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## THE SIXTH SESSION r

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## THE SYNOD

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THE LANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

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COMMITTEES APPOINTED OR RE-APPOINTED.

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## MLISTRRS.

A. Aenderson, M.A. OR W. Taylor, D.D. ..Mar W. B. Clark......Sep Thomas Herry.
${ }^{* R o b t}$ Irvine, D.D., Nov *J. Watson, M. A. .Aug *John Irvine..
Daniel Gordon.
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*Thomas Fenwick..Oct.
Vacant.
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## ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

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## the canada presbyterian church.

## (The Names of those Present are marked with an Asterisk.)

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

## MWI8TERS. DATE OF <br> ORDINATION

A. Aenderson, M.A.,Oct. 30,1810
${ }^{*}$ W. Taylor, D.D. .. Mar. 29, 1881 W. B. Clark.......Sep. 1839. Thomas Henry.... 1840 .


- John Irvine............... 1841.

Daniel Gordon. .................. 1849




${ }^{*}$ Peter Currie..........Feb. 19, 1855 ....*P. Dewar..........Inverness ...................... Inverness, C. E.

Alex, Allan..........Feb. 26, 1858...... W. Marsball.......English River........... Howick, C. E. A. F. McQueen....Dee. 15, 1858...... J. R. Marsball......St. Eustache, \&c.....St. Eustache, C.E John Milloy..........Feb. 2, 1859.... J. R. McKenzie.Kenyon...................... Dunvegau, C. W.



D. Paterson, M. A., Oot. 24, 1860..... Alex. Alex. Mclpath...Cote Street, Montreal. Montreal.

Walter Coulthard..Nov, 22, 1860..... Alex. Mclachlan, St Andrews...........St. Andrews, C. E.

John Eadie..........May Mar. 19, 1862..................................................New Glasgow Hlasgow, ©,E.
John McDonald.....Feb 26, 1864........................................................... Chry., Lachute, Lachute, C. E.
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missionaries.
${ }^{*}$ Thomas Fenwick._Oct. 30, 1861
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Cote des Neiger....................

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J. C. Becket..... Erskine Ch. Montreal,Montreal.
. C. Becket.....Erskine Ch. Montreal,Montreal

Cote des Neige?....
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St. Joseph Street, Montreal,
t. Sylvester $\qquad$
Mission Stations,-Bay of Chaleurs, -Containing four f(ations, namely.-New Carlisle, Hopatown, Sheguiac, and Port Daniel; Frampton, Keanevec, Sherbrooke, Stoneham, Lake Beauport, Port Neuf, Chateaguay Basin, Laguerre, Alexandria, Hawkesbury, Roxborongh,
Harington.

Alexander Young, Presbytery Clerk.
PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

S. C. Fraser, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

## mimisters,

Robert Boyd, D.D. FRDination. John Morrison W. Lochead Senior *W Ferre Medior.Dec. 1830 Andrew Melville ${ }^{-}$Robert McKenzie William Bennett Martin Lowry
*John Burton John Jones Vacant

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William Ferrie, A. M., Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.



Patrick Gray, Presbytery Clerh.

## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

James Douglass....June
*John M, Roger, M, A, Mar.
T. Alexander, M. A., Mar.
*John Paterson
*John Ewing …....June
1846 .... John Diek …....Verulim ......Dunsford.
John W. Smith ..... April, 1849..... James Carruthers Grafton \& Vermonville Gr. Pleasant,
${ }_{*}^{*}$ Wrm J. MeKenzie ...Oct.5 1850.... James Carruthtrs Grafton \& Vermonville Grafton.


${ }^{*}{ }^{*}$ William Blain

'James Thom B, A..... Oct, 27,1859.... Wamuel Corbett ... Perrytown \& Oakhills. Perrytown
${ }^{*}$ David Wate"s, M. A....July 16,1861..... Walter Brodie ..Lakefieid \& Warsaw .....North Douro *George Lyall.... Port Hope $\qquad$ ...Port Hope.
D. Waters, M. A., Presbytery Clerk.

## PREBYTFRY OF ONTARIO,



George Riddell, Presbytery Clerk

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oh ....... Wick Newcastle, Clarke, -.. .... Prince Albart. Brooklin Raglan, Asaburn. easkdale,Uxbridge zlu, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

## ministars.

DATE OF ELDERS. ordination.
*Robert Burns, D.D..Jnly 1811
M, Willis.D.D., LL.D. 1821 James Hart is .......July 10,1823 ... -W, Fraser …...Sep. 2, 1834.. W.....Sep. 2, 1834.....*JohnCersweli.....Without charge ........Eglington David Coutts ..............1836..... John Henderson.W.Gwillimbury \& Essa, Bond Head. A. Topp, M. A.......Jan. 1838.....*Hon.J.McMurrichKnox Ch, Torontousy, Mayfield. J. Jennings, D. D.,July 1838..... John Bain .......Bay St. church, Toronto, Toronto. ${ }^{\text {*Peter Glassford,....Oct. 10, 1838.... William Rogers... Vanghan and Albion ..Coleraine. }}$ ${ }^{*}$ Wames Dick ........Dec. 28, 1849..................................................... - James Dick .........Eec. 28, 1842....*Alex, Marsh .....Riohmond Hill, \&e.....Richmond Hill.
 *James Pringle ......Jan, 19, 1848.....James Haggart ..1st Brampton, Ne........ Brampton.

 *J. Alexander, M•A.,May 1851.....*DavidHendersen, Union and Norval...........Norval.
*John Gray ......May $1851 . . .$. Thomas Dallas Orillia and John Black .......July 13, 1851......John Barclay ... Missia and E. Oro ........Orillia. *Jsmes Adams .......July 1852.....*S. MeCutohy ... Bissionary Red River ...Red River.

 James Mitchell .....Feb. 1856..... Dnncan McCallumBoston Ch. avd Milton....East Oro. ${ }^{4}$ J. M. King, M. A. .. Oct. 27, 1857..... John Young Reid,Gould Street,Toronto ..Milton. ..


 Alex. Matheson .....Nov, 28, 1869..... George Ewen.....Oakville....... ..........Oakville.
 *John K. Hislop .....Nov, 17, 1862...... *indrew Agnew...King and Laskey .......I askey, *Arcbd, Brown …Jan. 27, 1864..... Ancrew Mullen, Alliston, \&ec. ......... Alliston
 James Baikie .......Sep. 12, 1885.....*Samuel Marahall,West Cbureh Timehouse,Gorgetewn. ${ }^{*}$ Francis Dencan ....Sep. 26, 1865.....*John Porter Vacant ....... .... H. Sutherland ... W. Gwillimbury\&Bradford Brampton. .....Jobn Hegg ....... York Mills \& Fisherville, York Mills. ..... Streetsville .......... Markland

## Jakgid Mitchell, Presbytery Clerk,

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Thomes Christie.
*George Cheyne.....May 12, 1831..... ${ }^{*}$ Robert Shaw.....Flamboro ${ }^{\prime}$...... WestFlamboro ${ }^{\circ}$ *Nohn Porteous .... Dee. 7, 1842..... Robert Mhaw....Saltflset and Binbrook ..Tapleytown. s4. MoLean, A. M., Feb. 14, 1843......Jobart ArcQueen, Beverly Fi....Kirkwall. *David Inglis .......Jan. 17, 1846.......... I Mames Nicol ....Nairn Ch. Flamboro' W., Freelton, $*$ Robert Wallace.....July 15, 1846..... George Grey ..Thorold \&t. Ch., Hamilton, Hamilton, \&R, F. Burns, D. D.,July 17, 1847..... *Robert Laurie ..Thorold\&Drummondrille Drummondville, ${ }^{*}$ W. Ormiston, D.D.,Oct. 23, 1840.....*Rugh Young ...st. Catharines ....... St Catharines. *James Blaok ......Nov, 9, 1853..... ${ }^{\text {BHugh Young .....Central Ch., Hamilton ...Hamilton, }}$ *John Lees .......Jov. July 10, 1855... *William Craigio......Jan. 5,1856 *Jonn Rennie .......Sep. 22, 1857. *John KcRobie........Oet. 20 1857 *Jh Mray....Oct. 20 1857..... H. Fleming........ Junnville.............. Dunnville.
 *Mlexander Grant.... Mep, 28, 1863...... James Stewart ...Sutherland St., Caledonia, Senime by ${ }^{*}$ Albert B Brant....May 27, 1864. John MoColl . ....... Oct. 24, 1865.... *P Alexander, Knox Chureh, Hamilton..Hamilton. James Maleolm ....Dec. 21, 1885.... P. Thornton .....Knox Ohurch, Dundas ..Dundas. *R. N. Grant .......Jan. 23, 1866....'B. Beamer, 8t. Anns and Welland Port, St. Anns, N. Pelham. Vacant


John Flett, jun.... Chippawa
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William Wilson Port Colborne and Welland.
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## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS. $\begin{gathered}\text { DATR OF } \\ \text { ORDINATION. ELDRRB. CONGREGATIONS. POST OPPICR }\end{gathered}$

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${ }^{\text {Aroh'd Cross }}$.......Aug. 17, 1848
${ }^{*}$ Danoan MoRuer.....Nov. 25, 1851
*Dunoan MeDiarmid, May 26, 1852
*John Danbar......May 18, 1852
*W. T. Mo Kallen .-Nov. 5, 1856
*John Straith .. ...Jan. 30, 1857
*John James …....Sep. 29, 1857.
*W. Robertson, M. A.,Jan, 26, 1859.
W. Cochrane, M. A., June 7 1859
*William Peattie ...Jan 24, 1860
*Robert Hume, M. A.., May 22, 1860.
*William Donald ..Oct. 31, 1860...
*F. MoCnaig .......Nov. 28, $1860 .$.
${ }^{*}$ James Robertion ...July 23, 1862...
${ }^{*}$ W. Riehardson ..Mar. 3, 1863..
*Heotor McQuarrie..May 22, 1866 . Vacant

Robert James ....Erskine Ch, Woodstook. Woodstock.
Daniel Kerr .....Erskine Ch., Ingersoll .Ingersoll. *John Linton ....Knox Church. Ayr.......Ayr.
John Patterson ..Chalmers' Ch., Woodstock, Woodstook.
A. Buchanan.....Glen Morris ......Glen Morris.
W. Chambers.... Knox Ch., Woodstook ..Woodstock.

Alex. Gordon.....Knox Chureh, Ingersoll, Ingersoll.
*M. L. Folsetter...Dumfries Street, Paris.. Paris.
J.hn Brown.......Chesterfield
…....Chesterfield.
Wa't Renwiok.. Zion Church, Brantford, Brantford.
George Bryce ...Mount Pleasant .......Mohawk.
*Robert Tarnball..St. George ........St. George.
*James Barr ......Norwichvilte, \&c. ...........Norwiehvilte.
*Peter Wilson...... Patho and Innerkip ..Innerkip.
John Allison.........Tilson burg ac ........Paris.
*R. Riehardson......Wil lis Ch., Blenheion .....Dereham.
*D. Mo Vaughton .. Wellington St ,Brantford, Brantford.
W. Richmond ....Stanley Street Ch., Ayr, Ayr. Beachville
W. Cochranr, M. A., Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH

*George Smellie ....Maroh, 1836
*John Duff .......Aug. $10,1836$.
*William Barrie .....Jao. 4, 1843
*Robert Torra cee...Nov.11, 1846
'William S. Ball ...Feb.23, 1849
${ }^{*}$ James K. 8 mith.....Fer. 1853
Jas. Alex. Thomson, July 25,1855
${ }^{*} \mathrm{Jam}^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$ Middlemiss ..June 3, 1856.
*Andrew McLean ..Mar.10, 1857.
Daniel Anderson
*William Millican ...Sep 21, 1859 .
${ }^{*}$ *Malcolm Mackenzie, Feb. 12, 1862 .
Wm. T. Murdoch ..Sep. 10, 1862.
${ }^{*}$ Lachlan Camero ..Nov. 5, 1862.
${ }^{*}$ Thomas McGuire ...Mar. $8,1864$.
Edward Graham ...Sep. 28 1864.
-George MoLennan....Nov. 9,1864
*Renneth McDonald. Oet. 25, 1865.

- John Davidson ...Feb. 14, 1866.

Veeant
${ }^{\text {* Peter Dow }}$.......Melville Church, Fergus, Fergus. *John Keith .......Knox Church, Elora ..Elora. John Armstrong... 1 t Eramosa, -.... Guelph. *Thomas MoCrae...1st Guelph $\quad .$. Guelp. *Thomas Douglass, Knox Chareh, Guelph .-Guelph. * zimon McKenzie.. Knox Church'Galt......Galt. *Johnston Speirs ..Erin and Caledon West, Erin. *W. C. Spalding ..Chalmers Chureh Elora, Elora. John McKay ...... West Pus ineh .......Crieff. Rebert T. Black, St. John's Garafraxs ... Rothsay. Rebert T, Black,St. John's Garafraxs ...Gaiafraxa *James Dickie ....Doon and Hespeler ...Dcon. *James Dalgleish...Melville. Church, Galt, Galt, *Duncan Kennedy Knox Chur h, Acton ...Aoton. *James Law .......Glenallen and Hollin..Glenallen. *James Law …....Woolwich \& Hawksville, Canestoga. Jamss Connell ...Minto …......... Harriston. Andrew MeRobie.Duff's Ch., E. Puslineh, Morriston. *R, Philip …..Alma and Cumnock ..Alma Arch'd MePhail -. Nassagaweya Berlin $\qquad$ ....
*John A. Davidson, Eden Mills \& Rookwood,
George Hunter ..Arthur and Kenilworth. ......Everton and Mimosa

James Middlemiss, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.


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1. A., Presbytery Clerk.
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.Crieff d Wallace ...Rothsay. Garafraxa ...Gajafraxa Hespeler --Doon. hurch, Galt, Galt, $\mathbf{r c h}$, Acton...A aton. and Hollin...Glenallen \& Hawksville, Canestoga.

Harriston.
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MIss, Presbytery Clerk.

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CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

## ZINIBTERE.

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reh'd McDiarmid feil MeKinnon. eter McDermid rch'd Cnrrie rch'd Cnrrie ....... eter Goodfellow ....Jeb 17, 1860....Arch'd MoIntyre leorge Simpson.......July 21, 1862.... ${ }^{*}$ Ronald Fraser Fleming ... rehib. Stewart ....... Nov. 26, 1862...Donald Fleming ... eorge Grant Villiam Caven... ohn Thompson niel Duff.
Vacant.

## DATE OF

ORDINATION. BLDERS.
July 22,1858...* Maitland Young
eb, 17, 1859.................................Detroit
Mar, 8, 1855...Henry Spence.......... Oarlisle... Feb. 21, 1861... ${ }^{*}$ Farquhar McRae... Wardsville Mar, 6, 1861.... William Cole .........Moore

Detroit
St. Ann's, Kankakee
$\qquad$
Detroit Mar. 8, $1855 . . . A n g u s$ Fletcher .......Chalmers Ch..................Falkirk. Apr. 21, 1857 ...Donald McMillan .... Wallacetown Dunwich.Lougwood. Wardsv Wallacetown. Wardsville. Belmont \& Y .................Birkhall. Widder... $\mathbf{a r m o u t h . . . B e l m o n t . ~}$ Westminister.................Widder. Mosa ........................... London.
Delaware .........................G'encoe.
.Delaware ............................ Delaware.
.Ridgetown.........................Ridgetown.
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London Township..
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Aldborough ......................
Amherstburgh
Plympton.
Strathroy and Adelaide.
Florence and Bothwell.
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Oil Springs
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Napier
Elmira, İilinois, U.S.......
Vienna \& Port Burwell.
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Gro. Cuthbertsoy, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

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William Doak, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

 Wm. Matheson ........May 1, 1862....Ed. T. Brown..........S. Bruce \& Greenock ...Tiverton. Adam McKay .........July $24,1862 . .$. Wm. Pringle ..............Culross, \&entre Bruce ....North Bruce. J. Porbes................Dec. 11, 1868...................................... Rnniskillen, ...................Teeswater. John Perguson..........Jan. 31, 1865............................ Rnniskillen, \&c.............Ríversdale. Henry Gracey ...........Mar. 22,1865....John Gardner ......Mel. Ch., Ainleyville ...Dingle. Robert Leask ..........Nov. 21, 1865...John Gordon ..........Thames Road \& KirktonParguhar. George Brown
Vacant $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ S t . ~ H e l e n ' s . ~$ Vacant

Rothsay .......................Porter Hill.
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PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

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At the city of Hami Efith day of June, one at which time and place met. The Moderatcr devotional exercises, position to proceed wi Toronto, took the Mo v. 6, "And I beheld, four beasts, and in the been slain. having seve spirits of God sent fort constituted with prayer seut.
The Roll of Synod ec byteries, was called, an A staiement of the list of Probationers, wh forth in the Reports of the Minute Clerk, in a ordered to be engrossed

The foliowing minister In the Presbytery of I Line, Octoher 17, 1865. In the Presbytery of Ashton, Decomber 24, 18 in the Presoytery of H 44, 1866.
In the Presbytery of Mo Ksy 5, 1866 .

The following ministers from their respective cha

MINUTES
of the
SIXTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD
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THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHUROH

FIRST SEDERUNT.
At the city of Hamilton, and within Central Church, there, the Jane 5, 1860. 7 Efth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six years, at which time and place the Synod of the Canada PresbyterianChurch met. The Moderatcr, Mr. William Aitken, conducted ogening devotional exercises, but was unabls on account of sudden indisposition to proceed with his sermon, when Mr. William Gregg, of Toronto, took the Moderator's pla $\cdot \mathbf{e}$, preaching from Revelation v. 6, "And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a lamb as it had been slain. having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." I'be Synod was then constituted with prayer by Mr. James Dick, the last Moderator pre seut.
The Roll of Synod compiled from the Rolls of the several Pres- Roll called, byteries, was called, and the atterdance of inembers marked.
A staiement of the changes affecting the Synod Roll, and the Roll, changes list of Probationers, which had occurred since last meeting, as set ${ }^{\mathrm{in}}$ • forth in the Reports of the several Presbyteries, was submitted by the Minute Clerk, in a tabulated form,-was taken as read,-and ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes, as under :

DEATH OF MINISTERS.
The foliowing ministers were removed by death :
In the Presbytery of London, James Skinner, Bethel and Proof Line, Octoher 17, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Ottawa, John McKinnon, Beckwith and Ashton, Decamber 24, 1865.
in the Presoytery of Hamilton, Mark Y. Stark, Dundas, January 44, 1866.
In the Presbytery of Montreal,Peter D. Mair, Ordained Missionary, xay 5,1866 .

DEMISSIONG.
The following ministers gave in their domission, and were loosed from their respective charges.

In the Presbytery of Montreal, David Black, resigred his license Thirteen De and commission as a minister, June 13, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Muntreal, Alexander F. Kemp, St. Gabriel Etreet, Montreal, June 21, 1365.
In the Presbytery of Brockvilie, E. W. Garner, Spencerville, June 22, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Brockville, J. C. Quin, Kemptville, August 1, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Kingaton, Robert C. Swinton, Picton and Demorestville, July 6, 1865.
In the Presbyiery of Guelpb, James Thom, Eden Mills and Rockwood, July 11, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Guelph, John McMechan, Berlin, May 8, 1866.

In the Presbyterp of Toronto, Julius Straus, Markham, August 22, 1865.
In the Preshytery of Toronto, Walter Wright, Streetsville, November 28, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Huron, William C. Young, Knox's Church, Anleyville, October 10, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Ottuwa, James B. Duncan, Perth, March 12, 1866.
In the Presbytery of Ontario, Oliver Labelle, Columbus and Brooklin, March 28 , 1866.

In the Presbytery of Cobourg, James Bowie, Norwood and Hastinge, May 15, 1866.

## suspension.

Mr. Archibald Lees, M.A., was, by the Presbytery of Ontario, One Sopenim suspended from the office of th, Miwistry and from the membership of the Church, Ja:uary 16, 1866.

DEPOSITIONS.
The following ministers were deposed from the office of the Two Depu Ministry :-

By the Presbytery of Paris, Jobn Gillespie, Blenheim, November 7, 1866.
By the Presbytery of Kingston, Thomas Killough, Trenton May 8, 1866.

## ORDINATIONS.

The following probationers were ordained, and at the same time sixten of inducted as pasiors of ibe congregations under named:-
By the Preshytery of Montreal, John Jones, Cote des Neiges, August 16. 1865.
By the Presbytery of Toronto, Francis Duncan, 2nd Brampton, September 6, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Toronto, James Baikie, West Church, Toronto, September 12, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Hnmilton, Albert B. Simpson, Knox's Church. Hamilton, September 12, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Hamilton, John McColl, Dundas, October 24, 1865.
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CANADA PRESBYTERIAN OHUROH.
By the Presbytery of H ımilton, James Malcolm, St. Anns and Wellaidport, December 21, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Hamitoa, R. N. Grant, Waterdown, and Wellington Square, Jauuary 23, 1866.
By the Presbytery of Lonion, William Caven, Ridgetown, 0 ctober 25, 1865.

By the Presbytery of London, John Thompson, Saraia, April 25, 1866.
By the Preshytery of Guelph, Kenneth McDonald, East Puslinch, October 25, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Guelph, John Davidson, Alma and Camnock, Fubruary 14, 1866.
By the Presbyte y of Huron, Robert Leask, St. Helens, November 21, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Grey, John Morrison, Missionary, Proton, January 9. 1866.
By he Presbytery of Ottawa, William Moore, Bank St., Ottawa, March 28, 1866.
By the Presbytery of Ontario, George Jamieson, Prince Albert, March 28, 1866 .
By the Presbytery of Paris, Hector McQuarrie, Willis' Church, Bleuheim, May 22, 1866.

## TRANSLATIONS.

The following ministers, having nccepted calls, were loosed from Five Translatheir respective cong:egations, and were inducted into new charges, tions, uamely:-
John Stewart, from the congregation of Blythe, in the Presby. tery of Huron, to that of Duawich, in the Presbytery of London, July $12,1865$.
James K. Smith, from Brockville, in the Presbytery of Brockville, to Knox's Church, Gait, in the Presbytery of Guelph, September 28, 1865.
James Nisbet, Missionary, Red River, apuointed by the Foreiga Mission Commitee, as Missionary to the Indians.
Al-xander Matjeson, from Usnabruck, in the Presbytery of Brockvile, to Red Kiver Mission, in the Presbytery of Toronto, March 7, 1866.
John Junes, frum the congregation of Cote des Neiges, in the Presbyiery of Montreal, to that of Brockville, in the Presbytery of Brockville, May 9, 1866.

## INDUCTIONS.

The following ministers were inducted into the charges named Fight Indao
elow, at the dates attached to each:-
In the Presbytery of Paris, John Janaes, Dumfries street, Paris,
omitted last year.) April 11, 1865.
In the Preshytery of Ontario, Eagh Campbell, Manilla, roomanton and Cannington, July 18, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Brockville, Martin Lowry, Cornwall,
Novembar 7, 1865.
In the Presbytery of Brockville, Andrew Melville, Colquhoun
nd Thom Settlemeuts, November 20 . 1865.
In the Presbytery of Montreal, R beat Irvine, D.D., Knox'a [312]

Church, Montreal, February 6, 1866.
In the Presbytery of Huron, George Brown, Wroxeter and Howick, April 25, 1866.

In the Presbyterv of Cobourg, James Thom, Lakefielu and Warsaw, May 8, 1866.

In the Presbytery of London, Alex. F. Kemp, M.A., Windsor, May $9,1866$.

## RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

The following ministers of other Churches were received as Thr e wive ministers of this Ckurch:-
By the Preshytery of Mon treal, John Jones, a probationerof the American Presbyterian Church, (0.8.) June 13, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Stralfurd William Moore, a licentiate of the Presbyterian Cbarch, (O S ) United States, June 13, 1865.

By the Preshytery of Stratford, Martm Lowry, an ordained minister of the Episcopal Methodist Church, June 13, 1865.

## LICENSURE.

The following Students of Theology were licensed as pro- Ten slame bationers:-
By the Presbytery bf Londo.i, James Baikie, Jaly 5, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Guelph, Krnnetb McDunald, July 11, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Huron, John McCoil, July 12. 1865.
By the Presbytery or Huron, Allan Findiay. July 12. 1865.
By the Presbytery of Paris, R. N. Grant, Augrst 1, l$>65$.
By the Presbytery of Ottana, Stephen Young, August 3, 1865.
By the Presbytery of Cobourg, Walter M. Roger, Angust 8, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Toronto, Hector McQuarrie, August 2, 1865.

By the Preshytery of Toronto, John Hi. Thom, Angust 2, 1855.
By the Presbytery of Toronio, Albert B. Simpson, August 2 , 1865.

## ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when Modentro to there was read a list of Ministers, nominared by the several sen. Presbyteries, for the office of Moderator, containing the following names :-Mr. Alexander Topp, if 'Toronto ; Dr. Willis, Principal of Knox College ; Mr. David Inglis. of Hamilton; Mr. Gerrge Smellie, of Fergus; Mr. John J. A. Proudfoot, of London ; Mr. Thorass McPherson, of Stra ford; Mr. Juhn Scott, of London.
Befure a vote was taren on any of the nominations foregoing, $M_{z}$. Fronder Mr. Proudfoot requesied that his name should be withdrawn from name sith the list. On motion of Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. Ferrie, drawn. Mr. Proudfoo 's request was gianted, and his name was, accordingly, withdrawn.
It was then moved by Mr. William McLaren, seconded, by Dr, Mr. D. lugit Thornton, that Mr. David Inglis, of Hamilton, be eleeed ah mea aned Moderator of the Synud for the ensuing ecelesiastical year. $A_{\text {drea sed }}^{\text {uto }}$ vote being taken, the motion was carried unanimously. Mr, syoud Inglis took the chair and addressed the Synod.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee on Business gave in a Report, and, in accordance Rurinoss Con. th the recommendations therein contained, the following ap. Rot ort. intments were made:-
To be members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, Dr. mondson, for the Presbytery of Brockville ; Mr. John Hogg, the Presbytery of Toronto ; Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoot, and Mr. illiam Clark, for the Presbytery of London ; Mr. James Aikenad, for the Presbytery of Huron ; Mr D. Christie, for the Preshy$y$ of Grey; th 3 se Presbyteries having omitted to make the reisite appointments in accordance with the Standing Orders.

BILLS COMMITTEE TO MEET.
The Committee on Bills and Overtares were then ordered to Bills' Com. to Id their first meeting, in the basement of this Chureh, to-morrow meet. orning, at 9 o'clock.

## elders' commissions' committee.

The Synod appointed a Committee on the Commissions of Elders, Elders' Comegated by their respective Kirk-Sessions, but wnose names had mi toins' Com. theen forwarde ito their Presbytery Clerks, with the view of scing on the Roll of Synod such as might be found to have been gularly a sopointed, as follows :-Messrs. Saings Black, Albert B. mpson, George Cheyue, John J. A. Proudfoot, Minister ; Mr. J. ith, and Mr. Peter Wilson, Elders. Mr. Black to be Convener.

## RECORDS OF PRESBYTERTES AND SYNOD-COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Recordsof
cords of the several Presbyteries, namely : Pr sbyteries Of the Presbytery of Montreal, Messrs. D. McRuer, T. Mc ${ }^{\text {Coms.on. }}$ ire, and Dr. Edmondson.
Of the Presbytery of Oitawa, G. Cathbertson, E. Graham, and
Renwick.
Of the Presbytery of Brockville, J. Middlemiss, W. T. Mc illen, and J. A. Davidson.
Of the Presbytery of Kingston, J. Porteous, Dr. Irvine, and mes Law.
Of the Presbytery of Cobourg, W. Ferrie, J. M. King, and A.
MuKenzie.
of the Presbytery of Oatario, D. Waters, J. Scott, (L.), and W. ark.
Of the Presbytery of Toronto, R. Torrance, D. H. McVicar, dAlexander Smith.
Of the Presbytery of Guelph, T. Stevenson, J. Baird, and W: ambers.
Of the Presbytery of Hamilton, W. Park, Walter Inglis, and T.
Crae.
Of the Preshytery of Paris, S. C. Fraser, J. Rose, and S Marshall.
Of the Presbytery of Lin on, W. Gregg, W. Inglis, and W.
chmond.
Uf the Prosbytery of Stratford, J. MeMillan, A. D. McDonald, d. Hon. H. McMurrich.
of the Preabytery of $\mathrm{H}_{\lrcorner}$ron, James Whote, A. McDiarmid, and
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## A. Bartlett.

Of the Presbytery of Grey, W. Cochrane, D. McDiarmid, and J. Linton.

The names placed first on the foregoing list were appointed Con. Conveners. $1 / 4$ veners of the respective Committee.

The Committee to examine the Records of the Synod, was ap-Synod Record pointed as follows : Mr. W. Doak, Dr. Ormiston, Ministers and Mr. Com. on, T. Henry, Elder. - Mr. Doak, Convener.

## REMITS COMMITTEE.

The Synod appointed a Comemittee on the Retarns of Presbyter ${ }^{-}$Remits Com ies t) Remits sent down by the Synod last year, as follows : ${ }^{\text {on. }}$ Messrs. W. McLaren, J. Baird, R. Ure, minister, and I r. Holden, Elder.
bUSINESS DIETS.
It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Business Com- Diets for bus mittee, that the diets for business be thin same as last year, that is to ness. say. to $m$ tet at ten $\mathrm{o}^{\prime}$ clock, and continue in session till one; meet again at three o'clock, and adiourn at six $;$; resume at half-past seven, and close at ten. It was at the same time agyeed to meet nevoti nal to-morrow morning at elpen o'clock, and to spend the first hour ${ }^{\text {axeroises. }}$ in devotional exercise.

## LOYAL ADDRESS, AND COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED.

On rotion of Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Mr. D. Wardrope. Quann, to... it was agreed that a Committee be appointed o draft a loral address ${ }^{\text {addrerges }}{ }^{\text {Core }}{ }^{10}$ be to the Queen, and also to the Governor General of Canada; a appolnted. anecial notice to be taken in such ad fresses of the present very serious aspect of public affairs in the land.

TEANKS TO RETIRTNG MODERATOR, \&C.
$0_{\mathrm{n}}$ motion of Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Dr. Burns, it was Thanksto agreed, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the retiring Moderator med Moderator for bis services during the year, and their sympathy with him in his present indisposition; and further that the Synod tender their grateful acknowledgements to Mr. William Gregg, for his excellent sermon, at the opening of this Sevsion.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock. The diet was closed with the Benediction.

## SECOND SEDERUNT.

## Central Caurch, Hamiltor. Wednesday June Gth, 1866, 11 o'elock, A.M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptures prais and prayer,-Dr. O miston, and Messrs McLaren and Proudfoot, at the request of the M derator, taking part with h'm in devotional exercises, for one hour.

The Minutes of the first Sederunt wure read and sustained.
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## BILLS' COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee of Bills and 0 vertures gave in their first Report, Billsani Overwhich was read and rectived, and the order of business therein tue Com. Set.
recommended sanctioned.

## ELDERS' COMMISSIONS' REPORT.

Mr. James Black, from the Committee on the Commissions of Elders' ConsEders, gave in a Report, setting forth that certain Elders named, mitions Rehad been regularly appointed by their respective Kirk-Sessions as their repres-ntatives in the Spnod, and that certain others had been sppointed, in like manner, to be substituted for some already standing on the Roll. The Committee, at the same time recommended that the names of Elders thus supplied be entered on the Roil of Synod. The Repo t was received, and the recommendation therein contained sanctioned.

## nomination committeg.

The Moderator now named the Committee for nominating Stand- Standing Coming Committees of Synod, as follows:-Messrs. J. J. A. Proudfoot to nomitrate. Cou. R. Ure, J. K. Smith, J. Dick. D Waters, W. McLaren, D. H. to nominate. MoVicar, Ministers, Hon. J. MaMurrich, Messrs. J. Dalgleish aud J. Y. Reid, Elders, Mr. Proudfoot Convener.

## LOYAL ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

The Moderator appointed a Committee to draft an Add ess to Address to the Queen, and to the Governor General of this Province, in terms Ca Cen and of the resolution on the subject adopted last night, as frllows :Mr. R. F Burns, Convener, Mr. T. Lowry, Dr. Thornton. Ministers;
Mr. P. Dewar, Elder.

## regetion of ministers-applications for, and com. on.

An application was received from the Preshytery of Stratford, Reooption o ascing leave to receive as a Min ster of this Church, Mr. Samuel Min st-ra, "p. Jones, an ordaiued Mint ter of the Rggular Baptist Church. The pli a ions PresPresbytery of London. a'so ap slied for leave to receive as a minis. Lo.d>n. er of this Chureh, Mr. C. Lo Catholic Chureh, Mr, C. Lafuntaine, a convert frow the Roman Charch, ( $0 . \mathrm{S}$.) in the Un. Bates, a probationer ot the Presbyterian - The Committee or a
then appointed as forplication for the receptinn of Ministers was ${ }^{\text {rom. }}$ on Ra . Ferrie J. J. A Proulon.-Messrs. D. Mckuer, R. De war, W. ist rs. of miaserrie J. J. A. Proudfoot, G. Sinellie, Ministers, Mr. George Lyall, Eider, Mr. McRuer to be Convener.

## LICLNSE-APPLICATIONS FOR LEAYE.

The Synod took up applications from Presbyteries for leave to take S udents of Theology on trials for license, when there were tudents to read extracts from the Minutes of the Preshte, wis Miplying for leave to take on $t$ ials Mi. Preshytery. Thompson ap. leave. secting torth that thesults of Mr. Alexauder Thompson, and setting torth that the sesults of Mr. Thompson's preliminary examination were highly satisfactory. There were read also, extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, asking leave to take
on public probationary trials, the following Stadents, namely Messrs. Wm. H. Simpson, R ibert H Warden, A. J. Fraser, Rubert Knowles. Georga Satherland, Alex. McLэnnan. Archibald McLean, Duncan McIn ees, Janes Little, and James Hastie ; and stating that the Presbytery were satisfied with the resuuts of the examination of these Students.
The Synod agreed to grant leave, as craved, to the Presbyteries Appriation foregoing to take on public probationary trials for license the ${ }^{\text {grated. }}$ Studeuts whose names are above written.

LINDSAY AND CAMBRAT--TO TRANSFER, aC.
The Synod took up an application from the Presbrtery of C 0 . Linday and hourg settin, forch that a petition had been laid before the said Camriy. ${ }^{\text {Clioutio if }}$ sp. Presbytery from the Stations of Lindsay and Uambray praying to pliaution if be transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Otario, and recommending that the Synod authorize the transterence desiied. The application was received, the request therein contained granted. and the Presbytery of Cobourg authorized to make the transfer of the Stations named so prayed for.

## death of minigters-com. on.

The Synod now appointed a Committee to draft a suitable $D^{\text {a ath }}$ of Mis. Minute, to be engrossed in the $R \in$ cords, in reference to the Ministers is ers, com, of this Church, removed by death during the past year, as follows : draft miouta os -Dr. Burns, Convener, Messrs. W. Caven, (St. Mary's), George Cheyne, R. F. Burns, J. Middlemiss, W. Aitken, Ministers aud Mr. Gunn (Beaverton), Elder.

## union -overtures on.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg Union of Promanent the Union of all the Presbyterian Churches in this Province. char bes...
It being understood that an Overtnre on the same sabject would Overture of he transmitted by the Preshytery of Montreal, it was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter, until such oveiture should Consideration be before the Synod.
Aa Overture from the Presbvtery of Prockvills, anent the Union Union, Churreh of the Canada Presbyterian Church with the Presbvterian Church of Liwor Pro of the Lower Provinces, was taken up a.d read. Mr. Ferrio was vine s' over of the Lower Provinces. was taken up a.d read. Mr. Ferrie was tare. heard on bebalf of the Presbytery of Brockville, in support of the Overture. After some conversation as to the object and season. Mr. Ferris ableness of the Uverture, Mr. Ferrie, on hehalf of tne Presbytery of heard. Over Brockville, asked leave to withdraw the same. Leave was granted drawn. and the $O$ verture was accordingly withdrawn.

## CORRESPONDENTS.

At the request of Dr. Ormiston, the Rev. Mr. Camming, of $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{l}_{1}$. Mr. Camming, fax, Nova Scotis, who was present, wat invited to sit hit Sfaod, as of Halifax. a corresponding member, and tike part in the d-liherations. Mesirs. Messrs, J. B. J. B. Dincan Georse Muriay, and Leunard MeGlashan, ministess Duran ay, G. J. B. Duncan, George Muriay, and Leonard MeGlashan, ministe.s mur ny,
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## PRESBYTERIES-LEAVE : O MEET.

Leave was granted to the several Presbyteries to meet, for com Proshy'erice petent business, on the call of their respective Moderators, or Clerks, had have to at the intervals of the Sederauts, during this Session of Syuod. $\begin{gathered}\text { tit muwt during } \\ \text { In ryala ot }\end{gathered}$ In+ rvalg o
Sedrunts.
MR, A. CROSS-LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
Mr. Archibald Cross, asked and obtaiced leave of absence, on Mr. A. JCross, account of intelligence which he had received of the sudden death had leave of of an important member of his congregation. $a b$ on.e.
The Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock.
Closea with the Benediction.

## THIRD SEDERUNT.

> Central Church, Hamilton.
> Wednesday, June 6th 1860, 3 o$^{\circ}$ clock, p.m.

The Synod met a.d was constituted with praise and prayer, Dr. Ormiston, at the request of the Moderator leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were resd and approved.
At the sugrestion of M. J. M. Roser, the Rev. Mr. Howie Minutes read. invited to take a seat in Synod.

## RECEPTION COMMITTEE-REPORT.

Mr. McRuer, from the Cummittee to whom was referred the ap- Reoeptinn pheations from Presbyteries for the reception of Minsters from other Com. Charches gave in an inte im Report, setting forth that Mr. Bates, Report. for the rece,tion of whom leave had been asked by the Presbytery of London, had received a regular education io Literature and The logy, had taken th- degree of A. B. iıset enect d. College, and had for sume time been empluyer as a probationer by the Presbylesy aforesand, and recomm nding that leave br granted to the Presbytery of $L$ indon as craved. The Report was received aud adopted, and the Synod ordered in accordance therewith.

## sustentation fund overture.

There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery of $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{u} u \text { tent }}$ tion Brockville, prajing the Synod to adupt the principle of a Sustenta. Fund (Over tion Fund, if not tor the purpose of giving an equal dividend to all ture-rres. the ministers of the Churcis, al all events, for the purpose of in-Brookvile. creasing the salaries of und-rpaid ministers, and securing ready and efficient payments to our Missionaries.

Tha Uverture was supported Mr. Ferrie, Brockville, by M ssrs. Ferrie and Burt. n . It was on the motion of Mr. Proudfoor, duly seconded, tere. noa to enter upon the cousideration of the Oveiturended, agieed Overture conIt was gning, an Uverture iner th take up, In conneciion with the fore- Sti end--Over Uverture from the Presbyiery of Toronto, anent increase ture-Pres. setting fors The Overture from Toronto Presbytery was read, setting furth, in subatauce, the necessiry for the augmentation of
the salaries of Ministers, stating several reasons for the same, and prajing the $S$ nod to take the requisite steps to accomplish the object contemplated.

The Overture was supported, on behalf of the Presbytery, by ${ }^{M}$-ssrs. Gregg Messrs. Gregg and Dick. Tbat the Synod approve generally of the Overtures of the Preshy. tion on. teries of Brock ville and Turouto, and, impressed with the necessity of taking immediat- steps to augment the salaries of ministers, many of which are known to he totally inadequate, appoint a special committer to take into consideration the best meana of securing a suitable support for the pastors of this Church, and report at an early Sederunt.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. Wm Inglis, seconded by Mr. Amendment. W. Doak,-That the Synod, without c mmitting itself to any additional Scheme for the adequate support of the Go-pel Ministry, enjoin upon Presbyteries not to settle any minister on less than $\$ 600$ of a sunual Stipend; and, in every case, to see that the promised stipend be regularly and fuliy paid, ei her by the congregations or from the Home Mission Fund of the Church, and that Presbyterivs also, use their utmost diligence to bring up all the Sti, euds within their bou'rds to such a minimum.
A vole being taken between the moition and the amendment, the Motion carricel. m"tion was carried by a large majority.
The Yeas and Nays being called for, the motion was affirmed by Yeas and Nayt a very large majority, and the Syuod decided in accordance therewith.
The Committee under Mr. McLaren's motion was then appnint Committee os ed as follows :-Messrs. W. Gregg. W. Ferrie, Dc. Thornton. J. J. Overtues A. Proudfoot, J. Laing, J. Buroon, J. M. King, R F. Burns, W. McLaren, W. Caven, Ministerd, the H.m. J. McMarrich. M-wsers. Loail, W. Clark, A. I. McKenzie, J. Gunn, Elders,-Mr. McLaren, Convener.
The Synod adjouned, to meet at half past eeven o'clock, and the Adjournet. diet was closed with the Benediction.

## FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Central Church, Ham lyon,
Wednesday, June 6, 1866, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p.m.
The Synod met and was constituted,-Dr. Burns, at the request of the M Mderator, lea ling in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
On motion of Mr. W. Caven. Mr. Wm. Inдlis was added to the Mr. Wm, Inglit Committee on the Overtures from the Presbyteries of Brovkvile and pend com. Toronto, on increase of Stipend.

## HOME MISSIONS,

The Synod called for the Report $\mathrm{o}^{\boldsymbol{c}}$ the Committee on Home Home MiseMissions. The Report was given in and read by Mr. J. Lain the ons' Report. Convener.

It was moved agreed,-That tl tendered to the Report be referr and report there be forthwith prin Chureb.
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It was moved hy Dr. Urmiston, seconded hy Mr. D. Waters, and Renort receivagreed, - That the Report be received and the thanks of the Synnd ed a di referrtendered to the Convener for his excellent services: and that the ed to Ccm . Report be referred to a Committee of $S_{\text {vuod }}$ to examine the same, and report thereon, on the afternoon of Friday, and that the report be forthwith printed, for the informarion of the Synod and of the Church.

The Committee on the Report was appointed as follows :-Dr. om, on ReOrmiston, Convener, Mersrs. J. M. Gihson, John Rors. J. K. Smiti port. ministers, P. Dewar, Thcmas Graham, Peter Wilson, Elders.

## ILDERE' COMMISSIONS-2ND REPORT.

Mr . James Black from the Committee on Elders Commissions Elders' Cor. gave in and read a second Repor, stetting forth that, since thrir missions, 2id first report, there had heen submitted to the Committee several ad- Repurtditional Commissions of Elders, whic 4 wre sustained, and recom. mending that the names contained in such Commissions be added to the Synod Roll.

It was moved and duly seconded,-That the Report be receiv Mo ion to ed. adopt.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. Baird, seeonded by Mr. Anendment. Proudfo 3 t, - That the Report be recommitied, withan instruction to the Committee to specially consider the case of the representation of one Session by a Ruling Elder belonging 10 annther.
After long reasoning, a vote was taken, when the motion was carried by a large majority, and the Sy nod decided in terms thereof Deetion. to receive and adopt the Report.
Mr. Baird asked and obtained leave to dissent from the decision. Mr. Paidd ds-
Mr. Proudfoot gave notice that to.morrow he would move, sents seconded by Mr. Barrd, - That the custom hitherto obtaining in this ${ }^{\text {I lders' }}$ Com Church, since the Union, of a lowing Congregations to eprais missiuns No Elders not belongin, to their own s Synod, be considered, and discontinued.

## CORRESPONDENT.

At the request of Mr. William Gregg, Mr. J. McMechan, late Mr. J. Mo minister at Berlin, being present, was invited to sit with the Synod. M chan. to si in Synud.

## F. MISSION REPORT DEFERRED,

The next business in order was the Report of the Foreign Miscions F. Mission ReCommittee. The Convener,-Mr. R. F. Burns said that the report por deferced was ready. The Synod, however, on account of the iateness of the hour, agreed to deter receiving it, until to morrow evening.
congregational union--delggate, rev. mr. mcgill.
The R v. Mr McGill, the delegate to the Synod, from the Con. Congregntiongregational Union of Canadi, b fiut present, it was proposed snd Mcailion Mr. a greed, that, if convenient to him, the Synod would now receive his deces. adirss ; whereupon Mr. McGill was coiducted te the platform by Dr Ormiston, was intreduced hy the Muderator, and briefly addressed the Syuod, conveying the friendiy consideration and fraternal greetings of the Boily represented by him.
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On motion of Mr. W. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, Reanta tox on It was arrued, -that the Syuod receive, with great satisfaction, the ${ }^{\text {aid }}$-ees, greetings of the Congregational Union, preseuted by their Delegate, the Rav. Mr. M:Gil, -recipro ate thos, friendly zreetings, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may pour out uoon them the Holy Spirit, and prosper them in their work of spreading the Gospel in the land.
The M, derator, along with the resolution, conveged to Mr. Mc Moreraw's Gill, in suitable terms, the Synods warm regard for the Body whom reply. he repres nted, and their cordial reciprocation of the fraternai sentiments to which he iad givea expression.

## Chicag j, -application for congregation in.

There was read and received an extract from the Minutes of the Chinago-ap. Presbytery of London, setting forth in substadce, that application plieation forr. had been made to the Presbytery, by certain persons in the eity of Pres. Londoo. Chica :o, United States, to organize them as a congregation of this Chureh, …recommeading said apolication to the favorable consideration of the Synod, and requesting action thereon.

As the hour of adjour ament was at hand, it was agreed to defer Adjournment consideration of this matrer, and that it be taken up as the first ${ }^{\text {al }}$ h nd. busisess to morrow morang.

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It was a jreed that the Syood Roll he called at twelve o' clock to morrow.
The $h$ ur of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed, the Moderator pronomneing the Benediction.

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Ceatral Caurca, Hamilton,<br>Thursday, June 7, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptures, praise, ana prayar,-the Moderator being succeeded in the devotional exurcises by Mr. Thomas Lowry.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their second minates read. Report, which was read and received, and the order of business B nh' Com. rerecommended therein sanctioned. pori.

## CORRESPONDENT.

At the request of Mr. W. Fraser, Mr. Walter Wright, late Mr.W.W irbt, miuister at Suretsville, was invited to take his seat in Synod.

## chicago-applivation, \&C.

The application from the Presbytery of London, anent the $\mathbf{C}$ ieag-ap. erection of a congregation in connection with this Church in the pio tion Pres. City of Chicago, the consideration of which was deferred last night, Leidon again was ag in taken up and read.
Mr. Juha Scott, of London, and Mr. John Fraser, of Thamesford, Mr. J. soott, appointed by the Presbytery of London to support the application ( $L$ ) and $1 r$, J. befare the Syuod, were heard.

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It was moved M.,)--That in co Stratfora Mr. Jon It was moved Waters,-That in Committee, the $s$ reception of Mr. he may be emuloy the event of his b at next Synod, be minister of this C
A vote was take the motion was ca accordingly.
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Mr. McPherson, one of the petitioners from Chicago, bfing Mr. MePherson present, was, notwitbstanding that he bore no commission for the of chiengo in purpore, invited to make a: $y$ stalement which he might think to viteu to syeak. be of importance in reference to the application. Mr. McPherson said tiat be had nothing to add to what had atready been stated by Messra. Scutt and Fraser.
After long and earnest reasoning, it was moved by Mr. W. Chiozacon Cochrane, seconded by Mr. W. Caven, (St. Mary's, ) and unanimuously giegati.n -ds agreed:-Thar the Synod having heard a petition frum the Presbylery of Lotidon for leave to organize a congregation in the City of Chicago, agree to grant the prayer of the petition, and instruct the Presbytery of London to proceed to the organization of said congregation with all convenient speed, according to the rules and forms of the Church.

## ROLL CÁLLED.

The hour of twelve o'elock having arrived; the Roll of Synod, Roll called ss agreed upon last nigtt, was called and marked.

## reception of ministers-interim report.

Mr. McRuer, from the Committee on applications from Presby- Reneption of teries for leave to receive ministers of otber Churches, gave in portsisers Reand read an interim Report, anent the case of Mr. Sampel Jones, Joues.-Mre for the reception of whom leave had been asked by the Presbytery of Stratford, settivg furth that the Committee had examined various certificates to Mr. Junes, as to his character and ministerial standing in the Church to which he belonged, and were fully satisfied that he was worthy of our personal confidence ; and that, having had coaterence with Mr. Jones, the Committee were convinced that his Theological views were in barmony with those of the Synod, but inasmuch as he had not enjoyed in early life the literary tiaining which, as a Presbyterian Church, we require, the Ocmmittee bad agreed to report the tacts of the case to the Synod.
It was moved by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Caven, ( 8 t. M.,)--That in compliance with the request of the Presbytery of motive Io re. Stratford Mr. Jones be received as a minister of this Church. Oi ceive Mr.J. mee It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by
Wsters, -That in view of the stalement made in the Committee, the Synod does not see its in to the immediate reception of Mr. Jones, but recommend thay for the next ineate he may be emuloyed as a missionary of this Church, and that in the event of his becoming an able and successful laborer, he may, at next Synod, be received into regular standing as an ordained minister of this Cburch.
A vote was taken between the motion and the amendment when Deeision-Mr, the motion was carried by a large majority, and the Synud decided Doivesion be reaccordingly.
The following ministers asked and obtained leave to have their Dissont. disent from this decision marked in the Minutes, namely, 一Messrs. J. Laing, D. Waters, J. McMillan, D. McKuer.

> silver, Mr. W.-APPEAE of.

There was taken up a Protest and Appeal of Mr. William Silver, $M_{r}$. W. 8ilver aguinst a decision of the Presbytery of Paris in his case. Appaal.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, in transmitting this Bills Com, re. Appeal, recominend-d that all the Papers in the case should be oommendation. referred to a small Commititee to examine the same and report.
The S nod a rreed to accept the reconmendation of the Com. Silver ease re mittee on Bills, as above, and decided to refer all the Papers in the said case of Appeal to a Committee.

## RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

There was taken up an application from the Presbytery of ${ }_{\text {Teutsinger } H}$, Gueloh for leave to receive as a minister of this Church, Mr. ap liontion for Henry L utzinger, a Geruan Missionary.
The Synod agreed to refer the application to the Committee Referred to realready aupointed on the Reception of Ministers.
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The hour of adj gurnment having arrived the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

## Central Caurch, Hamilton,

Thursday, June 7, 1866, 3 o'clock, p.m.
The Syood met and was constituted with the reading of the Scripteres, praise, and prayer, Mr. Balmer, at the request of the Moderator, leadang in the devotional exercises.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and approved.

## SILVER MR.-COM. ON APPEAL.

The Moderator here named the Committee to whom it was SilverMr.Com. agreed, in the morni.g, to refer the Papers in the case of Adpeal on appeal. of Mr. William Silver, as fo!lows:-Mr. A. Wilson, Convener, Messrs. J. Pringle, G. Cheyne; T. McPberson, J. Crombie, Ministers, Hon. J. MeMurrich, Messrs. McKenzie (Galı) P. Dewar, R. Lawrie, M. Young, P. Thornton, Elders.

## geception com, -2ND REPORT.

Mr. McRuer, from the Committee on the applications of Pres- Rereption byteries for the reception of ministers, gave in a Beport, first, Cont. \&ad Re anent the application of the Presbytery of Guelph to admit as a prohationer of this Church, Mr. Henry Leurzinger, a licentiate of the Presbyterian Charch (U S., ) United States, at present under the superintrudence of the said Presbetery as a Missionary to the German population within their bounds, setting forth that Mr. Leatzinyer's credentials were highiy satisfactory, and recommending that the application be granted: and, secondly, anent the case of Mr. La Fontaine, formerly a priest in connection with the Church of kome, for the reception of whom as a member and minister of this Church application was made by the Preshytery of London, setting forth that, on account of the peculiarities of the case, th-Committee referred the matter to the consideration of the Synod, and arpointed Mr. Proudfoot, one of their number, to explain if 10 the Court.
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The Report was received, and the Synod agreed to grant the Mr. Leutzinger application of the Presbytery of Gueiph, for the reception of Mr. to be received. Leutzinger, as the Synod did and do grant the same.
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ANDREWS, MR. FRANCIS.-APPEAL OF.
The Spnod then took up a Protest and Appeal of Mr. Francis andrews Mr Andrews, against a decision of the Presbytery ot Coburg, in the Francis Apmatier of Appeal of Mr. Andrews from action of the Kirk Session yeal of. of the cougresation of Keene.
It was moved by Mr. McRuer, and duly seconded. -That the Moti n to refer Papers in the care of Mr. Audrews be referred to a Committee, to com. without being read.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Ross, and duly seconded, -- amendent, That the Pipers be read previously to their being referred to the Committee.
A vite being taken the motion of Mr . McRuer was carried and M (i)ncarried, the Synod decided to refer the case with all the Papers to a C'om $P$ pers refermittee.

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foll Smith Jum. Convener, Messirs. T. Wardrope, J. K. Andrew's care. Messrs, A I. MaKerson, J. M. Gibson. J. Buikie, Ministers, Messrs. A. I. McKenzie, W. Heron, A. Pringie, J. Barclay, H.
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## la fontaine mr.-application for.

Mr. Proudfoot being now in the house the Synod returned to the La Fontaine, case of Mr. La Fontaine, brousht up by the Report of the Com. poceeded for, mittee on the Reception of Ministers. Mr. Proudfon: was heard with. at length in explanation and support of the application from the Mr, Pronefoot Presbytery ot London. heard.
Afier long reasoning the following motions were submitted:-

1. Moved by Mr. T. Wardrope, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, - Motion-Mr. That the Synjd baving heard the statement of Mr. Proudfoot, in applinations refe ence to the apphication of Mr. La Fontaine, formerly a priest of the Church of Rome, and now a teacher in Mr Chiniqus's Instutute at Kankakee, and being satisfied that the Presbytery of London have had ample evidence of Mr. La Font ine's soundness in the taith, of his clear understanding of the difference between the Romish and Protestant Churches; of the earnestness of his desire to serve God in the Gospel of his Son, and of his qualifications as a reli_ious teacher, do hereby authorize the atoresuid Presbyiery of Londun, to receive Mr. La Fontame as a probationer of this Church, and to convey to bim an expression of the Synod's warmest sympathy, and of theic hope that he may be greaty blessed in the instruction of the young and in the preaching of the Gospel.
2. Moved in amendment, by Mr. Balmer, seconded by Mr. Ferrie, - That in view of all the circumsiances of the case, and mat Amendespecially of the wants of the Mission at St. Anns, Mr. La Fontainemb. be admit:ed as a Minister of this Churen. Anns, Mr. La Fontaine
3. Moved, in further amendment, by

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to the Presbytery of London, with instrnction, to deal further with him, and that the Presbylery be authorized to receive him as a Minister of this Cburch if they shall see fit.
4. Moved by Mr. J. Laing, in further amendment, seconded by ${ }_{\text {ment }}^{3 \mathrm{rd}}$ AmendDr. Ormiston, -Tbat the Synud express their great gratification with the application made by Mr. Li Fontaine, and their earnest desire to see every facility affurded for his reception as a minister of this Church, at the same time, considering that the Presbytery of Iondon have not recorded their opinion on the merits of that application, or of Mr. La Fontaine's character or qualifications; considering further that Mr. La Fonsaine is not present, so that confereace might be had with him, as is usual in receiving ministers into this Church, resolve that the case be re.nitted to the Presbytery of Lendon, that they may further deal with him, and report at next meeting of $S_{j}$ nod.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. Lowry was Votescarried over that of Mr. Laing, -that of Mr. Balmer over that of ${ }^{1-t}$ Amend. Mr . Lowry, and the amendment of Mr. Baımer being put against $\mathrm{Mr}_{\text {r }} \mathrm{Ha}$ Proe the motion of Mr. Wardrope, was carried hy a majority.
The Yeas and Nays being called for, Mr. Balmer' amendment ceivedwas affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod did, and do, Yeas \& Nayn. decide in terms thereof:-That in view of ali the circumstances of the case, and especiaily of the wants of the Mission at St. Anns, Mr. La Fontaine be admitted as a minister of this Church
The following ministers craved leave to bave their dissent from Dissents. this decision marked in the Minutes. namely, - Messrs. J. Laing, A. Wilson, Dr. Burns, William Inglis, T. S. Chambers, R. F. Burns, D. Waters, W. MeLaren.

## FORMS' BOOK-REPORT.

The Synod took up and read the Report of the Committee on a Forms' BookBook or Furms. It was agreed to defer consideratiun of the keport. Report until the Report of the Committee on the Returns to Consideration Remits sent down to Presbyteries should be received.

## NEXT MEETING GF SYNOD-NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. T. Lowry gave notice that tomorrow morning he should Nextmoeting. move that the Synod proceed to fix the time and place for their $\begin{gathered}\text { Notion. }\end{gathered}$ next meeting.

## stipend arrears.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on arrears ${ }^{\text {Etipend }}$ Ar of Stipend. The Report was handed in by the couvener, the Hon.
J. MeMurrich, and was read.

The Report was received, and the Syncd tendered cordial thanks Report reto the convener for the seal and diligence with which he had oeiven. discharged the duty intrusted to him, in regard to this matter. Thanks to con.

## correspondents.

At the request of Dr. Ormiston, Mr. Jones and Mr. Joseph Mr. Jones and Henderson were invited to take therr seats in Synod, as correspon-Mr. Jos-ph divg meubers.

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The hour of six meet again at hal the Benediction.

The Synod met at the request of $t$ The Minutes of

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On motion of M was agreed.-Tha Committee and its referred to a Com said Deliverance Synod.

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Onmotion of Dr. ff Birmingham, a m sad, was invited to equest, briefly addre in and read. The Report was received, and in accordance with its Deed-Repurt, recommandation, the Committee was re-appointed, with the addition read-rreeived of Mr. W. Gregg, and with instructions to exped msstead of Mr. A. F. Kemp.

The Committee as re-appointed is as follows:-The Hon. J. Committee. McMurrich, convener, Messrs. A. F. Kenp, A. Topp, A. Wilson, W. Fraser, J. Dick, W. Gregg, Sheriff Davidson, Mr. Dalgleish, Mr. J. Davidson.
The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, and the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

> Central Church, Hamilton, Tharsday, June 7, 1866, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, -Mr . Thomas Alexander, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and approved.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Foreign Foreign MisMissions. The Report was given in and read by Mr. R. F. Burns, sions Report. the convener.
On motion of Mr. W. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. J. James it Reportreferred was agreed. - That the report be received-the diligence of the to frame De. Committee and its couvener commended, and that the Report be liverance. referred to a Committee to consider, and frame a Deliverance; said Deliverance to be submitted at a subsequent sederunt of Synod.

## PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES.

A suggestion being made that, at the stage at which we had Prayerfor Misarrived in our Foreign Missionary operations, and in regard to a sonaries. statement in the Report that our Missionary to the Indians was, about this time, to go forth on the work assigned to him, it would be seasonable and dutiful for the Synod to engage in solemn prayer, recommending our Missionaries to the grace of God, the Moderator called upon Mr. W. Caven, of St. Mary's, who led the Synod in prayer.

## CORRESPONDENT.

On motion of Dr. Ormiston, duly seconded, the Rev. Mr. Feaston, Mr. Feastoninof Birmingham, a minister of the Congregational Union, in Eng vited to corcesand, was invited to sit with the Synod. Mr. Feaston, also, on pond and $r$ squest, briefly addressed the Synod.
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BIBLE SOCIETIES-SCOTTISE-UPPER OANADA.
There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery Sootish and of Paris, in regard to a Circular from the Scottist Bible Sosiety, Upper Canade setting forth, in substance, that it is expedient that the Synod ${ }^{\text {Bille Societer }}$ advise their people as to the support of Evangelical Schemes ; that it is generally believed that tou great a proportion of the Funds of the Upper Canada Bible Societv is absorbed in carrying on the basiness of said Society; that the Upper Canada Bible Society does not circulate copies of the Scriptures with the Metrical Psalms, and praying the Synod to inquire whether the expenses of said Society might not be lessened, and its regulations so modified as to admit of their circulating Bibles with Metrical Psalms, or whether the National Society of Scotland should be invited to extend its operations into this country.

Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Straith were appointed by the Presbytery Members of to support the Overture before the Synod.

Pres, to sap port Overture.
There was read, also, an Overture from the Presbytery of Huron, Bible Soceiefes on the same subject, containing substantially the same recitals as Over ure Prat. that from the Presbytery of Paris, and praging the Synod to con- Haron. sider whether the wants of the people under its care are such as to require a special agency for the circulation of the Scriptures among them, and, in case of this question being decided in the affirmative, to devise means fitted to meet these wants.

The Synod agreed to hear one member of each of the Presbyteries Parters beerl named above, in support of the Overtures.
Mr. Straith proceeded to address the Synod in support of the $\mathbf{M r}_{\mathbf{r}}$. Straith Overture from the P. esbytery of Paris, and continued for some time. heard for Puy
Mr. W. Aitken here raised a point of order as to the propriety Pres. of orite of entertaining the question in hand, or the competency of the Synod to deal with it.

The Moderator having submitted the point of order to the Synod, order deeded and, it being decided that Mr. Straith was in order, he proceeded with his argument to a close.
Mr. Ure was heard in support of the Overture from the Presby- $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{r}}$, Ure hert tery of Huron.

Mr. Thomas McPherson rose to submit a motion, but while engaged in making some preliminary remarks, the hour of adjourn- addreted ${ }^{\text {P }}$ ment arrived, and Mr. McPherson retired in possession of the floor. nod.

## RECORDS--HAMILTON PRES.

It having been stated that Mr. W. Park and Mr. Walter Inglis, Reeorib-ly who had been appointed at the first Sederunt, to examine the jhio Pram Records of the Presbytery of. Hamilton, were not 1 n attendance, the Synod appointed Mr. R. Hamilton and Mr. J. Turnbull, to examine the said Recorde, instead of the gentlemen first named.
The Synod adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediotion.
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# EIGHTH SEDERUNT. 

Central Cnurch, Hamilyon.<br>Friday, June 8, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptures, praise and prayer,--Mr. John McTavish, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their third Report 3rd Report on which was read and received, and the order of business therein re-Billseport on commended sanctioned.

## SYNOD-NEXT MEETING.

Mr. Thomas Lowry, in accordance with notice given to that effect Synod, next yesterday, moved, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, that the next meet- meetiog. ing of Synod be held in Gould Street Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of June, 1867, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The motion was agreed to, and the Synod ordered accordingly.

## elders' commissions.

Mr James Black, from the Committee on the Commissions of Elder's Com. Synod Elders gave in a third Report, recommending that the names of certain Elders, whose commissions were sustained, shonid be ${ }^{\text {Report }}$ adddd to the Roll. The Report was receivea, and the recommendation therein contained sanctioned.

## LIGEṄSE-LEAVE ASKED-PRES. TORONTO.

There was read an application from the Presbytery of Toronto, w. A. Johosfor leave to take on trials for license, Mr. Wm. A. Johnston, a ton, applioemember of the Session of Cooke's Church, Toronto, when the Pres- tion to Liconse bytery shall have been fully satisfied of his acceptability and success ${ }^{\text {Pres. Toronto. }}$ as a missionary labourer.
Messrs. Gregg and Dick were heard, on behalf of the Presbytery, Messra, Gregg
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0 a motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to grant the Application application of the Presbytery of Toronto, as craved.
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## BIBLE SOCIETIES-OVERTURES.

The Synod returned to the consideration of the Overtures from Bible Societiesthe Presbyteries of Paris and Huron, in relation to the Scottish rosumedition National and the Upper Canada Bible Sacieties, interrupted by the ${ }^{\text {resumed. }}$ adjournment last vight.
Mr. Thomas McPherson, who had the floor last night when the Motion-Mr. Snod adjourned, resumed his address, and in closing submittted the MoPnerson, following motion, seconded by Mr. James Pringle, - That the Overtares in reference to Bible Societies be both received, and a Committee appointed to draw up a deliverance of the Synod thereon, and to report at an early Sederunt next week.
It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Dr. 1 st Amendmeat Taylor,-That the Overtures be dismissed, as introducing matters
which do not legitimately belong to this Synod, inasmuch as it has no control over a Society managed by those who are members of all Evangelical Denominations, and the support of which is derived from like sources.
It was moved in further amendment, by Mr . Wm. Inglis, gacond- 2 nd Amend ed by Mr. Wm. Grege,,$\cdots$ That the Synod receive these Overtures, - ment. recognize that there is so far ground for such reference, and appoint a Committee to investigate further, $-\cdots$ to correspond, if they shall see necessary, with the officials of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and reportat next meeting of Synod.
After lung reasoning, Mr . Wm. Ferrie moved the previous ques. Previous Que tion, which being carried in the affirmative by'a large majority, the tiou. Synod proceded to vote on the motion and amendments preceding.

Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr . Inglis was, successively Decision. carried, by large majorities, over the amendment of Dr. Thornton, and the motion of Mr. McPherson, and the Synod did, and do, agree to decide in terms of the said amendment. The Yeas and Nays being called for, the amendment of Mr. Inglis was atirmed by a very large majority.
The following ministers craved and obtained leave to enter their Dissent. dissent from this finding, in the records of the Synod, namely, 一 Dr. Ormiston, Mr. W. Aitken, Mr. R. Scott, Mr. T. Wardrope, Dr. Thornton, Dr. Irvine.

The Moderator appointed the Committee, under the motion of CommitteMr . Inglis, on the Overtures foregoing, as follows :-Mr. W. Inglis, Bible soceten Convener, Dr. Ormiston, Dr. Thoraton, Dr. Taylor, Messrs. T. McPherson, W. Gregg, R. Ure, J. Scott, (L., ) Hon. J. McMurrich, H. Young, P. Dewar, A. I. McKenzie, J. Y. Reid, W. A. Johnston.

## gILYER CASE-COM. TO SIT.

The Committee appointed yesterday on the appeal of Mr. W. Silver can Silver asked and obtained leave to meet for business during this Com, to ait Sederunt.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Beamer, Elder, from North Pelham, had leave of absence, $\begin{gathered}\text { Leave of en } \\ \text { Benee, Mr, ba } \\ \text { mert. }\end{gathered}$
during the remaining portion of this Session of Sy玉od.
LEES MR. ARCHIBALD -OVERTURE FRES. BROCKVILLE.
There was read an Overture from the Presbytery of BrocKville, Lees Mr. Ancil praying the Synod to review and reverse the tinding of last year, bald, Overtuen in the case of Mr. Archibald Lees, in so far as the first and third Pres. Bmac clauses of this finding are concerned, and, also, in so far as respects the instructions given, in the fourth clavse, to the Presbytery of Ontario.
Mr. W. Ferrie, was heard, on behalf of the Presbytery of Mr. Ferie Brockville, in support of the Overture.
It was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Laing, - that the Motion. Synod dismiss the Overture of the Presbytery of Brockvile, with reference to the Synod's decision last year, respecting Mr. Lees.

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It was moved in amendment by $\mathrm{Mr} . \mathrm{Wm} . \mathrm{McKenzie}$, seconded Amendment. by Mr. W. Cocarane, as follows :-Receive the Overture, and proceed to re-consider the decision of Synod with respect to the case of Mr. Lees, so far as the Overture brings it before us.
A vote being taken the motion of Mr. Gregg, was carried by a Deeition. majority, and the Synod did, and do agree to dismiss the Over- Overture dis. kire
The following ministers asked and obtained leave to have their Dissenter, dissent from this decision marked in the minates of the Synod, viz:-Messrs. J. Watson. W. Ferrie, R. Hail, T. S. Chamuers, James Whyte, R. McArthur.

## mr. A. LeEs' memorial.

There was read a Memorial from Mr. A rchibald Lees, represent. $\frac{\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{r}} \text {. Lee's }}{}$ ng that the Presbytery of Ontario had suspended him-Mr. Lees, Memurial. from the office of the Holv Ministry, and from the membership of he Church, and praying the Synod to reverse this decision, and leclare the action of the said Presbytery null and void.
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The Synod agreed to hear the Memorialist-Mr. Lees-at the bytery.
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## preaching before synod-report of con.

Dr. Ormiston reported from the Committee to arrange for Preeching be reaching before the Synod, as follows : Central Churce.-In the morning, at $11 \mathrm{o}^{\text {'elock, }}-\mathrm{Mr}$. Patrick Report of Com. fray, of Kıngston. In the evening, at $6 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, -Mr . Gibson,
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MoNab street Churdi.-In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a
pecial discourse on Saboath Schools, by Mr. J. Laing, of Cobourg.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to meet Adjournment, the afternoon at half past three o'clock, and the diet was clused fith the Benediction.

## MINTH SEDERUNT.

> Central Churci, Hamilton, Friday, June 8, 1866, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, with the readiug of the riptures, praise, and prayer, $\cdots \mathrm{Mr}$. William T. McMullen, at the qest of the Moderator, leading in the devotinal exercises.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Minutes read.

## CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. George P. Young, late Professor in Knox College, being Prof. Young sent, was, at the request of Dr. Ormiston, invited to take his invited, -
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MR. LEES' CASE TO-MOBROW.
The Synod agreed to take up, as the first business to-morrow morning, the case of Mr. Archibald Lees.

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## PRES. RECORDS,

The Committge appointed to examine the Records of the Pres. 0 tawa Prees. bytery of Ottawa, reported that said Records were carefully and Reoords. correctly kept. The Synod received the Report and ordered the said Records to be attested in the usual way.

## kNOX COLLEGE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Board of Management of Knox Crllegs Knox College. The Report was read by the Chairman, Mr. W. of Manazemami Aitken.
On motion made and duly seconded the Report was received. Report re.
The Report of the Board of Examiners was read by Dr. Ormis- ${ }_{\text {Examiners }}^{\text {eeived. }}$ ton, the chairman.
On motion of Mr. J. Ross, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, the Report reReport was received, the diligence of the Board approved, and $\begin{gathered}\text { oaived.-TTand } \\ \text { to } B \text { Bard }\end{gathered}$ thanks tendered to them for the great care and labour bestowed on this matter.
There was read also an Overture from the Presbytery of Paris, Professortbip setting forth that the interests of Knox College, and of the Church, Ovortare, Pra at large, demanded that the interim arranjemgnt of the past two years, for the supply of the vacant Professorship in K nox College, Toronto, should cease, and that two Theological Professors be chosen for said College.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, duly seconded, the Synod agreed College Boent to take up now the Reoort of the College Board, and consider its eonsiderd. recommendations seriatim.
The first recommendation in the Report was to the effect that Endowment it is desirable that steps be forthwith taken, to procure a permanent recommende Endowment for the College.
It was moved by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. R; F. Burns, Endwmmeat and agreed to, -That the Synod, recognizing the great importance Resolation an of securing a permanent Endowment for Knox College, Toronto, agree to appont a Commiteee, to take into consideration the practicability of such an undertaking, in the present circumstances of the Church ; also, should they deem it expedient, to draw up a pian by which the work may be most successfully prosecuied, and to report at next meeting of Synod.
The Committee was appoiated, as follows:-Mr. W. Gregg, Fndowmen Convener, Messrs. A. Topp, J. M. King, Dr. Ormiston, D. Inglis, Com. J. Laing, W. McLaren, T. Wardrope, D. H. McVicar, J. Scott, (L.,) D. McKenzie, (Z..) Dr. Tavlor, Ministers ; Hon. J. McMurrich, T. McCrae, H. Young, A. G. Northrup, Dr. Edmondson, Plummer Dewar, Robert Lawrie, Elders.

The subject of the second recommendation in the Report was Profesondit the appointment of a permanent Professor in Knox College.

It was moved by Mr. J. MacTarish, seconded by Mr. D. McRuer,-That the College work be conducted for another year in the same manner as it has been for the two that are past.

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It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Wm. Inglis,-That the Amendment. Synod proceed, lorthwith, to the election of two permanent ${ }_{\text {fesesor }}^{\text {Elect }}$ twro. Theological Professors for Knox College.
It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. J. M. King, Amendment. seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, -That the Synod resolve to proceed to Elect ono proan immediate appointment of a Professor for Knox College,
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Votes being takeu the amendment of Mr. King was, süccessively, Decision-l earried by large majorities, and the Synod decided in accordance Motion. therewth.
It was then moved by Mr. W. Gregg, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, Professor.
-That Mr. William Caveu of St. Mary's be appointed to fill the eleeted unani. office of the vacanc Professorship in Knox College. A vote being mously unanitaken, Mr . Caven was elected, ucanimously, and house, the Moderato in and he being in the house, the Moderator, in suitable terms, announced to him the decision to which the Synod had come.
The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, - Adjourned. the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## TENTH SEDERUNT.

Cemtral Crurch, Hamilton,
Friday, June 8, 1866, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p.m.
The Synod met and was constituted, -Mr . Donald MacKenzie, of Zorra, at the request of the Moderator, leading in the devotional, exercises.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Minutes read.

## PRESBYTERY RECORDS' REPORTS.

The Synod called for the Reports of Committees appointed to Presbytery $\mathrm{Re}_{\mathrm{e}}$. examine the Records of Presbyteries. Reports were given in on cords Reportb. the Records of the Presbyteries following, viz. :-Cobourg, Toronto, Stratford, Montreal, Hamilton, Paris, London, Ontario,-setting forth that the Records or these Presbyteries were carefully and correctly kept. The Reports, in the several cases, were received, and the Synod ordered the said Records to be attested, in the usual form.

## knox college.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the College $\begin{gathered}\text { College Board. }\end{gathered}$ Board, interupted by the adjournment in the afternoon. Report resamThe third ecommendation in the Report was read, to th? effect, 3 rd in substance, that it was inexpedient so frequently to change the da ieomme: chairman of the Board, as had hithario teen the practice. On Chairman, ad motion, this recom nenaation was accepted and approved. $\mathrm{nn}_{\text {opted. }}$
It was moveú by Mr. J. McTavish, seconded by Dr. Orm
That, in this instance, the students who were reported to the Synod dents not stu. as not having passed the Board of Examination, have the Status ${ }^{\text {amined- }}$ sssigned them whe the Board or Examination, have the status Motion. by that Board.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded Am'ndment. by Mr. W. M Laren, that it be remitted to the Board of Examiners of Knox College to determine the Status of those Students who did not appear before the Board, last Sessiou, for examination.
A vote being taken the motion of Mr. McTavish was carried, by Deci ion. a majority, and the Synod did, and do, decide in terms of the same.
The Curriculum, prepared by the Board of Exsminers, for Currioulamal. Students of Theology who do not take a full University course, was opted. again read, as set forth in the Report of said Board. On motion made and duly seconded, the curriculum recommended was unanimously approved and adopted.
The Board of Examiners further reoommended for the adoption Entrance Exof Synod, the Scheme for the examination of Entrants upon the amination. study of Theology, framed by the College Senate. The recommendation was approved and adopted.
The Synod agreed to call the attention of that Board of Examin. Sohoorrehipoers to the elevenih Section of the Regulations adopted last year, as ferreation of to Boer recorded on page 38 of the printed Minutes, in regard to the institution of Scholarships, and to urge upon the Board to use all diligence for the attainment of so desirable an object.

## - home missions' report-deliverance.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom Home Mission was referred the Report of the Committee on Home Missions, to $\begin{gathered}\text { Report-De- } \\ \text { liverance }\end{gathered}$ frame a Deliverance. The Report was handed in and read by Dr. ${ }^{\text {liveranoe, }}$ Ormiston.
On motion of Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, it was ${ }_{\text {ed }}^{\text {Report, reeeir }}$ to be con agreed-That the Report be received, and the recommendations sidered. therein contained considered, seriatim.

## stipend committee-To retire.

The Committee on the augmentation of Stipend, on leave asked, , $\begin{gathered}\text { tipend Com } \\ \text { nittee }\end{gathered}$ were premitted to meet for business, for a short time, during this to retire. Sederunt.

## home missions'--deliverance.

The Synod entered upon the consideration of the Deliverance on Home Missio the Home Missio. Report.
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The secund clause was read and adopted.
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The third clause was read, - whereupon it was moved by Mr. G. ${ }_{\text {opted }}^{\text {2nd }}$ dause ad. Cuthbertson. seconded br Mr. W. Gresg,--That the clause be not ord elauseadopted, but that the law stand as it is.

> Motion on,

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. McTavish, seconded by Mr. W. T. NcNullen, That the recommendation of the committee ${ }^{1, \text { Ameadmen }}$ be adopted.
It was moved, in further amendment. by Mr. T. Stevenson, 2 A Amendment seconded by Dr. Taylor, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.
It was moved, in further amendment. by Mr. J. M. King, second- 3. Amendment ed by Mr. J. Watson ...That with the view of overtaking the wants of our large mission field, Students be required to labour in Mission Stations, till the middle of October, after their last year's attend.
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ance at Knox College, and that, in the meantime, and during the winter half year, all probationers on the Roli, be put at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, tor Home Mission work, for a third part of the time, and that the Home Mission Committeee be instructed to consiaer the propristy of using means for securing an addition to our labourers from the Presbyterian Churches, abroad, with which this Church has fraternal relations.
Votes being taken the ameidment of Mr. King, was success Decision. ively carried against the amendments of Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. ${ }^{3}$ Auendmeat.
 and the Synod decided in terms of said amendment. The Yeas and Nays being called for, it was again affirmed by a large majoriy,

> The fourth recommendation in the Deliverance was read.
 agreed, -..That the Synod approve general'y of the recommenda. byteries. tion of the Committee, and send it down tor the sonsideration of Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act.
The fifth clause of the Deliverence was read, and adopted. ${ }^{5 \text { th }}$ elause ad-
The sixth clause was read, and it was agreed to lay the same on ofted olanse laid the Table.
The seventh clause was read.
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It was moved by Mr. G. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. As tion.
Young, ....That the clause be adopted with the amendment, that the travelling expenses of Missionaries be paid from as well as to their aopointments.
It was moved, in amendment, bv Mr. J. Laing, and duly second-Amendment. ed--That the clanse stand as 15 is in the Deliverance.
The Aruendment was carried, and the Synod decided that the Amandment Seventh Clanse be adopted without change,
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod agreed, on Syood to conthe motion of Dr. Ormist.m, to sit for some time longer, in order uf udjufter time to finish consideration of the Deliverance on Home Missions.
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It was moved by Mr. W. Gregg, and seconded,-That this clauss Motion. be adopted.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. W. Aitken, seconded by Am•ndment.
Mr. J. Laing, -That the consideration of this clanse be posiponed till the Overture trom the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the payment of the expenses of members of Standing Committees, be brought up. A vote being taken the amendment was carried, and it was dacided to postpone consideration of the clause.
The Deliverance, as amended, is as follows:
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1. That the Report of the Home Mission Committee be approv. a wevited. ed, and the deligence of the Committee commended, particularly, that the action of the Committee in referense to the congregation of St. Sylvester, as an exception to the Home Mission Regalations, be approved.
2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to co-onerate with the Committee in an effort to raise the Minimum Stipend of all ministers sni missonaries, by ur 4 ing an increased liberality in the contributions of congregations, and taking necess rey steps to obtuin a contribution from every congregation and station within therr bqunds,
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As the consideration of the ministerial support has been intrusted by the Synod to another Committee, it seems unecessary to state what the Minimum snould be.
3. That with the view of overtaking the wants of our large mission field, Students be required to labour in Mission Stations, till the middle of October, after their last year's atte dance in Kuox College, and that, in the meantime, and during the winter half year, all Probationers on the Roll, be put at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, for Home Mission wors, for a third part of the time, and that the Home Mission Committee be instructed to cousider the propriety of using means for securing an addition to our labourers, from the Presbyterian churches abroad with which this Church holds fraternal relationship.
4. Earnestly urge upon congregations the formation of Missionary Associations, or the adoption of some mode of more frequent syalematic contribution for missionary purposes.
5. That the change proposed in the Home Mission Regulation VI. 2., relative to the remuneration of Missionaries be sanctioned, so as to read as fotlows: That the amount of salary to be paid by each congregation, Station, or Group of Stations, shall be determined by the Presbytery of the bouuds, and snecified to the Committee ; andit is recommended that a Minimum be aimed at, by the Preshytery and Committee conjointly, of $\$ 400$, for an ordained minister, or a licentiate, without beard; $\$ 200$, without board, for a catechist ; and for a Student of divinity, at the rate of $\$ 5$ per Sabbath, with board, and travelling expenses to the field of labour.
The following clauses in the Deliverance were ordered to be seut Clanses remitr: down to Preshyteries for their consideration, namely:

1. Presbyteries, when they shall see fit, shall appoint ministers, teries. as ordained Missionaries, over mission districts, who shall have, while thus engaged by Presbyteries, a seat in the Church courts.
2. That insiead of having separate Committees meeting half yearly for business, the business of the church be transacted by a large Committee, to consist of the Conveners of the several Committees appointed by the syood, and two members from each Presbytery, and appointed by the several Presbyteries, who shall meet for businers in October and April of each year.

The following clause was laid on the Table.
Clause laid on

1. That in the opition of the Committee, the appointment of a ${ }^{\text {Table. }}$ Superintendent of Home Misssons is desirable, although at present it may not be practicable.

The following is the clause consideration of which was delayed. Classe delaged 1. That the expenses incurred be paid from the Central Fund.

The Deliverance on the Report of the Home Mission Committee Adjoarved. being now gone through with, the Synod adjourned, the moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

> Central Chubch, Hamilton, Saturday, June 9th, 1866,10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted,--Dr. Thornton at the request of the Moderator, ieading in the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last Sederant were read and sustained.
Minutes read.

## BILLS' COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee of Bills and $O$ vertures gave in their fourth Report ${ }^{\text {Bills' Com. 4th }}$ which was read and received, and the order of business recom-Repoit. meaded therein sanctioned.

## SYNOD RECORDS-REPORT ON

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Synod re. Synod Records ported that they had examined said Records, from page three hun. Report on. dred and sixty five, to page four hundred and fifty six, inclusive. and had found these Records carefully and correctly kept. The Committee recommended that the Records be attested in the usual form. The Synod received the Report and ordered accordingly.

## american missionary association-rev. mr megill.

There was transmitted by the Committee on Bills, a request from Amerioan the Rev. Mr. MeGill, an agent of the American Missionary Assoct-Missionary ation, for leave to address the Svnod in the iuterest of the Society ${ }^{\text {Arsoiation. }}$ ropresented by him. It being agreed to hэar Mr. McGill, he was introduced to the house by the Moderator, and proceeded to address the Synod, setting forth, especially the constitution and objects of the Association with which he was connected, and soliciting the sympathy and co-operation of the Synod, and the Church.
The Synod agreed to appoint a small Committee to confer with Committee to Mr . McGill, as to the objects of the Society represented by him, wfer with $\mathbf{M} r$. said Committee to report at an early sederunt. The Committee was appointed as follows:-Dr. Taylor, Convener, Messrs. W. Ferrie, W. Lochead, Senr., G. Cuthbertson, J. Watson.

## MR. ARCHIBALD LEES HKARD.

The Synod proceeded, as agreed uoon vesterday morning, to Lees Mr. A. hear Mr. Archibald Lees in support of his Memorial, in regard to ${ }^{\text {are of. }}$ his suspension from the office of the Holy Ministry, and from the Membership of the Church, by the Preshytery of Ontario.
Mir . Lees was heard at length.
At the request of several members of Synod, the Memorial of Memorial Mr. Lees was again read.
It was then moved by Mr. J. Laing, seconded by Mr. James Motion on Dick, as follows :-Remit to a special Committee to examine the Memorial and accompanying Papers, and to prepare a statement of the facts of the case, to be submitted to the Synod on Monday forenoon; and instruct the Presbytery of Ontario and Mr. Lees to meet with the Committee, and furnish such information from the Presbytery Records, or otherwise, as may be necessary.

## BYNOD TO SIT AFTER HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to sit for $\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{yn}}$ ค to ait s short time longer in order to complete the business before the adjurnum of syaod.

It was then moved in amendment to Mr. Laing's motion, by Mr. An dment J. Scott, of London, seconded by Mr. Ure,-that a Committee be Mr. J. Scott. appointed to determine the form in which the sabject of the Memorial is to be brought before the Synod, in order to its consideration.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Laing was carried, and Decision. the Synod decided in terms thereof.
The Moderator then named the Committee in Mr. Lees case, as motion. follows:-Mr. J. Laing, Convener, Messrs, J. Scott, (L.) W. Aitken, R. Ure. J. Middlemiss, ministers, Messrs. A. I. Mackenzie, S. Mackenzie, (Galt), Mr. Douglas, Elders.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at ten o'clock, on Monday Adjourned, morning, and the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

Central Church, Hamilton,<br>Monday, June 11th, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met, according to adjournment, and was constituted, Mr. Patrick Gray succeeding the Moderator in devotional exercises.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt, were read and sustained.
Minutes read.
PROFESSORSHIP-MR. W. CAVEN.
Mr. William Caven who had, on Friday, been elected to the Profess orsh'p. office of Protessor in Knox College, but at that time refrained $\begin{gathered}\text { Mr. Cavenis. } \\ \text { accer ance. }\end{gathered}$ from signifying what course he should pursue in regard to his ${ }^{\text {accep ance. }}$ election, here submitted a statement in sabstance as follows :That he had come to the conclusion that it was his duty to accept the appointment to a Professcrship in Knox College which the Synod had been pleased to make ; that it was with difficulty, and not without pain that he had been able to cone to this decision ; that he was far from regarding himself as possessing the qualifications which should be found in the case of such an appointment, and that it was with deep sorrow he reflected on the circumstance that his acceptance of the office of Professor implied his separation from the people of his charge,-a peopie ${ }^{\circ}$ with whom he bad been very happy, and from whom he bad received much kindness ; that he was encouraged to accept the appointment by the unanimity and cordiality with which it had been made, and that he would enter on his work in the College with great humility, craving from the Synod a continuance of the kind consideration with which his imperfect services already rendered in Kuox College had been regarded.
On motion of Mr. W. Doak, seconded hy Mr. J. M. King, it was Commit'ee on agreed,- that the Synod have heard with great saisfaction from Piofesoorship. Mr. W. Caven, that he accepts the appointment as a Professor in Knox College, Toronto, and remit the whole matier in respect to the further action to be taken in connection with Mr. Caven's appointment, to the following Committee, to report namely:-Mr. W. Gregg, Conveuer, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. W. Doak, J. M. King,
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## BILLS' COMMITTEE-REPORT.

The Cummittee on Bills and Overtures gave in their fifth Report which was read an received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned.

## FRESBY FERY RECORDS-REPORT.

The Synod called for the Reports of Committees appointed to Presbytery examine the Racords of Preshyteries when the Committee on the Record. Minutes of tie Presbytery of Brockville handed in a Report, which Bro kvile. was read, and which pointed out certain irregularities in said Minutes. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Brockvi'le gave explanations. The Synod ordered the Records of the Presbytery to be at-tested,--calling attention at the same time, to the irregulariies mentioned.
The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Grey handed Pres. Gre;' Res in a Report, which was read, and which set forth a certain irregu-cords. larity in said Records. In the absence of the Clerk of the Presbytery of Gray, Mr. John McMillan, a member of the Presbytery, gave explanations. On motion the Report was received, and the Records ordered to be attested as generally correct, with a note of the irregularity referred to.

## FINCE STATION-TRANSFERENCE.

There was read and received an application from the Presbytery Finch Station of Montreal for the transfer of the Statiou of Finch, within the to be transfer bounds of the Presbytery ot Brockville, to the Presbytery of Mon red to Mout. treal. Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Montreal and of Pres. Brockville in regard to said application were read. On motion the Synod approved of the arplication of the Presbytery of Montreal and agreed to grant its prayer.

## ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN, \&C.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appoir ted to draft a Loyal Address to the Queen, and also an Address to Loyal AddressGovernor General. Draft Addresses were submitted on behalf of Recommitted. the Committee, by Mr. R. F. Burns, and were read. It was agreed Recommitted. to recommit the Draft Addresses to the read. It was agreed instructions to modify or alter certan expressions in said Drafts, and bring the same up again at an early Sederunt.

## ANDREWS MR. F.-APPEAL.

The Synod took up the Report of the Committee on the Appeal Afdrews Mr. of Mr. Francis Andrews. Mr. Andrews not being present the Synod Ficnse of de agreed to deter consideration of the Report till he should be in at layed. tendance.

LEES MR. A.-CASE CF,
The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom was Mr. Leese ares [338]
referred, on Saturdav, the Memorial of Mr. Archibald Lees, with re lative Papers, The Report was handed in and read by Mr. J. Laing- Reporton case. the Convener, setting forth the fa ts of the case, but making no recommendation whatever. The Report was received.

## MODERATOR LEAVES CHAIR.

The Moderator having asked leave to retire for the remainder of Moderator rethe present Sederunt, Mr. William Aitken, the former Moderator, Mr. Wi, Aitken teok the chair. takes ohair,
It was then moved by Mr. R. Ure, seconded by the Hon. J. Mr. Lees' ase. MoMurrich,--that the Synod having heard the Memorial of the Rev. Motion.
A. Lees, and his statements and pleadings in support of the same, find, that inasmuch as Mr . Lees has failed to take the vsual constitutional steps to bring his case before the court, and, inasmuch as there is no evidence to show that he was ignorant as to the constitutional steps required to be taken in the matter,-resolve that it sees no cause to reverse the decision of the Presbytory of Ontario, and leave the case in the hands of the Presbytery to be dealt with according to the laws of the Cburch.

It was movad, in amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Amendment. W. Mackenzie of Ramsay,-- that the Synod call the Presbytery of Ontario to the bar and take up the case.

A vote being taken, the 'amendment was carried, and the Synod ${ }_{\text {Amenion, }}^{\text {Ament }}$
decided in accordance therewith.

Amendment carnied,
From this decision the following ministers and elders craved Dissent, leave to enter their dissent. namely,-Messrs J. McTavish, R. Ure, J. Baird, Wm. Inglis, Dr. Thornton, W. Doak, T. Alexander, J. Straith, D. Waters, J. Laing, J. McMillan, A. B. Simpson, J. Pringle. P. Gray, M. Mackenzie, Ministers, P. Thornton, A. I. Mackenzie, W. Heron, Maitland Young, Elders.

On motion of Mr. Wm. Inglis, seconded by Mr. P. Gray, it was $\frac{\text { Minuteo- } \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{n}} \text {. }}{\text { tario Pres }}$ agreed,-that the Minutes of the Untario Presbytery in connection case, to be rad with Mr. Lee's first citation. since last meeting of Synod, be read.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

## Cenpral Church, Hamiltor,

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\text { Morday, June 11th, 1866, } 3 \text { o'clock, p.m. }
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The Synod met and was constituted,-Mr. J. Baird, at the requesi of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. Minotee read.

## MR. LEES' CASE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the case of Mr. Archibald Mr. Leee sun Lees, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.
retarned.
A motion was made and seconded to cite the Presbytery of ${ }_{\text {r resbybery }}$ of Ontario to appear to-morrow morning. Another motion was made, Ontario eited. in amendment, to cite the Presbytery now, and proceed with the
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case. The amendment was carried :-the Moderator cited the Presbytery of Ontario to appear, torthwith, and the case was proceeded with.
Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Ontario, in the Presbytery case, were read, of date July 18th, 1865, January 16th, 1866, and Minuteer read. May 15th, 1866.
Messrs. Baird, McTavish, and Gordon were heard on behalf of Merrrs. Baird the Presbytery of Ontario.
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Questions were asked of the Presbytery of Ontario, and of Mr ed. Lees, and were answered,-various papers being read in reply to Questions. some of those questions.
The parties were then removed, and the Synod procesded to Parties removdeliberate and give jud $\_$ment.
It was moved by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. A. Cross Motion.
-that the Synod having heard parties and papers in this case, dismiss the petition and complaint, and declare that no sufficient ground has been shown why the decision of the Ontario Presbytery should be reversed.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. W. Ferrie, seconded by 1st Amend- $^{\text {a }}$ Mr. G. Cuthbertson, that in consideration of the very peculiar cir-ment. cumstances of the case, and the tact that the action taken by Mr. Lees has not been taken out of contempt tor the laws of the Church but because of his not conceiving himself amenable to the Presbytary of Ontario, the Synod, enjoin the Presbytery to remove the sentence of suspension from Mr. Lees, and instruct them to proceed with the case according to the laws of the Cnurch.
It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. D. Waterg, seconded by 2nd. Ameod Mr. J. Dick, as follows :-Dismiss the complaint, sustain the action ment. of the Presbytery, leave the case, with the Presbytery of Ontario, to be dealt with according to the laws of the Church, should Mr. Lees appear before them in order to have the sentence of suspension
removed removed.
After reasoning for some time, the hour of adjournmeut arrived, postponed till and the Synod agreed to postpone the turther consideration of the to-morrow. case until to morrow morning, - then to be the first matter entered upon.
The Moderator pronounced the Benediction, and the diet was closed.

## FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

## Central Church, Hamilton,

Monday, June 11th, 1866, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p.m.
The Synod met and was constituted, Mr. R. Ure, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
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HURON PRES,-TIME OF MEETING.
Mr. John Rose, on behalf of the Presbytery of Huron, requested
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that the time appointed by that Presbytery for its next meeting be changed from the second Tuesday of July, to the thrd Tuesday of the same month-ussigning at the same time, a reason for such change. The Synod agreed to grant the request of the Presbytery of Huron, and ordered accordingly.

> presbytery hecords,-reports.

The Synod called tor the Reports of Committee, appointed to ex- Prestytery Re amine the Records of Presbyteries. A Report was handed in ar.d oord.: read on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Huron, setting forth that Minutes 10 bo the said Minutes were correctly. kept, but with some exceptions to attested. certain praseology employed. The Report was received, and the Synod,-calling the attention of the Presbytery to the exceptions referred to,-ordered the Minutes to be attested.

Reports were given in and read, on the Records of the Presby Guelph, Kines teries of Guelph, and of Kingston, setting forth that these Records curds. Pres, Re were, in the former case, correctly kept, and in excellent order ; and in the latter, neatly snd accuratly kept. The Synod received the Reports, and ordered the Records of these Presbyteries to be attested in the usual form.

## order of business, \&c.

Mr. G. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. G. Cheyne, moved that the Moti $\sim$ n to 1 order of proceedings recommended in the Report of the Committee chapge orderof of Bills and Overtures, for this evening, be so far departed from as busiopss, to allow the Mission of Mr. Chiniquy to be taken up, and that the Synod proceed now to the consideration of the state of that Mission. A vote being taken the Synod decided to abide by the order of proceedings as fixed upon in the morning.

## foreign missions, -Deliverance.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to frame a Foreign Mis deliverance on the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee. The $\begin{gathered}\text { sions. } \\ \text { Deliv }\end{gathered}$ Deliveran e was handed in and read.
Ou motion made and seconded, the Report containing the Deliver- Report reeeir ance was received, and it was agreed to proceed to the consideration ${ }_{\text {Del }}^{\text {ed }}$ of the several recommendations thereof,--seriatim.

The first and second clauses were adopted without discussion.
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The third clause in the Deliverance was again read. is. ed.
On motion of Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. T. S. Cham- 3 rd olauser red bers, it was agreed, that this matter be remitted to a Committee, and referred io with a view of ascertaining whether a minister of this Church can be se :ured, as a Missionary for the South Sea Islands, and that said Committee report at an early Sederunt.
The Moderator then named the Committee as follows :-Mr.W. Me Committee. Laren, Convener, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. A. Wilson, D. McDiarmid, D. H. McVicar, J. Ross, R. F. Burns, Ministe:3, Hon. John Mc Murrich, James Grant, H. Young, A. I. Mackenkie, Elders.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.
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port was handed in, and was read, for the Convener, Mr. W. Gregg, by Mr. J. Laing.
On Motion of Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. J. McTavish, it was agreed, -that the Report be received, and the cordial thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee and especially to the Convener for their excellent services, and that the Report be referred to a Ccmmittee to consider it, and prepare a Deliverance for the adoption of the Synod.
The Moderator appointed the Committee to prepare the Deliver- Committe on ance as follows: Dr. Ormiston, Convener, Mr. J. Ross, Dr. Taylor, , ieport. Mr. J. Laing, Ministers, W. Ciark, P. Dewar, Elders.

## standing committees.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to Standing Comnominate Standing Committees. The Report was handed in and mittees. read by the Convener,-Mr, J. J. A. Proudfoot. The several Committees, as read, were respectively considered, and, with certain amendments, the Report was adopted.
The following resolution in relation to Conveners of the Standing Conveners of Committees, moved by Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Standing Comwas adopted,-that the Convener's name be the first on the list of ${ }^{\text {mittee }}$, each of the Standing Committees, and that if, owing to illness, absence, or removal, the Convener be unable to act, then the next member named in the list be instructed to act as Convener.
The Report of the Committee of nomination, ard the Standing ${ }_{\text {ament }}^{\text {Report }}$ as Commitees therein samed are as follows .-

## college board.

Mr. David Inglis, Convener, Principal Willis, Dr. Burns, Dr. College Board. Ormiston, Messrs. W. Reid, D. H, McVicar, T. Wardrope, W. Ferrie, W. McLaren, J. MćTavish, J. M. King, Wm. Inglis, D. Waters, T. Stevenson, J. Scott, (L), R. Ure, R. Torrance, T. Mc Pherson, W. Gregg, J. Ross, W. T. McMullen, J. M. Roger, W. Cochrane, S. C. Fraser, Ministers, Hon. John McMurrich, Dr. Mc Questen, Messrs. Alexander Smith, Dr. Holden. Simon Mackenzıe, John Durie, Col. Haultain, J. Redpath, W. Kerr, W. Clark, A. I. Mackenzie, Elders.

## SENATE.

Principal Willis, Dr. Burns, Prof. Caven, Messrs. W. Reid, W. Senate. Gregg, J. M. King, D. Inglis, J. J. A. Proudfoot, Dr. Ormiston,

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

J. Osioorne, Esq, Convener, Messrs. W. Reid, J. Scott, (L), W. Widows' ${ }^{\text {Orphans' }}$ Fund Gregg, Dr. Ormiston, J. Dick, Ministers, Messrs. Plummer Orphans' Fund Dewar, J. Redpath, Hon. J. McMurrich, James Brown, M. C. Latz, Dr. McQuesten, J. Y. Reid, D. McLellan, Sheriff Davidson, Elders,

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Mn W. Gregg, $\rightarrow$ Convener, Messrs. A. G. Murray, James Black, Sabhools,<br>[442]

J. Scott, [N], Dr. Jennings, R. F. Burns, Ministers, Messrs. James Brown, J. L. Blaikie, W. Kerr, R. Lawrie, J. C. Becket, Elders.

## EOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener, Messrs. W. Aitken, J. Burton, W. Foreigo Mir McLaren, D. Waters, A. Kennedy, J. Dick, Wm. Inglis, George siops. Cuthbertson, J. Middlemiss, A. A. Drummond, T. Stevenson, R. Ure, Dr. Taylor, D. Inghs, D. McRuer, G. Smellie, G. Riddell, J. McTavish, J. M. Roger,, J. Smith, (B), A. F. Kemp, Ministers, Messrs. Jno. Durie, R. Beamer, Thos. McRae, Guelph, Geo.Walker, H. Young, Alex. Smith, J. Dalgleish, Dr. Holden, Maitland Young, Elders.

## home and foreign record.

Messrs. W. Fraser, Convener, J. M. King, J. Baikie, J. Pringle, ${ }_{\mathbf{P}}$ Record $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{wn}$ Ministers, J. S. Blaikie, Hon. J. McMurrich, Elders.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Messrs. J. J. A. Proudfoot, Convener, J. Scott, [L], A. F. Sabbathoum Kemp, R. Hall, J. Ross, W. T. McMullen, J. M. Gibson, P. Gray, vanoeA. Young, Ministers, IAdam Murray, W. Begg, Eldere.

STATISTICg.
Messrs. J. Gray Convener,-D. H. Fletcher, W. Fraser, J. R. Statisitice Scott, W. Reid, Ministers, Mr. Dallas, W. Kerr, Elders.

## FINANOE.

Hon. J. McMurrich, Convener, Messrs. A. Topp, W. Gregg, J. Finanoe M. King, J. Gray, Dr. Jennings, Ministers, and J. L. Blaikie, Esq. Elder.

STATE OF RELIGION.
Messrs. R. Torrance, Convener, J. James. A. Topp, Wm. Inglis, Stateof Ref D. McDiarmid, W. Barrie, J. Duff, W. S. Ball.

## AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Messrs. J. Baird, Convener, Alex. Kennedy, W. Reid, Dr. Thorn- Aged $s$ it ton, Dr. Jennings, Ministers, A. Fraser,-Cobourg,-A. G. North- Ministerí rup, Elders.

## BUXTON MISSION FINANCE.

Messrs. J. Scott, [L], Convener, W. Doak, W. Reid, J. J. A. Baxton Ne Proudfoot, W. King, Ministers, A. McKellar Esq. M.P.P., W. Yinane. Clark, Alex. Smith, Elders.

## HOME MISSIONS.

Messrs. J. Laing,-Convener,-D. H. McVicar, J. M. King, J. Hene Vee [443]

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J. A. Proudfoot, A. D. McDonald, James Whyte, W. Cochrane, T. Stevenson, J. K. Smith, Dc. Thornton, A. Wilson, W. Doak, Dr. Ormiston, J. Middiemiss, Ministers, Col. Haultain, W. Clark, J. Y. Reid, A. I. Mackenzie, Elders.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Dr. Ormiston, - Convener,-Messrs. J. M. King, J. Baird, J. Mc Board of Ex. Tavish, W. Gregg, J. Laing, Dr. Taylor, D. H. MeVicar, T. War aminers.
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## PSALMODY.

There was read an $O$ verture from the Presbytery of Montreal, Psalmody. setting forth, in substance, that Paraphrases in verse of passages Overture on, of Scripture, and Hymns were now in use in the worship of God, ${ }^{\text {Mont. Pres, }}$ in the Canada Presbyterian Church ;-that the Basis of Union, 1861, provided for the administration of worship in the Church as it had hitherto been observed by the two branches composing the United Church; -that ihe Hymn Book of the United Presbyterian Church was used in certain of the Congregations, while others were notat liberty to use it ; and praying the Synod to take such steps as it might see fit to extend the same liberty to all the congregations, with respect to Hymns, and to prepare a Hymn Book, based, if deemed proper, upon that already recognized.
There were read, also, extracts from the Minutes of the Presby- Extract tery of Montreal, transmitting the 0 verture, and appointing Messrs. Pres. $_{\text {Pinutes }}$ Mont. McVicar and Clarke, to support it before the Synod.
There was read, further, an Overture from the Presbytery of Overture, Hamilton, on the same subject, setting forth, substantially, that it Pres. Hamilton. was desirable there should Do unitormity in the Psalmody of the Church ;-that many Ministers and members of the Church strongly desired some change in the collections of Hymns and Paraphrases, now in use ;-praying the synod to consider the expediency of revising the Hymns and Paraphrases presently used, with the view of omitting such as are unsuitable, and adding others;-the whole collection not to expeed the number of one hundred and fifty, -and appointing Mr.D. Inglis and Dr. Ormiston to support the Overture in the Synod.
Mr. D. H. McVicar was heard in support of the Overture from Mr. D. H. Mo the Presbytery of Montreal.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, a motion was made to continue in session for three quarters of an hour longer, which being put to the house was negatived. A second motion, that the Synod should continue until one of the supporters of the Overture from Hamilton Presbytery should be heard, was also negatived, and the Synod,-having postponed the further consideration of the Overtures till to-morrow evening,-adjourned,-the Moderator pro-
nouncing the Benediction.

FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.
Central Church, Hamilton, Tuesday, June 12, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, -Mr . Thomas McPherson, as the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## BILLg' COM.-REPORT.

- The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Sixth Re- Bilise oin port, which was read and received, and the order of business there- port, in recommended sanctioned.

PROFESSORSEIP--REPORT.
The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom Prof, Carem was referred the consideration of the action necessary to be taken appointmem in connection with Mr. Caven's appointment to a Protessorship. Reporton, The Report was given in and read by the Convener, of the Committee, Mr. W. Gregg.

On motion of Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. C. Chiniquy, the Report meim Report was received and adopted, and is, in terms, as follows :-
I. That the Presbytery of Stratford be instructed to take the necessary steps to release Mr. Caven from his present charge.
II. That the Senate of Knox College be instructed to install Mr. Caven into his office.
III. That Mr. Caven be designated Professor of Exgetical Theology, and that in resard to the duties of his Professorship, the management of his classes, and the treatment of the various departments of study, assigned to him, in the curriculum, his authority shall be, in all respects, co-ordinate with that of other Professors.
IV. That, for the present, there be assigned to the Professor of Exegetical Theology, the departments of Evidences, Biblical Criticism, and Interpretation ot Scripture.
V. That it be remitted to the Senate to rearrange the curriculum, so that ail the Theological Students shall be placed each year under the instructions of both the Principal, and the Professor of Exegetical Theology.
VI. That the salary of the Professor of Exegetical Theology be 'Sixteen Hundred Dollars per-annum, 一to commence from the date of his release from his present charge.

## MR. LEES' CASE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the case of Mr. Archibald Leen Wht, Lees, delayed from yesterday afternoon when the motion of Mr case rame Mc Mullen, and the amendment of Messrs. Ferrie and Waters, submitted yesterday, were read.
It was then moved, in further amendment, by Mr. W. McLaren, 3 ra $A$ seconded by Mr. R. Wallace, -That, whereas the Rev. Archibald ment. Lees, after due notification that the Synod of last year decided that he was under the jurisdiction of ihe Preabytery of Ontario, [445]
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After long reaso ing, the Previous Question was moved, and being Previous Quegrried in the affirmative, the Synod proceeded to decide upon the tion, totions before the House. Votes were taken, when the amendent of Mr. McLaren was successfully, carried against the amendents, respectively, of Mr . Waters, and Mr. Ferrie, and the Decision. otion of Mr. McMullen. The yeas and nays being called for, the nendment of Mr. McLaren was affirmed by a majority, and the nod decided in terms thereof.
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## ANDREWS MR. F. CASE OF.

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## SILVER MR. W.-APPEAL.

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Murrich, That another Committee be appointed to whom the case shall be referred anew.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. McLaren, seco nded by Amendment Mr. J. Pringle, That the Synod do now proceed to take up the case and hear the parties.
A vote being taken the amendment was carried, and the Synod Deci-ion-por decided to proceed with the case.
Parties, namely, the Appellant, Mr. W. Silver, and the Presby. Parties callect tery of Paris, were called and compeared.

The Papers in the case were read.
Papers read.
It was agreed to delay the further consideration of the case till Case delayed, to-morrow forenoon.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Central Church, Hamliton,

Tuesday, June 12, 1866, 3 o'clock, p.m. 1
The Synod met and was constituted, Mr. Archibald Cross, at the request of the Moderator leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the asst Sederuut were read and sustained. Minates rexi.

## death of ministers.

Professor Caven, on behalf of Dr. Burns, the Convener of the Death of lir Committee, appointed at the Secoud Sederunt, to draft a suilable isters, Report Minute in reference to the Ministers who, during the year, had been removed by death, gave in a Report, embodying a deliverance. The Report was read and adopted and the Deliverance con. - ${ }^{\text {sportadoped }}$ tained therein ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes of Synod, in terms following :

Daring the year, four faithful watchmen on the towerd of Zion Deliverames have been removed by the hand of death, under the righteous administration of Him, who is the Great Disposer of events, and "who hath the keys of the invisible worid and of death," yea, who is the Lord of he dead as of the liviag. Eich of these dearly beloved brethren had "given proof" of his ministry, during periods of varied extent, while all of them had lived long enough to place beyond question their title to grateful remembrance as " workmen that needed not to be ashamed."

## REV. M. Y. STARK.

The Rev. Mark Young Stark, a licentiate of the Church of Rev. u. I Scotland, came to Canada in 1833, and for upwards of thirty years stark. has been the affectionate and faithful pastor of the co igregation at Dundas. In 1844, he was Moderator of Sonod, and, following his conscientious convictions, led the van in the Disruption which took place at Kingston, in June of that year, and which issued in the formation of what was called, previous to the Union of 1861, the
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Presbyterian Church of Canada. From that neriod to his death no January last, he adhered to his prinsiples with high toned consistency, and adorned them by a walk and conversation in every way becoming the Gospel.

## REV. JAMES SKINNER.

The Rev. James Skinner, who died in Octobr last, was one of Rev, J. Skinner that band ot misisters, from Scotland, who, more than thicty gearsago, established the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, which, with the Presbyterian Church of Canaaa, now constitutes the Canada Presbsterian Church. He was largely characterized by firmness of principle, in union with great meekness and gentleness. His ege was ever single to the glory of God : and, while he breathed, he exemplified the parest and most disenterested benevolence. He was emphatically "a good man." In this instance as in others, weeping families and congregations give sad proof of a loss which the Church in'these lands can ill bear.

## rev. john mekinnon.

The Rev. John McKinnon, late of Beckwith, was one of three Rev. J. Me excellent young men who, in 1845, received license at Toronto, Kinnon. and thus became the first fruits of the recently formed Presbyterian Church of Canada ; and he is the first of them who has been removed by death. At St. Thomas, at 0 wen Sound, and at Beckwith, he successively gave full proof of his ministry. In fidelity and conscientiousness few have surpassed him: aud the Synod sincerely sympathize with the loss which his family and the Church at large have sustained by his removal. This excellent mınister had not arrived at what is commonly understood by " old age," bat his frame was not constitutionally strung, and he was not a little borne down by peculiar trials of principle which may have, in agicertain sense, cast him" down"; but, assuredly, they never impaired his confidence in the promises, nor dimmed the brightness of his hope.

## REV. P. D. MUIR.

The Rev. Peter D. Muir, was, for several yeers past, an ordain- Rev. P. D. Yuir ed Missionary in the City of Montreal. He had some years previous to the union, been minister of the United Presbyterian Congregation in Huntingdon, C. E. He had also a high place among the Classical teachers of the Province. His field of labour in Montreal was wide and difficult, but interesting. A Church was erected - a congregation organized, and the prospects seemed cheering ; but it has pleased the Great Disposer to remove this zealous labourer, in the maturity of his ministerial life. In faithful and affectionate pulpit labour and in household ministraions, he has, however, sown much good seed, which we cannot doubt, will bear frait unto life eternal.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

A motion was made and seconded that the Synod do now pro- Business, order ceed with the business left anfinished in the morning. It was of.
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moved, in amendment, and seconded, that the order of business recommended by the Committee of Bills, in the morning, be adhered to. A vote being taken, the Synod determined to ad here to the order of business as assigned by the Committee on Bills for this afternoon.

## DISTRIBUTION COM.--REPORT.

${ }^{5}$ The Syn called for the Report of the Cummittee for the dis-Distribation tribution of Preachers. The Report was given in by the Convener, Com., Report -...Mr. James Dick, --and was read. Oa motion made and duly seconded, the Synod agreed to receive the Report, and commend the diligence of the Committee.

## PROBATIONERS' PAY.

There was transmitted, by the Presbytery of Toronto, and read, Probationers' an Overture setting forth that it was of importance that preachers ${ }^{\text {pay, uverture. }}$ should be adequately remunerated without being burdensome to the Churches supplied, and praying the Synod to consider the propiety of taking steps for graduating the payment of preachers according to the Jalary which would be paid to a stated pastor in the Congregation supplied.

The Overiure was suppbrted, on behalf of the Presbytery, by Mr J. M. Kiog Mr J. M. King.

It was moved, by Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoot, seconded Motion, by Mr. T. McPnerson,...That the Overture be not entertained.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. James, seconded by Amendment. Mr. W. T. Murdoch, ...That the Overture be adopted, and a Committee appointed to prepare a graduated scale of renumeration for the payment of Preachers.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr . Proudfoot was carried Deision. by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof. $\begin{gathered}\text { Overture not } \\ \text { entertained. }\end{gathered}$

## distribution com. re-appointed.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee for the Distribu-L stribution tion of Probationers, of last year, was re-appointed, as follows :-... Com.ree.ppoint Mr. J. Diek, Convener, Messrs. W. Gregg, R. Torrance, J. Baird, J. Mitcheil.

## Stipend augmentation.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee appointed to Stipend Ang. consider the best means of securing an adequate support for the mentation, he pastors of the Church, and to whom, also, were referred the ${ }^{\text {port on. }}$ Overtures of the Presbyteries of Brock ville and Toronto, on the sustentation of the Gospel Mnistry. The Report was handed in and read, by the Convener, Mr. W. McLaren.
It was moved by Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Mr. J. Scott (N), Motion. -That the Report be received,-the diligence of the Committee approved, and the several recommendations of the Report taken up and considered, seriatim.
It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. W. Gregg, seconded by Amendment, Mr. J. McTavisb,-That the Report be received.
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A vote was taken, when the motion of Mr. Burns was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided tu terms thereof.
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The second section, containing three subsections was read and 2 nd ${ }^{\text {Qeetion ad }}$ adopted.
The third section in the Report was read. opted.

It was moved by Mr. W. Gregr, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, -
3rd Seetion adThat this third section be adopted.
It was moved. in amendment, by Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Amendment. Mr. J. Ross, -That the third section be not adopted.
A vote being taken the amandment was carried, and the Synod decided that the third recomnendation be not ad pted.
The fourth, fifth. sixth and seventh recommendations of the Re. 4th. 5 th, 6 th, port were read and adopted.

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The recommendations of the Report, as amended, and finally adopted. adopted are as tollows ;1. That Preshyteries be enjoined to visit, by Deputation, or Mrdes of rais.
 have reason to think are not doing their duty towards the support weekly colleoof their pastor, and see that an efficient system of raising ciuds ${ }^{\text {tions. }}$ for this purpose is brought into operation.
2. That the Synod strongly recommend.
(1). That, in Cities and Towns, weekly, or menthlv offerings be introduced, and that the contributions thus given for the salary of the minister be taken up along with the usual Sabbath collections.
(2). That, in country distriets, collectors be appointed to call Rural districts, apon the people, at their homes, monthly, or quarterly, as may be colleotore. deemed nost suitable for the locality, and that great care be takea that there calls are mada with punctuality.
(3). That in congregations where it is still deemed necessary to Pew rent to be continue the system ot Pew-rents, care be taken that they are col. oollpoted regulected regularly, and that arrears are not suffared to accumulate. liry.
3. That Preshyteries be enjoined to see that Missonary Assoc
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4. That wherever Missionary Associations are formed, the Collections not Synodical collections shall not be imperative, provided a contri. requi ed in net. bution be given by said Associations for the objects of said coi- tain oases.
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5. That Presbyteries be instructed to see that contrihutions Contri' utions for all the Missionary, and other general schemes of the Church,, , b, brin made reare taken up regularly in all the Mission Statious, within their gelarly. bounds.
6. That a small Committee be anpointed, to prepare, for Commite to is general circulation, throughout the Charch, a statement, explain- 'ue $n$ struotions ing mord fuliy the suggestions of the ahove resolutions, in so far asthey relate to the duties of congregations, ard also, containing soch other information as may be deemed necessary for the practical guidance of congregations.

## arrangements committee.

The Synod now appointed a Committee to make arrangements Next Synod, for the next meeting of Synod, in Gould Street Church, in the $\begin{gathered}\text { Com, of } \\ \text { gements. }\end{gathered}$ City of Toronto, composed of the Ministers and representative Elders of the several congregations iu the said city,-Mr. J. M. King to be Convener.
The hour of s'x o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, the diet being closed with the Benediction.

## SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Central Church, Hamilton,

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\text { Tuesday, June 12, 1866, } 7 \frac{1}{2} \text { o'clock, p.m. }
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The Synod met and was constituted,-prayer being offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. W. Doak.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustaiued. Minutes read

## st;pend' committee.

The Moderato:now appointed the Committee under the last ${ }_{\text {Stipend Com, }}$ section of the Deliverance on the salaries of ministers, recorded in the proceedings of the last Sederunt, as follows :-Mr. W. Gregg, Convener, Prof. Caven, Messre. J. Burton, W. McLaren, D. Waters, Hon. J. McMurrich, A. I. McKenzie.

## thanksgiving day.

Mr. W. Ferrie moved, secondea by Mr. Geo. Grant, as follows : Thanksgiving, -Whereas the mercies of the Lord to this Province are great and motion. manifold, and have, recently, been specialiv expressed, the Synod agree that the Moderator be respectfully requested, and authorized to call the congregations of the Church to due acknowiedgment of the Divine Haud, at such time as may be judged by hirn most suitable.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by 1. Amendment, Mr. W. Cochrane.-Tnat the Moderator be authorized to appoint a day of Thankrgiviug, or Hamiliation, as he in his judgment may deem most seasonable.

It was moved. in turther amendment. by Mr. A. Wilson, second- 2. Amendment ed by Mr. T. McPherson,-That the Moderator be respectfully requested to appoint a day of Humiliation and Thanksgiving, at such time, duting this year, as he may deem best.

Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Waters was, succes- Deectsion. sively, carried over the amenament of Mr. Wilson, and the motion Mr. Watern' $\cdot$. of Mr. Ferrie, and the Sruod dscided in terms of the said amend- mendment. meat.

## foreign missions-Appointment of missionary.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed Mis ionary sel. last night, on the thira clause of the Deliverance on the Report of ection of, Be [450]
the Foreign Mission Committee, with a view of ascertaning whether a member of this Church could be secured as a Missionary for the South Sea Islands.
Mr. McLaren, the Conveuer, reported verbally, that the Com. Mr. Neil Mo mittee had held three meetings, -that they had had no difficulty in ated by Com. finding a suitable minister of this Church to go as a missionary to the South Seas, -that were two or three required instead ot one, they could reaoily have been procureu, and that the Committee had now very great pleasure in bringing before the Synod the name of Mr. Neil McKinnon, of Wardsville, with whom they had held conference, on the subject, and whom they confidently recommended the Synod to appoint as their missionary to the South Sea Islands.
It was moved by Mr. R. F. Burns, and seconded,-'Cnat the Mr. MoKinnon Synod receive the Report, -approve of the Deliverance contained called as Mistherein, and, in accordance therewith, resolve, as they hereby do, sionary. to call to missionary labour in the New Hebrides, Mr, Neil Mc Kinnon, of Wardsville.
The Moderator, in calling for a vote on this motion, suggested Standing $\dot{V}_{\text {ote }}$. that the unanimity and cordiality with which the call of the Synod was addressed, to Mr. McKinnon would be best shown if the assent of the members were given by standing up,-whereupon every member of the Synod arose to his feet.
The call of the Sinod was announced to Mr. McKinnon, in warm Anpointment terms, by the Moderator. Mr. McKinnon replied,-saying that announe d thongh he would not attempt to analyze bis feelings in the peculiar replied. situation into which he had been brought, yet that he was prepared, in dependence on Divine aid to accept the call,-that he should part with the loving and beloved congregation over whom, for some time, he had had the oversight, with no little pain,--but that he regarded the call now addressed to bim wich so mneh cordiality by the Synod, as the call of God,-that such was his love for the Fathers and Brethren of this Synod, and his confidence in them, that he was willing to undertake any work which they mi ht assign him, aud that he would go forth on his mission, assured that he would be sustained by the generous confidence and the prayers of he Synod and of the whole Church.
Mr. J. MeTavish, Mr. Proudfoot, and Mr. Donald McKenzie, briefly addressed the Svnod, bearing testimony to the ch sracter and qualifications of Mr. McKinnon, as eminently fitting him for the work to which he hal be n called.
On motion of Mr. D. H. McVicar, seconded by Professor Caven, Instructions, it was agreed, -That the Synod record their great satisfaction Pres, London, with $\mathrm{Mr}, \mathrm{McK}$ innon's acceptance of $\mathrm{th} \rightarrow$ call addressed to him, and iastruct the Loadon Presbytery to tike the necessary steps $t$. loose him from his charge. and drect the Foreign Mission Committee to carry out the decision of the Synod in this matter.
The Synod engaged in devotional exercises, Dr. Taylor, at the Prayer. inquest of the Moderator, offoring prayer, givin, thanks for the Dr. Taylor. conclusions to which the Synod had been conducted, and commending the newly appointed Missionary to the grace of God.

PSALMODY.
The Synod resumed consideration of the Overtures on the Psal $\underset{\text { turned. }}{\substack{\text { Psalmody } \\ \text { Overtures }}}$ re[451]

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## ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The Synod again called for the Report of the Committee ap Address to the pointed to Draft a Loyal Address to the Queen. A Diaft Address Queen. was submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by Mr. R. F. Burns, which was read ard adupted; and the Synod ordered the same to be ougrossed and transmitted through the usual channel.

## SILVER MR. W.--APPEAL.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Appesl of Mr. Wm. Eilver Mr. W.s Silver, against action of the Presbytery of Paris, delayed yester case of. day morning.

Ths parties, namely, Mr. Silver, and the Presbytery of Paris, Parties called, were called and compeared.
The Appellant was heard for some time in support of his Appeal ; Mr. Silver when a point of order was raised by Mr. W. Doak, in that while heard, the Kirk Session of Innerkip, and Mr. McBeath, mentioned in the Paries not citPapers, were parties iuterested, they had nor therefore, the Synod could not proceed orderly in the case.
The Moderator ruled that the point of order was properly rais- Moderator ruled, and that the omissio.. of the Presbytery of Paris to cite all the ed case to sto $\mathrm{p}_{i}$ parties was a defect which precluded the further progress of the case before the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. A. Wilson, and seconded,-That whereas Motion. all the parties interested in the case, were preseat when the decision ion of the Presbytery, from which the appeal was taken, was come to, therefore waive the informality in relation to the citation of the Session, and proceed with the case.

It.was moved, in amendment, by the Hon. J. MeMurrich, Amqndment. seconded by Mr. W. Gregg, -Thas the case be referred back to the Presbytery of Paris, and that they be instructed to take the necessary and orderly steps for issuing the case.
A vote being taken the amendment vas carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in accordance therewith.
The Moderator announced the decision to the parties,--stating peci-ion that, owing to the informality on the part of the Presbytery, in nonaced. not citing all the parties, the Synod could not proceed with the case, and instructing the Paris Presbytery to proceed with the case according to the laws of the Church.
The Clork of the Presbytery of Paris craved extracts, which were ordered.

## ELDERSHIPs'-MEMORIAL.

The Synod took up a Memorial from the Kirk-Session of the congregation of Claremont, which was resd, setting forth that it is mershif,the right and duty of every Kirk-Session to appoint one of their Memorial. number to represent them in Presbyteries and Sgnods,-that since the first meeting' of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church the Memorialists have been prevented from enjoying the right dia.
charge of this duty except in alternate years,-that this, in the opinion of the Memorialists, is a wrong,-and praying the Synod to ake steps to restore an undoubted privilege, and permit the exercise of a solemn duty.

Mr. Baird was heard in support of the Memorial.
It was moved by ML., T. Wardrope, seconded by Mr. J. James, - Mr. Baird heard That, where there are two or more Churches under the pastoral semo nold charge of one Minister, having, bona fide, distinct Sessions, and Motion. distinct Session records ; and where 11 is aumitted by the Presbytery of the bounds that, from territorial, or other causes, such Churches should remain thus distinct, each Church be entitled to send a representative elder to Presbyteries and Synods.

It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Ormiston, seconded by 1 . Amendment. Mr. W. Gregg,-- That the Synod appoint a small Committee to prepare a Remit on the prayer of the Memorial, to be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions, to report thereon at next meeting of Synod.

It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. W. Ferrie, second- 2. Amendment ed by Mr. J. Watson,-That, whereas, at the time of the formation of the Union, and with a view to it, it was distinctly unrerstood that the two Sessions presided over by Mr. Baird, should each be represented by an Eider, in Synod,-grant the prayer of the petition,-any of theiresolutions of the Syuod subsequent to the ireaty of union, notwithstonding; aud for the settling of this question tor the future, as to the representation of Scssions where more than one of these is presided over by the same pastor, and which were not specially provided for at the formation of the Union, the Synod remit the Petition to the Presbyteries for co.sideration, iustructing them to report to next meeting of Synod.
After reasoning for some time, the Previous Question was Prevtions Queer moved, and being carried in the affirmative, the Synod proceeded tion. to decide.
Votes were taken, when the amendment of Dr. Ormiston was, successively, carried against that of Mr. Ferrie, and the motion of Mr. Wardrope, and the Synod decided in terms of the said amendment.
The Moderator then named the Committee to carry out the Eldarsbip,Con object of the resolution, as follows:-Dr. Ormiston, Convener, on Remit. Messrs. W. Mclaren, W. Doak, J. Baird, Ministers, Hon J. Me Murrich, W. Clark, H. Young, Eiders.
Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoot here read a notion, of which he had Eldershingiven notice at a former Sederunt, of the tenor following :-Moved Mr. Prodifowd by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Baird,-That whereas it has motion. been the custom of the Synod to allow Sessions to be represented in this Court by Elders not belonging to them; and, whereas, this arrangenent was made in peculiar circumstances, and was intended only to be temporary ; and whereas, such circumstances no longer exist, this custom be henceforih discontinued.

The Synod without passing any judgment on the resolution as ${ }_{\text {Referred }}$ io Re submitted, agreed to refer it, as they did, and do, hereby, refer mit Commilithe the same, to the Committee already appointed on the Memorial from Claremont Kirk-Session. framing a Deliverance for the adoption of Synod. The Report was handed in and read, and the Deliverance therein contained adopted of the followin e tenor:-The Synod having heard the Rev. Mr. McGill, Agent of the American Missionary Association instituted for the education and evanyelization of the Colored Race, in America, agree to record their thanks to Mc. Megiill for his interesting Address, aud to direct the attention of the people and congregations under their care to the Society which ne represents as a suitable channel through which their benevolence may reach an oppressed people.

## BEACHVILLE DEBT.

The Synod called for the Report of Finance Committee on Beachville the matter of the debt on the Beachville Church.
The Hon. Mr. McMurrich, Convener of the Committee, reported verbally that correspondence had been had with several parties on the subject, but that nothing of consequence had been accomplished.
On motion the Synod agreed as follows:-Recrive the interim Deliverance Report, and refer the matter to the subjoined (iommittee to pro-Comwittee. secute it further, and to report at aext Synod :-Committee,J. L. Blaikie Esq., Convener ; Messr 4. A. Topp ; W. Gregg ; J. M. King, Dr. Jennings, J. Gray ; Hon. J. McMurrich.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the diet was closed, -tbe Moderator pronouncing the Beaediction.

## NINETEENTH SEDERUNT.

> Central Church, Hamilton, Wednesday, June 13, 1866, 3 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises.Mr. John McMillan at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Minutes read.

## MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Presbytery of Mon- Montreal Coltreal on the subject of a Theological College at Montreal. The lege. Report was handed in and read.
Mr. D. H. McVicar on behalt of the Presbytery, addressed the Mr. Movicar, Synod in explanation of the Report.
On motion of Mr. George Cheyne, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MeMurrich, the Synod agreed as follows :-Receive the Keport ${ }_{\text {Deeoision }}$ of the Presbytery on the Montreal College, xpless satisfaction with Decision.
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the progress which has been made, and remit it to the Presbytery of Montreal to prosecute and mature the Scheme.

## BOOK OF FORMS- REPOR'T ON REMITS.

Mr. W. McLaren from the Committee on the Returns of Pres- Forms' Book byteries to Renits sent aown by the Synod last year, handed in Returce to Rep and read a Report :--first, on a Book of Forms, seting forth that mits.
Returns had been received on this subject trom eleven Presbyteries; but that these Returns were so diversified in their nature that the Committee were unable to recommend anv specific del verance.
The Report was received, - and on motion of Mr. Proudfoot, Deoision.
duly seconded, the Synod agreed.-That the Form of Process Book be adopted, ad interim, as during the past year, and that a Committee be appointed to revise said Book, and to report such changes as they think necessary to Synod at its next meeting ; and that the Returns of Presbyteries on this subject be handed to said Committee.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on the Book of Forms Forms' Pook to be composed of the Clerks of the several Presbyteries and the Cowmitte. Clerks of Syuod, together with Mr. A. F. Kemp: Hon. J. Mc Murrich ; H. Young ; A. I McKenzie ; Mr. Reid, Convener.

Secondly:-On the Returns to Remis on the Act for the Re- Reception of caption of Mivisters, the Committee reported that they had received Ministera. Returns from ten Presbyteries,-that six Presbgteries approved $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{m} \text { t. }}^{\text {ketas }}$ to Re simpliciter; and that four recommended various alterations.
On mution of Mr. McTavish the Synod agreed as follows :---Re- Deeision onRe ceive the Report, adopt again, ad interim, the Act for the Re-port. ception of Ministers, refer the Act to the same Committee as that appointed on the Book of Forms ; to make such alterations as to the Committee may seem necessary, and send the amended draft down to Presbyteries, with instructions to them---the Presbyteries... to report to next Synod.

COMMITTEES, $\cdots$-..EXPENSES OF.
There was read and receiven an Overture from the Presbytery ${ }_{\mathrm{E}}{ }^{\text {xpense }}$ of of Ottawa, anent the expenses of Synodical Committees, $\cdots$ praying $\mathrm{C}^{\text {ommittec. }}$ that some plen be adopted for defraying such expenses, and that a Committee be appoiuted for the consideration of this matter with instructions to report at an early diet.
Mr. W. McKenzie, of Ramsay, was heard"in support of the Mr. Mcrenit Overture.
It was moved hy Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Wm. Inglis : Motion. ....That the Overture b3 received; and that its suggestion be adopted so far as the payment of the expenses of the Members of the Home and Foreign Missions Committees are cencerned ; and that it be suggested to Synod, at next meeting, so to arrange the Committees as greatly to reduce the expenses, by placing the names of persons on as many Committees as practicable.
It was moved in amendment by Dr. Or niston, seconded by Mr. Amendmeat A. Wilson, $\cdots$ That the 0 verture be received, and its prayer be granted so far as to appoint a Committee consisting ol Messrs. W. Aitken; W. McKenzie $\cdots$ - Ramsay, $\cdots$ and T. Wardrope, to take the whole subject into consideration and report at an early Sederunt next Synod.
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A vote beirg taken, the amendment of Dr. Ormiston was carried Votes. by a majority ; and the Synod decided in terms thereof. Deoi-ion. EXPENSES OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.
The Synod took up again the last recommendation of the Home Missions, Deliverance on the Report of the Home Mission Committee, con- Expenees of sideration of which was deferred at the close of the tenth Sederunt, Committee. of the tenor following-"That the expenses incurred, by the Home Mission Committee, be paid from the Central Fund."
It was moved by Mr. W. McKenzie, seconded by Dr. Ormiston. Mot'on. .-That the recommendation be adopted.
It was moved in amendment bv Mr. McTavish, seconded by Mr. Amendment. W. T. McMullen, That the recommendation be not adopted.

A vote being taken the motion of Mr. McKenzie was carried by Deeisios. large majority, and the Synod decided, and ordered accordingly: -That said expenses be paid out of the Central Fund.
UNION, -OVERTURE ON.

There was taken up and read extracts from the Minutes of the Union,-0verPresbytery of Cobourg transmitting an Overture on the Union of ture on. Presbyterians in this Province,-The Overture was read,-setting forth, substantially, that there are in this Province different denomin ations of Presbyterians holding the Westminster Standards of Doctrine, and Church Government : that it is a manifest duty for Charches agreeing in docirine and discipline to enter into union:-that there is good reason to believe that such a union might be effected without compromise of principle,--and praying the Synod to give the subject grave consideration, with a view of obtaining the desirable end of a union of all Presbyterians, in Canada, in one ecclesiastical organization.
It was moved by Mr. J, J. A. Proudfoot seconded by Mr. J Scott, (L.), that the Syrod recognize the desirableness of Union Unios Motion. among the Presbyterian Churches in this Province ; but deem it unadvisable to do more at this time than to appoint a small committee, who shall be ready to consult with, or receive overtures from, any similar Committee which may be appointed by the other Presbyterian Charches in these Provinces.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. Cochrane seconded by Amendment. Mr. D. McRuer, -That the Synod receive the $\varrho_{\text {verture, -declares }}$ its earnest desire for a Union of the two branches of the Presby. terian Church in Canada, when such nnion can be consummated on a satisfactory basis ; but delay consideration till a future period.
A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Proudfoot was carried Votes. over the amendment of Mr. Cochrane by a majority.
The yeas and nays were called for ; and it was agreed on taking Yeas and Nays the vote in this way to record the number of votes given fur and against the resolution. The vote being taken there appeared for Mr. Proudfoot's motion 45, against it 38.
The hour ot six o'clock having arrived. The Synod adjourned, -the diet being closed with the Benediction.

## TWENTIETH SEDERUNT.

## Central Church, Hayilton.

 Wednesday, June 13, 1866, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p. m.The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. W. S. Ball, of Guelph, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustainod.
Mr. John Ross, here asked and obtained leave to enter his dis. Dissent, Mr, J. sent from the resolution on union, passed at the close of the last Ross. Sederunt.

## ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Mr. R. F. Burns from the Committee to draft addresses to the Addressto Gor. Queen and the Governor General, reported the draft of an Address ernor General), to the Governor General. The report was received,-the draft address adopted, and the Synod ordered the same to be engrossed and forwarded to the Governor General.
union committee.
The Moderator now appointed the committee on Union, in Union Comterms of the resolution on that subject passed at the close of last mittee appoint Sederant, as follows :-Dr. Ormiston, Convener, Messrs. D. Inglis, ed J. J. A. Proudfoot, R. Ure, D. H. McVicar, Hon. J. McMurrich, H. Young, Alex. Smith.

> ST. ANNS MISSION - -.MR. CHINIQUY.

There was taken up and read, a Memorial from the Presbytery St. Ann's Mis of London, in relation to the Mission at St. Anns, Kankakee, un- sion, Mr. Chin der the inspection of Mr . Chiniquy, respecting the pecuniary diffi- iquy culties under which the said mission has for some time back laboured and is still labouring, giving some account of the exertions made by the people themselves for the support of religions ordinances, --stating that the mission cannot be at present sustained, in efficiency and vigour without assistance to the amount of from $\$ 1000$, to $\$ 1200$, per annum, and praying the Synod to give serious consideration to this peculiar and interesting enterprise.

Mr. Proudfoot was heard on behalf of the London Presbytery Mr. Proudfor in support of the memorial. Questions were asked of Mr. Proud- heard. foot and were answered.
Mr. Chiniquy addressed the Synod in support of the Memorial Mr. Chiniquy and in the interests of his mission at St. Ann's. heard.
It was moved by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by Mr. D. H. Mc Motion, Vicar, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod having heard Decisioz. the explanations of Mr. Proudfoot, and also the statements of Mr. Chiniquy, desire to express their satisfaction with the diligence of the Presbytery of London; but, feeling that they cannot at present undertake the entire burden of the mission at St. Anns, Kankakee, do grant aid to the amount of $\$ 600: \$ 200$ for the support of Mr Chiniquy, and $\$ 400$ for the support of the mission schools at St. Anns, and continue the mission under the care of the Presbytery of London, with instructions to take such further measures for the support thereof as they in their judgment may deem most suitable.

## PSALMODY.

The Synod returned to the consideration of the Overtures from Psalmody. the Presbyteries of Montreal and Hamilton on Psalmody, deferred Overtures te from yesterday evening.

The Moderator here left the chair, which at his request was taken by Mr.J. McTavish.
Mr. McLaren, who was in possession of the floor waived his right to address the Synod.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Synod agreed to Synod sitastel sit for some time longer.
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The Synod having heard the Overtures and the pleadings of the Presbyteries of Montreal and Hamilton in their support, resolves : that, whereas, as by the very constitution of a Presbyterian Church it is impossible that any congregations within its bounds should have special privileges, and others should labour under disabilities, and whereas the large majority of the congregations of this Church are now using one or other of two collections of Hymns, and which have already been sanctioned by this Synod, it is not in present circumstances deemed necessary to take any step in the direction indicated by these Overuures.
A motion was made to adjourn which was negatived; and Motion to ad the Synod proceeded to decide :---the motions before the house journ negativbeing those of $1 . \mathrm{Mr}$. D. Waters, 2. Mr. W. Cochraue, 3. Mr. W. ${ }^{\text {ed. }}$ McLaren, 4. Mr. W. Inglis.
Votes were taken when the smendment of Mr. McLaren was Votes. carried over that of Mr . Inglis, the amendment of Mr. Cochrane over that of W. McLaren, and the amendment of Mr. Cochrane again over the original motion of Mr. Waters.
The Yeas and Nays being called on the resolution carried, it $Y_{\text {eas and Nays }}$ Was affirmed by a majority of 43 to 18 , and the Synod decided in terms of the said amendmeut, as follows :
The Synvd having considered the Overtures from the Presby-Decision. teries of Hamilton and Montreal, in regard to the desirability of uniformity in the worship of God in the congregations of this Church, approve generally of the object contemplated by those who advocate a revisal of the Hymns and Pharaphrases at present used as part of public praise, and appoint a committee to consider maturely the whole subject,-correspond with Pres. byteries, and Kirk-Sessions, and report to next meeting of Synod.

Mr. John Ross asked and obtained leave for himself and for Dissents. all who should join with him to have his and their dissent from the resolution on Psalmody marked in the minutes, for reasons to be given in to-morrow morning. The following ministers joined with Mr. Ross, in dissenting, Messrs. D. McRuer. A. Wilson, J. Irvine, J. Fraser, J. Straith, T. S. Chambers, Archibald McDiarmid, J. McMillan.

The Synod adjonrned, the diet being closed with the Benediction.

## TWENTY-FIRST SEDERUNT.

## Central Church, Hamilton,

Thursday, June 14, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. R. F. Buins at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. Minutes read.
Mr . John Ross here handed in his reasons of dissent from the Dissent reas. resolution on Psalmody, adopted last night, signed by himself and of Mr. J. Ross others joining with him. The reasons were received, and at the ${ }^{\text {and others. }}$ request of Mr. Ross, were ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.
The reasons and signatures are as follows:-
We the undersigned crave leave to dissent from the finding of Synod in relation to Psalmody, for the following reasons, viz.:1. Because the introduction of uninspired Hymns into the Church by Synodical legislation tends to set aside the inspired Psalms given her by her Living Head Himself.
2. Because it is manifestly opposed to the deep convictions of many members of this Sjnod, and of the Church, and therefore likely to disturb the peace and unity thereof.
3. Because it is unwise to commit the Church to a masure of such grave importance at so late a Sederunt, when but a remnant of the members is present.
(Signed.) John Ross, Duacan McRuer, Andrew Wilson, John Straith, Samuel Gaw, Elder, Joha Irvine, Thomas S. Chambers.
1'he Synod agreed to appoint, as they did, and do, hereby, ap. Disent. point, as a Committee to answer these reasons of dissent,--Messra. Reasons of W. Doak, J. Pringle, R. F. Buras --Mr. Doak Convener. designation of mb, mokinnon.
On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to refer the Mr. N. Mo designation of Mr. Neil McKinnou to his field of labour, to the Kianon, Do Foreign Mission Committee, as a Commission of Synod, toge:her signation at, with all other members of Synod that muy unte with the Committee in that service.

## eldership representative.

Dr. Ormiston gave in a Report from the Committee to whom Eldership. was referred the Overture from the Kirk Session of Claremont, Remit, Repors and the motion of Mr. Proudfoot, anent Representative Elders, with a view to frame a Remit or the subject to be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessiods.

The Romit is as follows:--That Presbyteries be required to send answers to the following questions:--

1. When two or more distinct congregations, having separate Sessions, are under the came of one pastor,--should each of such congregations have a Representative Elder in Presbyteries and Synods.?
2. Shall the practice hitherto obtaining in this Church of allowing sessions to chose others than their cwn members as Represntatives be continued?
The Synod received the Report : adopted the Remit submitted, and ordered it to be sent down to Presbyteries, and Sessions, in terms of the resolation on the subject adopted at a former Sederunt.

## sabbath schools.

Dr. Ormiston gave in a Report from the Committee to whom Sabbath was referred the Sabbath School Report, for the purpose of suggesi- ${ }^{\text {Echooboun}}$ ing to the Synod a Deliverance for its adoption, of the following Repori. tenor: Whereas it is most desirable that every encouragement be giveu and every facility afforded by the Synod for the more efficient management of Sabbath Schools, and the training of the children of the Church in Scriptural knowledge:--the standing Committee on Sabbath Schools be instructed to take sach steps as they may deem most suitable to bring before the Church, geverally, the sabject of Sabbath Scinool instruction, and especially, to inquire what arrangements can be made with Publishers, for the supply of such Tex. t Books, Hymn Books, Libraries, Lessons, and Periodicals as, after due consideration, they may recommend, and report at next meeting of Synod.
A motion was made by Dr. Ormiston and duly zeconded :-That Motion. the Report be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Ameodmeot. J. Irvine-Taat the Report be referred back to the Committee to amend the same by striking out therefrom the words "Hymn Books."
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A vote was taken when the motion to adopt the Report, was Deeciston carried by a large majority, and the Syaod decided and ordered in accordance therewith.

## DISSENT.

Mr. Andrew Wilson asked and obtained leave to have his dissent Dissent. from this finding entered in the Minutes, There was taken up and read man law. of Montreal, anent the state of the Marriage Law in Lower Canada, Lower Canada. setting forth, in substance, that proclamation of bans must be made on three several Sabbaths in the Church, to which each of the parties belongs,-that the Marriage must take place in a Church,that such enactments are contrary to the use and wont of this Church in performing Marriages ;-that in certain circumstances the practice of proclamation is rendered impracticable,-that the Marriage License is unduly expensive and affords no protection against improper Marriages, and no guarantee to the officiating Minister against legal penalties in case of unlawful Marriages,and praying the Synod to take such steps as may tend to procure the modification of the enactments referred to, so as to be less objectionable to the Church, and more in accordance with its usual practice.
Mr. Crombie was heard in support of the Overture.
It was moved by Mr. W. Reid and duly seconded :-That this Uverture be received, and that a Committee be appointed to con- ${ }^{\text {Motion, }}$ sider the whole subject of the Marriage Law, both in Lower Canada and Upper Canada, and report to next meeting of Synod.
It was moved in amendment by Mr. A. Wilson-seconded byod. Mr. W. McLaren. - That the Overture be raceived, and that amendment. Committee be appointed to which shall be intrusted the subject of the Marriage Laws of Canada East and Canada West, with power, should they see fit, to memorialize the Legislatare on this subject.
A vote being taken the motion of Mr. Reid was carried by a Decision large majority, and the Synod ordered in accordance therewith. The Moderator then appointed the Committee on the Marriage Marriage Lawi Laws, under the motion, as follows:-Mr. T. Wardrope, Convener ; Committee. Dr. Taylor; Messrs. J. Crombie ; D. H. MeVicar ; J. M. Gıb. son ; Dr. Irvine ; W. B. Clark ; J. Redpath ; J. C. Becket ; W. Gregg ; A. Topp; J. M. King ; Hon. J. McMurrich ; J. Y. Reid; R. Torrance.

## general assembly

The Synod took up the Returns from Presbyteries to the Remit Gieneral Assemon a General Assembly, together with the Report of the Com- - by. nittee appointed to collate these Returns.
On a motion of Mr. McLaren, duly seconded, the Synod agreed that the Returns of Presbyteries to the Remit of Synod, and the Motion, DeoisiDraft Act on a General Assembly, be referred to a Committee, on. with instructions to take into consideration the recommendations of Presbyteries, and if they see cause revise the Draft Act, and send it down again to Presbyteries, instructing them to report thereon to next Synod.
The Committee under this resolution was appointed as follows:Messrs. W. McLaren, Oonvener; D. Waters ; John Turnbull; A. beneral AsemWilson; W. Aitken ; P. Gray: T. Wardrope ; Dr. Holden; A. bly Committee, G. Northrup.

The Moderator now appointed the Committee on Psalmody, Paalmody. uoder the resolution of the Synod on the subject, last night, as Committre on
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The Synod called forthe Report of the Committee on Sabbath Sabbathobser observance. Mr. Patrick Gray, the Convener, handed in and read vance Report. the Report.
In connection with this Report Mr. J. M. Gibson appeared on ${ }_{\text {Eabbath }}$ Aen behalf of the Sabbath Association of Montreal and shortly address- ciat.ion: ed the Synod. Mr. J. M. Qib
Ou motion of Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. T. Wardrope, - Decision on $_{\text {son }}^{\text {Din }}$ the Synod agreed:-That the Report read by Mr. Gray be re- Sabbath Reprar ceived; the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Convener for his excellent and eloquent Report; and that the Report be published in the Appendix to the Minutes, and in the Record.
On motion of Mr. Ure, seconded by Mr. McLaren, it was agreed Sabbath, to that the Ministers of this Church be recommended to call the at- preach on. tention of their people from time to time, as circumstances may seem to demand, to the observance of the Sabbath as a Divine Institution.
statistics.
The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics. Statistics The Report was handed in, and read by Mr. Jobn Gray, the ${ }^{\text {Keport: }}$ Convener.
On motion made and duly seconded it was agreed:-That the Statistios Re Report be received and adopted; the thanks of the Synod given to ${ }^{\text {port adopted. }}$ the Convener for his excellent services, and that the Report be printed in the Record.

On motion of Mr. W. T. McMullen, duly seconded, it was agreed Sixty dulias that the sum of ( $\$ 60.00$ ), sixty dollars, be paid out of the Synod Gray paid Mt Fund to Mr. J. Gray, for his services as Convener of the Committee on Statistics for past years.

FINANCE.
The Report of the Finance Committee was called for. The Finance Report Report was handed in on behalf of the Convener, the Hon. J. ${ }^{\text {received. }}$ McMurrich,-and was read. The Report was received: the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee, and the Report ordered to be printed.

> BUXTON MIFSION-FINANCE.

The Report of the Committee on the Finances of the Buxton Bu ton misMission was handed in and read,-setting forth, among other sion Report. things, a statement of the Finances; -that land, for the erection of a church, had been purchased ; that it was desirable that a church skould be built during this season, and asking authority from the Synod to proceed with the work.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Doak, it was agreed that the Report be reccived ; thanks given to the Committee and leave granted them to take steps for the erection of a charch.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Synod agreed to sit for some time longer in order to finish the business.
aged and infirm ministers' fund.
The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Fund Agod and her for Aged and Infirm Ministers. The Report was handed in and Fund. read, containg a recommendation that the allowance of $\$ 80$ per annum hitherto granted to Dr. Cairns, should, under all the circumstances, be increased to $\$ 100$ a year.

It was moved by Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, Motion. that the Report be received but that the recommendation contained therein be not adopted.
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It was moved, in amondment by Mr. J. Ross, and seconded,-- Amendment. that the Report be received, and the recommendation theren contained adopted.
A vote being taken the amendment was carried, and the recom-Decision. mendation anent the allowance to Dr. Cairns adopted, and the Synod ordered accordingly.
wIDOWS' FUND.
The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Widows' Fund Widows' Fund. The Report was given in and read, setting for $\mathrm{h}^{\text {Report. }}$ the financial condition of the Fund, and stating that measures were in progress for submitting the state of this Fund to the inquiry of an Actuary.
It was, on motion, agreed to receive the Report, approve the Decision and diligence of the Committee and instruct them to present, next ${ }^{\text {order on. }}$ year, a special Report on the results of the calculations of the Actuary as to the state of the Fund.

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.
The Committee on the Home and Foreign Record handed in Record, Order a Report, which was read.
On motion of Dr. Ormiston, it was agreed that the Report be received ; the diligence of the Committee commended and the recommendation contained in the Report referred for consideration to the standiag Committee on the publication of the Record to report thereon, at next meeting of Synod.
intercourse with other churches.
The Synod took up an Overture from Dr. Ormiston and several Intercourse other ministers on fraternal intercourse with other Presbyterian with other churches in America. It was agreed to deray consideration of churches. this Overture.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION - DELEGATES.

The Synod ap Patrick Gray, of Kingston, a deputation to convey to the Con- Union. gregatlonal Union of Canada, next year, the fraternal saluta- Deputation to. tions of the Synod.

TEMPERANCE.
There were presented memorials on Temperance, from Montreal Temperance, Presbytery, and from the Sons of Temperance. The consider- delayed. ation of the Memorials was delayed.
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There was taken up and read a petition from Mr. J. G. Car-Carrathers J. rathers, in regard to his position as a preacher of the Gospel, G. petition. and praying that his name shonld again be placed on the list of . Probationers.
It was moved, by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by Mr. W. Coch- Motion. rane, $\cdots$ That the petition be laid on the table.
It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Amendment. Mr. J. K. Smith, as follows :-..A petition from Mr. J. G. Carruthers, a preacher of this charch, being read, asking for continued employment as a preacher, the Synod authorize any Presbytery, or Mission Committee, to employ Mr. Carruthers whenever they
may see fit.
$A$ vote being taken, the motion of Mr Waters was carried, and Petition laid the Synod decided to lay the petition of Mr. Carruthers on the on Table. table.

DISSENT---ANSWERS TO REASONS OF.
The Committee appointed to answer the reasons of Dissent of Dissent,
Mr. John Ross, and others, against the Synod's decision in the Answers to matter of the Overtures on Psalmody, gave in a report contain- Reasons, ing answers to said reasons. The report was read and adopted,
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and the answers were ordered to be entered in the minutes, in terms following :-.
I. In answer to the first reason it is reolied :

1. That the action of the Synod does not contemplate the superseding of the "Inspired Psalms."
2. That "Uninspired Hymns" have already been introduced into the Church, and have not had the effort alleged.
II. In answer to the second reason it is replied :
3. That the decision of Synod accords with the deep convictions of many members of the Synoa, and of the Church, and that the peace and unity thereof require that some action be taken in this matter.
4. That it does not contemplate interfering with the conscientions convictions of any of the ministers, or members of this charch, by requiring them to use "Uninspired Hymns"'in the worship of God.
III. In answer to the third reason it is replied :

That the decision of the Synod does not commit the Synod to any final action in this matter, but only to a mature consideration of the whole subject, and to correspondence with Presbyteries and Sessions, in order to elicit the general mind of the charch.
stated collections.
The Synod ordered that collections, or contributions to the colleotioos Schemes of the Church be made as follows:
For the Synod Fund, 3rd Sabbath of July.
" Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 3rd Sabbath of October.
6. Foreign Mission Fund, 3rd Sabbath of March.
" Home Mission Fund, 2nd Sabbath of January.
"K Kox College, not latter than first day of February.
"French Canadian Missionary Society, in all congregations not visited by the Agent of the Society, 2nd Sabbath of September.

THANKS.
On motion of Mr. Alex. McLean, seconded by Mr. W. Cochrane, Thanks it was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be cordially tendered:

1. To the Accomodation Committee for the efficient manner in which they have performed their onerous duties.
2. To the Elders, Manazers, and Congregation of Central Church, Hamilton, for the use of their Church during the meeting of Synod.
3. To the Members of the Presby'erian Churches, and other kind friends belonging to other Denominations, in this City, for the kindness and hospitality shown to the Members of Synod.
4. To the Railway and Steam Boat Coinpanies for permitting the members of Synod to travel at reduced rates in attending this meeting.
close.
The basiness being finished, the Moderator addressed the Synod, c:oso gave out the 133 Psalm for praise, asd led the Synod in prayer. The Moderator then said that as this Synod had been constituted in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King anil Head of the Charch, he now, in the same name, dissolved this meeting, and sammoned another meeting of Synod to be held in Gould Street Charch, Toronto, on the first Tuesday in June, 1867, at Seven o'clock, in the evening; and then closed the session with the Apostohic Benediction.

Hamilton, June 14, 1866.
DAVID INGLIS, Moderator.
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STATISTICAL RETURN，for the Year ending 30th April， 1866.

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## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

## I'he Committee on Finance, in laying before the Synod the accounts of the

 church for the past year, have pleasure in observing that in almost all the contributions of laral schemes of the church there has been an increase in the bably owing to the spear. The College, however, shows a decrease, prosions of the church, and to the made this year in behalf the Home Mis. of the College. At the same time it no special efforts were made in behalf ing this, the position of the Colte that, notwithstand about $\$ 800$. As usual, a good many is better than at this time last year by fund or to the other funds.The Committee observe that there is a balance against the Synod fund owing to two special items of expenditure last year, viz, the amount paid on account of the Book of Forms, and the account paid for Buxton Mission, in accordance with deliverance of last Synod. In regard to this last named Synod directed the Misssion, the Committee observe that, while the last of the Buxton Mission has not been done, and that thes a grant for the salary of Mr, King, this
The C'ommittee have on specil a large balance against it. The Books of the general agent remarks to make as to the other funds. ronches compared with the several eeen carefully examined, and all the Balance sheet has been made out, which is, and found correct. A general

## CANADA PRESBYTERIAN OHURCH.

 ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1st MAY 1865, TO 30 TH APRIL, 1866, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.KNOX COLLEGE-ORDINARY FUND.
REOEIPTS.
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Repairs. ...... Incidental Expenses ..... 7642
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Insurance ..... 4565
Stationery, class tickets \&c. ..... 9134
Mr. Farries for tuition in Classics ..... 1643
City of Toronto, Sewerage rate ..... 2500
Interest on unpaid purchase money. ..... 3013

- for Sundry advances. ..... 146343,656 6113685
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Comparing the debt and liabilities of the College on 1 st M ty, 1866 , withits position on 1st May, 1865, there is, in favour of the year now ended, thesum of $\$ 77889$.
BURSARY FUND.
RECEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of year ..... $\$ 85111$
Hon. I. Buchanan, Hamilton. ..... 8000
Mrs. Esson and Mrs. Sparks, tor H. Esson, Bur. ..... 2000
Ladies of Kuoz's Church, Galt, for Bayne Scholar- ship. ..... $50^{\circ} 00$
John Fisher Esq., Interest-for Fisher Scholar- ships ..... 12000
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Interest. ..... 9800
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EXPENDITURE.
John Campbell, Prince of Wales Prize ..... 6000
A. C. Gillies, John Knox Bursary ..... 4000
J. Barron, George Buchanan. do ..... 4000
W. Groulx, H. Esson Bursary. ..... 2000
R. M. Thornton, Fisher Scholarship ..... 6000
A. Milne ..... $600 \theta$
A. G Forster--Bayne Scholarship. ..... 5000
D. McRae, amount gracted. ..... 4000
Prizes in Elocation Class. ..... 5500
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Balance ..... 567


## LIBRARY FUND.

RECEIPTS,Balance at beginning of year$\$ 6700$Received for matriculation Fees ..... 9000$-\$ 15700$
EXPENDITURE.
Paid Librarian's Salary ..... 6000
Books for Library ..... 2815
Balance at Cr . ..... 6885
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COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.
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Credited to Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers ..... 104310
Proportion of General Expenses inclading Post-age, Stationery, Incidental Expenses, and dis-count on Silver to 1st November.10000

Balance in hand ................................. 35000
77599
The following is the present state of the Fund: - 909641 Invested in Debentures

Cash
Mortgages................................... 4026410400
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## FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

 beceipts.Balance at beginning of year............................... 7573
Receipts as per statement....................
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## PAYMENTA.

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Proportion of Printing accounts.................... 800
Amount remitted to Montreal 80
Amount remitted to Montreal
Proportion of office expenses
" Salary..................................... 2500
Balance in hand........................................... 3378000
FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS. receipts.
Balance at beginning of year................ $\$ 95818$

| Sundry contributions, donations \&c........... 13432 |
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## EXPENDITURE.


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The followitg are the contributions for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' ordinary fund.

Fund, during the year, Mrs. Dalziel, don. $\$ 5000$; Brantford, Zion Church $\$ 1000$; Brampton, Knox's, $\$ 291$; Fergus, $\$ 5000$; Madoc, $\$ 650$; Claremont, $\$ 310$; Norwood, $\$ 300$; E. B. $\$ 100$; J. G. H. $\$ 200$; Gen; 7th, $22 \$ 100$; Rocky Saugeen, $\$ 381$; Chesterfield, $\$ 500$; Pickering, Erskine Church $\$ 100$.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND. receipts.

| Balance at beginning of year |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Receipts during the year.. | 3,883 16 |
| Interest. | +11423 |

EXPENDITURE.
Rev. Messrs. Jamieson and Duff-Salaries. .
Rev. J. Nisbet, including outfit for Mission.
Goods \&c., ordered for Indian Mission
Printing and sundries, including postage \&c of Convener
Proportion of General Fxpenses
" " Salary of General Agent
Balance on hand

## WIDOWS' FOND SPECIAL.

There has been received during the year for the Special Widows Fund from Nissouri North and South, the sum of $\$ 2250$; Fish Creek $\$ 200 ;$ Ayr Stanley Street $\$ 4100$. These sums with the interest on investments fully make up the sum originally promised, and the fund is now merged in the

Balance i
Received

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## SYNOD FUND.

RECEIPTS.

| SYNOD FUND. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| RECEIPTS. |  |
| Balance Dr. at end of year | $\$ 1,56549$ $293 \quad 25$ |
| Balance at beginning of year. $\$ 18587$ |  |
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| Doorkeeper tc. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| "6 Rev. W. Fraser's salary ................ | 13350 10000 |
| " Rev. J. Gray, expenses on ac. of Statistics. | 1000 |
| " Printing sundries, including Minutes..... | 6300 |
| "Expenses, charges, \&c., on Synod Min- | 26640 |
| " Postage, Rev. W. Fraser .-. . . . . - . . . - . - . | 1325 |
| " J. Lovell on account of Printing "Forms of Process" \&c..... | 288 19847 |
| "Rev. A. F. Kemp, Expenses in connection with do. | 19847 |
| * Buxton Mission, -old liability................ | 2000 16000 |

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"Rev. W. Fraser's salary ............................... 13350
"، Rev. J. Gray, expenses on ac. of 10000 Statistics...
"Printing sundries, including Minutes....................... 6300
"Expenses, charges, \&c., on Synod Min. 26640 utes.
" Postage, Rev. W. ........................................ 1325
"J. Lovell on account of Printing "Forms $\quad 288$ of Process" \&c.
" Rev. A. F. Kemp, Expenses in connection with do..................... in con
"Buxton Mission,-old liability 19847 2000 16000

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> Propoportion of General Expenses " ". "Salary of Agent. ............... 6500 70000
> \$1,858 75
> Balance in hand at beginning of year
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> 23331
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> 1,336 30
> 2955
> $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Ottawa......... } & 10000 \\ \text { Brockville..... } & 5000 \\ \text { Kind } & 80\end{array}$
> $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Brockville...... } & \begin{array}{r}50 \\ \\ \text { Kingston...... }\end{array} \quad 8000 \\ & 6500\end{array}$
> $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Toronto....... } & 58000 \\ \text { Stratford }\end{array}$
> Huron......... $\quad 5000$
> Grey........... $\quad 3000$
> London....... $\quad 6000$
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> 2445

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" Kingston................................ 52150

" Ontario...................................... 38520
Toronto.......................... 29440

Hamilton ................................. 36405
London .................................. 11750
" Huron . . . . . ................................. 78350
Grey . . . . . ...................................... $370{ }_{86}$
Printing Buxton Mission-Grant from Ireland................ 539036
Proportion of General Expenses .......................... ${ }_{6} 325$
Balance in hand ............................................. 100.900
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In addition to the above, the sum of $\$ 517746$, has $\quad \$ 7099$ tributed for Home Missions Lexclusive of moneys ; has been reported as conbounds of the Preshytery of Montreal. The balance by Stations) within the suer there is $\$ 16716$. The balance in hands of the Trea-

> HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.
> REOEIPI.
> Subgeriptions daring year................
" London .................................. 11750
.......................... 30000
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Balance at Dr. ..... 35490
PAYMENTS
Balance at beginning of year ..... 52 15
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On account of Printing ..... 78600
" " Paper ..... 95058
Postage and Express charges ..... 15958
Proportion of General Expenses ..... 5500
" Salary ..... 20000
2,403 ..... 31
BUXTON MISSION.
RECEIPTS.
Synod Fund ..... 16000
Home Mission Fund ..... 15000
Proportion of Irish Grant ..... 30000
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ear Balance at beglnning of year ..... 44519-610 O.
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1,355 11
Balance of old liabilities for teachers. ..... 31000
Mr. King's salary for 1865-6 ..... 5000
On account of arrears due to Mr. King ..... 15058
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J. S. Petite Cote, Montreal $\$ 600$; do Quebec suburbs $\$ 2500$; Kincardine West Church S. S. $\$ 200$; Knox's Church Toronto S.S. $\$ 4024$; Warrensville S. S. $\$ 700$; Oak- vil.e S. S. $\$ 1520$; Pickering S. S. $\$ 225$; ..... 9769EXPENDITURE
Paid Mr. Nisbet's dratts
$\$ 30711$
Balance. ..... 26279 ..... 4432

MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES RECEIPTS.
Toronto, Bay Street, $\$ 3600$; do. S. S. $\$ 1400$; Essa, 1st, $\$ 1600$; Avonbank, S. S. $\$ 530$; Miss Ferrier's School, Caledonia, \$4 00 $\qquad$ Remitted through Rev. Dr. Jennings

To Rev. Dr. Bayne, Picton

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## MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.

 RECEIPTS.For Jewish Missions :-Hullett $\$ 300$; Member of Union Church $\$ 200$; Mrs. Campbell Roslin $\$ 100$, Grafton, S. S. $\$ 500$; Peterboro, $\$ 3165$ For India ; Mrs. Kellie, $\$ 300$; A. D. Blackwood $\$ 737$...........e, $\$ 300$; A. D. Black PAYMENTS,
-Remitted to John McDonald, Esq., Edinourgh. MISSIONS OF THE UNIT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. receipts.
Friend at Plympton for Africa $\$ 1000$; Gould
Street, Toronto, for Old Calabar, $\$ 1250$ payments.

> PAYMENTS. Remitted to Rev.Ir. Crawford, Edinburgh.

## MISSION TO AMERICAN INDIANS.

Amount in hand
This amount is now transferred to Foreign Mission
Fund.
The above account has been examined, vouchers compared, and correst.
J. McMurrich
J. L. Blaikie.

## REPORT OF COLLEGE BOARD.

The Board have to report, that, in fulfilment of the purpose of their ap. jointment by the Synod, they resolved to request the Rev. Messrs. Gregg and Caves to undertake again the charge of those departments which were assigned Nowed for their services as before, same amonnt of remuneration, $\$ 400$ being sould themselves make arrangeme, with the understauding however that they this request the brethren named, while for the supply of their own pulpits. With an it their duty to comply
The Board, moreover, gratef Rev. Dr. Burns during the previopg recognizing the services rendered by the etable, to devote four hours a-week to yg the Session ensuing ; and to the desire teaching of Charch History durouns most cordially assented.
The number ot Stud
ns not quite equal to the numbendance on the College during the past Session gical and 9 non-theological str of the Session before-being 43 Theolo. rents, of which detailed accounts are co the business of the several departppears to have been conducted with contained in the Report of the Senate-

Various measures were adopted by the Board with a view to the better sup. port of the College financially. Circulars were adopted by the different Preas byteries and sunt to detaulting congregations ; and as the statement of Receipts and expenditure, hereto appended, indicates, not altogether without good res. ssults-a large deficiency however in the funds necessary to meet the current expenses still remaining to be made up. Whereas the balance against the College for the year ending May 1st 1865 was. \$ 277209 with an additional sum due to Professors of. .......................... 69676 in all. \$ 346885 the balance for the year ending May 1st 1866 was only. \$ 22698. with an additional sum due to Professors of 42013
in all $\$ 26899$ thus shewing a balance in favour of year jost ended, as compared with the year preceding, of $\$ 77889$.

One of the Students, Mr. Farries, having with the authority of the Senate, conducted a class for the instruction of the young men entering the literary couse the Board decided to grant to him the sum of $\$ 25$ in addition to the fees of the Students. The Board likewise resolved to grant the sum of $\$ 100$ for the pur pose of having the library re-arranged and a catalogue made out, and to allor \$50 a.jear additional to Mr. Williog, for his services in attending in the clasis rooms and supplying fire and light.
It will be recollected that the Synod at its last Session, having sanctiond the establishment of Scholarships and Bursaries on behalf of its Theologial Students,empowered the Rev. Dr. Burns, whe kindly expressed his willingnean to engage in the work, to collect fands as he might have opportunity, for the purpose specified, from the members of the church, and other sources.

In following out the wishes of the Synod on this matter, Dr. Burnghu drawn up and circulated an "address" on the subject, with notices of mat may have been done in sach a connexion by other churches as well as our om, and an appeal to the willing and the wealthy among our friends. Congty gations also have been appealed to ; and although it is premature to speald any specific results, the Board are not without an impression that the matter has been and will be, si lently but seriously reflected on by not a few of our esteemed and revered members in Canada, and by some philanthropic friend of literature and theology in other lands, assuredly the $8 j$ nod will not orear look a topic so interesting and so vitally connected with our training for for the ministry. The address of Dr. Burns above referred to is transmintad with this Report.

In concluding their Report the Board agree to recommend to the Syood the consideration of some plan for the permanent endowment of the Collese, way also the question of the appointment of a permanent Professor; and furter more to recommend that in the constitution of the College Board, the Conrema or chairman should not be so frequently changed as heretofore.

All which is respectfally submitted.
W. AITKEN.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATION.
Arrangements having been made at a meeting held on the 3rd Avgut the Examinations were conducted on the 26th September, in Toronto Montreal by written questions, on the subjects previously prescribed if

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W. AITKEN.

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d on the 3rd Augut mber, in Toronto iously prescribed it

Stadents of the the 1si, 2nd and 3rd years, in Theology, and Students in the preparatory classes were examined orally in the subjects prescribed.
The following is a list of the Students who presented themselves as candidates and were passed by the Board.

1st Year.

## LITERARY OR PREPARATORY COURSE.

John Abraham, David Winter,
2nd Year.
Alexander Urquhart.
H. McDiarmid, John M. Murray John Murdoch,

Alexander McLar:n,
Duncan McRae,

Thomas Ritchie, Robert Fairbaira,

1st Year.
theological course.
James P. Baikie, James Barron, John Campbell, Hugh Carrie,
2nd Year.
A. L. Foster, J. A. F. McBain, A. Milne,

John Aull,
J. W. Bell, J. Becket Wm. Burns. R. M. Croll, Hugh Crozier,
${ }_{3 r d}$ Year.

James Douglas. N. Clark, J. B. Edmondson, Mungo Fraser, A. ©. Gillies, F. W. Farries,

R. M. Thornton,

D. I. McInnes,

Alex. McLennan, G. Sutherland,
A. McLean, Alex. Thompson,
W. Groulx, J. McNab,
P. Musgrave,
J. Pritchard,
J. B. Riley,
J. Hastie,
R. Knowles,
James Little,

The Board, having learned fro from several parties, that som from members of the Senate, as also by letter come up for examinction as required-resulved unable for various reasons to mendations to the Senate.
18t. Any Student who
evidence, by medical certificay apply for admission, presenting satisfactory present at the examination, shall be orwise, ot his persoral inability, to be Principal and Professors. 2nd. Students not detained by illness or other unavoidable cause, shall on application be enrolled, in their proper years, and their cases reported to the Bynod.

3rd. No Student shall be allowed to compete for any of the Bursaries, unleess be has previonsly passed the Board.
The following is the list of those Students, admitted in accordance with the preceding recommendations, as reported by the Senate. lat Year.
J. H. Paradis,

James Carswell, George Chrystal,

Donald McDonald.
A. L. MeDonald,
W. D. Ballentyne,

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The last mentioned did not attend the first part of the Session. 3rd Year.

> W. H. Simpson,

Robert H. Warden,
It is exceedingly gratifying to the Board to be able to state, that in moot cases, the examinations were satisfactory.

The Board, in accordance with the terms of their appointment, have prepared a curriculuin suited to the case of students who do not take a full College coarse" which they recommend for adoption by the Synod viz:-
Entrance Examination in-1. Geography, 2. English Grammar, 3. Arithmetic, 4. English History, 5. Latin Grammar, and one easy Latin Author. 6. Greek Grammar, and one easy Greek Author.
$1 s t$ Year. Attendance on classes in 1. Latin and Greek.
2. Mathematice. 3. English Literature and History, 4. Elocution.

2nd Year. 1. Latin and Greek. 2 Logic and Rhetoric. 3. Chemistry. 4. Elocution.

3rd Year. 1. Greek and Hebrew 2. Mental and Moral Philosophy.
Students are strongly recommended, in addition to the above, during the last two jears to attend classes in Natural History and Geology.

The Board respectfully recommended as subjects for examination at the commencement of :.9xt session of the College-the programme published by the Senate.
In reference to Scholarships, having learned that the Board of Management of Knox College, had authorized the venerable Dr. Burns to do what he could in the matter, the examiners felt that they discharged their duty for the time in co-operating with him, and have therefore made no special distinct effort in that direction.
As this is the first year of the Board's operations, there was doubtless some difficulty experienced by a few of the students in complying with its requirements, but as the times and subjects of examinations will hereafter be more fully known, less inconvenience will be experienced in complying fully with the necessary regulations-and the real advantages of a uniform system of examinations will become more obvious. All of which is respectfally sob. mitted.

## W. ORMISTON.

## Convener.

## REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

In bringing into operation the Home Mission Scheme, adopted at last Synod, the Committee held during the past year three meetings, viz : in August October, and April. There have also been two meetings of a Sub-Committee. At the first meeting the necessary steps were taken for obtaining information from Presbyteries as to what Mission Stations and Weak Congregations re quiring supplement there were in the Chu.ch; what Missionaries might be employed; and what arrears there were due by the several Presbyteries for services rendered previous to April, 2865. At subsequent meetings, the infor mation thus obtained, was considered, reduced to form, and acted upon, ss the Home Mission Regulations require. No little difficulty has been experiencod by the Committee from the tardiness and incompleteness of the returns made by several Presbyteries, which indeed have been so great, that even now the result is not satisfactory. The following synopsis of the information received by the Committee, and of their operations for the year is respectfully submitted.

In Appendix A by the several Pr The summary is :

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2 & \text { Ottawa..... } \\
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7 & \text { Toronto.... } \\
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> I.- MISSION STATIONS.

In Appendix A will be found a full list of the mission stations, as reported of the several Prasbyteries, with the grants proposed to be given by each.
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I1.-WEAK CONGREGATIONS.

In Appendix B will be found the list of Weak Congregations receiving supplement and relative information. The summary is as follows :


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It is to be regretted that here also, the returns are in many instances, not complete.

Looking then at the statistics of both Mission Stations and Weak Congre. gations, we have reported for the whole Church, and connected with the Committee's operations, one hundred and ten congregations or groups of Mis. sion Stations. These, allowing for defective returns, represent a membership of over 4,500 , and an average attendance of over 8,000 ; contribute over $\$ 19,000$ annually for the support of gospel ordinances in their various locali. ties, and receive aid at an estimated rate of $\$ 8,629$ per annum.

Notwithstanding the efforis of the Committee to have these tables full and correct, some Presbyteries have neglected to fill up the schedules, and others to revise them when sent down for their consideration. The Committee ear. nestly request, in another year, the co-operation of Presbyteries, in having all rtations properly designated and fully reported at as early a date as possible.

## 111.-MISSIONARIES.

The list of Missinnaries, recommended by Presbyteries, was next made ont. This list as completed, will be found in appendix C. It contains the names of 9 Ordained Ministers, 1 Licentiate, 36 Students in Divinity, 8 Catechists. Total 54.

Of the above number, however, several only give occasional supply and do not wish to be constantly employed. In October, the Committee found that many Presbyteries had not recommanded any Missionary for employment. The four-ministers who were recommended, were allocated thus :

> To the Presbytery of Montreal, Rev. T. Fenwick and W. Scott.
> " Hamilton, " J. Howie and L. McGlashan.

For the Mission Stations of the other Presbyteries, thare was no supply, Application was then made to the Committee on Probationers and Vacancies, for the services of sume of he men at their disposal for three or six months, As the number of vacancies, however, was greater than that of the probationers, this request was not complied with.

In April, when the list of Missionaries was increased by the addition of the Divinity Students and others, the distribution among the Presbyteries for the next six months was made as follows :

To the Presbytery of Montreal, asking 6, were given 4 students.

| 66 | 66 | Ottawa, | 6 | 4, | 6 | 3, | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 6 | Brockville, | 6 | 2, | 6 | 1, | 66 |
| 6 | 6 | Kingston, | 66 | 4, | 6 | 3, | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Oobourg, | 6 | 3, | 6 | 2, | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Ontario, | 6 | 2, | 6 | 2, | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Toronto, | 6 | 10, | 6 | $7 \frac{1}{2}$ | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Hamilton, | 6 | 4, | 6 | 3, | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Guelph, | 6 | 3, | 6 | 2, | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Stratford, | 6 | 1, | 6 | 1, | 6 |
| 6 | 66 | London, | 6 | 10, | 6, | $7 \frac{1}{2}$ | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Huron, | 6 | 3, | 6 | 3, | 6 |
| 6 | 6 | Grey, | 6 | 5, | 6 | 3, | 6 |

That is to say, applications from the various presbyteries for Missionaries were received to the number of fifty-seven, and only forty-two were at the disposal of the Committee, or the supply was about three-fourths of the demand. Thus, notwithstanding the employment of stedents and catechists,
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many of our mission stations must be without service daring the summer, and in all probability the coming winter also. Earnest!y does the Committee entreat the Synod to consider this matter, and to take some steps towards supplying the wants of labourers.

## Vi.-arrears and obligations of presbyteries.

The Finances of the Home Mission work, next engaged the attention of the Committee. Here the first thing to be done was to ascertain the amount of indebtedness of the various Presbyteries before April last, in order that the Committee might assume and pay off that debt according to the instructions of last Synod. From some of the Presbyteries statements of their indebtedness were long of coming, and when they did come, were in some cases far from satisfactory, requiring to be amended and changed. To such a degree was this the case, that even now the Committee are not sure that all the claims are get before them. S) far, however, as reported by Presbyteries, their indebtedness has been assumed and discharged.
A fall statement was also prepared of the engagements entered into with settled congregations bafore the meeting of last Synod, and the Committee assamed these obligations as reported. These are contained in the Grants in Appendir B. In accordance with the Reports of Presbyteries, all moneys due by Presbyteries for services rendered during the summer of 1865, were also assumed by the Committee and dischar ged, and all sums due for labour performed during last winter, and reported, have been paid. Thus, so far as known to the Committee, all sums of money due by the Caurch throughout its bounds ir Missionary Labour, and reported up to the end of the Financial year have been paid, and the Home Mission work is ro longer encumbered with a load of debt.

> v.-FUNDS.

The sources of Iucoma to the Cent-al Fuad and the amount dorin; the nast year have been,
Balance from last year ............................. $\$ 2445$
Grant from Presbyterian Church in Ireland........................ 973 24
Annual collections of Dongregations......................... 607363
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" " Grants for past yesr ................. $\$ 402180$
" Baxton Miesion..Grants for past year ....... ...... 70439
" Expenses of Committee, Printing ......................... 30000
" Proportion of General Expenses. ........................... 325
"Travelling expenses of Members of Committee.......................... 19400
Total.
13760
....................................................... 5361 04
Thus it appears that the income of the Fund has exceeded the expenditure by $\$ 1714$ 11, and that besides discharging old obligations to the large amount of $\$ 4021$ 80, the Committee at the end of the first year can report a balance in hand of $\$ 173856$. In addition to this the sum of over $\$ 800$ has been
received since 1 st , May.

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If to this is added the sum of $\$ 517746$, which has been contributed and expended by the Presbytery of Montreal, we have a total for Home Mission purposes of $\$ 12,277$ 06, and if the $\$ 16715$ reported as being in the Treasury of the Pres. bytery of Montreal be added, a total in hand of $\$ 190572$.
It may be useful to compare these statements with those of last year.
In 1865, Eleven Presbyteries reported, contributing \$4993 15
" 1866, Thirteen
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In 1866, four Presbyteries, Ottawa, Kingston, Ontario, Stratford, contributed less than $\ln 1865$. In all probability however the reports last year included monies collected otherwise than by congregational contributions.
The folluwing table shews how the several Presbyteries stand in relation the Central N'u f.

| No. | PRESBYTERIKS. | Indebt'ness Assumed. | Obligations enter'd into before June, 1865. | Amount contributed to Fund. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { received } \\ & \text { from } \\ & \text { Fund. } \end{aligned}$ |
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| 2 3 | Ottawa.... . . . . . . . . . | \$12100 | \$200 50 | $\$ 1768$ 135 13 | \$521 50 |
| 4 |  |  | 13000 | 10593 |  |
| 5 | Kobourg. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  | 17000 | 37604 | 31585 |
| 6 | Ontario. | 18000 | 5000 | 43105 | 38540 |
| 7 | Toronto...................... | 8900 |  | 43478 | 29440 |
| 8 | Guelph.................... | 300 |  | 113831 | 100368 |
| 9 | Hamilton . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  | 42430 | 36405 |
| 10 | Paris................... |  | 37400 | 100294 | 11750 |
| 11 | London | 72400 |  |  |  |
| 12 | Stratford | 12400 | 10000 | 66054 36918 | 108350 |
| 18 | Huron.................... |  |  | 36918 434 69 |  |
| 14 | Grey . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 35000 |  | 43469 6251 | $\begin{aligned} & 37086 \\ & 53686 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Total | \$3465 00 | \$1344 00 | \$6073 57 | \$4993 60 |

It will be observed in the above statement, that the Presbytery of Montreal though reporting its indebtedness and obligations has neither paid into the fand, (excepting four small contributions, amounting to $\$ 1768$,) nor received anything from it. No proper report has been received from that Presbytery, only a statement that $\$ 517746$, has been passed through the Home Mission Treasury of that Presbytery, and that there is now a balance in hand of $\$ 167$. 16. The Committee, however, having regard to statements made, and requests that that Presbytery might be permitued to receive and disburse its own Home Mission monies, think that the Synod may be satisfied, if the mones thus contributed is disbursed and reported in accordance with the regulations of Synod, and the grants in aid proposed by the Committee.

The Committee respectfully calls attention to the fact that the number of charges on the list of last Synod, which should send contributions is,-two hundred and ninety-nine. Contributions have been received from exactly that number of congregations, but still ninety-six charges have not contributed,

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That is to say, a fraction less than one-third of the whole church numerically has done nothing for the fund during last year. In some cases also where there are more than one congregation in a charge, some of the congregations
have sent nothing.
All the other Presbyteries have co-operated and remitted contributions according to the injunction of last Synod.
In the various Presbyteries the congregations not contributing to the General Fund, amount to,-Montreal, (which has its own Home Mission Treasury), 32, Ottawa 8. Brockville 6, Kingston 5, Cobourg 3, Ontario 1, Toronto 2, Guelph 8, Hamilton 2, Paris 6, London 6, Stratford 4, Huron 5, Grey 8, in all, 96. The list of contributions which have not contributed will be found in Appendix D. It is also deserving of notice, that while some Presbyteries have exerted themselves and doubled the contributions of previous years, other Presbyteries have done very little towards maintaining our Home Mission operations. To individual congregations this remark is even more applicable. The small sums contributed by some large congregations, and the entire neglect of the scheme by others, indicate a lamentable want of interest in a portion of the church. The Committee are of opinion that if all congregations were to contribate in a liberal intelligent manner, the funds accruing wonld be amply sufficient for the work to which the church has put forth her
hand.
Before leaving the subject of Finances it may be well to notice that the expenses have been considerable. Hereafter, however, it is hoped they may be less. The item of travelling expenses is particularly heavy. Though only a part of the Committee attended, and of these only such as remanned till the close of the meetings have their expenses noted ; still the five meetings entail an expense of $\$ 13760$. These claims of members have not been ordered to be paid until the Synod shall decide out of what fund they are to come, and the Committee hope thatin some way the expenses for travelling may be much lessened for time to come.

> VI,-GRANTS IN AID.

In granting aid to Stations and Weak Congregations, the Committee have endeavored to pay due regard to the peculiar circumstances ot each locality. Before aid is granted, information is always required from the Presbytery, as to the amount which the Station or Congregation can raise. $\$ 400$ was fixed upon as the minimum, and aid has been granted so as to bring the salary of the Missionary or Minister up to this amount. In many cases, though this is the rate of grant, as supply is only afforded to the Station for half time or even less, the amount paid to the Station is far below the proposed grant. To encourage Stations as much as possible, and to prevent the abuse of unconditional grants, the Committee promised to pay, at a rate fixed for each individual Station, for every Sabbath that divine service was conducted in such Station, requuring only the certified report of the Presbytery of the bounds that such service was rendered. Beyond this fixed amount promised, the Committee do not hold themselves responsible for the salary of any Missionary.
The proposed grants for Mission Stations, supposing them to be continually supplied, amounts to $\$ 5,972$, or at half time, say $\$, 3000$. Those to Weak Congregations amount to $\$ 3,027$, making a total of $\$ 6,027$. The amount contributed last year, exclusive of contributions from the Presbytery of Montreal, (the proposed grants to which Presbytery amount to $\$ 1,710$ ) and of the grant from Ireland, is within a few dollars of this estimated expenditure. There can, therefore, be no doubt of the income meeting this proposed ex.
penditure. It is, moreover, most desirable to revise the minimum of salary, and this will require an increase in the grants. If contributions were sent by all the congregations, and were at all liberal, this could be accomplished next fear, and perhaps in the following year a minimum of $\$ 500$ could be assured to a!l our Missioraries and Ministers

The tables of Mission Stations and Weak Congregations shew the amount proposed to be given to each Presbytery, and the lists in Appendices A. B., the grants to each separate Station and Congregation. It is theretore unnecessary to enter further into detalls, except to mention that considering the peculiar circumstances of the Congregation at St. Sylvester, and the particular interest manifested towards it by the Church in Ireland, the Committee agreed to grant that Congregation a supplement of two hundred dollars per annum, in the event of its being settled, although the amount promised by the people is not $\$ 300$, as required by the Synod's Regulations.

The Presbytery of London has not reported Buxton to the Committee, as a congregation requiring supplement, nevertheless in accordance with the minute adopted at last Synod, $\$ 306$ has been granted to that congregation.

As no information was received by the Committee relative to the Sandwich Mission, no and has been granted as the Synod last year recommended.
No action has been taken by the Committee towards aiding the St. Anne's and Kankakee Mission, as the Presbytery had not furnished the necessary in. formation. The Committee are awaiting action on the part of the Presbytery of Liondon in these matters, and hope when the requisite information is before them to carry out the wishes of the Syond respecting these Missions.

## VII.-INFORMATION.

During the past year, the usual number of Missionaries have been at work, except during the winter, when, for want of Missionaries, as stated above, most of the stations were without supply. 'ompararivelv little information has been furnished in the imperfect reports of Presbyteries, and that little is not easily to be digested, owing to the great diversity of plan, according to which the various Presbyteries formorly carried on their operations. Properly, however, only six months fall to this Committee to be reported under the new scheme ; and during that time little has been done. The scheme is now, however, in operation, and as it comes to be understood and carried out by the Presbyteries, the reports will be more interesting. New extensive mission fields are ready, waiting to be opened up. One of these has been taken up this year by the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the Upper Oitawa, and other Pres. byteries will soon follow that example. We oniy ueed men and mears.

## vili.-RECOMMENDATIONS,

1. The Committee feel that they cannot be too urgent in calling the attention of the Synod to the insufficient supply of Missionaries. Something must be done to procure additional labourers, if the Home Mission work is to go on ; and it is hoped that some means will be devised with this end in view. It has been suggested that Presbyteries be authorized to employ, and if necessary, ordain suitable men as Missionaries for a large district of country; that the salaries of such men be made at least equal to the salary of a settled pastor; and that they have a seat in the Presbytery, while thus employed. Such action might secure for long-neglected districts steady supply of ordinances, and refresh many hungry and thirsty souls long isolated among tn irreligions community, or denied gospel privileges, except in churches to which they are
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strangers. So long as the number of vacancies exceed the number of Probationers, and the number of young men licensed each year and of ministers received from other churches is little more than equal to the loss among our munisters by death and removal, the Home Mission Field must be neglected, uoless men be provided specially for it. The Committee earnestly beseech the Synod to meet this matter fully and apply a remedy.
2. For the better securing of liberal and systematic support for our Mission work, the Committee recommended the formation of Missionary Associatiols, and more frequent contributions. Experience has proved beyond question the superiority of such an agency over the annual collection system. It has also been suggested to have a Saperintendeat of Missions, who may devote his whole time to visiting the mission field, organizing stations, \&c., and viaiting congregations from time to time, by way of stirring them up to a more lively interest in the mission work. The difficulties, both theoretical and practical, however, connected witn such an appointment are such that the Committee is not prepared to recommend action.
3. The Committee proposes that regulation vi, 2, last clause, be amended as follows. After the word "conjointly," read " of $\$ 400$ for " an o.dained minister, or a licentiate without board, $\$ 300$ without "board for a catechist, ana for a student in divinity at the rate "of $\$ 5$ per Sabbath with board, and
travelling expenses to the field of labor."
4. The Committee recommend that in order to avoid unnecessary traveling expenses, a smaller Committee be entrusted with the Homo Mission basiness ; or that the members of this Committee be also members of some other Committee meeting at the same time. And that the travelling expenses for this
year be paid out of the Central Fund.
In concluding this report the Committee desire to express their cordial thanks to the Clerks of Presbyteries, and Conveners of Presbyterial Committees, who have so cordially aided them in the work. As was to be expected not a little confusion and misunderstanding resulted from the introduction of a new scheme. As the work has gone on however, the difficulties have decreased, and all parties have come better to understand each otber, and noa that initial difficulties are surmounted, the Committee are confldent of the future success of the scheme under which they are working.
It may however be of use to notice one or two misconceptions which have produced no little difficulty and dissatisfaction. The entire removal of Vacancies and Probationers from the charge of the Home Mission Committee has been sometimes overlooked. Whenever Mission Stations have been supplied by Probativners for a day or two, there have been complaints, and no wonder. This was never intended, and in sending a Probationer to visit a Mission Station, Presbyteries were working against the scheme. The operations of this Committee, and of the Committee on vacancies ure quite distinct, and if Presbyteries overlook this distinction, confusion and dissatisfaction must ine-
vitably be vitably be the result.
In some quarters it seems to be assumed that the Central Fund will pay Missionaries all their salaries, if not paid by the stations. This is a mistake. As already stated, the Committee are responsible only for the amount promised. Some also think that Probationers will be indemnified from the Central Fund. This also is a mistake. The Vacancies must pay the Probationers, except where in the case of weak congregations, a weekly supplement has been promised; this only the Central Fund will make good.

## APPENDIX

The Committee are quite sensible that their report is not all that might be desired, and earnestly beg the indulgence of the Synod, and the hearty cooperation of Presbyteries in their effort to carry on the Home Mission oper: ations of the church, that each year the report may be more and more en. couraging. Committing this their work to the Lord of the harvest, the above report is respectfully submitted in the name of the Committee.

> JOHN LAING, Convener.

## REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

It is not long since a clever cartooon was published by the great English caricaturist of the age, in which an elderly lady is represented looking throigh a telescope towards the coast of Africa, lined by her dusky sons and daughters, while the broad hem of her richly embroidered garment is being tonched by a little wild Arab of the city, who with a ludicrous air, and in a serio-comic tone is asking, "Am not I dark and dirty enough" ? The point of the caricature is manifest. We would not be careful to answer the maligners of Foreign Missions in this matter. It is enough to say that if the early propagators of our holy Religion had acted on the principle it insinuates, the gospel would never have reached us, and that, in point of fact, the most liberal and devoted prombters and supporters of Missions abroad, have thrown themselves most heartily into the work of Home Evangelization. The churches which have most fully enlarged the place of their tent, and stretched forth the curtains of their habitation, and broken forth on the right hand and the left, have felt the reflex influence in a quickened zeal and a more enlarged and enlightened liberality, in the prosecution of home efforts. Just in the degree in which as a a church, we lift up our eyes and look abroad on the fields which are white already to harvest, will we be found going up to possess this land for Him whose right it is. Our history as a church has, in part verified this. Hitherto, ours has been a kind of intermediate work. We have been endeavouring to carry the privileges with which we are favored to those who are "separated from their brethren in the great North West. But this memorable year has been signalized by a step in advance.

## our mission to the american indians.

The arrangements have now been completed for carrying out our long cherished project of carrying the unsearchable riches of Christ to the poor Indian. At the very tibe we are now in session, our devoted brother Mr. Nisbet, with his able assistants and their families, will be setting out for their distant field. To some extent they have gone out not knowing whither they went-in compliance with what we ;believe to be a divine call-" Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred unto a land which I shall show thee." "As to a locality (writes Mr. Nisbet) we have consulted with the Heads of the Episcopal and Wesleyan Missions in the Saskatchewan District, and also with W. Christie Esq., the H. B. Co's Superintendent in the District, and have also had the opinion of other parties acquainted with that region, All are agreed as to the whereabouts we should pitch our tent, bat the particular place we shall not determine till I have an opportunity of peizonally consulting with the Indians, and seeing for myself such places as may be pro. posed. Thus far the way has been opened up before us with scarcely an effort on our part, and, if we had been searching everywhere, we are quite sure we could not have done better for ourselves. Our great anxiety now is opinion. Indian cha great inter John McK better furn gives in $h$ giving full gear. The
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to find a band of Indians willing to receive us and the message which we shall take them. But we trust that, in answer to the prayers of the Church and our own prayers, we shall find, in this also, the way prepared for us." In addition to an interpreter it was found absolutely necessary to obtain the services of another assistant. Mr. Nisbet writes of date Feb. 20th. "One man is the very least help, besides an interpreter, that it is possible to do with. We shall need such help for putting up even the most temporary dwelling. Without it, we shall not be able to make a beginning of cultivating the soil, and will be under the necessity of importng from the Red River. But, above all, the Mission cannot be what the Synod, the Committee, and myself, wish it very much to be, viz., in great part of an itinerant kind. My interpreter andI could not leave our families iu the wilderness, perhaps three or five days
journey from any civilize jith them. Besides, by being, without at least one trustworthy man to stay progress making at the station. such reliable help, there will always be some economy. Every plan is being ala perfectly sensible of the need for Mr. Black, of same date writes-" Where to keep down the expenses." sanction and approval." They have been fortisbet has written, has my full vices of two of the very best men that could fortuate enough to secure the serand Mr. John McKay. Mr. Nisbet speaks in the very highest terms of Flett, both; and in a second communication, Mr. Black cordially endorses his opinion. "Mr. Flett (writes Mr. Black) is an excellent Cree endorses his Indian character and ways to perfection, is accuscellent Cree speaker, knows great interest in their welfare, and soon acquires a great adress them, takes John McKay is also a first rate man ; so better furnished for his work than any Missionarg both, Mr. Nisbet will be gives in his carefully written Report, which will be know of." Mr. Nisbet giving full details with reference to the expense of the Mission for theordgear. The sum total will be about Two Thousand five Hision fred Dor the first "I am sure (writes Mr. Nisbet) the Church will not gradge us the sum that is required for the first year : more especially when I tell you that it we had hired any one to take only ourselves and our goods to our destination and leave us there, it would have cost a good deal more money than the salaries
of John McKay and the we would not have had an ox or carg men that go with us for the year, and then settling. We shall most likely leave this whith us, nor a days labor after our and I hope pe shall have a large place in then the Synod is in full session, Brethren assembled. We go forth, in a great measare sand prayers of the We need a large measure of faith and patience, -and knowing not whither. to deal with a class of people peculiarly difficult to deal with, -but wisdom ordain strength-and let us trust and pray thilt to deal with, -but God can forth and that we may ever have to praise His name that He will ever be put - name that He has sent us on

## RED RIVER MISSION.

Sickness has been very prevalent and fatal, during the past year, at the Red River, and in the regions beyond. Two of Mr. Black's children have died. The father of mercies and the God of all consolation has comforted who are in brother in all his tribulation, that he may be able to comfort those forted of God. At Mr. Kirkby's Station wherewith he himself has been comMissionary, with whom our brethren han (the catholic-spirited Episcopalian weeks ; 34 of these were professing Christian Ineet counsel) 50 died in five confession. All his family and servants were laid down with Scarlet Fever,
all but himself-and no medical aid. The prevailing sickness had a serious effect on the Schools, week day and Sabbath. At one time the week day School was reduced to eight; now, the attendance is fifty. The Sabbatif School at Sittle Britain had to be closed for some months. It has been open. ed again with 25 in attendance. The Kildonan Sabbath .Schools and Bible Class were reduced, at one time, to about fifty. They now average nearlys hundred. At the differentstations there has been little change during the year-some additions to the Communion Roll and tokens for good shown. Little boys not five years of age have been taken home to the Children's Friend, with the sweet story of old on their lips-and young wowen, who had just named the name of Christ, have been removed to the table above rejoicing in the Saviour. A good many houses and stores nave been erected at Fort Garry, but this has not as yet very materially affected the attendance at the Court House there. A small church erected nearer the centre of population, it is thought, would have some effect. The prevailing sickness at Little Britain prevented anything being done towards collecting building materials during the last fall and winter. It is hoped that something may be done in the direction of a church there this season. A manse will, at all events, be erected there for the new missionary. A set of pians have been prepared by Mr . Nisbet whose artistic taste and mechanical genius serve him good purpose in this and other particulars.

The comfortable and commodious school house at Kildonan (to which the children of our Church have so largelv contributed) has been opened durng the year, under the most favourable auspices.
The Rev. Alex. Matheson of Osnabruck was unanimously called by your Committee to succeed Mr. Nisbet. Having been released from his charge by the Presbytery of Brockville in March last, he was designated by the Presbytery of Toronto on the 17th of May, and is now on his way to his field of labour. The friends in Red River are greatly pleased with the appointmentand we doubt not the result will justify their expectations. Himself a native of the Red River, an alcmnus of our College, and for several years, a faithful labourer in Canada, Mr. Matheson is specially fitted for the work-to which he has been set apart.

## cariboo, british colvubia.

For upwards of a year Mr. Duff labored with self-denying devotedness at the Cariboo Mines. With the exception of two months' labor from an Episcopalian Minister and two weeks from a Roman Catholic Priest, he had the field entirely to himself. There were not however so many miners as usual, owing to the limited yield of the precious metal and the superior attractions of othe i places. A reported new strike, or the discovery of new diggings will attract together to a particular point, as if by a magic wand, eager crowds who are as frequently dispersed as collected. The gold-containing sources of William's Creek, are becoming exhausted. A hundred cabins above and as many below what is called the town were unoccupied. Mr. Duff itinerated in the surrounding country travelling even as far as William's Lake 130 miles distant. Adherents of our Church were found scattered here and there, Thirteen miles from Williams' Creek a large body of worthy Welshmen were found, who, with commendable strictness remembered the Sabbath, and met under the leadership of one of themselves for religious worship. The marriago ceremony was performed in Cariboo for the first time during the past year. The labors of Mr. Duff were highly appreciated. The people professedly connected with us were tew and unusually straitened in their resources, but as a practical testimony of their appreciation of Mr. Duff's labours, they presented him with the sum of $\$ 400$.

## APPENDIX

## NEW WESTMINSTER.

Till October last Mr. Jamieson continued to labor with most exemplary diligence, amid many difficulties and discouragements at New Westminster, Since that time Mr. Duff has occupied this important post. It is a source of regret that, for a variety of resources, the congregation here is still far from having reached the self-sustaining point. The monetary pressure during the year has been keenly telt throughout the colony, and the erection of the Church and Manse has imposed on the people who are comparatively tew and feeble an incubus of debt.

At the last annual meating in Feb., it was reported that the congregation had raised daring the year $\$ 688$.

## Nanaimo.

A considerable time ago the claims of Nanaimo were presented to our Committee. It is a Town of growing importance on Vancocver Island, some 70 miles distant from Victoria, beautiful for situation, with the most agreesble surroundings, and Coal Mines of great value, which are gathering an increasing population. On various grounds the urgency of which was felt by the brethren, it was deemed advisable, that Mr. Jamieson should, for the pre sent, at least, remove to this important station. It was with deep regret that our friends in New Westminster parted even temporarily with one whom they bave found reason to esteem very highly in love for his work's sake, but, for what they conceived to be the greater good of the Church, they consented. Thirteen families are directly connected with us, and 5 or 6 Orkney men besides. There is an average attendance of 45 with 25 at the Sabbath School and 10 at the Bible Class. The people pay $\$ 15$ a month for house rent, and $\$ 200$ a year for supply. The weekly collection amounts to $\$ 850$, on an average. They have secured a site for a Church to cost $\$ 1000$, and to contain 140, which will be forthwith erected.

The Church of England have a very neat Church costing over $\$ 3000$ seating 150 and a good Parsonage and School House. Their congregation is 20, and oft $n$ four or tive in the evening. The Bishop pays £250 and they promise £50, but cannot manage it shis year, and they have occupied
the post 6 years.

## VICTORIA.

The congregation in the chief city of Vancouver Island is now under the charge of the Rev. Thomas Somerville, M.A. During the past year they have raised the sum of $\$ 4,126$. One portion of their last congregational Report dated Feb. 28th, is worthy of notice. "Soon after the arrival of Mr. Somerville, a Church Session was formed by the ordination of four Elders. In this connection we are of opinion that the further formation of a Presbytery, in conjunction with other Colonial Presbyterian Congregations at as early a period as practicable, is a measure the ac complishment of which is highlv desireable, and which must, under the divine blessing result in good, by combining in one common cause the interests of Presbyterians throughout these colonies."

## NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

Efforts have been made by your Committee to secure a Missionary for the New Hebrides bat without avail. Some of the members proposed enzaging, for the present at least, one of the Missionaries of the Nova scotian Church, but others indicating a decided preference for one Mis.
sionary bsing sent from our own Church, the proposex was abandoned Subseqnently, correspondence was entered into with one of our own Min. isters possessing peculiar qualifications for the work, and at one time with sanguine expectations of success. For two months the negociations were pending, but in December last that brother felt it to be his duty to decline the invitation tendered him.

The Committee are of opnion that it would give greater weight to the selvetion, and secure a larger measure of satisfaction as well as prove more likely to be successful, if the Synod would taize the matter in their own hands and call directly some one to this most important work.
The Committee would take this opportunity of expressing their continued inter 2 st in the Missionary operations of the Church of the Lower Province among those lovely islands waiting for God's law, and their sympathy with them in connexion with the trials of the past year.

STATE OF THE FUNDS.
The Receipts during the past year have amounted to $\$ 3,997 \$ 9$, making with the balance in hand at total of $\$ 10,33144$.
The Expenditure amounted to $\$ 4,94978$ leaving a balance of $\$ 5,38166$,
Your Committee do not for a moment suppose that the above amount gives any adequate idea of the amount of interest felt by our Church in the great enterprise of Foreign Missions. They feel persuaded that as we commit ourselves in faith more and more fally to the work, that we shall be supported by their contributions and prayers. It is cause for thankfulness that the young in our congregations are doing more than beretofore It has been estimated that if the trifling sum of one half cent each Sabbath was centributed by every member of our Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, over $\$ 6000$ would be realized.
We are more numerous and wealthy than other Churches which have earned to themselves a good degree on the high places of the Missionary field. Our opportunities and responsibilities are multiplying. The Mace donian cry "Come over and help us" is being watted from many lands.
"From many an ancient River
From many a palmy plain"
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain."
Fields, which have never experienced God's husb indry, invite our earnest effort. Souls for whose eternal interests no one cares appeal to our tenderest sympathies. On the ground alone of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, they entail on us a weight of obligation from which we cannot rid ourselves, "How can I bear to see the evil that shall come unto my people, or, how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred." As much as lieth in us, let us haste to the rescue. Our hopes for the future are bright as the promise of God, The horizon may lower with clouds portentous of a coming storm, signs may loom up, foreshadowtng dist tress of nations with perplexity. But the Spirit of God will move on the face of the seething surging sea. The Dove with the olive branch will appear, The earthquake, the hurricane, and the fire will be followed by the still small voice that will speak our wandering star back again to that bright galaxy of worlds whence it has strayed, and the earth emptied of sin and suffering, that have so long blighted it, shall be filled with the knowledige of the glory of the Lord.
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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath observance beg leave to report :-
That no change or incident of consequence, as affecting either the better or worse observance of he Sabbath, has occurred in the Province since
the meeting of synod last year. the meeting of synod last year.
We trust the statement is as true as it is pleasant, that the christian people of Canada, almost without exception, believe in the divine authority,
sanctity, and perpetual allowance for the heterogeneous of the Sabbath. And' after masing just general population, and fur the circumstan varied religious culture of the thinly settled districts, $\cdots$-perhaps in no country in the more recently and day, on the whole, regarded with more reverence in the world is the Lord's Yet would we be most unwis reverence than in our own. the already too great neglect of an eattering ourselves, and encoaraging tranggression of Divine law, lies at the which, more than any other overt immorality, if we thought and said that the of all ir-religion and social 39, making f $8 \mathbf{\$}, 38166$ ve amount Church in that as we at we shall or thankful. beretofore $t$ each Sab. 3 and Bible ar people was, or was nearly, what it ought to be.
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to Sabbath profanation, which is yearly leading many young persons to dissipation, ungodliness and ruin.
Last year the Kingston Reformation Society petitioned the three brazches of the Legislature, ard received acknowledgements; but, owing to the al! engrossing attention of Parliament to Confederation and other prassigg political matters, nothing has been done to effect the object desired.."the closing, and keeping closed all the canals of the Province on the Lord's day, and thereby releasing many of Her Majesty's subjects from a cruel grievance they have too long laboured under." The Society intends to petition for the same object at the next session of Parliament, "being convinced more and more that it is the duty of Government to secure to ali the right of the full and free enjoyment of the Sabbath."
The Synod will be pleased to learn that in the course of the past year a Sabbath Association has been formed in Montreal, which, among other endeavors of local import has already issued an excellent appeal to the general public, unequivocally asserting "faith in the divine institution and obligatory character of the Holy-day."
It is to be regretted that, so far as is known to the Committee, only two organizations of this kind exist in the country; for it would be hard to show that either christian Missions or the circulation of the Bible required more, in the present day, the help which comes from the concentrated wisdom and energy of associated christian men, than does the preservation of a holy Sabbath.
An occurrence has recently taken place in a Church Court in Scotland to which reference could hardly be omitted in a Report like this.

It is a matter of a painful kind, and by some regarded as a portent:--it is truly enough a sign which, in the religious tendencies and movements of the age, may well excite alarm even in people not given to periodical panic.
We neither sink nor infringe upon the dignity befitting the highest court of our Church, and the delicacy we should ever manifest in allusion to individuals, especially to one belonging to another branch of the Chureh of our fathers, and eminent for his literary talents and philanthropy, when we plainly say, what every one knows we mean, that we refer to Dr. Norman McLeod and his extraordinary speech on the Sabbath in the Presbytery of Glasgow.

It is but an act of simple justice to declare that the anti-scriptural and dangerous character of the now celebrated speech has been exaggerated in most quarters; and it is certainly to be deplored that zeal for God's ordmance, or a bad temper, or such a mingling of both as is unhappily rather common, has led many to misrepr sent some statements made by Dr. McLeod, ard to ignore others which go far to qualify the expressions deservedly found fault with.

It is wrong to go beyond the truth in the accusation of any man ; and it is equally wrong and ineffably mean to hide or refuse to notice truth which disproves fart of the allegation, and must modify our judgment if we are just.

It is suicidal on the part of advocates of the divine origen and sacred. ness of the Sabbath to denounce a man "whose name is a household worl wherever our language is spoken or read, and wherever it is known, sug gests not only the genial writer, but also the faithful minister, the wr wearied promoter of the cause of the Gospel at home and abroad, $n=-\infty$ couple his name with those of Renan and Colenso, as has been done,--and to represent him as denying the divine authority of the Sabbath; and beat on its abrogation. And is sinning against God and man, againat candor
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Dr. McLeod's blameworthy words, which are strange and startling enough, and need no seasoning of bitter herbs or otter spicery, are these ....
"My opinion is that the whole of that Commandment (the Fourth) and that the whole Decalogue is abrogated."
"I say the Dacalogue was buried in the grave with Jesus Christ when he rose trom the Dead."
Bat then, he has added in explanation, and in abatement of the conclusion to which such expressions would unavoidably conduct us, other statements which we quote again, the ipsissima verba :-...
"I do value the Lord's day, and I do believe it to be a divine institation ; not a Church institution, but a divine institution."
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ists on the authority of the Lord and His ..........that the Lord's day exthe Fourth Commandment, though it is not astles, and is connected with that it rests."
"I may be wrong, but it is my belief that if you base this day npon the Decalogue which I think has been abrogated, and upon the Fourth Commandment, and especially does the Apostle Paul tell ns we are not to judge any man regarding the Sabbath, if you base this day upon that, with all these ceremonies which are nailed with Jesus Christ to the Cross, it is my belief it will not stand examination."
From these statements of his own, Dr. McLeod's position is easily recognized. The Scriptural and time-honoured belief of the Church is that the obligation of keeping a Holy Sabbath is founded upon the command of God, "Romember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and sanctioned and enforced by Christ and the Apostles both by example and precept, and also sanctioned, in fact necessitated by the nature and duties of human beings. The belief of Dr. McLeod is that the Lord's day is of divine institution, of divine authority, but he means the authority of Christ and His Apostles; that it is of perpetual obligation, to be loved and reverenced, but that it is rightly kept, not in obedience to the law in the Decalogue,
but as a Gospel instintion but as a Gospel instintion.
Having thus endeavoured to correct his representation and to remove misapprehension by a candid exhibition of the facts of the case, a course we are assured the Synod will approve, the Committee may declare with freedom how strong their feeling is that the words of Dr. McLeod, considering what they assert and what they deny, where they were spoken, and what he is who nttered them, deserve animadversion and reproof, and that they should be answered by the counter declaration of the Divine truth, given to us to observe for our good always.
The effect of such words from such a man corld be hardly any thing else toan painful to many of their hearers and readers. They could only cause surprise and sorrow to christian people in Scotland and elsewhere. They would suggest doubt of the obligation of holy Sabbath keeping to many Who would not understand, and to many who would not heed the wise distinctions between qua Decalogue and qua Gospel. They would be seized upon as a make weight to arguments and influences brought at this time to bear against the national reverence for the Sabbath by Railway Directors andAu-
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to many who desire nothing better than to practise this irreverence under the agis of his great name."

Further Dr. McLeod's words, when not intended to invalidate the divine authority of the Lord's day, were unnecessary. No christian man in a condition of sanity, even on the supposition that the moral law qua Decalogue was abrogated, would think it imperative on him to tell men, in the present state of the world, that they were not required to know and love and serve their God on the authority of the first three commandments, and that it was quite permissible to murder, bite and devoar one another for anything the Sixth Commandment said to the contrary. Just as little was it requisite to tell men whose unhappiness and loss it is that they do not love and sanctify the Sabbath too well, that no obligation was laid upon them by God's solemn words, who was thinking on them and providing for their good when He made the Sabbath for man, and said, Remember to keep it holy.
But the words of Dr. McLeod leave also a clear distinct meaning: they both affirm and deny in express terms: and so far as they touch upon the old doctrine respecting the Sabbath and the Decalogue they are fallacious and untrue.
There is fallacy which almost wears the appearance of disingenuousness, when in the argument the Fourth Commandment is coupled with "all these cermonies which are nailed with Jesus Christ to the Cross."-The ceremonres of the Mosaic Dispensation ceased with the order of things to which they belonged: but the Sabbath-made for men-instituted in Eden-is not a ceremony, but the day of holy rest, and for the special observance of such religious ceremonial as God may ordain. Surely the distinction between ceremonial law and moral law is recognizable. An ordinance designed to serve a temporary purpose-to be a symbol in an earlier age, of a truth to be apprehended by a later, or the sign of something better to come, can be distinguished from an ordinance grounded on the nature of God and man in their relation to each other, and in the eternal fitness of things. Christ frequently refers expressly to the Decalogue-and ever as the unquestionable Law of rightousness. Its most concise and beautiful summary was framed by Him,"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, \&c." He speaks again of the Law, or the earlier Repelation comprehensively, and says, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be ful. filled." Heaven and earth are existing yet, and so is the Law of God.

The command respecting Cities of Refuge, for example, was fulfilled, when, in the advancing civilization of the people of Israel, the practice of redressing ones' own wrongs fell into abeyance and was supplanted by slower, but safer and more humane juridical procedings ; and now it serves no purpose but the moral one of teaching us by vivid illustration about Christ our Refuge from the avenger. And the command respecting sacrifice was fulfilled when " once in the end of the world Christ appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself," aud when by that "one offering He perfected for ever tuem that are sanctified." And now the Law of sacrifice remains only to remird us of "the Law of God," "who loved us and gave Eimself for us," and how we should present ourselves living sacrifice to God. But the command respecting the Sabbath can be fulfilled in no other way then by keeping the Sabbath holy. The Sabbath is indeed the shadow of a good thing to come-the Rest which remaineth for the people of; but it is also the substance of a good thing now-the day which the Lord hath made, and blessed. Fultilmeat in the sense of accomplishment and termination which applies to temporary and ceremonial enactment, does not apply in that sense at all to Sabbath Law. That Law in the nature of things is only fulfilled by a perennial doing of what God hath rejoined.
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There is also mis-statement amounting to untruth when it is affirmed, "Tue Decalogue was buried with Jesus Christ-when he rose from the dead." If Dr. McLeod had said the Dacalogue was buried with Christ-when He descended into the grave-he would have avoided a blundering inaccuracy of speech; and he would have suggested a precious Gospel truth. For we can well admit that, as Christ was laid in the tomb, there was entombed with Him-holy law and glorions gospel-life and hope for man. All good for man was in Christ-and therffore lay buried with Him. But the grave could not hold Christ. He rose again. And with Him rose all the good that was in Him-Law and Gospel-Precept and Promise-Salvation and the keeping of a Sabbath in earth and heaven.
Just as the Sabbath law stands in the Decalogue, between the First and Second Tables, binding them together, essential to the honoring of them both, --or as the pedestal on which they both rest, without which rest they fall; so, with philosophical precision, does it stand in the nature of thingsin the nature of man as an intelligent creature of God and connected with his kind ; while further the sinfulness of fallen man and his need of God's teaching and mercy, though not the condition which nece sitates the Sabbath, certainly makes the Sabbath a more necessary and precions gift of grace from the E'ather in heaven. For if there be a God or Saviour for us and lellow-inners to know, and seek and obey; if we are all brethren all needder obligations to heneeding the common salvation, and lying together unbave a common worship our Lord, and to serve one another ; then we must His will concerning inip of the one God and Father of all. We must learn singly and together learn we must learn our duties to each other-we must and if so, then there must the words of His law, and listen to His gospel, sacred day and a sacred place for stated meeting-time and a sanctuary-a secular toil, for the matale for holy convocation-a holy day tor rest from worship and approach to our Fother in our brotierhood, and for combined So necessar
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## PATRICK GRAY, Convener. <br> FIFTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

## Your Committee have pleasure in being able to state, that the R more numerous and complete than on eing able to state, that the Returns are

 salt they trace partly to the general prosy previous year. This gratifying re and partly to the growing impression prosperity, which has visited the Province, tion of the external condition and find that an annual exhibition and descripour bounds, are fitted to benefit bonancial state. of the congregations within bealthy emulation and impart both ministers and members, by promoting a Your committee cannot, moreover, efficient aid desired from moreover, refrain from bearing testimony to the Presbytery Clerks. The Paris careful and cordial co-operation of the various of presenting the most complete Statistics still occapies the desirable position oit very closely, and is almost equalled by That of Stratford approximates oit very closely, and is almost equalled by those of Kingston, Brockville and
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Guelph. Ottawa, Ontario and Huron Presbyteries are nearly complete, while thcse of Cobourg, Grey, and Toronto are incomplete in two instances, Hamilton and Montreal in three, and, last of all, London, in five.

About one half of these cases consists of recently-settled charges,-an unknown quantity which must every year affect the fulness of the Returns, in proportion to the number of annual pastoral settlements.

Your Committee regret again to call attention to the small increase in the number of settled charges, only amounting to five throughout the year. An examination of the Returns shews, that there has been a decrease of settled charges from Kingston eastward, which has been only counterbalanced by the increase from Cobourg westward. In view, therefore, of the numerous vacant congregations and the pressing demand for efficient labourers in the Lord's vineyard, there is an earnest call addressed to our young men to devote themselves to His service, instead of to secular and more lucrative worldy occupations.

It has been deemed advisable to include in the Returns the number of families in each congregation, chiefly for two reasons. In not a few charges, especially where the Gaelic element prevails, the number of Communicants presents but a defective view of the state and size of the Congregation, and, besides, prevents the Chureh from being able to deal with such, in a proper manner, in regard to the duty of christian liberality. It is to be hoped, that, next year, the Returns under this head, will be more complete.

In regard to Communicants, those admitted by Certificate and by Examination have been separated, and the instructive fact elicited that the youth of our Church are not giving themselves, by public profession, to the Lord, 80 numerously as is desirable. It may thus be worthy of inquiry, whether or not suitable and sufficient means are used, by office-bearers and others, to impress upon the baptized children of the Charch, their duties, responsibilities, and privileges. In spite, however, of the many difficulties, connected with the maintenance of our ecclessastical position and scriptural principles, in the midst of a mixed, and heterogeneous population, it is pleasing to mark progress and prosperity, in the gross increase, during the year, of about 1500 Communicants.
The several changes that have occurred, among both ministers and members, present the sad fact, that the angel of death has been visiting the courts of our Zion, and setting forcibly before us the uncertain and transitory charac: ter of all earthly things.
It is to be feared, that several office-bearers still neglect the duty of keeping a Baptismal Register,-neglect that may hereafter entail trouble on many families-atiention is accordingly again called to the subject. Your Committee do not require to make any remarks on the columns referring to the young, as the Sabbath School Committee have already anticipated ail that might have been said. It is somewhat discouraging to note a decrease in the number of week-day meetings, a decrease which, it is believed, does not iodicate a growing spiritual torpor, but is only transient and temporary.
The staff of elders and office-bearers appears to keep pace with the Church's progress, and their aid and co-operation, as fellow-workers in the Gospel cause, are useful and necessary, for its efficiency and prosperity.
Nearly 600 places of worship throughout our Church have the truth pro. claimed within their walls, by less than 240 pastors,-and thus shew, that the scattered state of our people demands a wide diffusion of ministerial labors, and prevents the various congregations from being so compact and so capable of pastoral oversight as is desirable. For this reason the greater portion of the ministers are constrained to divide therr labors between two or more separate congregations, and to render their work less efficient by the more extensive area over which it is diffused. It is of the utmost importance, that each Congregation should enjoy the entire and undivided ministrations of a pastor; and until this stage of progress be reached, the energies of ministers must be overtaxed, their days prematurely shortened, and their labors prove far from
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The attendance at Synod, considering the excited state of the country, evinces a warm interest in its proceedings, embracing, as it does, 150 ministers and 76 elders.
The attention of the various Presbyteries is respectfully called to those congregations, which have not forwarded Returns, that they may be dealt with or their neglect.
From a careful examination of the Statistical Returns. your Committee are enabled to present the following geceral view of the Church's outward aspects.
There are seen about 600 sacred edifices of all sizes and forms. dotting the surface of the country from Metis to Sarnia, and within whose walls divine worship is celebrated from week to week, by about 240 messengers of the Cross. To them is entrusted the pastoral oversight of about 25000 hcuseholds and upwards of 41000 communicants, along with the suberintendence of the religious instruction of nearly 30,000 young persons. The regular visitation of those numerous families, and of the sick and aged, the oversight of about 400 week-day meetings, and the providing of spiritual food for the thousands that wait on their ministry, comprise a series of daily and arduous
labors, the burden trying and varied and care of which are well nigh overwhelming. In these ation of between 1,500, they are aided by the prayers, sympathy and co-oper-office-bearers, and of a large 2,000 elders, of between 10,000 and 12,000 other
What amount of spiritual and zealous body of Sabbath School Teachers. plied labors, is only known to the Great from these diversified and multiguidance and dependence on whose Great Head of the Church, under whose and labor in hope.
The improved financial state of the Church, as indicated by the Returns, calls for special thanks to the F'ather of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift.
The liberality of the people having been stimulated by the great material prosperity of the country, the contributions for religious objects have been so largely increased, that the gross aggregate amount, on the face of the Returns, nearly reaches $\$ 275,000$, There are even ample grounds tor concluding that with full Reports from each congregation, the whole amount would exceed $\$ 300,000$,-the largest sum ever raised by nur Charch, -and plainly indicating the growth of more generous and liberal feelings, throughout the bounds of our Zion. The Returns, when compared and examined, shew an average contribution from each communicant of $\$ 750$, being the largest ever reached oy us, and putting us in this respect, in advance of the Churches in this land
or in the or in the old country.
As might have been expected, the improved material condition of the land has more or less benefited the various Synodical schemes. But, while not overlooking them, it is gratifying to find that the most important financial branch-the Stipend Fund, has been most liberally dealt with, and exhibits an increase of over $\$ 20,000$. At the same time, general congregational interests have not been neglected, from the fact of the contribations for Church parposes shewing an augmentation of more than $\$ 10,000$. Using rouud numbers the College Fund presents an increase of about $\$ 60$., the Home Mission of sbout $\$ 3,000$, the Foreign Mission of more than $\$ 700$, and the Synodical of aboat $\$ 40$., while the gross contributions from all sources exceed those of last year by nearly $\$ 50,000$. The only drawback to this pleasing statement is a decrease of nearlv $\$ 200$, in th Widows' and Orphans', and Aged Ministers' Fand, This result, however much to be dealored, may be traced, not to any diminished interest in these important schemes, but to the termination of the special effort so successfally made by the late United Presbyterian Church. The increase in the College F'und, though small is encouraging, since it has
been produced, not so much as formerly, by special efforts, put forth by a few

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leading congregations, as by the more general and extensive support tender ed to it by the Chuich at large. It is cause for deep regret, that 28 settled charges are reported as not contributing towards the maintenance of our Collegiate Institution. One fourth of these belongs to the Brockville Presby. tery, while the remaining three fourths are scattered over the other Presbj. teries.
The income of the Home Mission seems largely augmented and approaches $\$ 10,000$. Were all its sources of revepue added up, the amount would be doubled. This pleasing result is due partly to the continualiy growing interest in this able important scheme, and partly to the more faithful carrying out of the injunctions of Synod, respecting the formation of congregational Mission. ary Associations.

Notwithstanding the large increase of the Stipend Fund and the grest reduction of arrears in many cases, yet, owing to the more numerous Returns of this year, and the great amounts due by several congregations, the arreais reported are somewhat larger than those of lest year, being \$9984 49 against $\$ 950455$, an increase of $\$ 479$ 94. These discouraging lists are found in every Presbytery, except that of Paris, to the large number of 54, and exactly one. half consists of sums exceeding $\$ 100$.

Your Committee would most earnestly urge on Presbyteries the necessity of at once dealing with the cases under their respective jurisdiction, and of promptly applying such remedies as they, in their wisdom, deem most expedient, in order that past arrears may be liquidated, and steps taken to prevent future accumulations. ,

In gratifying contrast with these humbling cases, may be noticed the fact of many congregations exceeding the amount of Stipend promised. A course of procedure absolutely requisite, from the augmented cost of all the necessaries of life. On the other hand, it is discouraging to find, that 48 ministers receive less than $\$ 450$ with a manse, or less than $\$ 500$ without such a building. Only twe Presbyteries, Guelph and Stratford, shew no such inadequate sti. pends, and that of Paris has only one.
That necessary appendage to any well organised congregation, -the Manse appears to be receiving more attention,-the number reported being 103 , or 12 more than last year.

While speaking so favorably of the general finaucial state of our Chareh, your Committee desire it to be borne in mind, that the settled charges report ing are by 15 more numerous than those of last year,-an increase, however, not by any means sufficient to account for the large augmentation in the gross
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It is, moreover, to be hoped that they will not be charged with making any invidious distinstion, if they direct special attention to the admirable financial condition of the Paris Presbytery. Its Return is in every respect a model re. port, presenting a contribution to each Synodical scheme from each congregation, except in two cases-one charge contributing nothing to the College, and another to Foreign Missions.
It may well be asked, if there be any insurmountable obstacle in the way of any of the other Presbyteries, preventing them from prosenting an equally well-fitted Financial Sheet.
It being absolutely necessary, that the limits of the Financial year be altered, to allow the Statistics to be submitted in proper time to the supreme court, your Committee recommended that in future the financial year run from 1st April to 31st March, commencing with the present year, which will, therefore, begin on the 1st May 1866, and end on the 31st March 1867.
All which remarks are respectfully submitted.
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