered, was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

The Synod appointed a committee to draft petitions to the several branches of the legislature on the subject of King's College, Mr. Romanes (Convener.)

The Synod adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow; and was closed with prayer.

DIET VI.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there: — Tuesday, the Eighth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Five years:—*

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

Mr. McGill, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

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The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed to conduct the French Mission in Lower Canada, which was given in and read by Dr. Mathieson, the Convener. The Synod sustained the report, and agreed to record their high satisfaction with the industry, faithfulness, and zeal displayed by Dr. Mathieson and the committee in the arduous and important work committed to them by the Synod. The Synod re-appointed the members of the Presbytery of Montreal to be a committee to carry on the French Mission,— Dr. Mathieson to be Convener, and Mr. Simpson to be Vice Convener; and instructed them to print the report given in, with a list of the contributions, and circulate the same throughout the bounds of the church. The Synod instructed the committee to take all prudent steps to raise a fund sufficient to pay off the debt on the French Church Property in the city of Montreal, and in particular to depute the Rev. Emile Lapelletrie, the missionary, to solicit contributions towards this object in the United States. The Synod directed that the French Church Property in Montreal be held in trust, on behalf of the Synod, by the ministers of the several congregations in Montreal, in connection with this Synod, together with an Elder of the French Church to be chosen by the Presbytery of Montreal, and their successors in office; and that in the event of any of the churches in Montreal being without a minister, the vacancy so caused in the trust be temporarily filled up by an Elder from that church, to be appointed for that purpose by the Presbytery of Montreal; and instructed the Convener to be guided in the arrangement of the details by legal advice. The Synod, further, enjoin all the ministers and sessions, under their jurisdiction, to bring the claims of this important mission more fully and urgently before their congregations, and to use their best endeavours to procure towards its support, as well as the liquidation of the debt on the Church Property, as liberal collections and subscriptions as possible; and (especially where this has been neglected during the past year) to remit the same to the Convener without delay.

The Address to the Queen was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod; and the Synod directed it to be

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French Mission  
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Report approved.

Committee re-  
appointed.

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Directions anent  
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Injunctions anent  
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transmitted by the Moderator through his Excellency the Governor General. The Address is as follows :—

*Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, embrace this opportunity of renewing the assurance of our undiminished attachment to your Majesty's royal person and government.

Loyalty to the British crown, and firm attachment to the principles of the British constitution, have ever distinguished the Church of Scotland, and, we doubt not, will continue to characterize her branches in every part of your Majesty's dominions.

The dissensions which, for some time past, have prevailed in Scotland, have unhappily extended to this country, and produced effects which we must deeply deplore. It is, however, our determination, by a peaceful and faithful discharge of our duties, to continue our endeavours to extend over this country the blessings of religious and moral instruction.

Under the benign protection of your Majesty, we enjoy the most perfect liberty in the exercise of all our ecclesiastical functions; and we earnestly trust that those important civil and religious privileges we now possess shall ever be maintained unimpaired.

That the Giver of all good may enrich your Majesty, your Royal Consort, and all the Members of your Family, with every blessing, both in this life and that which is to come, is our sincere and constant prayer.

Signed at Kingston, this Eighth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five Years;—in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

WILLIAM BELL, *Moderator.*

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed at last meeting to draw up a plan for the formation of a Lay Association, when there was produced and read the report of the committee, which had been already laid before the Commission of Synod and approved of by them. The Synod received and approved the said report;—re-appointed the committee, viz., Mr. Lambie (Convener), Mr. George, Dr. Liddell, and Dr. Mathieson, with the addition of the Hon. James Crooks, and Dr. Craigie;—and remitted the report to the committee, with instructions to use their diligence in corresponding with the friends of the church

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throughout the Province, and urging the formation by them of a Central Association and of Local Associations in as many places as possible, and to call for such suggestions as the friends of the church may conceive to be useful.

Annual reports from Presbyteries of their principal proceedings, were given in.

Annual reports given in.

The draft of a petition to the several branches of the legislature, on the subject of King's College, was given in and read,—and, having been maturely considered, was ordered to be subscribed by the Moderator;—the tenor whereof follows:—

Petition to the legislature anent the college.

UNTO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED:

*The Petition of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland,—*

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your Petitioners, continuing to be deeply impressed with a conviction of the great advantages which would result to this country from cordial union among all classes and interests in this province in prosecuting the objects of a university education, are persuaded that such advantages cannot reasonably be expected to be secured from the publicly endowed university of King's College, unless the various classes and interests of the country have a share in the management of the affairs of that institution, and believe that the principle of the bill brought into parliament, and passed through a second reading, during last session, would, if faithfully carried out by judicious and suitable details, secure these great objects.

May it therefore please your honorable house, with the concurrence of the other branches of the legislature, so to alter and amend the constitution of the publicly endowed university of King's College, at Toronto, as to secure to the church of which this Synod is the supreme court, through the authorities of Queen's College, as well as to other ecclesiastical sections of the community who may desire it, an equitable amount of influence in the management of the university of King's College, as a publicly endowed institution, and to incorporate Queen's College therewith as a theological college merely.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed, at Kingston, this Eighth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five Years;—in name and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

WILLIAM BELL, Moderator.

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Resolution anent  
encouraging  
young men to  
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Widow's Fund  
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It was moved by Mr. McGill, and unanimously agreed to, that this Synod, in view of the great spiritual destitution prevailing in many places within our bounds; and being now fully aware that we cannot reasonably look for any considerable relief from the parent church, or any other Presbyterian church in the United Kingdom,—resolve anew that we are specially called of God to use our utmost exertions to raise up a supply for the ministry among us from among the youth of this land,—instruct ministers to make continued supplication unto God, as well in their private as in their public prayers, that He may be pleased to send forth more labourers into the harvest, and also enjoin them frequently to admonish parents to consider what may be the call of God upon them in reference to the consecration of their children unto Him, in whatever department of service they may be qualified;—and, further, enjoin upon all Presbyteries and Sessions to make careful and diligent enquiry, in the several congregations within their respective bounds, to ascertain whether any young men may be found in them whose attention should be specially called to the claims of Christ upon them, in regard to the ministry of this church,—and to aid and encourage by all the means in their power such suitable young men as may declare their purpose to consecrate themselves to this sacred vocation.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their committee of bills and overtures, a memorial anent a widows' fund, and a scheme for the formation of the same, from Dr. Craigie and Mr. George Elmslie of Ancaster,—together with a paper on the same subject, by the Rev. James C. Muir, of Georgetown. The said papers having been read and considered, the Synod referred them to the Lay Association committee, with instructions to report upon them to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their committee of bills and overtures, a petition from the congregation of Darlington, praying that they might be put under the care of the Presbytery of Toronto. The Synod, having duly considered the reasons assigned by the petitioners for the desired change, agreed to grant their prayer, and annexed the township of Darlington to the Presbytery of Toronto.

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The Synod having called for the reports of Presbyteries in regard to the Act declaring the spiritual independence of this Synod, passed at last meeting, and no objections having been reported by any of the Presbyteries, the Synod did, and hereby do, convert the said Act into a Standing Law of this church.

The Synod called for the draft of the Pastoral Letter on the subject of the late calamities at Quebec, which was given in and read by Mr. Machar. The Synod adopted the same; and it was signed by the Moderator, and ordered to be printed and circulated without delay. The letter is as follows:—

*Pastoral Letter of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to the Kirk Sessions and Congregations under their spiritual superintendence.*

**BELoved BRETHREN :**

Remembering that when one member of the body suffers, all the other members should suffer with it, the Synod, having had their attention drawn to the recent awful fires by which so large a portion of the city of Quebec has been laid in ashes, and so many of its people reduced to utter destitution, cannot refrain from calling upon you to sympathise with the sufferers, and to seek of God that He would graciously sanctify this fearful visitation, both to the immediate sufferers and to the whole body of our population.

It is said that "When the judgments of God are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness;" and happy will it be for us if this, and other calamitous visitations of the same kind on our land, shall become the means of bringing our sins to our remembrance, and of leading us to humble ourselves under his mighty hand, on account of those iniquities which unhappily prevail in the midst of us, and which so justly provoke heavy judgment. The Synod would carefully guard against being thought to hold the opinion that those in Quebec who have so severely suffered under the late calamities, are

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Overture anent equitable distribution of the lapsed allowances, referred to the nine commissioners.

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sinner above all others in our land; they remember that not thus does the Lord instruct us to interpret such dispensations, and that, forcing back our minds upon our own sins, the voice which he would have us all hear in this visitation, is, "Nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish;" and they would exhort you to unite with them in praying the God of all grace, that he would overrule this calamity so as that, though for the present not joyous but grievous, it may yield unto us the peaceable fruits of righteousness, leading to the putting away from us that Sabbath breaking, intemperance, lewdness, love of the world, and other iniquities which are our reproach, and which, unless forsaken, must end in our ruin.

You will have learned, brethren, that many thousands of the inhabitants of Quebec have had their habitations and their whole substance consumed; and as such an amount of distress so loudly calls upon us to come to the help of the sufferers, the Synod, in conclusion, desire to press upon you the Apostolic direction, "That ye ought to support the destitute, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Signed, in name, in presence, and by appointment  
of the Synod, at Kingston, this 7th day of  
July, 1845.

WILLIAM BELL, *Moderator.*

The Synod having called for the report of the Gaelic translation committee, Mr. Maclaurin gave in a translation of the act anent the spiritual independence of the Synod, and of the letter of sympathy from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The Synod ordered these to be printed;—and relieved the committee from the preparation of any further translations.

The Finance committee gave in a report on the financial concerns of the Synod, which was received and sustained; and, in accordance with the recommendations thereof, the Synod instruct the Clerk to transmit to the Clerks of Presbyteries a list of the arrears due to the Synod Fund by the several congregations within the bounds of the respective Presbyteries; and the Synod instruct Presbytery Clerks to collect all arrears within their bounds and remit the amount to the Synod Treasurer, at Toronto, immediately. The Synod, further, direct that hereafter it shall be part of the duty of Presbytery Clerks to collect from the sessions and congregations within the bounds the annual contributions to the Synod Fund, and to pay over the same to the Treasurer, and that they use their diligence in urging on sessions and

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It was unanimously resolved to offer the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Machar and his congregation, who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Synod on the present occasion.

The Synod appointed the following members, as the Commission of Synod, to watch over the general interests of the church, and to transact any business devolved upon it, viz. :—

The Moderator, and the Clerk :—and

*From the Presbytery of Kingston* :—Mr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Dr. Thomas Liddell, Mr. Peter C. Campbell, Mr. James Williamson, *Ministers* :—Mr. Joseph Bruce, Mr. James Leadingham, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Toronto* :—Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. James Lambie, Mr. John Barclay, *Ministers* :—Mr. Joseph McBride, Mr. William Paterson, Mr. John Cameron, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Montreal* :—Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James C. Muir, *Ministers* :—Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. R. H. Norval, Mr. John Bruce, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Glengary* :—Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John Maclaurin, *Ministers* :—the Hon. John McGillivray, the Hon. Judge McLean, and Mr. Alexander McMartin, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Hamilton* :—Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. William King, Mr. George McClatchey, *Ministers* :—Mr. John McFarland, Mr. Timothy Cooper, the Hon. James Crooks, Mr. Walter Cowan, Mr. A. D. Fordyce, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Quebec* :—Dr. John Cook, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. James Thom, *Ministers* :—Mr. John Thompson, Mr. John Fraser, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Bathurst* :—Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. Alexander McKid, Mr.

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George Bell, *Ministers*:—Mr. George Malloch, the Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. Archibald Petrie, Mr. John Clark, *Elders*:—

The Synod appointed the Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on the Second Wednesday in October, at Twelve o'clock, Noon:—in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the Second Wednesday in February, at Seven o'clock, P. M.:—and in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the First Wednesday in May, at Twelve o'clock, Noon.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the Second Wednesday in July, 1846, at Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod; when, after prayer and singing, the Synod was closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

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