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ALEXANDER YOUNG, Presbytery Clerk.

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WILLIAM FERRIE, A. M., Presbytery Clerk.

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JAMES MITCHELL, Presbytery Clerk.

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## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

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William King May 1851 E. C. C	ooper Buxton	Buxton.
William Troup Aug. 17, 1851 John F	letcher Tilbury	Valetta.
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Peter MCJ	Dermia	Mar, 6, 1861	William Cole	Wardsville Moore Belmont & Yarmouth	. wardsville.
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Peter Goo	alellow	Jan. 29, 1862]	Donald Fraser	Belmont & YarmouthWidder	.Beimont.
George SI	mpson	July 21, 1862*	Robert Fleming	Westminister	. Widder.
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# PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

Daniel Allan	Stratford. Stratford. Harrington. Crosshill. Shakspeare.
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WILLIAM DOAK, Presbytery Clerk.

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	1855John Douglass	Ashfield and Huron	Kingshuidan
h D. mcDonald Apr. 28.	1859 * Jas. Aikenhead	Willie Church Olistan	Aingsoriage.
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## PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

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			WILLIAM PARK, P	resbytery Clerk.

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PARK, Presbytery Clerk.

# MINUTES

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#### SIXTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD

# THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the city of Hamilton, and within Central Church, there, the Jane 5, 1866. 7 fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six years, at which time and place the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met. The Moderator, Mr. William Aitken, conducted opening devotional exercises, but was unable on account of sudden indisposition to proceed with his sermon, when Mr. William Gregg, of Toronto, took the Moderator's place, 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 attendance of members marked.

A statement of the changes affecting the Synod Roll, and the Roll, changes list of Probationers, which had occurred since last meeting, as set inforth 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.

Fear Deaths.

The following ministers were removed by death : In the Presbytery of London, James Skinner, Bethel and Proof Line, October 17, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Ottawa, John McKinnon, Beckwith and Ashton, Decomber 24, 1865.

in the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mark Y. Stark, Dundas, January 24, 1866.

In the Presbytery of Montreal, Peter D. Muir, Ordained Missionary,

#### DEMISSIONS.

The following ministers gave in their demission, and were loosed om their respective charges.

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In the Presbytery of Montreal, David Black, resigned his license Thirteen Demissions. and commission as a minister, June 13, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Montreal, Alexander F. Kemp, St. Gabriel Street, Montreal, June 21, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Brockville, E. W. Garner, Spencerville, June 22, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Brockville, J. C. Quin, Kemptville, August 1, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Kingston, Robert C. Swinton, Picton and Demorestville, July 6, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Guelph, 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 Presbytery of Toronto, Walter Wright, Streetsville, November 28, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Huron, William C. Young, Knox's Church, Amleyville, October 10, 1865

In the Presbytery of Ottawa, 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 Hastings, May 15, 1866.

#### SUSPENSION.

Mr. Archibald Lees. M.A., was, by the Presbytery of Ontario, One Supensin, suspended from the office of th : Ministry and from the membership of the Church, January 16, 1866.

#### DEPOSITIONS.

The following ministers were deposed from the office of the Two Depo Ministry :-

By the Presbytery of Paris, John 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 Sixteen inducted as pastors of the congregations under named :-

By the Presbytery 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 Hamilton, 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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By the Presbytery of Hamilton, James Malcolm, St. Anns and Wellandport, December 21, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Hamilton, R. N. Grant, Waterdown, and Wellington Square, January 23, 1866.

By the Presbytery of London, William Caven, Ridgetown, October 25, 1865.

By the Presbytery of London, John Thompson, Sarnia, April 25, 1866.

By the Preshytery of Guelph, Kenneth McDonald, East Puslinch, October 25, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Guelph, John Davidson, Alma and Cumnock, February 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 the 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 accepted calls, were loosed from Five Translatheir respective congregations, and were inducted into new charges, uamely :-

John Stewart, from the congregation of Blythe, in the Presbytery of Huron, to that of Dunwich, in the Presbyte y 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, appointed by the Foreign Mission Commutee, as Missionary to the Indians.

Al-xander Matheson, from Osnabruck, in the Presbytery of Brockville, to Red River Mission, in the Presbytery of Toronto, March 7, 1866.

John Jones, from the congregation of Cote des Neiges, in the Presbytery of Montreal, to that of Brockville, in the Presbytery of Brockville, May 9, 1866.

#### INDUCTIONS.

The following ministers were inducted into the charges named Eight Isdae below, at the dates attached to each :----

In the Presbytery of Paris, John James, Dumfries street, Paris, (omitted last year.) April 11, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Ontario, Hagh Campbell, Manilla, Vroomanton and Cannington, July 18, 1865.

In the Presbytery of Brockville, Martin Lowry, Connwall, November 7, 1865. In the Presbytery of Brockville, Andrew Melville, Colquhoun

and Thom Settlements, November 20. 1865. In the Presbytery of Montreal, R beat Irvine, D.D., Knox's

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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, Lakefield 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 ters received ministers of this Church :-

By the Presbytery of Mon treal, John Jones, a probationerof the American Presbyterian Church, (O.S.) June 13, 1865. By the Presbytery of Straif rd William Moore, a licentiate of

the Presbyterian Church, (O S) United States, June 13, 1865. By the Presbytery of Stratford, Martin Lowry, an ordained minister of the Episcopal Methodist Church, June 13, 1865.

#### LICENSURE.

The following Students of Theology were licensed as pro- Ten Stuin Ncensed. bationers :

By the Presbytery of London, James Baikie, July 5, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Guelph, Kenneth McDonald, July 11, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Huron, John McCoil, July 12. 1865.

By the Presbytery of Huron, Allan Findlay, July 12. 1865.

By the Presbytery of Paris, R. N. Grant, Augrst 1, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Ottawa, Stephen Young, August 3, 1865.

By the Presbytery of Cobourg, Walter M. Roger, August 8, 1865.

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

By the Presbytery of Toronto, John H. Thom, August 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 Moderator in there was read a list of Ministers, nominated by the several sen. Presbyteries, for the office of Moderator, containing the following names: --- Mr. Alexander Topp, of 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. Thomas McPherson, of Stra ford ; Mr. John Scott, of London.

Before a vote was taken on any of the nominations foregoing, Mr. Frend Mr. Proudfoot requested that his name should be withdrawn from name draws. withthe list. On motion of Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. Ferrie, Mr. Proudfoo 's request was granted, and his name was, accordingly, withdrawn.

It was then moved by Mr. William McLaren, seconded, by Dr. Mr. D. Ingin Thornton, that Mr. David Inglis, of Hamilton, be elected ch and ator and a Moderator of the Synud for the ensuing ecclesiastical year. A dresed to vote being taken, the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Synod. Inglis took the chair and addressed the Synod.

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The Committee on 1 th the recommenda intments were made To be members of t mondson, for the the Presbytery of T illiam Clark, for the ad, for the Presbyten y of Grey ; these P isite appointments iu

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# CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

# BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee on Business gave in a Report, and, in accordance Business Con. th the recommendations therein contained, the following ap- Report. 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 Presbyy of Grey; these Presbyteries having omitted to make the re-isite appointments in accordance with the Standing Orders.

## BILLS COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures were then ordered to Bills' Com. to Id their first meeting, in the basement of this Church, to-morrow meet. orning, at 9 o'clock.

# ELBERS' COMMISSIONS' COMMITTEE.

The Synod appointed a Committee on the Commissions of Elders, Elders' Comegsted by their respective Kirk Sessions, but whose names had missions' Com. theen forwarde I to their Presbytery Clerks, with the view of ing on the Roll of Synod such as might be found to have been ularly appointed, as follows :- Messrs. James Black, Albert B. npson, George Cheyne, John J. A. Proudfoot, Minister ; Mr. J. ith, and Mr. Peter Wilson, Elders. Mr. Black to be Convener.

# RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES AND SYNOD-COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Records of cords of the several Presbyteries, namely : Pr sbyteries Of the Presbytery of Montreal, Messrs. D. McRuer, T. Mc Comi.on. nire, and Dr. Edmondson.

Of the Presbytery of Ottawa, G. Cuthbertson, E. Graham, and . Renwick.

Of the Presbytery of Brockville, J. Middlemiss, W. T. Mc llen, 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. McKenzie.

Of the Presbytery of Gatario, D. Waters, J. Scott, (L.), and W.

Of the Presbytery of Toronto, B. Torrance, D. H. McVicar, d Alexander Smith.

Of the Presbytery of Guelph, T. Stevenson, J. Baird, and W. ambers.

Of the Presbytery of Hamilton, W. Park, Walter Inglis, and T. cCrae.

Of the Presbytery of Paris, S. C. Fraser, J. Ross, and S Marshall. of the Presbytery of Lint'on, W. Gregg, W. Inglis, and W.

Of the Prosbytery of Stratford, J. McMillan, A. D. McDonald, d Hon. H. McMurrich. of the Presbytery of Haron, James Whyte, A. McDiarmid, and

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

The names placed first on the foregoing list were appointed Con-Conveners. 14 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 Committee on the Returns of Presbyter Remits Com. ies to Remits sent down by the Synod last year. as follows: <sup>on.</sup> Messrs. W. McLaren, J. Baird, R. Ure, minister, and Ir. Holden, Elder.

#### BUSINESS DIETS.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Business Com-Diets for busimittee, that the diets for business be the same as last year, that is to mess. say, to meet at ten o'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 agreed to meet Devotional to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, and to spend the first hour exercises, in devotional exercise.

#### LOYAL ADDRESS, AND COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED.

On motion of Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Mr. D. Wardrope. Quen, &c., it was agreed that a Committee be appointed o draft a loyal address addresses to to the Queen, and also to the Governor General of Canada; appointed. special notice to be taken in such ad iresses of the present very serious aspect of public affairs in the land.

#### THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR, &C.

On motion of Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Dr. Burns, it was Thanks'n agreed, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the retiring Moderator as Moderator for his 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 Sersion.

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

#### SECOND SEDERUNT.

#### CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON.

#### Wednesday June 6th, 1866, 11 o'clock, A.M.

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The Synod metaccording to adjournment, and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptures praise and prayer, -Dr. O miston, and Messrs McLaren and Proudfoot, at the request of the Moderator, taking part with him in devotional exercises, for one hour. The Minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

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# BILLS' COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their first Report, Bills and Overwhich was read and received, and the order of business therein to es Com. 1st. recommended sanctioned.

# ELDERS' COMMISSIONS' REPORT.

Mr. James Black, from the Committee on the Commissions of Elders' Com-E ders, gave in a Report, setting forth that certain Elders named, misions Rehad been regularly appointed by their respective Kirk-Sessions as their representatives in the Synod, and that certain others had been appointed, 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 Roll of Synod. The Repo t was received, and the recommendation therein contained sanctioned.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE.

The Moderator now named the Committee for nominating Stand-Standing Coming Committees of Synod, as follows:—Messrs. J. J. A. Proudfoot mittees. Com. R. Ure, J. K. Smith, J. Dick. D Waters, W. McLaren, D. H. McVicar, Ministers, Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. J. Dalgleish and 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 Com. on of the resolution on the subject adopted last night, as follows :--Mr. R. F Burns, Convener, Mr. T. Lowry, Dr. Thornton. Ministers; Mr. P. Dewar, Elder.

# RECEPTION OF MINISTERS-APPLICATIONS FOR, AND COM. ON.

An application was received from the Presbytery of Stratford, Reception o asking leave to receive as a Min ster of this Church, Mr. Samuel Min stra, ap-Jones, an ordained Mini ter of the Regular Baptist Church. The Stratford, Pre-Presbytery of London. also applied for leave to receive as a minis-Lo-don. ter of this Church, Mr. C. Lafontaine, a convert from the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Bates, a probationer of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.) in the United States.

The Committee on application for the reception of Ministers was Com. on Rethen appointed as follows. -Messrs. D. McRuer, R. Dewar, W. ception of min-Ferrie J. J. A. Proudfoot, G. Smellie, Ministers, Mr. George Lyall, Elder, Mr. McRuer to be Convener.

# LICENSE-APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE.

The Synod took up applications from Presbyteries for leave to tudents to take S udents of Theology on trials for license, when there were ticense appiread extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Montreal applying for leave to take on t ials Mr. Alexander Thompson, and setting torth that the results 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

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The Synod agreed to grant leave, as craved, to the Presbyteries Application foregoing to take on public probationary trials for license the granted. Students whose names are above written.

#### LINDSAY AND CAMBRAY -- TO TRANSFER, &C.

The Synod took up an application from the Presbytery of Co. Lindsay and bourg setting forth that a petition had been laid before the said plaution fr Presbytery from the Stations of Lindsay and Cambray praying to transference be transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Ontario, and recommending that the Synod authorize the transference desired. 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 MINISTERS-COM. ON.

The Synod now appointed a Committee to draft a suitable Death of Min-Minute, to be engrossed in the Records, in reference to the Ministers is ers. Com. to of this Church, removed by death during the past year, as follows: -Dr. Burns, Convener, Messrs. W. Caven, (St. Mary's). George Cheyne, R. F. Burns, J. Middlemiss, W. Aitken, Ministers and Mr. Gunn (Beaverton), Elder.

#### UNION -OVERTURES ON.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Cohourg Union of Presanent the Union of all the Presbyterian Churches in this Province. char hes-

It being understood that an Overture on the same subject would Overture of he transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, it was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter, until such overture should Consideration be before the Synod.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Prockville, anent the Union Union, Church of the Canada Presbyterian Church with the Presbyterian Church of Lower Proof the Lower Provinces, was taken up and read. Mr. Ferrie was tare, heard on behalf of the Presbytery of Brockville, in support of the Overture. After some conversation as to the object and season Mr. Ferris ableness of the Overture, Mr. Ferrie on behalf of the Presbytery of ture wita-Brockville, asked leave to withdraw the same. Leave was granted drawn. and the Overture was accordingly withdrawn.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

At the request of Dr. Ormiston, the Rev. Mr. Cumming, of Hali Mr. Cumming, fax, Nova Scotia, who was present, was invited to sit in Synod, as of Halifar, a corresponding member, and take part in the d-liberations. Mesara. Mesara, B. J. B. Duncan, George Muriay, and Leonard McGlashan, ministeds Muriay, of this Church, without charge, being present, were also invited to the Gasham invisit with the Synod.

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# PRESBYTERIES-LEAVE 'O MEET.

Leave was granted to the several Presbyteries to meet, for com Presby'eries petent business, on the call of their respective Moderators, or Clerks, to must during at the intervals of the Sederants, during this Session of Synod.

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# MR. A. CROSS-LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Archibald Cross, asked and obtained leave of absence, on Mr. A. [Cross, account of intelligence which he had received of the sudden death had leave of of an important member of his congregation. ab on .e.

The Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock. Closed with the Benediction.

# THIRD SEDERUNT.

# CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON.

# Wednesday, June 6th 1860, 3 o'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 read and approved. At the suggestion of M .. J. M. Roger, the Rev. Mr. Howie was Mr. Howie ininvited to take a seat in Synod. vited to sit.

# RECEPTION COMMITTEE-REPORT.

Mr. McRuer, from the Committee to whom was referred the ap- Reception pleations from Presbyteries for the reception of Ministers from other Com Churches gave in an inte im Report, setting forth that Mr. Bates, Report. interim for the reception of whom leave had been asked by the Presbytery of London, had received a regular education in Laterature and The logy, had taken the degree of A. B. in Sciencetady College, and had for some time been employed as a probationer by the Presbytesy aforesaid, and recomm nding that leave be granted to the Presbytery of London as craved. The Report was received and adopted, and the Synod ordered in accordance therewith.

# SUSTENTATION FUND OVERTURE.

There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery of sustent tion Brockville, praying the Synod to adopt the principle of a Sustenta-Fund tion Fund, if not for the purpose of giving an equal dividend to all ture-'res-the ministers of the Church, at all events for the purpose of in Brockvile. the ministers of the Church, at all events, for the purpose of inthe ministers of the Churce, at all events, for and securing ready creasing the salaries of und-rpaid ministers, and securing ready Mr. Ferrie

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It was on the motion of Mr. Proudfoot, duly seconded, agreed Overture conno + to enter upon the consideration of the Overture. sidered

It was agreed further to take up, in connection with the fore-Sti end-Overgoing, an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, anent increase Toronto. ture-Pres. of Supend. The Overture from Toronto Presbytery was read, setting forth, in substance, the necessity for the augmentation of

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the salaries of Ministers, stating several reasons for the same, and praying the S nod to take the requisite steps to accomplish the object contemplated.

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The Overture was supported, on behalf of the Presbytery, by and Dick, sup-Messrs. Gregg and Dick. port Overture,

It was moved by Mr., McLaren, seconded by Dr. Thornton, - Overture-mo-That the Synod approve generally of the Overtures of the Presby. tion on. teries of Brockville and Toronto, and, impressed with the necessity of taking immediate steps to augment the salaries of ministers, many of which are known to be totally inadequate, appoint a special committee to take into consideration the best means 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 committing 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 annual Stipend ; and, in every case, to see that the promised stipend be regularly and fully paid, either by the congregations or from the Home Mission Fund of the Church, and that Presbyteries also, use their utmost diligence to bring up all the Stirends within their bounds to such a minimum.

A voie being taken between the motion and the amendment, the Motion carried.

motion was carried by a large majority. The Yeas and Nays being called for, the motion was affirmed by Yeas and Nay a very large majority, and the Synod decided in accordance therewith.

The Committee under Mr. McLaren's motion was then appoint Committee on ed as follows :- Messrs. W. Gregg, W. Ferrie, Dr. Thornton, J. J. Overtues A. Proudfoot, J. Laing, J. Burton, J. M. King, R. F. Burns, W. McLaren, W. Caven, Ministers, the Hon. J. McMurrich. Messrs. Loail, W. Clark, A. I. McKenzie, J. Gunn, Elders,-Mr. McLaren, Convener.

The Synod adjouned, to meet at half past seven o'clock, and the Adjourned. diet was closed with the Benediction.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT.

#### CENTRAL CHURCH, HAM LTON,

# Wednesday, June 6, 1866, 71 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, -Dr. Burns, at the request of the Moderator, lealing in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

On motion of Mr. W. Caven. Mr. Wm. Inglis was added to the Mr. Wm, Inglis Committee on the Overtures from the Presbyteries of Brockville and "ddrd to st pend Com. Toronto, on increase of Stipend.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Home Missions The Posset Report. Missions. The Report was given in and read by Mr. J. Laing, the Convener.

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It was moved by Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. D. Waters, and Report receivagreed,-That the Report be received and the thanks of the Synod ed a d referrtendered to the Convener for his excellent services ; and that the Report be referred to a Committee of Synod to examine the same, and report thereon, on the afternoon of Friday, and that the report be forthwith printed, for the information of the Synod and of the Church.

The Committee on the Report was appointed as follows :- Dr. 'om. on Re-Ormiston, Convener, Messrs. J. M. Gibson, John Ross J. K. Smith Port. ministers, P. Dewar, Thomas Graham, Peter Wilson, Elders.

# BLDERS' COMMISSIONS-2ND REPORT.

Mr. James Black from the Committee on Elders Commissions Elders' Com gave in and read a second Report, setting forth that, since their missions, 2. d first report, there had been submitted to the Committee reversel ad Keport first report, there had been submitted to the Committee several additional Commissions of Elders, which were sustained. and recommending that the names contained in such Commissions be added to the Synod Roll.

It was moved and duly seconded, -That the Report he receiv Motion to ed. adopt.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. An endment. Proudfost, --- That the Report be recommitted, with an instruction to the Committee to specially consider the case of the representation of one Session by a Ruling Elder belonging to another.

After long reasoning, a vote was taken, when the motion was Decision. carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof

to receive and adopt the Report.

Mr. Baird asked and obtained leave to dissent from the decision. Mr. Fai d dis-Mr. Proudfoot gave notice that to morrow he would move, sents cooled by Mr. Bard. - That the custom hitherto obtaining in this 'lders' Com seconded by Mr. Baird, - That the custom hitherto obtaining in this missions Church, since the Union, of a lowing Congregations to appoint tice of motion Elders not belonging to their own Sessions to represent them in the Synod, be considered, and discontinued.

#### CORRESPONDENT.

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

#### F. MISSION REPORT DEFERRED.

The next business in order was the Report of the Foreign Missions F. Mission Re-Committee. The Convener,-Mr. R. F. Burns said that the report por deferced was ready. The Synod, however, on account of the ateness of the hour, agreed to deter receiving it, until to morrow evening.

# CONGREGATIONAL UNION--DELEGATE, REV. MR. MCGILL.

The Rov. Mr McGill, the delegate to the Synod, from the Con Congregationgregational Union of Canada, bring present, it was proposed and a Chion Mr. agreed, that, if convenient to him, the Synod would now receive his dee. adir-ss ; whereupon Mr. McGill was conducted to the platform by Dr Ormiston, was introduced by the Moderator, and briefly addressed the Synod, conveying the friendly consideration and fraternal greetings of the Body represented by him.

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On motion of Mr. W. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, Resolution on it was agreed, —that the Synod receive, with great satisfaction, the address, greetings of the Congregational Union, presented by their Delegate, the Rev. Mr. M.Gult, —reciprosate those friendly greetings, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may pour out upon them the Holy Spirit, and prosper them in their work of spreading the Gospel in the land.

The Moderator, along with the resolution, conveyed to Mr. Mc Moderator's Gill, in suitable terms, the Synods warm regard for the Body whom reply. he represented, and their cordial reciprocation of the fraternal sentiments to which he had given expression.

## CHICAGO, -APPLICATION FOR CONGREGATION IN.

There was read and received an extract from the Minutes of the Chicago-ap-Presbytery of London, setting forth in substance, that application plication for. had been made to the Presbytery, by certain persons in the city of Pres. London. Chica 20, United States, to organize them as a congregation of this Church, --- recommending said application to the favorable consideration of the Synod, and requesting action thereon.

As the hour of adjour ment was at hand, it was agreed to defer Adjournment consideration of this matter, and that it be taken up as the first 1 tousiness to business to morrow morning.

It was agreed that the Synod Roll he called at twelve o' clock to- Roll to be callmorrow.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FIFTH SEDERUNT.

## CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

## Thursday, June 7, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptures, praise, and prayer,—the Moderator being succeeded in the devotional exercises by Mr. Thomas Lowry.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their second Minutes read. Report, which was read and received, and the order of Dusiness Bills' Com. rerecommended therein sanctioned.

#### CORRESPONDENT.

At the request of Mr. W. Fraser, Mr. Walter Wright, late Mr.W.W itht, minister at Streetsville, was invited to take his seat in Synod. invited to sit.

#### CHICAGO - APPLICATION, &C.

The application from the Presbytery of London, anent the Onleag-aperection of a congregation in connection with this Church in the pie tion Pres. City of Chicago, the consideration of which was deferred last night, read. was again taken up and read.

Mr. John Scott, of London, and Mr. John Fraser, of Thamesford, Mr. J. Scott, appointed by the Presbytery of London to support the application (L) and 4r, J. before the Synod, were heard.

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Mr. McPherson, one of the petitioners from Chicago, being Mr. McPherson present, was, notwithstanding that he bore no commission for the of Chicago in purpose, invited to make a: y statement which he might think to be of importance in reference to the application. Mr. McPherson said that he had nothing to add to what had already been stated by Messrs. Scott and Fraser.

After long and earnest reasoning, it was moved by Mr. W. Chiesco on Cochrane, seconded by Mr. W. Caven, (St. Mary's,) and unanimously gregation -de agreed :-- That the Synod having heard a petition from the Presbytery of London 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 rales and forms of the Church.

#### ROLL CALLED.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Roll of Synod, Roll called, as agreed upon last night, was called and marked.

# RECEPTION OF MINISTERS-INTERIM REPORT.

Mr. McRuer, from the Committee on applications from Presby. Reception of ries for leave to receive ministers of other Churches, gave in Ministers Reteries for leave to receive ministers of other Churches, gave in port .- Mr. and read an interim Report, anent the case of Mr. Samuel Jones, Jones. for the reception of whom leave had been asked by the Presbytery of Stratford, setting forth that the Committee had examined various certificates to Mr. Jones, 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 conterence with Mr. Jones, the Committee were convinced that his Theological views were in harmony with those of the Synod, but inasmuch as he had not enjoyed in early life the literary training which, as a Presbyterian Church, we require, the Committee had agreed to report the facts of the case to the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Caven, (St. Motion to re-M.,)--That in compliance with the request of the Presbytery of ceive Mr.J. mes Stratford Mr. Jones be received as a minister of this Church.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Amendment. Waters,-That in view of the statement made in the kepoit of the Committee, the Synod does not see its way to the immediate reception of Mr. Jones, but recommend that, for the next year, he may be emoloyed 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 Church.

A vote was taken between the motion and the amendment when Decision-Mr. the motion was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided Jones to be re-

The following ministers asked and obtained leave to have their Dissent. dissent from this decision marked in the Minutes, namely, - Messrs. J. Laing, D. Waters, J. McMillan, D. McRuer.

# SILVER, MR. W .- APPEAL OF.

There was taken up a Protest and Appeal of Mr. William Silver, Mr. W. Silver against a decision of the Presbytery of Paris in his case. Appeal.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, in transmitting this Bills Com., re-Appeal, recommended that all the Papers in the case should be commendation. referred to a small Committee to examine the same and report.

The S not agreed to accept the recommendation of the Comfired, 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 Leutzinger H. Gueloh for leave to receive as a minister of this Church, Mr. ap licetion for Henry Leutzinger, a German Missionary.

The Synod agreed to refer the application to the Committee Referred to realready appointed on the Reception of Ministers.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the diet was closed with the Benediction.

#### SIXTH SEDERUNT.

#### CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

## Thursday, June 7, 1866, 3 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with the reading of the Scriptares, praise, and prayer, Mr. Balmer, at the request of the Moderator, leading in the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last Sederant were read and approved.

#### SILVER MR.-COM. ON APPEAL.

The Moderator here named the Committee to whom it was <sup>SilverMr.Com.</sup> agreed, in the morning, to refer the Papers in the case of Appeal on appeal, of Mr. William Silver, as follows:-Mr. A. Wilson, Convener, Messrs. J. Pringle, G. Cheyne; T. McPherson, J. Crombie, Ministers, Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. McKenzie (Galı) P. Dewar, R. Lawrie, M. Young, P. Thornton, Elders.

#### RECEPTION COM.-2ND REPORT.

Mr. McRuer, from the Committee on the applications of Pres- Reception byteries for the reception of ministers, gave in a Report, first, Cou. 2nd Report, first, port, anent the application of the Presbytery of Guelph to admit as a prohationer of this Church, Mr. Henry Leuizinger, a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.,) United States, at present under the superintendence of the said Presbytery as a Missionary to the German population within their bounds, setting forth that Mr. Leutzinger's credentials were highly 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 Rome, for the reception of whom as a member and minister of this Church application was made by the Presbytery of London, setting forth that, on account of the peculiarities of the case, the Committee referred the matter to the consideration of the Synod, and appointed Mr. Proudfoot, one of their number, to explain it to the Court.

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house at the moment, the Synod passed on to the next business.

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# ANDREWS, MR. FRANCIS .- APPEAL OF.

The Synod then took up a Protest and Appeal of Mr. Francis Andrews Mr. Andrews, against a decision of the Presbytery of Coburg, in the Francis Apmatter of Appeal of Mr. Andrews from action of the Kirk Session real of. of the congregation of Keene.

It was moved by Mr. McRuer, and duly seconded .- That the Motion 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 .- Amendment, That the Papers be read previously to their being referred to the Committee.

A vote being taken the motion of Mr. McRuer was carried and P pers refer-the Synod decided to refer the case with all the Papers to a Com. edwithout mittee.

The Committee on Mr. Andrews Appeal was appointed as Com. on Mr. follows:-Mr. Smellie, Convener, Messrs. T. Ward ope, J. K. Andrew's care. Smith, James Robertson, J. M. Gibson, J. Baikie, Ministers, Messrs. A. I. McKenzie, W. Heron, A. Pringie, J. Barclay, H. Young, Eiders.

# LA FONTAINE MR. -- APPLICATION FOR.

Mr. Proudfoot being now in the house the Synod returned to the appli ation for, case of Mr. La Fontaine, broucht up by the Report of the Com. p oceeded mittee on the Reception of Ministers. Mr. Proudfoor was heard with. at length in explanation and support of the application from the Mr. Proncfoot 

heard.

1. Moved by Mr. T. Wardrope, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, - La Fontaires That the Synod having heard the statement of Mr. Proudfoot, in application. refe ence to the application of Mr. La Fontaine, formerly a priest of the Church of Rome, and now a teacher in Mr Chiniquy's Institute 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 religious teacher, do hereby authorize the atoresaid Presbytery of London, to receive Mr. La Fontaine as a probationer of this Church, and to convey 10 him an expression of the Synod's warmest sympathy, and of their hope that be may be greatly blessed in the instruction of the young and in the preaching of the Gospel.

2. Moved in amendment, by Mr. Balmer, seconded by Mr. 1st Amend-Ferrie,-That in view of all the circumstances of the case, and ment. especially of the wants of the Mission at St. Anns, Mr. La Fontaine be admitted as a Minister of this Church.

3. Moved, in further amendment, by Mr. T. Lowrs, seconded by 2nd Amend-Mr. R. Hamilton,-That the case of Mr. La Fontaine be remitted ment.

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to the Presbytery of London, with instruction, to deal further with him, and that the Presbytery be authorized to receive him as a Minister of this Church if they shall see fit.

Minister of this Church if they shall see ht. 4. Moved by Mr. J. Laing, in further amendment, seconded by <sup>3rd</sup> Amendment. Dr. Ormiston, - That the Synod express their great gratification with the application made by Mr. La Fontaine, and their earnest desire to see every facility afforded for his reception as a minister of this Church, at the same time, considering that the Presbytery of London 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 Fontaine is not present, so that conference might be had with him, as is usual in receiving ministers into this Church, resolve that the case be remitted to the Presbytery of London, that they may further deal with him, and report at next meeting of Synod.

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 Amendment or ried-Mr. Lowry, and the amendment of Mr. Balmer being put against Mr. La Fouthe motion of Mr. Wardrope, was carried by a majority. taine to be retaine to be re-

The Yeas and Nays being called for, Mr. Balmer' amendment ceivedwas affirmed by a large majority, and the Synod did, and do, Yeas & Nays. decide in terms thereof:—That in view of all the circumstances of the case, and especially 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 have 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. McLaren.

#### FORMS' BOOK-REPORT.

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

# NEXT MEETING CF SYNOD-NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. T. Lowry save notice that tomorrow morning he should Nextmeetingmove that the Synod proceed to fix the time and place for their Notice of me next meeting.

#### STIPEND ARREARS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on arrears Stipend Arrears' Report. of Stipend. The Report was handed in by the convener, the Hon. J. McMurrich, 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 ceived. Thanks to Condischarged the duty intrusted to him, in regard to this matter.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

At the request of Dr. Ormiston, Mr. Jones and Mr. Joseph Mr. Jones and Henderson were invited to take their seats in Synod, as correspon. Mr. Joseph Leuderson inting members.

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#### MODEL DEED .--- REPORT.

The Report of the Committee on a Model Trust Deed was handed Model Trust in and read. The Report was received, and in accordance with its Deed-Report, recommendation, the Committee was re-appointed, with the addition Com. re-apof Mr. W. Gregg, and with instructions to expedite the work with pointed. all convenient speed.—The Hon. Mr. McMurrich to be convener instead 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,

# Thursday, June 7, 1866, 71 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 Mis-Missions. 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 Report referred was agreed.—That the report be received—the diligence of the to frame De-Committee and its convener commended, and that the Report be 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 Prayer for Misstrived 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. Feaston in of Birmingham, a minister of the Congregational Union, in Eng-vited to corresand, was invited to sit with the Synod. Mr. Feaston, also, on dress.

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#### BIBLE SOCIETIES-SCOTTISH---UPPER CANADA.

There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery Sootiish and of Paris, in regard to a Circular from the Scottish Bible Society, Upper Canada setting forth, in substance, that it is expedient that the Synced advise their people as to the support of Evangelical Schemes; that it is generally believed that too great a proportion of the Funds of the Upper Canada Bible Society is absorbed in carrying on the business 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.

There was read, also, an Overture from the Presbytery of Huron, Bible Societian on the same subject, containing substantially the same recitals as Over ure Prethat from the Presbytery of Paris, and praying the Synod to con-Huron. 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 beard, named above, in support of the Overtures.

Mr. Straith proceeded to address the Synod in support of the Mr. Straith Overture from the P. esbytery of Paris, and continued for some time. heard for Paris

Mr. W. Aitken here raised a point of order as to the propriety Point of order. 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 decided 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-Mr. Ure heat tery of Huron.

Mr. Thomas McPherson rose to submit a motion, but while en-Mr. McPherson gaged in making some preliminary remarks, the hour of adjourn-addressed by 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, Records-Bu who had been appointed at the first Sederunt, to examine the ilcom Present Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton, were not in attendance, the Synod appointed Mr. R. Hamilton and Mr. J. Turnbull, to examine the said Records, instead of the gentlemen first named.

The Synod adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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# CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

# EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

# CENTRAL COURCH, HAMILTON.

# 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-Bills.

#### 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-meeting. 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 missions, -3.d of certain Elders, whose commissions were sustained, should be added to the Roll. The Report was received, and the recommendation therein contained sanctioned.

# LICENSE-LEAVE ASKED-PRES. TORONTO.

There was read an application from the Presbytery of Toronto, W. A. Johnsfor leave to take on trials for license, Mr. Wm. A. Johnston, a ton, applicamember of the Session of Cooke's Church, Toronto, when the Pres- tion to License bytery shall have been fully satisfied of his acceptability and success as a missionary labourer.

Messrs. Gregg and Dick were heard, on behalf of the Presbytery, Messrs. Gregg in support of the application.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to grant the Application application of the Presbytery of Toronto, as craved.

#### 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 Consideration National and the Upper Canada Bible Societies, interrupted by the adjournment last night.

Mr. Thomas McPherson, who had the floor last night when the Motion-Mr. Synod adjourned, resumed his address, and in closing submitted the McPherson. following motion, seconded by Mr. James Pringle, — That the Overtures 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. 1st Amendment Taylor,—That the Overtures be dismissed, as introducing matters [328]

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, second. 2nd Amend ed by Mr. Wm. Gregg, -- That the Synod receive these Overtures, -recognize that there is so far ground for such reference, and appoint a Committee to investigate further, -- to correspond, if they shall see necessary, with the officials of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and report at next meeting of Synod.

After long reasoning, Mr. Wm. Ferrie moved the previous ques- Previous Ques 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 attirmed 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,-Dr. Ormiston, Mr. W. Aitken, Mr. R. Scott, Mr. T. Wardrope. Dr. Thornton, Dr. Irvine.

The Moderator appointed the Committee, under the motion of Committee-Mr. Inglis, on the Overtures foregoing, as follows : - Mr. W. Inglis, Bible Society Convener, Dr. Ormiston, Dr. Thornton, 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.

#### SILVER CASE-COM. TO SIT.

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Beamer, Elder, from North Pelham, had leave of absence, Leave of ab during the remaining portion of this Session of Synod. sence, Mr. Ba mer.

# LEES MR. ARCHIBALD -OVERTURE FRES. BROCKVILLE.

There was read an Overture from the Presbytery of Brockville, Lees Mr. Ardi praying the Synod to review and reverse the finding of last year, bald, Overtun in the case of Mr. Archibald Lees, in so far as the first and third Pres. Brost-planses of this finding are concerned and also in a far and third ville. clauses of this finding are concerned, and, also, in so far as respects the instructions given, in the fourth clause, to the Presbytery of Ontario.

Mr. W. Ferrie, was heard, on behalf of the Presbytery Of Mr. Ferrie Brockville, in support of the Overture. heard.

It was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Laing, -- that the Motion. Synod dismiss the Overture of the Presbytery of Brockville, with reference to the Synod's decision last year, respecting Mr. Lees.

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It was moved in amendment by Mr. Wm. 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 Decision. majority, and the Synod did, and do agree to dismiss the Over-Overture dis-missed.

The following ministers asked and obtained leave to have their Dissenter, dissent from this decision marked in the minutes of the Synod, viz :- Messrs. J. Watson, W. Ferrie, R. Hall, T. S. Champers, James Whyte, R. McArthur.

# MR. A. LEES' MEMORIAL.

There was read a Memorial from Mr. Archibald Lees, represent Mr. Lee's ing that the Presbytery of Ontario had suspended him-Mr. Lees, Memorial. rom the office of the Holy Ministry, and from the membership of he Church, and praying the Synod to reverse this decision, and celare the action of the said Presbytery null and void. There was read also the decision of the Presbytery of Ontario, Deliverance of Onterio Presn the case of Mr. Lees. The Synod agreed to hear the Memorialist-Mr. Lees-at the Mr. Lees tobe bar.

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# PREACHING BEFORE SYNOD-FEPORT OF COM.

Dr. Ormiston reported from the Committee to arrange for Preaching bereaching before the Synod, as follows : CENTRAL CHURCH .- In the morning, at 11 o'clock, -Mr. Patrick Report of Com. ray, of Kingston. In the evening, at 61 o'clock,-Mr. Gibson,

MCNAB STREET CHURCH .- In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a ecial 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 closed ith the Benediction.

# NINTH SEDERUNT.

# CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

Friday, June 8, 1866, 31 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, with the reading of the riptures, praise, and prayer, .... Mr. William T. McMullen, at the gest of the Moderator, leading in the devotinal exercises. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

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Mr. George P. Young, late Professor in Knox College, being Prof. Young esent, was, at the request of Dr. Ormiston, invited to take his invited, t in Synod.

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#### MR. LEES' CASE TO-MOBROW.

The Synod agreed to take up, as the first business to-morrow Mr. Lees case morning, the case of Mr. Archibald Lees. tomorrow.

#### PRES. RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Pres. Otawa Pres. bytery of Ottawa, reported that said Records were carefully and 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 College Knox College. The Report was read by the Chairman, Mr. W. of Management Aitken.

Report re-On motion made and duly seconded the Report was received. ceived. Examiners The Report of the Board of Examiners was read by Dr. Ormis-Board Report ton, the chairman.

On motion of Mr. J. Ross, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, the Report re-Report was received, the diligence of the Board approved, and coived-Thank to Board. 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, Professority, setting forth that the interests of Knox College, and of the Church, Overture, Pra at large, demanded that the interim arrangement of the past two years, for the supply of the vacant Professorship in Knox 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 Bard, to take up now the Report of the College Board, and consider its considered. 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 recommended Endowment for the College.

It was moved by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, Endowment and agreed to,-That the Synod, recognizing the great importance Resolution a of securing a permanent Endowment for Knox College, Toronto, agree to appoint 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 plan by which the work may be most successfully prosecuted, and to report at next meeting of Synod.

The Committee was appointed, as follows :-- Mr. W. Gregg, Fndowmeni Convener, Messrs. A. Topp, J. M. King, Dr. Ormiston, D. Inglis, J. Laing, W. McLaren, T. Wardrope, D. H. McVicar, J. Scott, (L.,) D. McKenzie, (Z.,) Dr. Taylor, Ministers; Hon. J. McMur-rich, T. McCrae, H. Young, A. G. Northrup, Dr. Edmondson, Plummer Dewar, Robert Lawrie, Elders. The subject of the second recommendation in the Report was Professorship

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It was moved by Mr. J. MacTarish, seconded by Mr. D. Motion-Del 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, forthwith, to the election of two permanent Elect two pro-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 one proan immediate appointment of a Professor for Knox College,

Votes being taken the amendment of Mr. King was, successively, Decision-last earried by large majorities, and the Synod decided in accordance Motion.

It was then moved by Mr. W. Gregg, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, Professor. —That Mr. William Caven of St. Mary's be appointed to fill the elected unanioffice of the vacant Professorship in Knox College. A vote being mously. taken, Mr. Caven was elected, ucanimously, 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.

# CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

# Friday, June 8, 1866, 71 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 Reexamine the Records of Presbyteries. Reports were given in on cords Reports. 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

#### KNOX COLLEGE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the College College Board. Board, interupted by the adjournment in the afternoon.

The third becommendation in the Report was read, to the effect, and Recommenin substance, that it was inexpedient so frequently to change the dation as to chairman of the Board, as had hitherto been the practice. On Chairman, admotion, this recommendation was accepted and approved.

It was moved by Mr. J. McTavish, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, — Status of Stu-That, in this instance, the students who were reported to the Synod dents not exas not having passed the Board of Examination, have the Status Motion. assigned them which they would have had if examined and approved by that Board.

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It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded Am ndment, by Mr. W. McLaren, 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 Session, 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 Examiners, for Curriculam ad-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 recommended 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. Scholarshipsers to the eleventh Section of the Regulations adopted last year, as ferred to Board 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 Report-De-frame a Deliverance. The Report was handed in and read by Dr. liverance. Ormiston.

On motion of Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, it was Report received 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, Stipend Com, mittee-leave 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 Mission -Delivera ce the Home Mission Report.

'I he first clause in the Deliverance was read and agreed to. The second clause was read and adopted.

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The third clause was read,-whereupon it was moved by Mr. G. and clause ad Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. W. Gregg, -- That the clause be not 3rd clauseadopted, but that the law stand as it is. Motion on.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. McTavish, seconded by 1, Amendment Mr. W. T. NcNullen, That the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

It was moved, in further amendment. by Mr. T. Stevenson, 2. 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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Votes being taken the amendment of Mr. King, was success Decision. ively carried against the amendments of Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. 3 Amendment. McTavish, and against the original motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, 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. 4th claues lisent On motion of Mr. J. Laing, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, it was byteries. agreed, --- That the Synod approve generally of the recommendation of the Committee, and send it down for the consideration of Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act.

The fifth clause of the Deliverence was read, and adopted. 5th clause ad-The sixth clause was read, and it was agreed to lay the same on 6th clause laid the Table. on Faole.

The seventh clause was read.

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It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. Laing, and duly second-Amendment. ed--That the clause stand as 15 is in the Deliverance.

The Amendment was carried, and the Synod decided that the Amendment adopted. Seventh Clause be adopted without change.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod agreed, on Synod to conthe motion of Dr. Ormiston, to sit for some time longer, in order of adjournment to finish consideration of the Deliverance on Home Missions.

The eighth clause of the deliverance was read. On motion of 8th clause read. Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. McTavish, it was a reed to send this teries. Sent to Presby. clause down to Presbyteries for their consideration.

The ninth clause of the Deliverance was read.

9th clause read. 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 Amendment. Mr. J. Laing,-That the consideration of this clause be postponed till the Overture from 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 decided 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 approved, and the deligence of the Committee commended, particularly, that the action of the Committee in reference to the congregation of St. Sylvester, as an exception to the Home Mission Regulations, be approved.

2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to co-operate with the Committee in an effort to raise the Minimum Stipend of all ministers and missionaries, by urging an increased liberality in the contributions of congregations, and taking necessary steps to obtain a contribution from every congregation and station within their bounds.

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As the consideration of the ministerial support has been intrusted by the Synod to another Committee, it seems uncessary to state what the *Minimum* should 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 attendance in Knox 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 work, for a third part of the time, and that the Home Mission Committee be instructed to consider 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 systematic 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 follows: That the amount of salary to be paid by each congregation, Station, or Group of Stations, shall be determined by the Presbytery of the bounds, and specified to the Committee; and it is recommended that a *Minimum* be aimed at, by the Presbytery 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.

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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 instead 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 Synod, and two members from each Presbytery, and appointed by the several Presbyteries, who shall meet for business in October and April of each year.

The following clause was laid on the Table.

1. That in the opinion of the Committee, the appointment of a 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. Clause delayed 1. That the expenses incurred be paid from the Central Fund.

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

#### ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

#### CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

Saturday, June 9th, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m. The Synod met and was constituted, --Dr. Thornton at the request of the Moderator, leading in the devotional exercises.

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#### BILLS' COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their fourth Report Bills' Com. 4th which was read and received, and the order of business recommended 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 hundred 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 MCGILL.

There was transmitted by the Committee on Bills, a request from American the Rev. Mr. McGill, an agent of the American Missionary Associ-Missionary ation, for leave to address the Synod in the interest of the Society represented by him. It being agreed to hear 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. McGill 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 HEARD.

The Synod proceeded, as agreed upon vesterday morning, to Lees Mr. A. hear Mr. Archibald Lees in support of his Memorial, in regard to care of. his suspension from the office of the Holy Ministry, and from the Membership of the Church, by the Presbytery of Ontario.

Mr. Lees was heard at length.

At the request of several members of Synod, the Memorial of Memorial Mr. Lees was again read.

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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.

## SYNOD TO SIT AFTER HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to sit for synd to sit a short time longer in order to complete the business before the adjournment. Synod.

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

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The Moderator then named the Committee in Mr. Lees case, as Committee. 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,

#### 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.

#### PROFESSORSHIP-MR. W. CAVEN.

Mr. William Caven who had, on Friday, been elected to the Profestorship. office of Protessor in Knox College, but at that time refrained Mr. Caven's acceptance. from signifying what course he should pursue in regard to his election, here submitted a statement in substance as follows :-That he had come to the conclusion that it was his duty to accept the appointment to a Professcrahip 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 come 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 people with whom he had been very happy, and from whom he had 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 Knox College had been regarded.

On motion of Mr. W. Doak, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, it was Committee on agreed,—that the Synod have heard with great satisfaction from Professorship. Mr. W. Caven, that he accepts the appointment as a Professor in Knox College, Toronto, and remit the whole matter 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, Convener, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. W. Doak, J. M. King,

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## BILLS' COMMITTEE-REPORT.

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

## PRESBYFERY RECORDS-REPORT.

The Synod called for the Reports of Committees appointed to Presbytery examine the Records of Presbyteries when the Committee on the Brockvile. Minutes of the Presbytery of Brockville handed in a Report, which was read, and which pointed out certain irregularities in said Minutes. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Brockville gave explanations. The Synod ordered the Records of the Presbytery to be attested,--calling attention at the same time, to the irregularities mentioned.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Grey handed Pres. Grey' Re 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 Grey, 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.

## FINCH STATION-TRANSFERENCE.

There was read and received an application from the Presbytery Finch Station of Montreal for the transfer of the Station of Finch, within the to be transfer bounds of the Presbytery of Brockville, to the Presbytery of Mon red to Mont. treal. Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Montreal and of Brockville in regard to said application were read. On motion the Synod approved of the application 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 appointed to Loyal Address draft a Loyal Address to the Queen, and also an Address to the et.—Oraft of, Governor General. Draft Addresses were submitted on behalf of Recommitted, the Committee, by Mr. R. F. Burns, and were read. It was agreed to recommit the Draft Addresses to the same Committee with instructions to modify or alter certain 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 Andrews Mr. of Mr. Francis Andrews. Mr. Andrews not being present the Synod F: case of deagreed to deter consideration of the Report till he should be in at. layed. tendance.

## LEES MR. A .- CASE OF.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom was proceeded with
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referred, on Saturday, the Memorial of Mr. Archibald Lees, with re lative Papers, The Report was handed in and read by Mr. J. Laing- Report on 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. W. Aitken takes chair. took the chair.

It was then moved by Mr. R. Ure, seconded by the Hon. J. Mr. Lees' ease McMurrich,-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 Church.

It was moved, 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 Decision,-Amendment decided in accordance therewith. arried.

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 Minutes-Onagreed, -that the Minutes of the Untario Presbytery in connection case, to be read 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.

#### CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

#### Morday, June 11th, 1866, 3 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted,-Mr. J. Baird, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer. Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### MR. LEES' CASE.

The Synod resumed consideration of the case of Mr. Archibald Mr. Leee' east returned. Lees, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

A motion was made and seconded to cite the Presbytery of presbytery of Ontario to appear to-morrow morning. Another motion was made, Ontario eit 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 Minutes read. May 15th, 1866.

Messrs. Baird, McTavish, and Gordon were heard on behalf of Messrs. Baird, McTavish, and the Presbytery of Ontario.

Mr. Lees was heard in reply.

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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 proceeded 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-Mr. G. Cuthbertson, that in consideration of the very peculiar cir-ment. cumstances of the case, and the fact that the action taken by Mr. Lees has not been taken out of contempt for the laws of the Church but because of his not conceiving himself amenable to the Presbytery 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 Church.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by 2nd Amend-Mr. J. Dick, as follows :- Dismiss the complaint, sustain the action 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.

After reasoning for some time, the hour of adjournment 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, 71 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.

Minutes read.

HURON PRES .- TIME OF MEETING.

Mr. John Ross, on behalf of the Presbytery of Huron, requested Meeting. **F3401** 

that the time appointed by that Presbytery for its next meeting be changed from the second Tuesday of July, to the third Tuesday of the same month --assigning at the same time, a reason for such change. The Synod agreed to grant the request of the Presbytery of Huron, and ordered accordingly.

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#### FRESBYTERY RECORDS, -REPORTS.

The Synod called for the Reports of Committee, appointed to ex- Presbytery Re amine the Records of Presbyteries. A Report was handed in and Huron Pres read on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Huron, setting forth that Minutes 10 b 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, Kints teries of Guelph, and of Kingston, setting forth that these Records ton. Pres. Re were, in the former case, correctly kept, and in excellent order ; and in the latter, neatly and 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 Motion to 1 order of proceedings recommended in the Report of the Committee change orderof of Bills and Overtures, for this evening, be so far departed from as business, ne 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 Misdeliverance on the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee. The stons. Deliveran e was handed in and read. Report.

On motion made and seconded, the Report containing the Deliver- Report receiv ance was received, and it was agreed to proceed to the consideration Deliverance to of the several recommendations thereof, - seriatim. be considered.

The first and second clauses were adopted without discussion. The third clause in the Deliverance was again read.

Op motion of Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. T. S. Cham- 3rd clause read bers, it was agreed, that this matter be remitted to a Committee, and referred to 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. Mc Committee. Laren, Convener, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. A. Wilson, D. McDiarmid, D. H. McVicar, J. Ross, R. F. Burns, Ministers, Hon. John Mc Murrich, James Grant, H. Young, A. I. Mackenzie, Elders.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Synod called for the Report on Sabbath Schools,-The Re-Report on. [441]

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Principal Willis, Dr Gregg, J. M. King, D. J. McTavish.

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J. Osborne, Esq, Co Gregg, Dr. Ormiston Dewar, J. Redpath, Lutz, Dr. McQuesten, Elders.

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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 Committee to consider it, and prepare a Deliverance for the adop-

The Moderator appointed the Committee to prepare the Deliver. Committee on ance as follows: Dr. Ormiston, Convener, Mr. J. Ross, Dr. Taylor, 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 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, and the Standing Report as Committees therein named are as follows .--

adopted.

#### 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. McTavish, 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 Mackenzie, John Durie, Col. Haultain, J. Redpath, W. Kerr, W. Clark, A. I.

#### SENATE.

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

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

J. Osborne, Esq, Convener, Messrs. W. Reid, J. Scott, (L), W. Widows' and Gregg, Dr. Ormiston, J. Dick, Ministers, Messrs. Plummer Orphans' Fund Dewar, J. Redpath, Hon. J. McMurrich, James Brown, M. C. Lutz, Dr. McQuesten, J. Y. Reid, D. McLellan, Sheriff Davidson,

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. W. Gregg,-Convener, Messrs. A. G. Murray, James Black, Sabbath [442]

### MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE

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. Foreign Mi-McLaren, D. Waters, A. Kennedy, J. Dick, Wm. Inglis, George <sup>sions.</sup> Cuthbertson, J. Middlemiss, A. A. Drummond, T. Stevenson, R. Ure, Dr. Taylor, D. Inglis, 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, Record H. M. Ministers, J. S. Blaikie, Hon. J. McMurrich, Elders.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Messrs. J. J. A. Proudfoot, Convener, J. Scott, [L], A. F. Sabbath Oue-Kemp, R. Hall, J. Ross, W. T. McMullen, J. M. Gibson, P. Gray, vance-A. Young, Ministers, Adam Murray, W. Begg, Elders.

#### STATISTICS.

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

#### FINANCE.

Hon. J. McMurrich, Convener, Messrs. A. Topp, W. Gregg, J. Finavee. 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, State of Rep 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 & lat ton, Dr. Jennings, Ministers, A. Fraser, —Cobourg, —A. G. North-Ministerity rup, Elders.

#### BUXTON MISSION FINANCE.

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

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Messrs. J. Laing,-Convener,-D. H. McVicar, J. M. King, J. Home Wat [443]

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### 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. McVicar, T. War-aminers. drope, W. Aitken.

## PSALMODY.

There was read an Overture 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, in the Canada Presbyterian Church ;—that the Basis of Union, in 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 the Hymn Book of the United Presbyterian Church was used in certain of the Congregations, while others were not at 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 Overture, and appointing Messrs. Minutes 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, substantally, that it Pres. Hamilton. was desirable there should os 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 pumber of one hundred and fifty,—and appointing Mr.D. Inglus and Dr. Ormiston to support the Overture

Mr. D. H. McVicar was heard in support of the Overture from Mr. D. H. Mc 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 oue 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 pronouncing the Benediction.

#### MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE

### FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

#### CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

## Tuesday, June 12, 1866, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, -Mr. Thomas McPherson, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

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

#### BILLS' COM .- REPORT.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Sixth Re-Bills' 6th a port, which was read and received, and the order of business there-port. in recommended sancuoned.

### PROFESSORSHIP--REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom Prof. Carenwas referred the consideration of the action necessary to be taken appointment in connection with Mr. Caven's appointment to a Professorship. Report on. 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 rees Report was received and adopted, and is, in terms, as follows :- ed and adopt

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 rerard 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 of Scripture.

V. That it be remitted to the Senate to rearrange the curriculum, so that all 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,—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 Lees Wr. 1 Lees, delayed from yesterday afternoon when the motion of Mr case room McMullen, and the amendment of Messrs. Ferrie and Waters, submitted yesterday, were read.

It was then moved, in further amendment, by Mr. W. McLaren, 3rd Ame 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 the Presbytery of Ontario,

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id, in terms disrespectful to the Supreme Court of the Church, efuse to submit to said jurisdiction :--and, whereas, the said Mr. ees, when he conceived that the proceedings taken by the Presytery were irregular, did nct use the constitutional means of ringing their action under the review of this Court :--and whereano irregularity affecting the substantial justice of the proceedgs of the Presbytery has been shown :-- Therefore resolved,-hat the Synod do not grant the prayer of the Memorialist to reerse the decision of the inferior Court, but leave him in the hands if the Presbytery of Ontario, to be dealt with according to the ws of the Church.

After long reaso ing, the Previous Question was moved, and being Previous Quesarried in the affirmative, the Synod proceeded to decide upon the tion. otions 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 Decisionotion of Mr. McMullen. The yeas and nays being called for, the mendment of Mr. McLaren was affirmed by a majority, and the mod decided in terms thereof.

The paries were recalled to the bar, and the Moderator an-Parties recallunced to th m the decision of Synod.

The Presby tery of Ontario craved extracts, which were ordered Extracts cravbe given them.

Mr. Lees craved extracts, which were ordered to be given Extracts cravm.

The following members of Synod craved leave to have their Dissent. sent from this decision marked in the Minutes, viz :- Messrs. Wilson, P. Currie, W. Ferrie, J. Watson, J. Turnbull, P. mcan, W. McKenzie, W. Richardson, T. S. Chambers, Geo. cLennaz, P. Gray, Alex. McLean, J. Boyd, J. McEwen, John ompson, Ministers, J. Hogg, Elder.

## ANDREWS MR. F. CASE OF.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom Andrews Mr. sreferred the appeal of Mr. Francis Andrews, ag: inst a decision the Presbytery of Cobourg. The Report was handed in. Mr. Andrews, being called did not appear; whereupon, the Appeal disnod, on account of the absence of the appellant, did, and do missed. reby decide to dismiss the appeal, and ordered accordingly. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Cobourg craved extracts which Extrac's cravnordered

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## SILVER MR. W .- APPEAL,

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom was Silver Mr. W. erred the Papers in the case of the Appeal of Mr. Wm. Silver, Appeal. m a decision of the Presbytery of Paris. The Report was ded in by Mr. A. Wilson, the Convener, and was read, to the ct that they had carefully read all the Papers, and fully heatd parties, in the case. but that, though they had held several etings, and giving earnest attention to the case, they were unto agree upon any recommendation as to the course to be en by the Synod. The Report was received.

was then moved by Mr. J. Dick. seconded by the Hon. J. Mc Motion. [445]

Murrich, That another Committee be appointed to whom the case shall be referred anew.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded 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 Decision-proceed with case decided to proceed with the case.

Parties, namely, the Appellant, Mr. W. Silver, and the Presby-Parties called, tery of Paris, were called and compeared. Papers read.

The Papers in the case were read.

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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, HAMILTON,

#### Tuesday, June 12, 1866, 3 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, Mr. Archibald Cross, at the request of the Moderator leading in prayer. Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederuut were read and sustained.

#### DEATH OF MINISTERS.

Professor Caven, on behalf of Dr. Burns, the Convener of the Death of Mar Committee, appointed at the Second Sederunt, to draft a suitable isters, Report Minute in reference to the Ministers who, during the year, had been removed by death, gave in a Report, embodying a deliver- Reportadopted The Report was read and adopted and the Deliverance conance. tained therein ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes of Synod, in terms following :

During the year, four faithful watchmen on the towers of Zion Deliverance. 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 world and of death," yea, who is the Lord of he dead as of the living. Each 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. M. Y. Scotland, came to Canada in 1833, and for upwards of thirty years Stark. has been the affectionate and faithful pastor of the congregation at Dundas. In 1844, he was Moderator of Svnod, 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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#### 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 thirty years ago, established the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, which, with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. now constitutes the Canada Presbyterian Church. He was largely characterized by firmness of principle, in union with great meekness and gentleness. His eye was ever single to the glory of God : and, while he breathed, he exemplified the purest and most disenterested henevolence. 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 MCKINNON.

The Rev. John McKinnon, late of Beckwith, was one of three Rev. J. Mc excellent young men who, in 1845, received license at Toronto, 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 Owen Sound, and at Beckwith, he successively gave full proof of his ministry. In fidelity and conscientiousness few have surpassed him ; and the Synod sincerely sympathize with the loss which his family and the Church at large have sustained by his removal. This excellent minister had not arrived at what is commonly understood by "old age," but his frame was not constitutionally strong, and he was not a httle borne down by peculiar trials of principle which may have, in a gertain 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 years 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 ministraiions, 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 unfinished in the morning. It was of. [447] 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 adhere to the order of business as assigned by the Committee on Bills for this afternoon.

#### DISTRIBUTION COM .- REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee for the dis-Distribution tribution of Preachers. The Report was given in by the Convener, Com., Report ....Mr. James Dick,....and was read. On 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 <sup>pay</sup>, overture 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 Salary which would be paid to a stated pastor in the Congregation supplied.

The Overlure was supported, on behalf of the Presbytery, by Mr J. M. King 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 Decision. by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

### 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, re-ppoint. Mr. J. Dick, Convener, Messrs. W. Gregg, R. Torrance, J. Baird, J. Mitchell.

#### STIPEND AUGMENTATION.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee appointed to Stipend Augconsider the best means of securing an adequate support for the mentation, Repastors of the Church, and to whom, also, were referred the Overtures of the Presbyteries of Brockville and Torono, on the sustentation of the Gospel Ministry. 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. McTavish,-That the Report be received.

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The third section in the Report was read.

It was moved by Mr. W. Gregg, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,-That 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 amendment was carried, and the Synod decided that the third recommendation be not ad pted.

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1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to visit, by Deputation. or Medes of rais-therwise, all the congregations within their bounds which they ing Fundsotherwise, all the congregations within their bounds which they in cities, have reason to think are not doing their duty towards the support weekly collec-of their pastor, and see that an efficient system of raising funds for this purpose is brought into operation.

2. That the Synod strongly recommend.

(1). That, in Cities and Towns, weekly, or monthly offerings be introduced, and that the contributions thus given for the salary of the minister be taken up along with the usual Sabbath collec-

(2). That, in country districts, collectors be appointed to call Rural districts, apon the people, at their homes, monthly, or quarterly, as may be collectore. deemed most suitable for the locality, and that great care be taken that these calls are mada with punctuality.

(3). That in congregations where it is still deemed necessary to Pew rent to be continue the system of Pew-rents, care be taken that they are col-collected regu-lected regularly, and that arrears are not suffered to compute the Liry. lected regularly, and that arrears are not suffered to accumulate.

3. That Presbyteries be enjoined to see that Missionary Associ- Missionary Asations are formed in all the congregations within their bounds, ex. sociation to be cent where they have good reason to believe that the present formed. copt where they have good reason to believe that the present system is producing equal pecuniary results.

4. That wherever Missionary Associations are formed, the Collections not Synodical collections shall not be imperative, provided a contri required in cerbution be given by said Associations for the objects of said coi- tain cases.

5. That Presbyteries be instructed to see that contributions Contributions for all the Missionary, and other general schemes of the Church, t. b. made re-are taken up regularly in all the Mission Statious, within their <sup>gularly</sup>.

6. That a small Committee be appointed, to prepare, for Committee to isgeneral circulation, throughout the Church, a statement, explain- 'me' structions ing more fully the suggestions of the above resolutions, in so far athey relate to the duties of congregations, and also, containing such other information as may be deemed necessary for the practical guidance of congregations.

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#### 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 Com. of araa-City of Toronto, composed of the Ministers and representative Elders of the several congregations in 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,

#### Tuesday, June 12, 1866, 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, -prayer being offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. W. Doak. Minutes read

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### STIPEND' COMMITTEE.

The Moderato: now appointed the Committee under the last 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. McMutrich, 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 specially expressed, the Synod agree that the Moderator be respectfully requested, and authorized to call the congregations of the Church to due acknowledgment of the Divine Hand, at such time as may be judged by him most suitable.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by 1. Amendment. Mr. W. Cochrane .- That the Moderator be authorized to appoint a day of Thanksgiving, or Humiliation, 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, during this year, as he may deem best.

Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Waters was, succes- Decision. sively, carried over the amendment of Mr. Wilson, and the motion Mr. Waters' aof Mr. Ferrie, and the Synod decided in terms of the said amend-mendmentment.

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Mr. McLaren, the Conveuer, reported verbally, that the Com- Mr. Neil Mo mittee had held three meetings,-that they had had no difficulty in atea 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 of one, they could reavily have been procured, 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, -Tnat the Mr. McKinnon therein, and, in accordance therewith, resolve, as they hereby do, 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 Vote. 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 Sanod was announced to Mr. McKinnon, in warm Appointment terms, by the Moderator. Mr. McKinnon replied, -saying that announc d though he would not attempt to analyze his 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 with so much 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 might assign him, and 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. McTavish, Mr. Proudfoot, and Mr. Donald McKenzie, briefly addressed the Svnod, bearing testimony to the character and qualifications of Mr. McKinnon, as eminently fitting him for the work to which he had be-n called.

On motion of Mr. D. H. McVicar, seconded by Professor Caven, Instructions, was agreed.—That the Synod record their great satisfaction Pres. London. it was agreed,-That the Synod record their great satisfaction with Mr. McKinnon's acceptance of the call addressed to him, and instruct the London Presbytery to take the necessary steps to loose him from his charge, and direct 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, offering prayer, giving 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.

Psalmody The Synod resumed consideration of the Overtures on the Psal- Overtures re-4517

mody of the Church, from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Hamilton, delayed from yesterday evening.

The Moderator, --- Mr. D. Inglis, --- here left the chair, which at his Moderator left request was taken by Mr. McTavish, one of the former Moderators chair. request was taken by Mr. McTavish, one of the former Moderators.

Mr. Inglis then addressed the Synod, at length, in support of the Mr. Inglis sup-Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton.

It was then moved by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by Dr. Thorn Motion. Overture. ton,-That a Committee be appointed to correspond with Sessions and Presbyteries, on the subject of the Overtures, and to report at next Synod.

It was moved, in amendmend, by Mr. W. Cochrane, seconded 1st. Amendby Mr. R. F. Burns,-That the Synod having considered the ment. Overtures from the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Montreal, in regard to the desirability of uniformity in the worship of God, in the congregations of this Cnurch, approve generally of the object contemplated by those wno advocate a revisal of the Hymns and Paraphrases, at present used as part of public praise, and appoint a Committee to consider maturely the whole subject, correspond with Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, and report to next meeting of Synod.

It was moved. in further amendment, by Mr. W. McLaren, 2nd Amendseconded by Mr. John Fraser,-That the Syn.d having heard the ment. parties in support of the Overtures on Psalmody from the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Montreal, agree that they be laid on the Table, until next meeting of Synod.

The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the further consider- Consideration ion of the subject was delayed, mit being left to the Committee delayed, &c. ation of the subject was delayed, -it being left to the Committee on Bills to assign a suitable time for its recommencement. The Synod then adjourned, -Mr. McLaren, being in possession of the floor. The diet was closed with the Benediction.

## EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

## CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON,

## Wednesday, June 13, 1866, 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. George, Smellie, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederuut were read and approved. Minutes read, The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in their Seventh Bills' Report. Report, which was read and received.

On motion of Mr. Baird, duly seconded, it was agreed that, in Change of Or-e order of business, the Momorial from the Kirk-Sassion of der. the order of business, the Momorial from the Kirk-Session of Claremont, take procedence of the Overtures on the Union of Churches.

It was then moved by Mr. Straith, seconded by Mr. P. Currie, -- Metion to That, in the order of business, the consideration of the Overture further. chauge order on Psalmody take place immediately after the case of Appeal of Mr. Silver.

It was moved, in amendmend, by Mr. Ferrie, and duly second-amendment to ed, —That the Beport of the Committee on Bills, with the amend- sanction Report [452]

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## ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The Synod again called for the Report of the Committee ap Address to the onted to Draft a Loval Address to the Oneen. A Draft Address Queen. pointed to Draft a Loyal Address to the Queen. A Draft Address was submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by Mr. R. F. Burps, which was read and adopted ; and the Synod ordered the same to be engrossed and transmitted through the usual channel.

## SILVER MR. W .--- APPEAL.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Appeal of Mr. Wm. Silver Mr. W., Silver, against action of the Presbytery of Paris, delayed yester case of.

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 Innerkio, and Mr. McBeath, mentioned in the Parcies not citthe Kirk Session of Innerkip, and Mr. McBeath, mentioned in the ed. Papers, were parties interested, they had not been cited, and that, 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 stop 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 present 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. McMurrich, Amendment. seconded by Mr. W. Gregg,-That 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 was carried by a majority, Decision, case of the Synod decided in accordance therewith. and the Synod decided in accordance therewith.

The Moderator announced the decision to the parties, --stating Decision An-

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 Clerk of the Presbytery of Paris craved extracts, which Extracts crave were ordered.

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## ELDERSHIPS'-MEMORIAL.

The Synod took up a Memorial from the Kirk-Session of the congregation of Claremont, which was read, setting forth that it is Memorial. the right and duty of every Kirk-Session to appoint one of their number to represent them in Presbyteries and Synods,-that since the first meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church the Memorialists have been prevented from enjoying the right dis-

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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 Mt. T. Wardrope, seconded by Mr. J. James,- Mr. Baird heard in support of That, where there are two or more Churches under the pastoral Memorial charge of one Minister, having, bona fide, distinct Sessions, and Motion. distinct Session records ; and where it 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 for-mation of the Union, and with a view to it, it was distinctly understood that the two Sessions presided over by Mr. Baird, should each be represented by an Elder, in Synod, -grant the prayer of the petition, -any of theiresolutions of the Synod subsequent to the treaty of union, notwithstonding ; and for the settling of this question for 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, instructing them to report to next meeting of Synod.

After reasoning for some time, the Previous Question was Previous Quesmoved, 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 Eldership, Com object of the resolution, as follows :- Dr. Ormiston, Convener, on Remit. Messrs. W. McLaren, W. Doak, J. Baird, Ministers, Hon J. Mc Murrich, W. Clark, H. Young, Elders.

Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoot here read a motion, of which he had Eldership,given notice at a former Sederunt, of the tenor following :- Moved Mr. Proudfoot motion. by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Baird,-That whereas it has been the custom of the Synod to allow Sessions to be represented in this Court by Elders not belonging to them; and, whereas, this arrangement was made in peculiar circumstances, and was intended only to be temporary ; and whereas, such circumstances no longer exist, this custom be henceforth discontinued.

The Synod without passing any judgment on the resolution as Referred to Resubmitted, agreed to refer it, as they did, and do, hereby, refer mit Committee. the same, to the Committee already appointed on the Memorial from Claremont Kirk-Session.

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## REV. MR. MCGILL, -REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed American Mislast week, to confer with the Rev. Mr. McGill, with a view to signary Astoframing a Deliverance for the adoption of Synod. The Report was handed in and read, and the Deliverance therein contained adopted of the followin ' tenor:—The Synod having heard the Rev. Mr. McGill, Agent of the American Missionary Association instituted for the education and evangelization of the Colored Race, in America, agree to record their thanks to Mc. McGill for his interesting Address, and to direct the attention of the people and congregations under their care to the Society which he 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 :--Receive the *interim* Deliverance Report, and refer the matter to the subjoined Committee to pro-Committee. secute it further, and to report at next Synod :--Committee,--J. L. Blaikie Esq., Convener; Messr. A. Topp; W. Gregg; J. M. King, Dr. Jennings, J. Gray; Hon. J. McMurrich.

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

## 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. MONTREAL COLLEGE.

Minutes read.

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.

Report was handed in and read. Mr. D. H. McVicar on behalf of the Presbytery, addressed the Mr. McVicar, Synod in explanation of the Report. Explaised.

On motion of Mr. George Cheyne, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, the Synod agreed as follows :--Receive the Report Metion. of the Presbytery on the Montreal College, xpiess satisfaction with

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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- REPORT ON REMITS.

Mr. W. McLaren from the Committee on the Returns of Pres- Forms' Book, byteries to Remits sent down by the Synod last year, handed in Returce to R and read a Report :--- first, on a Book of Forms, setting forth that mits. Returns had been received on this subject from eleven Presbyteries; but that these Returns were so diversified in their nature that the Committee were unable to recommend any specific del verance.

The Report was received, -and on motion of Mr. Proudfoot, Decision. 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' Pool to be composed of the Clerks of the several Presbyteries and the Clerks of Synod, together with Mr. A. F. Kemp: Hon. J. Mc Murrich ; H. Young ; A. I. McKenzie ; Mr. Reid, Convener.

Secondly :--On the Returns to Remits on the Act for the Re-Reception of ception of Ministers, the Committee reported that they had received Ministers. Returns from ten Presbyteries, -that six Presbyteries approved mit. simpliciter ; and that four recommended various alterations.

On motion of Mr. McTavish the Synod agreed as follows :----Re- Decision on Receive 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, ---- EXPENSES OF.

There was read and receiven an Overture from the Presbytery Expense of of Ottawa, anent the expenses of Synodical Committees, --- praying Committees. that some plan be adopted for defraying such expenses, and that a Committee be appointed 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. McKenzie supports Over Overture. tu:e.

It was moved hy Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Wm. Inglis : Motion. .... That the Overture be 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 concerned ; 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. Amendment A. Wilson, .-. That the Overture be received, and its prayer be granted so far as to appoint a Committee consisting of Messrs. W. Aitken ; W. McKenzie----Ramsay, --- and T. Wardrope, to take the whole subject into consideration and report at an early Sederunt next Synod.

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# 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-Expenses sideration of which was deferred at the close of the tenth Sederant, Expenses of 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 by 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 Decision. 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,-Over-Presbytery of Cobourg transmitting an Overture on the Union of ture on. Presbyterians in this Province, - The Ovorture was read, --setting forth, substantially, that there are in this Province different denominations of Presbyterians holding the Westminster Standards of Doctrine, and Church Government : that it is a manifest duty for Churches agreeing in doctrine 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. Union Motion. Scott, (L.), that the Syrod recognize the desirableness of Union 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 Churches in these Provinces.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. Cochrane seconded by Amendment. Mr. D. McRuer,-That the Synod receive the Overture, -declares its earnest desire for a Union of the two branches of the Presbyterian 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 for and against the resolution. The vote being taken there appeared for Mr. Proudfoot's motion 45, against it 38.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived. The Synod adjourned, the diet being closed with the Benediction.

## TWENTIETH SEDERUNT.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HAMILTON. Wednesday, June 13, 1866, 71 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.

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The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. Minutes read. 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 Address to Gov. 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 <sup>mittee appoint</sup>. Sederunt, as follows :- Dr. Ormiston, Convener, Messrs. D. Inglis, 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 Misof London, in relation to the Mission at St. Anns, Kankakee, un-sion, Mr. Chin der the inspection of Mr. Chiniquy, respecting the pecuniary difficulties 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. Proudfoot in support of the memorial. Questions were asked of Mr. Proud-heard. Questions, 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.

It was moved by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by Mr. D. H. Mc Motion. Vicar, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod having heard Decision: 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 refrom 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 situative sat for some time longer.

It was moved, in further amendment, on the subject of Psalmody, Amendment. by Mr. W. Inglis seconded by Mr. John Turnbull, as follows:

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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 deemee necessary to take any step in the direction indicated by these Overuures.

A motion was made to adjourn which was negatived; and Motion to adthe Synod proceeded to decide :-- the motions before the house journ negativbeing those of 1. Mr. D. Waters, 2. Mr. W. Cochraue, 3. Mr. W. McLaren, 4. Mr. W. Inglis.

Votes were taken when the amendment 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 Yeas and Nays was affirmed by a majority of 43 to 18, and the Synod decided in terms of the said amendment, 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.

### DISSENTS.

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. Burns at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. John Ross here haded in his reasons of dissent from the Dissent reasons 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 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.

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2. Because it is manifestly opposed to the deep convictions of many members of this Synod, and of the Church, and therefore likely to disturb the peace and unity thereof.

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3. Because it is unwise to commit the Church to a measure of such grave importance at so late a Sederunt, when but a remnant of the members is present.

John Ross, Duncan McRuer, Andrew Wilson, (Signed.)

John Straith, Samuel Gaw, Elder,

John Irvine, Thomas S. Chambers.

The Synod agreed to appoint, as they did, and do, hereby, ap. Dissent. point, as a Committee to answer these reasons of dissent, -- Messrs. Reasons of Committee to W. Doak, J. Pringle, R. F. Burns -- Mr. Doak Convener. answer.

DESIGNATION OF MR. MCKINNON.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to refer the Mr. N. Me designation of Mr. Neil McKinnou to his field of labour, to the Kinnon, De-Foreign Mission Committee, as a Commission of Synod, together with all other members of Synod that muy unite 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, of Committee and the motion of Mr. Proudfoot, anent Representative Elders, with a view to frame a Remit on the subject to be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions.

The Remit 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 care 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 own members as Representatives 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 resolution 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 suggest. Schools. ing to the Synod a Deliverance for its adoption, of the following Report. tenor: Whereas it is most desirable that every encouragement be given 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 such steps as they may deem most suitable to bring before the Church, generally, the subject of Sabbath School instruction, and especially, to inquire what arrangements can be made with Publishers, for the supply of such Text 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 seconded :-- That Motion. the Report be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Amendment J. Irvine-That the Report be referred back to the Committee to amend the same by striking out therefrom the words "Hymn Books."

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#### DISSENT.

Mr. Andrew Wilson asked and obtained leave to have his dissent Dissent, from this finding entered in the Minutes.

MARRIAGE LAW.

Mr. A. Wilson.

There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery Marriage 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 he 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

Mr. Crombie was heard in support of the Overture. It was moved by Mr. W. Reid and duly seconded :- That this heard, motion, be received and that a Committee be appointed to com Motion. Overture be received, and that a Committee be appointed to con-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 by Amendment. Mr. W. McLaren.-That the Overture be received, and that a 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 Legislature on this subject.

A vote being taken the motion of Mr. Reid was carried by a Decision. arge majority, and the Synod ordered in accordance therewith.

The Moderator then appointed the Committee on the Marriage Marriage Laws Laws, under the motion, as follows :- Mr. T. Wardrope, Convener; Commutee. Dr. Taylor; Messrs. J. Crombie; D. H. McVicar; J. M. Gib-son; Dr. Irvine; W. B. Clark; J. Redpath; J. C. Becket; W. Gregg; A. Topp; J. M. King; Hon. J. McMurrich; J. Y. Reid;

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Synod took up the Returns from Presbyteries to the Remit General Assemon a General Assembly, together with the Report of the Com-bly. mittee appointed to collate these Returns.

On a motion of Mr. McLaren, duly seconded, the Synod agreed Motion, Decisithat the Returns of Presbyteries to the Remit of Synod, and the on-Draft Act on a General Assembly, be referred to a Committee, 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:- General Assem-Messrs. W. McLaren, Convener; D. Waters; John Turnbull; A. bly Committee, Wilson; W. Aitken; P. Gray: T. Wardrope; Dr. Holden; A. G. Northrup.

PSALMODY COMMITTEE. The Moderator now appointed the Committee on Psalmody, Psalmody, under the resolution of the Synod on the subject, last night, as Committee on 461

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follows :- Messrs. D. Inglis, Converer; W. Clark; T. Wardrope ; D. M. McVicar; W. McLaren; J. Gray; W. Inglis; Dr. Ormiston SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod called for the 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 Sabbath Asso behalf of the Sabbath Association of Montreal and shortly address-ciation. ed the Synod. son

On motion of Dr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. T. Wardrope, - Decision on the Synod agreed :- That the Report read by Mr. Gray be re-Sabbath Report 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. John Gray, the Convener.

On motion made and, duly seconded it was agreed :- That the Statistics Re Report be received and adopted; the thanks of the Synod given to 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 dollars to be paid Mr. that the sum of (\$60.00), sixty dollars, be paid out of the Synod Gray. 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. 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 MISSION-FINANCE.

The Report of the Committee on the Finances of the Buxton Bu. ton mis-Mission 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 should 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 received ; thanks given to the Committee and leave granted them to take steps for the erection of a church.

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 Aged and Infor 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 therein 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 the 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 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 standing 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 delay consideration of this Overture.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION - DELEGATES.

The Synod appointed Mr. David Inglis, of Hamilton, and Mr. Congregational Patrick Gray, of Kingston, a deputation to convey to the Con-Union. gregational Union of Canada, next year, the fraternal salutations 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.

#### MR. J. G. CARRUTHERS.

There was taken up and read a petition from Mr. J. G. Car Carrathers J. ruthers, in regard to his position as a preacher of the Gospel, G. petition. and praying that his name should again be placed on the list of Probationers.

It was moved, by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by Mr. W. Coch-Motion.

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 church, 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 containing 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 replied :

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 effect alleged.

II. In answer to the second reason it is replied :

1. 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.

2. That it does not contemplate interfering with the conscientious convictions of any of the ministers, or members of this church, 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 church.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

The Synod ordered that collections, or contributions to the Collections Schemes of the Church be made as follows : Stated.

For the Synod Fund, 3rd Sabbath of July. "Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 3rd Sabbath of October. 6.

Foreign Mission Fund, 3rd Sabbath of March. 11

Home Mission Fund, 2nd Sabbath of January. 11

Knox College, not latter than first day of February.

" French Canadian Missionary Society, in all congrega-tions 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, Managers, 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 Companies for permitting the members of Synod to travel at reduced rates in attending this meeting.

#### CLOSE.

The business being finished, the Moderator addressed the Synod, Cose gave out the 133 Psalm for praise, and 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 and Head of the Church, he now, in the same name, dissolved this meeting, and summoned another meeting of Synod to be held in Gould Street Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday in June, 1867, at Seven o'clock, in the evening; and then closed the session with the Apostolic Benediction.

Hamilton, June 14, 1866.

DAVID INGLIS, Moderator. WILLIAM REID, M, A., Joint Clerks of Synod.

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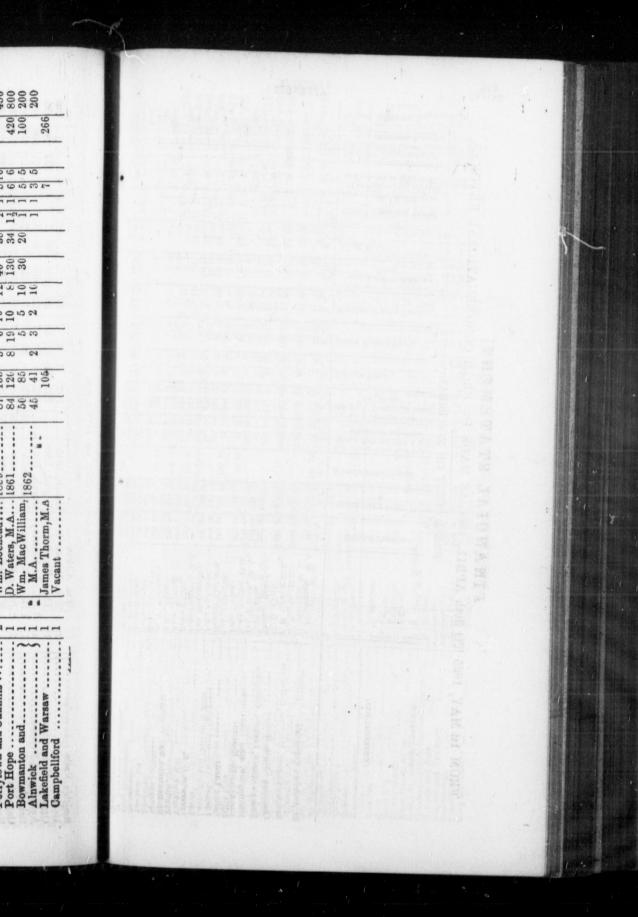
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### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The 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 church for the past year, have pleasure in observing that in annex at the funds of the several schemes of the church there has been an increase in the contributions of last year. The College, however, shows a decrease, pro-bably owing to the special effort made this year in behalf the Home Missions of the church, and to the fact that no special efforts were made in behalf of the College. At the same time it is gratifying to see that, notwithstanding this, the position of the College is better than at this time last year by about \$800. As usual, a good many congregations have not contributed to this

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 fund, the Buxton Misssion, the Committee observe that, while the last Synod directed that the Home Mission Committee should assume the liabilities of the Buxton Mission and make a grant for the salary of Mr. King, this has not been done, and that thus there is a large balance against it.

The Committee have on special remarks to make as to the other funds-The Books of the general agent have been carefully examined, and all the vouches compared with the several entries, and found correct. A general Balance sheet has been made out, which is herewith submitted.

(Signed.)

JOHN MCMURRICH, Convenes

### CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1st MAY 1865, TO 30TH APRIL, 1866, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

### KNOX COLLEGE-ORDINARY FUND.

Amount most	RECEIPT	rs.	D.	
Bal. due at close	ed during year, as	per Statement	\$5,343 2,269	

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EXPENDITURE. Balance due at beginning of year. Paid on account of Salaries to Professors, includ- ing amount paid to Revs. Messrs Gregg and Caven.	2,772 09
Mr. Willing	3,656 61
Sundry accounts and Incidental T	270 00
Repairs Expenses.	76 42
Printing and Advertising.	346 48
Insurance	45 65
Stationery close that	91 34
Mr. Farries for tuition in Classics.	16 43
City of Toronto Somerson Classics	25 00
Interest on unpaid purchase money.	30 13
" for Sundry advances.	146 34
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Comparing the debt and liabilities of the College on 1st May, 1866, with its position on 1st May, 1865, there is, in favour of the year now ended, the sum of \$778 89.

### BURSARY FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year	\$851	11	1
Hon. I. Buchanan, Hamilton	80	00	
Mrs. Esson and Mrs. Sparks, for H. Esson, Bur.	20	00	
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John Campbell, Prince of Wales Prize	60	00	
A. C. Gillies, John Knox Bursary	40	00	
J. Barron, George Buchanan. do	40	00	
W. Groulx, H. Esson Bursary	20	00	
R. M. Thornton, Fisher Scholarship	60	00	
A. Milne "" "	60	00	
A. G Forster-Bayne Scholarship	50	00	
D. McRae, amount granted	40	00	
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Balance	5	67	

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### LIBRARY FUND.

### RECEIPTS,

Balance at beginning of year\$	67	00	
Received for matriculation Fees	90	00	
			157 00

### EXPENDITURE.

Paid Librarian's Salary.	60 00	
Books for Library	28 15	,
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### COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

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 Proportion of General Expenses.
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 "" Salary of General Agent.
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The following are the contributions for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, during the year, Mrs. Dalziel, don. \$50 00; Brantford, Zion Church \$10 00; Brampton, Knox's, \$2 91; Fergus, \$50 00; Madoc, \$6 50; Claremont, \$3 10; Norwood, \$3 00; E. B. \$1 00; J. G. H. \$2 00; Gen; 7th, 22 \$1 00; Rocky Saugeen, \$3 81; Chesterfield, \$5 00; Pickering, Erskine Church \$1 00.

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year Receipts during the year Interest.	\$6,334 3,883 114	16
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EXPENDITURE.		
Rev. Messrs. Jamieson and Duff-Salaries.	\$2,845	00
Rev. J. Nisbet, including outfit for Mission.	1,196	68
Goods &c., ordered for Indian Mission	669	
of Convener	48	20
Proportion of General Fxpenses.	90	
" " Salary of General Agent	100	
Balance on hand	5,381	

### WIDOWS' FUND SPECIAL.

There has been received during the year for the Special Widows Fund from Nissouri North and South, the sum of \$52 50; Fish Creek \$2 00; Ayr Stanley Street \$41 00. These sums with the interest on investments fully make up the sum originally promised, and the fund is now merged in the ordinary fund.

### SYNOD FUND.

RECEIPTS.			
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Balance at beginning of year	136	\$1858 75 25	
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In addition to the above, the sum of \$5 177 46; has been reported as contributed for Home Missions [exclusive of moneys paid by Stations) within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal. The balance in hands of the Trea-

HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD. RECEIPTS. Subscriptions during year .....

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	REPORT OF COLLEGE BOARD.
262 79 44 32 \$307 11 R PROVINCES. References	The Board have to report, that, in fulfilment of the purpose of their ap- omment by the Synod, they resolved to request the Rev. Messrs. Gregg and avera to undertake again the charge of those departments which were assigned them in the year preceding, the same amount of remuneration, \$400 being lowed for their services as before, with the understanding however that they have the brethren named, while feeling some difficulty in the matter, is request the brethren named, while feeling some difficulty in the matter, with their duty to comply. The Board, moreover, gratefully recognizing the services rendered by the lable, to devote four hours a-week to the teaching of Church History dur- the Session ensuing ; and to the desire of the Board as thus expressed, Dr.

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 Pres. byteries and sent to defaulting congregations ; and as the statement of Receipts and expenditure, hereto appended, indicates, not altogether without good ressults- a large deficiency however in the funds necessary to meet the current with an additional sum due to Professors of..... 696 76 \$ 3468 85 in all ..... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . the balance for the year ending May 1st 1866 was only ..... \$ 2269 83 with an additional sum due to Professors of ..... 420 13

.....\$ 2689 96 in all .... thus shewing a balance in favour of year just ended, as compared with the year preceding, of \$778 89.

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 counse 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 purpose of having the library re-arranged and a catalogue made out, and to allow \$50 a-year additional to Mr. Willing, for his services in attending in the class rooms and supplying fire and light.

It will be recollected that the Synod at its last Session, having sanctioned the establishment of Scholarships and Bursaries on behalf of its Theological Students, empowered the Rev. Dr. Burns, who kindly expressed his willingness to engage in the work, to collect funds 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. Burnsha drawn up and circulated an "address" on the subject, with notices of what may have been done in such a connexion by other churches as well as our own, and an appeal to the willing and the wealthy among our friends. Congre gations also have been appealed to ; and although it is premature to speak d any specific results, the Board are not without an impression that the matter has been and will be, silently but seriously reflected on by not a few of our esteemed and revered members in Canada, and by some philanthropic friends of literature and theology in other lands, assuredly the Sinod will not over 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 transmitted with this Report.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINATION.

Arrangements having been made at a meeting held on the 3rd August

the Examinations were conducted on the 26th September, in Toronto a

Montreal by written questions, on the subjects previously prescribed in

All which is respectfully submitted. W. AITKEN.

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Students of the the 1st, 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 candi-

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	1st Year.	OR PREPARATORY COURSE.
6	John Abraham, David Winter, 2nd Year.	Alexander McLaron, Duncan McRae,
3	Alexander Urguhart.	
	3rd Year. H. McDiarmid, John M. Murray John Murdoch,	Thomas Ritchie, Robert Fairbairn,
	1st Year.	LOGICAL COURSE.
	James P. Baikie, James Barron, John Campbell, Hugh Currie.	A. L. Foster, J. A. F. McBain, A. Milne,
	2nd Year. John Aull, J. W. Bell, J. Becket Wm. Burns. R. M. Croll, Hugh Crozier, 3rd Year.	James Douglas. N. Clark, J. B. Edmondson, Mungo Fraser, A. C. Gillies, F. W. Farries, W. Groulx, J. McNab, P. Musgrave, J. Pritchard, J. B. Riley, R. M. Thornton
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m several parties, that some students. were unable for various reasons to as also by letter come up for examination as required-resolved to make the following recom-

1st. Any Student who may apply for admission, presenting satisfactory evidence, by medical certificate or otherwise, ot his personal inability, to be present at the examination, shall be admitted to his proper standing, by the 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 Synod.

3rd. No Student shall be allowed to compete for any of the Bursaries, unless he 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.

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fully submitted. W. AITKEN. Convener.

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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 most cases, the examinations were satisfactory.

The Board, in accordance with the terms of their appointment, have prepared a *curriculum* suited to the case of students who do not take a full College course" 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.

1st Year. Attendance on classes in 1. Latin and Greek. 2. Mathematics. 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 years to attend classes in Natural History and Geology.

The Board respectfully recommended as subjects for examination at the commencement of : ext 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 respectfully submitted.

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 requiring 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, 1865. At subsequent meetings, the information thus obtained, was considered, reduced to form, and acted upon, as the Home Mission Regulations require. No little difficulty has been experienced 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 a

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

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II .- WEAK CONGREGATIONS.

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

	PRESBY TERIES.	Number of Congrega's.	Debt.	Chui		Yes   W	No.	Communi cants.	Average Attend- ance.	S <sub>tipe</sub> .	Grant by, Comm.
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It is to be regretted that here also, the returns are in many instances, not complete.

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Looking then at the statistics of both Mission Stations and Weak Congregations, we have reported for the whole Church, and connected with the Committee's operations, one hundred and ten congregations or groups of Mission 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 localities, and receive aid at an estimated rate of \$8,629 per annum.

Notwithstanding the efforts 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 earnestly 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 Missionaries, recommended by Presbyteries, was next made out. 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.

Eor the Mission Stations of the other Presbyteries, there was no supply. Application was then made to the Committee on Probationers and Vacancies, for the services of some 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.

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	4.		Toronto,	46	10.	66	71		
	44		Hamilton,	66	4.	"	3	"	
	44		Guelph,	6.	3.	44	2.	"	
	66		Stratford,	66	1.		ĩ	"	
	44		London,	66	10.	44	71	"	•
	66		Huron,	66	3.	"	21	"	
	44		Grey,	"	5.	44	3.	"	

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 students and catechists, many of o in all probentreat the supplying t

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### 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 yet before them. So far, however, as reported by Presbyteries, their indebtedness has been assumed and discharged.

A full statement was also prepared of the engagements entered into with settled congregations before the meeting of last Synod, and the Committee assumed these obligations as reported. These are contained in the Grants in Appendix 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 discharged, 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 Church throughout its bounds for Missionary Labour, and reported up to the end of the Financial with a load of debt.

### V.-FUNDS.

The sources of Income to the Central Fund and the amount during the past

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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 \$1738 56. In addition to this the sum of over \$800 has been received since 1st, May.

If to this is added the sum of \$5177 46, 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 \$167 15 reported as being in the Treasury of the Presbytery of Montreal be added, a total in hand of \$1905 72.

It may be useful to compare these statements with those of last year.

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It will be observed in the above statement, that the Presbytery of Montreal though reporting its indebtedness and obligations has neither paid into the fund. (excepting four small contributions, amounting to \$17 68,) nor received anything from it. No proper report has been received from that Presbytery, only a statement that \$5177 46, 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 permitted to receive and disburse its own Home Mission monies, think that the Synod may be satisfied, if the money 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. That is to has done there are have sent

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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 Appendix D. It is also deserving of notice, that while some Presbyteries have done very little towards maintaining our Home Mission other Presbyteries have done very little towards maintaining our Home Mission plicable. The small sums contributed by some large congregations, and the in a portion of the church. The Committee are of opinion that if all congregations were to contribute in a liberal intelligent manner, the funds accruing would be amply sufficient for the work to which the church has put forth her

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 traveiling expenses is particularly heavy. Though only a part of the Committee attended, and ot these only such as remained till the close of the meetings have their expenses noted; still the five meetings entail an expense of \$137 60. 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 that in 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 of 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 rale 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 undividual Station, for every Sabbath that divine service was conducted in such Station, requiring 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 3,3000. Those to Weak Congregations amount to 33,027, 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 expenditure. 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 year, and perhaps in the following year a minimum of \$500 could be assured to all our Missionaries 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 therefore unnecessary to enter further into details, 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, \$300 has been granted to that congregation.

As no information was received by the Committee relative to the Sandwich Mission, no aid 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 information. The Committee are awaiting action on the part of the Presbytery of London in these matters, and hope when the requisite information is before them to carry out the wishes of the Synod 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. Comparatively 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 formerly carried on their operations. Properly, however, only six months fall to this Committee to be reported under the new scheme; and daring 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 Ottawa, and other Presbyteries will soon follow that example. We only need men and means.

### VIII.-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 an irreligious community, or denied gospel privileges, except in churches to which they are strangers bationers received in ministers unless me the Synoo

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2. For the better securing of liberal and systematic support for our Mission work, the Committee recommended the formation of Missionary Associations, 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 Superintendent of Missions, who may devote his whole time to visiting the mission field, organizing stations, &c., and visiting 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 with 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 ordained minister, or a licentiate without board, \$300 without "board for a catechist, and 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 travelling expenses, a smaller Committee be entrusted with the Home 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 other, and now that initial difficulties are surmounted, the Committee are confident 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 Probationers 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 are quite distinct, and if Presbyteries overlook this distinction, confusion and dissatisfaction must inevitably 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.

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 operations of the church, that each year the report may be more and more encouraging. 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 through 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 touched 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 promoters 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 time 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, but the particular place we shall not determine till I have an opportunity of personally consulting with the Indians, and seeing for myself such places as may be proposed. 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

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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 importing 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 and I could not leave our families in the wilderness, perhaps three or five days journey from any civilized being, without at least one trustworthy man to stay with them. Besides, by having such reliable help, there will always be some progress making at the station. I am perfectly sensible of the need for economy. Every plan is being taken here to keep down the expenses."— vices of two of the very best men that could have been got, Mr. George Flett, and Mr. John McKay. Mr. Nisbet speaks in the very highest terms of them both; and in a second communication, Mr. Black cordially endorses his opinion. "Mr. Flett (writes Mr. Black) is an excellent Cree speaker, knows Indian character and ways to perfection, is accustomed to address them, takes great interest in their welfare, and soon acquires a great influence over them. John McKay is also a first rate man; so, getting both, Mr. Nisbet will be better furnished for his work than any Missionary I know of." Mr. Nisbet gives in his carefully written Report, which will be published in the Recordgiving full details with reference to the expense of the Mission for the first year. The sum total will be about Two Thousand five Hundred Dollars.

"I am sure (writes Mr. Nisbet) the Church will not grudge 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 imoney than the salaries of John McKay and the two young men that go with us for the year, and then we would not have had an ox or cart left with us, nor a days labor after our settling. We shall most likely leave this when the Synod is in full session, and I hope pe shall have a large place in the sympathies and prayers of the Brethren assembled. We go forth, in a great measure, knowing not whither. to deal with a class of people peculiarly difficult to deal with,—but God can ordain strength—and let us trust and pray that His strength will ever be put forth and that we may ever have to praise His name that He has sent us on this Mission."

## 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 our beloved brother in all his tribulation, that he may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble with the comforts wherewith he himself has been comforted of God. At Mr. Kirkby's Station (the catholic—spirited Episcopalian Missionary, with whom our brethren have taken sweet counsel) 50 died in five weeks; 34 of these were professing Christian Indians who witnessed a good confession. All his family and servants were laid down with Scarlet Fever, xlviii

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 Sabbath School at Little 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 nearly a hundred. At the different stations 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 women, 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 plans 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 largely contributed) has been opcned during 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 appointment and we doubt not the result will justify their expectations. Himself a native of the Red River, an alumnus 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 COLUMBIA.

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 *x* 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 marriage ceremony was performed in Cariboo for the first time during the past year. The tabors 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.

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## 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 having reached the self-sustaining point. The monetary pressure during the church and Manse has imposed on the people who are comparatively tew and feeble an incubas of debt.

At the last annual meeting in Feb., it was reported that the congregation had raised during 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 Vancouver Island, some 70 miles distant from Victoria, beautiful for situation, with the most agreeable 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 present, 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 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 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 \$8 50, onan 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 five in the evening. The Bishop pays £250 and they promise £50, but cannot manage it this 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 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 accomplishment of which is highly 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 engaging, for the present at least, one of the Missionaries of the Nova Scotian Church, but others indicating a decided preference for one Missionary being sent from our own Church, the proposal was abandoned. Subsequently, correspondence was entered into with one of our own Ministers 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 opinion that it would give greater weight to the selection, and secure a larger measure of satisfaction as well as prove more likely to be successful, if the Synod would take 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 interest 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 39, making with the balance in hand at total of \$10,331 44.

The Expenditure amounted to \$4,949 78 leaving a balance of \$5,381 66.

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 heretofore. 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 waited from many lands.

"From many an ancient River

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Fields, which have never experienced God's husb undry, 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, foreshadowing ditress 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 knowledge 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

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 obligation of the Sabbath. And' after making just allowance for the heterogeneous crigin and varied religious culture of the general population, and for the circumstances of the more recently and thinly settled districts, --- perhaps in no country in the world is the Lord's day, on the whole, regarded with more reverence than in our own.

Yet would we be most unwisely flattering ourselves, and encouraging the already too great neglect of an evil, which, more than any other overt transgression of Divine law, lies at the root of all ir-religion and social immorality, if we thought and said that the general observance of the Sabbath among our people was, or was nearly, what it ought to be.

In cities, towns, villages, and purely rural neighbourhoods, every lover of God and his kind must be painfully aware of a vast amount of open Sabbath neglect and desecration. We have no data upon which to found with certainty; but we think we do not exaggerate when we estimate the number of people, who might attend, not found in any sanctuary at one time upon the Lord's day as amounting fully to one half of the population. And what with drinking, though public-houses are closed by law,... and sporting with gun, and fishing-rod at safe distance from a constable, --- and pleasure-excursioning by land and water, --- and pitiful display of tasteless overdressing, --- and gadding about, and tattling --- propagating scandal and folly, ----which all are apparent enough, ---- it is hard for one who would cherish a decent respect and good hopes for fellow men and

Violation of the Sabbath law of another kind, frequently and long complained of, still continues, which, while deserving our strongest reprobation, is less screened from remonstrance, and more likely to be abated by vigorous action, on the part of friends of the Sabbathr We refer to the sailing of the Canadian Inland Navigation Company's, and other steamers on the Lord's day. It is but fair to state that the vessels of the company mentioned are not despatched from Montreal to Hamilton, and vice verse, on any but an ordinary week day; but, prosecuting the voyage com-menced on Saturday, they call at and depart from such ports as Prescott, Brockville, Gananoque, and Kingston-twice, and Toronto once, every Lord's day. Connected with this is the keeping open of the St. Lawrence and Rideau Canals on the sacred day. And there may be mentioned here also the not infrequent sending on, in Sabbath hours, of belated Freight-trains to their destination on the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways.

This traffic of course requires the constrained or willing labor of a great number of persons, such as the officers and crews of the steamers, lock-keepers and their men on the canals, and mobile and stationary employes as the Railway. Upon these, and upon their families to some extent, this employment amounts to an enforced deprivation of Sabbath rest and envidence and as an individual two no night to initial such as a single station with the second privilege; and, as an individual has no right to injure another or deprive nin of food, for "we are to love our neighbors as ourselves," so a nation, a corporation, and a company ought to follow the same rule of christian many more to whom these practices furnish facilities for, and even invite

to Sabbath profanation, which is yearly leading many young persons to dissipation, ungodliness and ruin.

Last year the Kingston Reformation Society petitioned the three branches of the Legislature, and received acknowledgements; but, owing to the all engrossing attention of Parliament to Confederation and other pressing 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 all 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 Church 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 ordinance, 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, and 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 part of the allegation, and must modify our judgment if we are just.

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Dr. McLeod's blameworthy words, which are strange and startling enough, and need no seasoning of bitter herbs or other spicery, are these .....

"My opinion is that the whole of that Commandment (the Fourth) and that the whole Decalogue is abrogated."

"I say the Decalogue was buried in the grave with Jesus Christ when he rose from 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 institution ; not a Church institution, but a divine institution."

"I believe the Sabbath to be divine ..... that the Lord's day exists on the authority of the Lord and His apostles, and is connected with the Fourth Commandment, though it is not on the Fourth Commandment

"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, "Remember 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 beloved and reverenced, but that it is rightly kept, not in obedience to the law in the Decalogue,

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 could 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 and Au-thorities favouring the running of trains on the Lord's Day. And they would be used by the more vulgar Sabbath breaker, "giving opportunity

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 devour 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 tco 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 ceremonies 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 Revelation comprehensively, and says, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be falfilled." 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 proceedings; 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," and when by that "one offering He perfected for ever them that are sanctified." And now the Law of sacrifice remains only to remind us of "the Law of God," "who loved us and gave Himself 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. Fulilment 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, " The Decalogue was buried with Jesus Christ-when he rose from the dead." If Dr. McLeod had said the Decalogue 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 therefore 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 things-in 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 necessitates the Sabbath, certainly makes the Sabbath a more necessary and precious gift of grace from the Father in heaven. For if there be a God or Saviour for us and tellow-sinners to know, and seek and obey; if we are all brethren all needing each others help -- needing the common salvation, and lying together under obligations to honour our Lord, and to serve one another; then we must have a common worship of the one God and Father of all. We must learn His will concerning us; we must learn our duties to each other-we must singly and together learn all the words of His law, and listen to His gospel, and if so, then there must be a stated meeting-time and a sanctuary-a sacred day and a sacred place for holy convocation-a holy day for rest from secular toil, for the mutual recognition of our brotherhood, and for combined worship and approach to our Father in heaven.

So necessary for us is the Sabbath-- for our physical and moral well being, that had not God ordained it, the instincts of our nature once quickened by a hope in God-or a sense of our need of God, would have suggested and led to its institution-and made it the pearl of days.

# PATRICK GRAY, Convener.

FIFTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee have pleasure in being able to state, that the Returns are more numerous and complete than on any previous year. This gratifying result they trace partly to the general prosperity, which has visited the Province, and partly to the growing impression, that an annual exhibition and description of the external condition and financial state of the congregations within our bounds, are fitted to benefit both ministers and members, by promoting a healthy emulation and imparting a stimulus to duty and diligence.

Your committee cannot, moreover, refrain from bearing testimony to the efficient aid desired from the careful and cordial co-operation of the various Presbytery Clerks. The Paris Presbytery still occupies the desirable position of presenting the most complete Statistics. That of Stratford approximates oit very closely, and is almost equalled by those of Kingston, Brockville and Guelph. Ottawa, Ontario and Huron Presbyteries are nearly complete, while these of Cobourg, Grey, and Toronto are incomplete in two instances, Hamilton and Mostreal 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 worldly 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 Church 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 Church, their duties, responsibilities, and privileges. In spite, however, of the many difficulties, connected with the maintenance of our ecclesiastical 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 character 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—attention 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 all 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 indicate 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 proclaimed 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 their 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 satisfactory or people.

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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 minis-

The attention of the various Presbyteries is respectfully called to those congregations, which have not forwarded Returns, that they may be dealt with

From a careful examination of the Statistical Returns. your Committee are enabled to present the following general view of the Church's outward

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 superintendence of the religious instruction of nearly 30,000 young persons. The regular visi-tation 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 and care of which are well nigh overwhelming. In these trying and varied duties, they are aided by the prayers, sympathy and co-operation of between 1,500 and 2,000 elders, of between 10,000 and 12,000 other office bearers, and of a large and zealous body of Sabbath School Teachers.

What amount of spiritual good may result from these diversified and multiplied labors, is only known to the Great Head of the Church, under whose guidance and dependence on whose blessing, it becomes us to sow in hope

The improved financial state of the Church, as indicated by the Returns, calls for special thanks to the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every

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 for concluding that with full Reports from each congregation, the whole amount would exceed \$300,000,-the largest sum ever raised by our Church,-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 \$7 50, being the largest ever reached by us, and putting us in this respect, in advance of the Churches in this land 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 At the same time, general congregational interests have not been neglected, from the fact of the contributions for Church purposes shewing an augmentation of more than \$10,000. Using round numbers the College Fund presents an increase of about \$60., the Home Mission of about \$3,000, the Foreign Mission of more than \$700, and the Synodical of about \$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 nearly \$200, in the Widows' and Orphans', and Aged Ministers' Fund, This result, however much to be deplored, may be traced, not to any diminished interest in these important schemes, but to the termination of the special effort so successfully made by the late United Presbyterian Church. The increase in the College Fund, though small is encouraging, since it has

been produced, not so much as formerly, by special efforts, put forth by a few

leading congregations, as by the more general and extensive support tendered to it by the Church 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 Presbytery, while the remaining three fourths are scattered over the other Presbyteries.

The income of the Home Mission seems largely augmented and approaches \$10,000. Were all its sources of revenue added up, the amount would be doubled. This pleasing result is due partly to the continually 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 Missionary Associations.

Notwithstanding the large increase of the Stipend Fund and the great 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 arrears reported are somewhat larger than those of last year, being \$9984 49 against \$9504 55, 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 onehalf 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 two Presbyteries, Guelph and Stratford, shew no such inadequate stipends, 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 financial state of our Church, your Committee desire it to be borne in mind, that the settled charges reporing 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 contributions.

It is, moreover, to be hoped that they will not be charged with making any invidious distinction, if they direct special attention to the admirable financial condition of the Paris Presbytery. Its Return is in every respect a model report, 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.

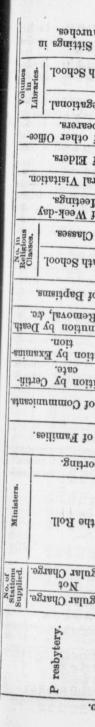
It may well be asked, if there be any insurmountable obstacle in the way of any of the other Presbyteries, preventing them from presenting an equally well-fitted Financial Sheet.

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.

June 1866 }

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, 45th, 16th line from top, for "successfully," read "successively." Some other literal errors will be found, which every reader can correct.

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