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SPRING.

The bursting buds look up,
To greet the sunlight, while it lingers yet
On the warm hill-side—and the violet
Opens its azure cup
Meekly, and countless wild flowers wake to fling
Their earliest incense on the gales of spring.
Continual songs arise
From universal Nature—birds and streams
Mingle their voices, and the glad earth seems
A second paradise!
Thrice blessed spring!—thou bearest gifts divine!
Sunshine, and song, and fragrance—all are thine.
Nor unto earth alone—
Thou hast a blessing for the human heart,
Balm for its wound and healing for its smart,
Telling of Winter's frown,
And bringing hope upon thy rain-bow wing,
Type of Eternal Life—thrice blessed spring!

KNOX'S CHURCH—SALE OF LADIES' WORK.

[Among the many contributions to the Sale of Ladies' Work, in aid of the Building Fund of Knox's Church, were a variety of little articles from fourteen young Ladies, of the Episcopal Church, Perth, C. W. The following lines, addressed to Mrs. (Dr.) Burns, accompanied the donation, and we insert them as illustrative of a liberal spirit and christian feeling, well worthy of extensive imitation.]

Our humble offering accept,
To aid religion's cause;
The zeal of old which lately slept,
Now wakes to guard our laws.
Thou' Chalmers slumbers in the grave,
His followers shall live;
They gather from beyond the wave
Their free-will unite to give.
They come, they come from cot and hall,
Servants of God, they come—
Our heartfelt prayer is breathed by all,
That he their hopes may crown.
Thou' we are of another band,
Our hearts are all the same;
And we would lend a helping hand,
To raise the Free Church name

PERTH, 25th May, 1850

REPORT OF THE SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

In order to make room for the following interesting Report we have taken the liberty of abridging it, especially the notices of the different Presbyteries.

In bringing before the Church a view of the Home Missionary operations for another year, the Committee have to advert to two solemnizing events, the removal by death, within the last month, of two of the missionary labourers, who, during a portion of the past year, were occupied in cultivating the field. The Rev. Joseph Harris, formerly a missionary in India, who was admitted to full ministerial communion with this Church at the last meeting of Synod, and was inducted by the Presbytery of Hamilton to the pastoral charge of the congregation in Niagara, while attending a meeting of Presbytery, was overtaken by disease, and after little more than a week's illness was called from all his earthly labours and afflictions, to enter into the joys of his Lord. His faith in the Redeemer was steadfast in the hour of death, and his soul was filled with the full assurance of hope to the end. With the confidence of faith he commended his wife and children, and sorrowing flock to the care of that covenant God whom he had so long and faithfully served in the gospel; and we have no doubt but they will have the sympathy of the people of God throughout the church. His flock, which has thus been called to mourn over the early removal of an affectionate and faithful pastor whom they most cordially loved, is again dependent for a dispensation of ordinances on the services of the missionaries sent out by the Church.

The other event referred to, is the death of Mr. George Muir, Student in Divinity, who, at the close of the last College Session, was for the first time sent out to labour as a Catechist, and who has been suddenly cut down in the midst of health and in the vigour of his days. These solemnizing dispensations loudly admonish us to labour while it is called to day. May they be blessed of God to awaken in all, greater diligence in doing His work, and an earnest spirituality that we also be ready to give an account of our stewardship.

Shortly after the Committee had given in their report to the last meeting of Synod, five missionaries from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland arrived in this Province, and presented their credentials to Presbyteries of this Church. One of this number, we regret to learn, was under the necessity, from the state of his health, of returning to his native country. The other four have, we believe, been inducted into pastoral charges.

According to the instructions of the Synod, the Committee during last summer opened a correspondence with the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, by addressing a letter to the Rev. Wm. McClure, of Londonderry, cordially welcoming in the name of this Church, the more full and systematic co-operation, which we have now reason to expect from the sister Church in Ireland, pointing out the nature of the work in which our missionaries were called to engage, the special qualifications they ought to look for in the ministers when designated to this country. A letter in reply has just been received, intimating that the communication from your Committee had been published in the *Missionary Herald*, for the information of the Church, and that the suggestions it contained, would be attended to as far as practicable. The Directors of the Mission Board have, at the same time intimated, that they have nominated three missionaries to proceed to British North America, namely, the Rev. Daniel Greer, formerly of the Mariner's Church, Belfast, the Rev. Francis Andrews, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Abinghill, and the Rev. John Gillespie, of the Presbytery of Banbridge. The first two mentioned gentlemen do not leave Ireland till August, Mr. Gillespie was to sail on the 26th of April, last.

It will be remembered, that last year the Home Mission Committee reported, that in accordance with the instructions of Synod, they had been looking out for a fit person to act as Superintendent of Home Missions, who could devote all his time and attention to this department of labour, and that they had appointed the Rev. Gilbert Johnston, minister of New Cummock, Scotland, to that office. The Synod, in their deliverance on this report, "approve specially of the efforts of the Committee in regard to the appointment of an agent or Superintendent of Home Missions, and authorize and *exhort* them to concentrate their efforts, until they procure one or more ministers of experience in that capacity, as they may find themselves justified by the state of the Synodical Home Mission Fund." This deliverance was unanimously adopted by the Synod. After the meeting of Synod the Committee could not take any steps in the way of following out the injunction laid upon them, until they received an answer to the application, which had been previously made to the Colonial Committee of the Free Church. At the meeting of the Committee, held at Toronto in October, a letter was read from Mr. Bonar, intimating that the Colonial Committee agreed with us, as to the importance of the office and work to which Mr. Johnston had been called, and that they had agreed to give £100 sterling towards the payment of his salary; whereupon your Committee voted to record their thanks for

the liberal contribution which the Colonial Committee had agreed to make, and instructed the Convener to press the Committee to follow up the measure. When your Committee met in Jan'y a letter was read, which had been received from Mr. Bonar, intimating that Mr. Johnston had, in the mean time, declined the offer made to him, and suggesting the name of another party with whom the Committee, they thought proper, might open a correspondence. But "the Committee after lengthened deliberation came to the resolution to delay for the present taking any step in the matter." Only a few days after this meeting another letter was received from Mr. Bonar, stating that some of the difficulties which had formerly induced Mr. Johnston, to decline our proposal were now out of the way, and recommending us, if the situation had not been filled, to renew our correspondence with Mr. Johnston. The Convener acting on the instructions given him by the Committee in October, lost no time in communicating both with Mr. Johnston and the Colonial Committee, urging the appointment to be carried out with as little delay as possible, and the result is that Mr. Johnston has accepted the appointment, and expects to be released by the Presbytery of Ayr, from the pastoral charge of the congregation of New Cumnock, on the 11th of the present month, and will, as soon as possible, thereafter proceed to Canada, to enter upon the duties to which he has been called.

The Committee was very desirous of being able to present in this report, a full statistical view of the Home Mission Field throughout the Church, and made application to the different Presbyteries to furnish materials for such report. Only six of the Presbyteries have made any return to this request. It is surely necessary, if the providing of the means of grace to her destitute people, and the extension of the Church throughout the land, is to be an object of concern to the Church at large, that there be brought before her, from time to time, an accurate representation of the amount of existing destitution—of the progress made in supplying it, and of the means which are being employed in the various localities for the accomplishment of this great and glorious work. Such representations might be expected to awaken, throughout the Church, greater sympathies—to lead to more earnest supplications to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into his harvest, and to greater and more combined efforts to overtake the spiritual destitution of the country. This Church will assuredly have mistaken her calling, and cannot expect the continued blessing of heaven, should she ever forget, or cease to act upon the belief, that she is a missionary Church, and that she must never relax her efforts till she has extended the knowledge of salvation, and a stated dispensation of Gospel ordinances into every corner of the land, into which God gives her access. It is one of the results that the Committee contemplates from the labors of the Superintendent of Home Missions, that he will, from personal observation, present, from time to time, to the Church correct accounts of the spiritual destitution of the country, and give such suggestion as may lead to the adoption of the best method of supplying it. The Presbyteries that have sent reports of the missionary operations for the past year, are London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Cobourg and Brockville.

In the Presbytery of London there are nine missionary stations. One of them has been supplied by the settlement of the Rev. John Fraser. Another will soon have a pastor, the Rev. Thos. Macpherson. These seven stations, embracing a population of 3500 adherents of our Church, all require missionaries having the Gaelic language. Three of these stations are ready for settlement.

The Presbytery of Hamilton was able, with seven missionaries and catechists, to give partial supply to twenty-three stations during the last summer. Good accounts are given of the labours of the students, and there is a growing thirst for ordinances. The Niagara District presents a

field of calling for a peculiar and efficient instrumentality. The Presbytery made more effectual arrangements for the comfort and support of their missionaries.

The Presbytery of Toronto has given supply, within the year, to thirty-nine stations, ranging from three to one hundred and fifty miles from the city. The members, in ordinary attendance, are about 2700. There were twelve missionary catechists and two lay missionaries employed in summer. The stations contributed about £300 for the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery. The larger number of these stations had only one diet of worship each Sabbath. There are pleasing features of encouragement, and in more than one district, refreshing manifestations of the descent of the dew of Hermon on the hills and in the valleys. Gaelic missionaries are much needed.

The Presbytery of Cobourg includes three stations ripe for settlement, and several mission stations, (probably eight.) The Presbytery has been unable to meet the demand for supply. All the settled ministers have devoted some time to the missionary field. The congregations of Cobourg, and Grafton, had ministers settled during the year.

In the Presbytery of Kingston, there are about 365 adhering families connected with seventeen stations, and other places might be taken up, if the men and means were available. The sum contributed during the year was about £150, partly raised among the stations, and partly from the regular congregations at their annual missionary meetings. Throughout the Presbytery, a greater thirst for the word, greater earnestness and corresponding improvement in life and conversation, give pleasing tokens of the Divine favour.

Presbytery of Brockville.—This Presbytery has reported, that two missionary labourers have been employed within the bounds during a part of the past year, and that the members of Presbytery have, according to their ability, attended to missionary work. The sum raised within the bounds for missionary purposes, amounts to £33. The report further states, that there are several localities on the outskirts of the bounds, to which, from want of means, they are unable to attend, which, if cultivated, might become excellent stations.

The Committee is aware, that in some of the other Presbyteries, there is a much greater destitution than in any of those above referred to; but in the absence of reports, it is impossible for the Committee to furnish to the Synod, the statistics of these localities. This information will, we trust, hereafter be furnished through the labors of your Superintendent of Home Missions. Something of the extensive destitution existing within the bounds of these Presbyteries, will be seen from their applications for missionary laborers.

In the six Presbyteries from which reports have been received, there are 102 missionary stations. The number of missionaries that labored for a longer or shorter period in these, was thirty-three; and there has been raised and expended, for conducting the missionary operations within these bounds, the sum of £872 5s. 3d. It would have been interesting to the Synod to have known how many mission stations in Canada have, to some extent, been supplied by our missionaries, and are looking to us for a further dispensation of ordinances. The Presbyteries of London, Hamilton, Toronto, Cobourg, and Kingston, have reported nine y-six stations within their bounds; and at the last distribution of missionaries, they made application for twenty-nine. Perth and Montreal, from which no returns have been given in, applied for fifteen missionary laborers: and from these data we infer, that there cannot be fewer than 150 missionary stations within the bounds of our Church.

The destitution in the Home Mission field, during the winter months, was truly distressing. In consequence of the almost universal suspension of the law that required from every preacher, who had been ordained by any of our Presbyteries, or admitted from other churches, to give a year's lab-

to your Home Mission, nearly all the preachers licensed during last summer, as well as the missionaries who had been received from other churches, were inducted into pastoral charges about the beginning of winter, at the very time when the students, who had been acting as catechists during the summer, were recalled to prosecute the studies at the college. The consequence was, that the Home Mission field was almost entirely forsaken. The Presbytery of Hamilton, which employs seven catechists during summer, was left without a single missionary; and some of the other Presbyteries were in no better condition. It is truly painful to think of this state of matters. Can the Church be doing her duty to Christ and to her people, when she leaves so large a portion of her adherents throughout the land, for so many months in the year, without a dispensation of ordinances? Is nothing to be done to remedy this evil? We feel persuaded that the Synod, when it takes this subject into serious consideration, will adopt some measure to prevent a like occurrence for the future. We would suggest, that pastors should be required to devote a larger portion of their time to missionary work, if this can be done without weakening the pastoral tie, and diminishing the resources of the Church. At all events, all the preachers licensed, or missionaries admitted from other churches after the meeting of Synod, should be placed at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, till the close of the next College Session, and the Presbyteries prohibited from inducting any of them into pastoral charges till that period. This would secure a number of Home Mission laborers during the winter months. In the meantime, the missionaries might be permitted to accept calls, and the Presbyteries might be making arrangements for their induction, as soon as they were relieved from the duties in the Home Mission field. This arrangement would avoid some of the evils which were felt to be intolerable in the old law, and led, last year, to its entire suspension.

At the meeting of the Committee held in Toronto, on the 16th of April last, applications were made for missionaries for the summer half year from all the Presbyteries of the Church, except Brockville. Applications were made in all for 44 missionaries, at the same time last year, 38 were applied for, being an application for six more laborers this year than for the last, and, that notwithstanding, the number of vacant congregations that during the year have been supplied with pastors. This is an evidence how much the Lord is extending our Church, and opening up to us opportunities of usefulness throughout the land. To meet these applications for forty-four missionary laborers, your Committee had at their disposal eight ministers and preachers who had been laboring in various parts of the Church during the winter months, and twenty-seven students to be employed as catechists, amounting in all to thirty-five missionary laborers. Last year the number sent out was thirty-two, being six less than the number applied for, whereas the number sent out this year is nine less than the applications. Some of the friends of the Church last year, were beginning to think that we would soon have a surplus of missionary laborers, and that we might safely relax our efforts in the way of seeking to increase their number. But what is the result? with all the missionaries that have been sent to us from other Churches, and those that have been sent out from our own College during the past year, the demand is increasing more rapidly than the supply. Thus calling us to continued efforts and prayer, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laborers into His harvest. The Committee would remark, in conclusion, that the greatest deficiency is in missionaries leaving the Gaelic languages, and would suggest that a special effort should be made by ministers of Gaelic congregations to induce young men of suitable gifts and graces to give themselves to the work of the ministry, and to enter on the preparatory studies necessary to fit them for that work.

MINUTE OF SYNOD ON BAPTISM.

Appointed to be read by all Ministers and Ministers, to their Congregations on an early Sabbath.

The Synod having had their attention directed to the subject of Baptism, and the relation in which this initiatory Sacrament of the Church of Christ, stands to the other Sacrament of the New Testament; also to the question of public or private administration of the initiatory ordinance, *Declare and Resolve*—

That, as is already in our excellent subordinate standards set forth, a Sacrament is an Holy Ordinance instituted by Christ, to signify, seal, and exhibit unto those that are within the covenant of grace, the benefits of his mediation; to distinguish them from those who are without; and to oblige the partakers of such ordinances to obedience.

That Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him; but infants descending from parents, either both or but one of them professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, are in that respect within the covenant, and to be baptized.

That, adhering to these principles, the Synod earnestly urge on all ministers and sessions, to be careful, in administering Baptism, that they who receive this privilege at their hands, be such only of whom there is good reason to believe that they are consistently professing the name of Christ, and obedience to him; and inasmuch as one appointed method of solemnly confessing the Saviour, and acknowledging ourselves to be in communion with his followers, is by commemorating his love and death in the holy ordinance of the Supper; they shall satisfy themselves that parents receiving baptism for their children be not neglecting this command of Christ, but that at the least they be equally in the intention, as God may afford opportunity, to comply with both ordinances, and giving token of this by willingly waiting on such instructions as it may be judged necessary to impart to them on the nature and design of the Sacraments. Parties soliciting the privilege should be informed that as every one taking on himself the baptismal vow, or seeking Baptism for another, does thereby say, I am the Lord's, and does profess to value the blood and spirit of Christ, signified in the waters of Baptism, they ought to know that in receiving this seal and token of spiritual cleansing, they do as truly declare their acceptance of Christ and fellowship with him, as in the ordinance of the Supper;—so a declining or evading of this latter ordinance by any, being adults, who have received the privilege of the initiatory Sacrament for themselves and their children, is, except good cause be shown for the neglect, in circumstances not under their control,—presumptive evidence either of an imperfect apprehension of the design of the Sacraments, or of an inexcusable unwillingness to follow the Lord fully: Therefore Ministers and Kirk Sessions are warranted to decline, except on good and special cause shown, the administration of Baptism to the children of such as are living in the neglect of the Lord's Supper, or do not avail themselves of instructions offered towards a right preparing of them for its observance.

That while due tenderness is recommended to be used in dealing with individuals who, withhold themselves from the Table of the Lord, rather from misapprehension and solemn awe, than from blameworthy indifference towards an appointed means of Grace, diligence should be used to counteract superstitious misconceptions of the nature of the ordinance; and, especially if these be accompanied with an undervaluing estimate of the solemnity of Baptism, that the parties concerned be reminded of the equality of the two Sacraments—as regards their sacred authority, their common reference to the same covenant, and the like necessity both for faith and resolutions of holy living, to the right observance of both.

The Synod do anxiously caution against a too easy or indiscriminate admission to the Baptismal ordinance. And both as tending the better to ensure purity of communion, and as required by a regard to the design of Baptism as a seal of fellowship in the Church, as well as of engrafting into Christ, the Synod recommend as much as possible that the Ordinance be dispensed publicly;—not precluding cases in which it may be judged necessary to baptize in dwelling houses, or cases in which attendance at the ordinary place of public worship may be greatly inconvenient. But the Synod earnestly advise, that as rarely as possible, the privilege be given without public notification from the pulpit, and never without the word of exhortation or exposition.—That if at any time application be made for the administration so slowly and hastily of the ordinance of Baptism, the circumstances be well considered; and care exercised mildly and faithfully to distinguish what is essential from what may be desirable—between the relation of Baptism to salvation and to church fellowship; explaining where it may be necessary so to explain, that as the privilege of Baptism is not to be without good reason neglected, so neither is its administration indispensable where God in his providence has not afforded opportunity for observing it in due order, or in a manner edifying to the individual or to the Church in general. And if in peculiar circumstances of locality or otherwise, it shall be judged for edification to administer this Seal of the Covenant without a session having had regular opportunity to confer with the parties applying, or formally to receive them into the fellowship of any particular congregation, that the minister so receiving to Baptism shall, at the earliest opportunity, report the case to his Session, and that the individuals or families thus recognized shall be duly enrolled, and considered as within the range of the inspection of the pastor and elders, and as being *bona fide* members of the congregation, in connection with which the privilege has been received, (generally—it may be presumed—that which is nearest in locality;—although precluded by distance, or other lawful cause, from a very regular attendance on the weekly ministrations of the Sanctuary: This participation in the privileges of the Church being always understood to imply also the obligation to conform to the ordinary rules of the Church, and responsibility to its tribunals.

The Record.

The Public Accounts occupy so much of our space, that we have been obliged to lay over much interesting matter.

The discrepancy between the Treasurer's Accounts and the Schedule, is occasioned by the former being made up when the Synod met, while the latter was kept open till its close. We hope to be able to present the Accounts in future in a more complete state, as, by direction of Synod, all Accounts are to be closed on the 31st of March.

The collections made by Mr. Black, for the French Canadian Mission, are not included. That list is therefore incomplete.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the 5th June.

Dr. Willis, Moderator, preached from Matt. 28: 18, 19, 20. After Sermon, the Synod was constituted by prayer, and the Rev. William Reid, A. M., of Picton, unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year. The whole number of Members in attendance was 43 Minis-

ters and 28 Elders, in all 71. We regret that so many of our Congregations and organised Mission Stations neglected to send Elders. It is encouraging to observe that the attendance upon all our Church Courts is improving, manifesting as it does the increasing interest which the members of the Church take in her welfare. Perhaps the comparatively small attendance of Elders may be ascribed to the feeling, too prevalent, that Elders are allowed to interfere, to a very limited extent, in the discussions, and that they are permitted to speak, only by sufferance. We believe that our Presbyterianism will not be fully established until the ruling Elders take a much more decided interest in the business of the Church Courts. In consequence of the distance of some Congregations from the place where Synod meets, the ruling Elders cannot easily attend. It has been provided that Sessions may elect as their representative to Synod any Elder in good standing in any other Session of the Church. (See Minutes 1844, p. 25.) Were remote Congregations to avail themselves of this provision, it would tend greatly to increase the attendance at Synod, and would give additional weight to the acts of the Court.

We are compelled from want of space to give a very brief notice of the proceedings of Synod.

On Wednesday evening several Committees were appointed.

THURSDAY, June 6th.

The Synod took up an overture from the Presbytery of Kingston on the subject of a Book of Discipline. A Committee was appointed to report on Tuesday.

A conference was held on the support of the Ministry. After discussion it was moved by Dr. Willis; seconded by Mr. Roger:—

That, impressed with the urgent necessity of a Fund for the assisting of weaker congregations, a Committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the failure of the scheme lately attempted to be worked, and which was so far in operation for the sustentation of the Ministry among us; and to consider if a scheme, in its nature supplementary, might not with advantage be substituted. Also, whether a part of the late sustentation plan might not be retained in connection with a supplementary one.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Bayne,

That the matter be left in the hands of Presbyteries, according to the deliverance of last Synod.

The vote stood for motion 31. Amendment 18.

A Committee was appointed; viz.: Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Wightman, Mr. Roger, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Wardrop, Mr. Gregg, Ministers; Mr. Hall, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Elder, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Nicol, Elders.

It was agreed that next ordinary meeting of Synod be held in Kingston on the first Wednesday of June, 1851, to be opened with Sermon by the Moderator, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, June 7th.

Messrs. Stark and Gregg, Ministers, and Messrs. Davidson, Ferrier and Blain were appointed a Committee on the accounts of the Church, to whom the Treasurers to the various funds were required to hand in their books and accounts.

The Synod appointed Dr. Willis, Mr. Stark, Mr. Bayne, Mr. McKenzie, Ministers; Messrs. McLellan, Burgess and Clark, Elders; a Commit-

tee to draft a Minute on the subject of Baptism. A memorial, in behalf of the widow and family of the late Rev. Joseph Harris of Niagara, was taken into consideration. After hearing Mr. Blain in support of the memorial, and a very affecting narrative of Mr. Harris's death by Mr. Robb, it was

Resolved—That Dr. Willis and Dr. Burns be appointed to draft a Resolution, expressive of the solemn feelings of the Synod, on the death of Mr. Harris and of their sympathy with the bereaved family—calling on the ministers and members of the Church, to co-operate with the Committee in Niagara, for raising a fund for the relief of said family, expressive, at the same time, of the gratification with which the Synod has learned of the liberality of the Congregation at Niagara.

The Synod had a long discussion on an overture on the status of Ministers from other Churches when deputed to this Church; when it was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Willis,

That the Synod approve the Overture; and, in accordance with the recommendation of the same, declare that any Minister, or Professor of Theology, of the Free Church of Scotland, or of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, who shall have been regularly deputed by either of said Churches, in compliance with the oft-repeated appeals of this Church, to visit this country, and to supply vacant Churches, or engage in Collegiate or Missionary service within the bounds of this Church, for a limited period, shall be recognized, for the time being, as a member of the Presbytery within whose bounds he may be labouring; and also of the Synod, when in attendance on the sessions of the same, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. McMurray,

That Mr. W. C. Fairbairn, already admitted to a seat with this Synod, be admitted for the time, to all the privileges of membership in the same.

The motion was carried by a vote 42 to 10.

Overtures on the subject of the Clergy Reserves and Rectories were read. After a long discussion, and a motion and two amendments had been offered, the following Committee was appointed to draft a motion to be submitted on Monday, viz.: Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Roger, Mr. Smith, Ministers, and Messrs. Davidson and Smith, Elders.

SATURDAY, June 8th.

Dr. Willis submitted the following draft of a minute respecting the late Rev. Joseph Harris, of Niagara:—

The Synod received with much concern and emotion, the tidings of the decease of their esteemed brother in the Lord, the Rev. Mr. Harris, so recently admitted among them as a fellow labourer in the Gospel.

It was with deep interest that they listened to the relation of some particulars in the history of their lamented friend, brought under their attention by individual members of Synod, who had best known his manner of life, the multiplicity of his labours in various parts of the world in the Christian cause, and the self-denying sacrifices by which, both he and his partner in life, had by grace been enabled to manifest their love to Christ, and their concern for the salvation of immortal souls.

The Synod express their respectful sympathy with the mourning family, in particular with their bereaved sister in the Lord, widowed by this painful stroke, and deprived of the presence and protection, in a land comparatively of strangers, of one so justly endeared to her.

They sympathise at the same time in the joyful assurance which the remembrance of his latest and

ding testimony must inspire, as connected with the devotedness of his life to the service of the Saviour, that our beloved brother and fellow labourer has entered into the joys of his Lord and received the crown of glory promised to the faithful.

The Synod sympathise also with the afflicted and bereaved flock, and assure them of their interest in their spiritual welfare: And, delighted to recognise the liberality with which they have already provided against the worldly inconveniences that might have followed from the death of their beloved Pastor to his suddenly bereaved family,—the Synod pledge themselves to forward the laudable design of increasing the provision so far already made with this view, by all the means in their power. It is a pleasing and interesting proof of the more than ordinary fidelity and affectionate care of their spiritual interests manifested by their late Pastor, that, in the course of so brief a ministry he had secured such a place in their hearts; and the Synod fondly hope that the remembrance of his ways in Christ, and of the good word of God spoken by him, may subserve a valuable practical effect in all the families of the congregation—including them to follow his faith, and to seek in saving union and communion with the Master whom he served, what will be their only effectual support and solace in life and death, as it also constitutes the fruit which every faithful servant of the Lord most of all would desire, as the recompence of his labours and sacrifices.

When it was agreed,

That contributions should be made throughout all the congregations of the Synod, in aid of the family of the late Mr. Harris, and that Dr. Burns, Mr. Robb, ministers; Mr. McLellan, Mr. Elder, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Blain, elders, be a Committee for attending to this matter, with instructions to co-operate with the Committee already formed in the town of Niagara, for the aid of the family of the late Mr. Harris—Dr. Burns to be Convener, and Mr. Blain, Treasurer.

The case of Mr. Porterfield, formerly a Baptist minister, and asking for admission into the Church was referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Robb, Mr. Bayne and Mr. Fairbairn, Ministers, and Messrs. Osborne and McLellan, Elders.

MONDAY, June 10th.

The Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of London respecting the organization of a Gaelic congregation in Blandford. It was agreed that the request of the Presbytery to organize the congregation be acceded to.

Mr. Burns, agent for the Church, gave in a report on the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, which was read and sustained, and the thanks of Synod recorded to the Committee, and especially to Mr. Burns who has acted as editor during the last year.

The statistical table drawn up by Mr. Burns, was referred to a Committee composed of all the Presbytery Clerks, Mr. Wightman, Convener.

The Synod took up the consideration of a reference from the Presbytery of London, respecting Mr. Robert Peden, minister at Amherstburgh, who has been found guilty, by his Presbytery, of holding opinions on fundamental truths, at variance with the standards of this Church.

Extracts from the Presbytery of London, exhibiting the case as proceeded in by them, were read.

Mr. Peden appeared for himself, and stated his views at great length, on the various doctrines charged on him in the libel, as unsound and heretical.

Some of these doctrines he admitted that he held.

Several members, including members of the Presbytery of London, addressed the house, when the following deliverance was adopted:—

The Synod find from Mr. Peden's own admission, that he holds some of the unsound and heretical doctrines charged upon him in the libel; and that, while he formally denies holding the others for which he has been tried by the Presbytery of London, his own address to the Synod furnishes but too good evidence for the conclusion, that he holds the others also. The Synod, yet, desiring to proceed in this case with affection and forbearance, appoint a Committee to meet with Mr. Peden, and endeavour to convince him of the unscripturalness and dangerous nature of the doctrines which he holds,—the Committee to report on Wednesday; and Mr. Peden not to be precluded from again addressing the Synod, if he shall desire so to do.

The Committee to be, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Mr. Robb, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Bayne, ministers; Mr. McLellan, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Ferrier, elders.

TUESDAY, June 11th.

The Synod held a Conference respecting union among Presbyterians; and the clauses in the Standards relating to the Civil Magistrate.

Dr. Burns, in name of the Committee for drafting a motion respecting the Clergy Reserves and Rectories, produced the following draft which was adopted:

The Synod, taking into consideration the manifold evils, both religious and social, which have resulted from the Clergy Reserve system in the Province—the glaring injustice, as well as impolicy, of an attempt to set up an exclusive Ecclesiastical Establishment, by means of Patented and Endowed Rectories—as also the iniquitous manner in which these Rectories were constituted, without the knowledge and against the mind of the Province at large—resolve to memorialise the Government and the Legislature of Canada, to the effect, that they will be pleased to adopt immediate measures for the appropriation of the Lands, at present held as Clergy Reserves and Rectory Endowments, to the purposes of Education.

The Synod would also desire, that in making such new appropriation, Academies, as well as Common Schools, may be included, and that in both, the Word of God shall be distinctly recognised as the basis, and as the guardian of education.

The Synod further recommend that similar memorials, or petitions, shall be presented by all the congregations under their charge; and they appoint a Committee to draft said Memorial, to present it to the Executive and Legislature, and to co-operate with other bodies in watching the progress of any public measures that may be devised for the successful prosecution of the great object of such memorial, and to report to next meeting of Synod. Committee—Dr. Burns, convener; Mr. Gale, Mr. Eason, Mr. Boyd of Markham, Mr. Wightman, ministers; Messrs. Osborne, McLellan and Heron, elders.

The Committee on the case of Mr. Porterfield reported.

That Mr. Porterfield may be employed by the Home Mission Committee, within the bounds of the Presbytery where he may be residing, as a Missionary, or occasional labourer in the Ministry, and that he be recommended to attend one session at Knox's College.

The Synod took up the reference from the Presbytery of Perth, in the case of Mr. W. G. Johnston, minister at Ramsay, and suspended by said Presbytery for contumacy, when libelled for lasciviousness.

The Synod, after hearing some of the mem-

bers of the Presbytery of Perth, and considering the case, found that Mr. Johnstone must be held to stand confessed of the sin libelled, and that the Presbytery might have proceeded to deprive him of the office of the ministry. But, inasmuch as the Presbytery, for reasons which seem to be satisfactory, have thought it desirable, that the final sentence in the case should be given by the Synod. Resolved that the Synod shall now depose the said Mr. W. G. Johnstone from the office of the Holy Ministry. Before proceeding to the solemn act of deposition, the Synod engaged in prayer. The Moderator then, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the sole Head and King of the Church, and in virtue of the power and authority committed by him to it, declared Mr. W. G. Johnstone to be deposed from the office of the Holy Ministry, and prohibited and discharged from exercising the same, or any part thereof, in all time coming.

It was agreed, that the Presbytery of Perth should take such steps, as to them might seem expedient, for giving publicity to this sentence, with the view of preventing the said Mr. W. G. Johnstone from assuming any longer the standing of a minister of the gospel.

The Synod took up the reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, respecting the congregation at Caledonia, when it was agreed

That the Moderator, Dr. Burns, Mr. Harris, Mr. Ball, Mr. McMurray, Mr. McLeod, Mr. McKenzie, ministers; Mr. Osborne, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Blain, elders, be appointed as a Commission of Synod, to visit the Congregation of Caledonia, and they are authorised to meet with the minister, session, and congregation there; to inquire into the evils alleged to be existing there to the hindrance of unity, mutual confidence, and edification; to authorise them to act with the usual powers of a Synodical Court of review; and if they fail in their endeavours to establish harmony in consistency with the finding of the recent commission, as authenticated by this Synod, power is hereby granted to proceed to final judgment according to the laws of the Church, notwithstanding any appeals that may be attempted to be taken from their finding. If they see cause for libel, they shall commit the procedure into the hands of the Presbytery of Hamilton, who are empowered, assisted by the Committee, or any three of their number, to proceed to a judgment in the case, staying, nevertheless, a final sentence in the case of appeals.

Dr. Willis, on behalf of the Committee on Baptism, submitted a draft, containing statements of principles and directions in regard to the administration of that ordinance: when, after consideration of the same, the following deliverance was adopted:—

The Synod sustain the draft on Baptism—appoint it to be printed in the *Record*, with a view to its wide circulation, and enjoin ministers and missionaries to read it to their congregations on some early Sabbath, after divine service—and enjoin further, that Ministers and Sessions attend to its recommendations, as far as may be practicable. (See page 131.)

The Report of the Committee on the Book of Discipline was received and sustained, and after deliberation, the Synod agreed

That the Committee be re-appointed, that they should meet at an early day and agree on a plan of a Book, and distribute the different sections or parts of it amongst themselves, or allot them to other members of the Synod, that they may be filled up, and the whole combined into one book, for being submitted to the next meeting of Synod.

WEDNESDAY, June 12th.

The Synod had lengthened conference on the subjects of Union, and the Standards, when it was moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Burns,

That the Synod considering that great diversity of views exists among the office-bearers and members of this Church, respecting the true meaning of certain passages in the Confession of Faith, bearing on the Powers of the Civil Magistrate; and more particularly of chapters xx. and xxiii, sec. 3; considering that such diversity has of late been creating difficulties in the way of Office-bearers, Candidates for License, and Probationers for Ordination, signing our Formula in as far as it relates to this particular subject; considering that the continuance of this state of things has a tendency to endanger the internal union of our Church, to deprive it of the benefit of the labours of many pious and gifted persons, who are deeply attached to all the essential principles of our Church and its Standards, and also to prevent and impede the progress of the Church in this country; the Synod do therefore hereby appoint a Committee to take these chapters of the Confession of Faith under their careful consideration, with a view to determine what can safely be done to remove these difficulties, and to report their views, and the result of their deliberations to the next Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Bayne,

That the Synod having considered the Overture, declare their continued sense of the excellence of their subordinate standards, and of the importance of those parts thereof, which affirm the duty of the civil magistrate to recognise the Christian light where it shines, and to support and encourage the Christian truth in contradistinction to demoralizing error; and consider, that many of the exceptions taken to those portions of our standards originate in needless misapprehensions of the sense in which the said doctrinal articles have, all along been held by the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and which has already by this Church itself been explained in the testimonies it has issued and its recorded resolutions: That the Synod therefore cannot contemplate with much hope, the issue of their labours, in any further attempt that this Synod might make to satisfy the alleged scruples of candidates for admission to office, or the calls made for explanation by those who after vows, have made inquiry: But inasmuch as some of the parties pressing for this, declare generally that their object is not to change or alter the received standards, but in the *bona fide* sense of the term to have enunciated in other words the doctrine referred to: The Synod appoint a committee to consider whether any exegetical or declaratory note may be appended to the question in the formula respecting the Confession of Faith proposed to candidates for office; but hereby strictly limit the powers of the committee to said design.

Further, in reference to any case that may already have come before Presbyteries, of candidates for spiritual office seeking relief to their alleged conscientious scruples, in the way of being allowed to give a qualified assent to the said portion of our confession: The Synod, feel that it will be as inconvenient for Presbyteries themselves, as perilous to the public testimony maintained by this Church, to allow an absolute power of discretion to local judicatories: The Synod do, however, in the spirit of candid consideration, allow the Presbytery before which such case may occur, having first assured themselves of the attachment of the candidate to the doctrines of this Church in general, and to its testimony for the headship of Christ over nations as well as the Church, to transmit to the committee to be appointed as aforesaid, a particular statement of the circumstances; and if said committee, or a majority thereof, shall be satisfied to the same effect concerning said candidate, or applicant for license or ordination, the assent of such individuals, may be accepted with

an accompanying explanation; so that the difficulties alleged, being of the kind herein exclusively referred to, shall not hinder their license or appointment to offices within this Church.

After discussion, a vote was taken, when there voted for the motion, 11; for the amendment, 29; declined voting, 3.

The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried, and the following Committee was appointed for carrying it out, viz:—

The Moderator, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Robb, Mr. Harris, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Roger, McLeod, Mr. Stark, ministers; Mr. Davidson, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Elder, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Clark elders; Dr. Willis to be Convener.

The Synod took up the petition of Mr. John Scott, Student in Divinity, setting forth that the Presbytery of Hamilton had declined admitting him to license, on account of difficulties he had in signing the Confession of Faith, without some qualification or explanation of some of the passages relating to the Civil Magistrate. The petition was referred to the Committee on the Standards, who were empowered to confer with the Presbytery of Hamilton and Mr. Scott, and to give a deliverance in the matter.

Mr. Wightman reported on Statistics. The report was sustained, and its suggestions adopted. (See Report.) Mr. Burns was directed to publish the schedule in the forthcoming *Record*.

Mr. Smellie reported on behalf of the Committee on a Widows' Fund scheme. The Committee are of opinion, that without a General Sustentation Fund it cannot be carried out. The Synod sustained the Report, thanked the Committee, and appointed a Committee of which Mr. Osborne, Hamilton, is Convener, to communicate with Congregations through their respective office-bearers, and endeavour to interest them in measures for providing for the families of ministers, through *Life Assurance Societies*.

Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Mr. Gale and Mr. Wightman were appointed a Committee for drafting an address to Her Majesty's Government, deprecating the proposed change in the law of marriage in Great Britain.

The Synod then took up the case of the Rev Mr. Peden.

Mr. Peden read a statement of his views in regard to the doctrines upon which he had been libelled, and found guilty, of heresy by the Presbytery of London.

Various members expressed their views on the subject, when on motion made and seconded, it was agreed, that the Committee formerly appointed to consider this case, should draft a deliverance for the adoption of the Synod.

Whilst the Committee were drawing up their deliverance, on the call of the Moderator, the Rev Mr. Lindsay supplicated the Divine direction.

Mr. Bryne, in name of the Committee on Mr. Peden's case, produced a draft, and the same having been read, the Synod decreed and ordained in terms thereof. (Deliverance in our next.)

The deliverance was read to Mr. Peden, and the Clerk was instructed to furnish him with a copy of the same. The Presbytery of London were also allowed to have an extract of the minutes in this case, and they were instructed to declare the church at Amherstburgh, vacant, and to use their best efforts for supplying the congregation with a dispensation of divine ordinances.

Mr. Robb read the report of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, of which he is Convener, and the Synod adopted the following deliverance in regard to it.

That the report of the Home Mission Committee be sustained.

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Convener and other members of the Committee for their diligence and zeal in the important work committed to their care.

That the recommendations contained in said report, be adopted, and in particular, that all preachers licensed, or missionaries admitted from other churches, after the meeting of Synod, shall be placed at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, and Presbyteries are recommended to delay inducting them into pastoral charges, except in cases of urgency, until the close of the next session of Knox's College.

That the Committee be instructed to make arrangements with the Superintendent of Missions, for the proper disposal of his services so soon as he arrives in the province; and further, that they be enjoined to use all diligence in raising contributions for the Mission Fund, and that the same Committee be re-appointed for the ensuing year.

The Moderator accordingly thanked Mr. Robb; and the following Committee was appointed:—

The Moderator, Mr. Robb, Mr. Gale, Mr. Bayne, Dr. Willis, Mr. Harris, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Roger and Mr. Stark, ministers; Messrs. Davidson, Ferrier, McLellan, Elder, Osborne and Clark, elders.

Mr. Davidson reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The report was unanimously sustained and the thanks of the Synod tendered by the Moderator to Mr. Davidson, Chairman, and the other members of Committee, for their diligence in so accurately arranging the accounts.

It was also agreed,

That the Record Committee be authorized and instructed to print, in whole or in part, and in such form as they may deem best, the Report of the Finance Committee, and the Reports of the other Standing Committees of Synod, with a view to the circulating of the same among the members of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. King read his report of the Mission to the Colored population. The following deliverance was adopted,

The Synod record their thank to Mr. King, for his zeal and devotedness in his work, and their resolution under the Divine blessing, to sustain and encourage the Mission to the Colored Population; instruct the Committee to be appointed, to correspond with our Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, respecting the continuance of Mr. King's salary, and to represent to said Committee the favorable prospects of the Mission; and the Synod further authorize the Presbytery of London, to take Mr. King on trials for ordination, that he may be in the full status of a minister of the Gospel.

The Committee to be Dr. Burns, (Convener.) Dr. Willis, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gale, Mr. Wightman, ministers; Mr. Burns, Mr. James Gibb, Mr. Osborne, Mr. McLellan, elders.

THURSDAY, June 13th.

The Synod heard the Report on the case of John Scott, Student of Divinity. After deliberation it was

Agreed to refer the case to the Presbytery of Hamilton, with instructions to them to take a tender and considerate view of the conscientious scruples of Mr. Scott, regarding certain points in the xxiii. chapter of the Confession of Faith; and after due consultation with the Committee,

on the Standards of the Church, and having a regard to the Synod's proceedings on Wednesday last, to bring the matter, as they are empowered to do, to an edifying conclusion, according to the best of their judgments, in the difficulties of the case.

Dr. Willis gave in the Report of the College Committee, and Mr. Gale the Report of the Committee on King's College. The Synod resolved

That these Reports be received and sustained, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to those Committees, for the attention which they have given to the matters entrusted to them.— That the College Committee be Messrs. McKenzie, Robb, Roger, Gregg, R. Boyd, Wardrope, Gordon, Starke, Gale, Bayne and Rintoul, ministers; Hon. M. Cameron, Hon. G. McDonald, Dr. Dickson, John Fraser, G. Davidson, J. Burns, W. Notman, J. Gibb, J. Redpath, J. McMurrich, S. Spreull and James Shaw, Esqrs., together with the Professors. That the Committee endeavour to get such arrangements in the University of King's College, as will answer the purposes of Knox's College. And that it be entrusted to the Committee to make such arrangements in the internal economy of Knox's College as they deem best, for the purposes of promoting its objects, and the advancement of the students in the prosecution of their studies.

The draft of a Bill for the Incorporation of Knox's College was taken up. It was agreed

To refer the same to the Presbytery of Toronto, that they may still further correspond with the Church regarding its details, and, especially with Presbyteries; with authority to said Presbytery by and with the concurrence of a majority of the other Presbyteries in the draft, or in alterations and amendments of the same, to take steps to have it passed into law.

Dr. Burns gave in the Report of the Committee on Sabbath desecration, when the Synod agreed,

To sustain the same; to record, as they hereby do, their thanks to the Committee, especially to Dr. Burns for the interest taken in the object of their appointment; to reappoint the Committee with instructions to them to put forth renewed exertions for counteracting and abating the prevailing sin of Sabbath profanation.

The Agency Committee for the ensuing year was appointed as follows, viz:—

The Moderator, Clerk of Synod, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale (Convener) Mr. Robb, Mr. Wightman, ministers, with the following gentlemen in the City of Toronto, Mr. John McMurrich, Mr. James Shaw, Mr. Walter MacFarlane, Mr. Samuel Spreull, Mr. James Leask, Mr. John Laidlaw, Mr. John Kay.

It was agreed

That four collections be made in all congregations, and at mission stations, during the ensuing year, according to the following scheme, viz:—

- I. French Canadian Mission, on 1st Sabbath of September
- II. Synod's Home Mission Fund, 1st Sabbath of December.
- III. Synod Fund, 1st Sabbath of March.
- IV. Foreign Missions, (Free Church) 1st Sabbath of June.

And Presbyteries are earnestly enjoined to use their best endeavours, eye, and until some general Synodical plan for the sustentation of the Ministry, or aid of weak congregations, be in operation—to promote and establish within their own bounds, as they may severally see fit, funds for the sustentation of the ministry, or for the aid of weak congregations, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed the following members to be their Commission for the ensuing year, to attend to the matters referred to them, and watch over the general interests of the Church, viz:—

The Moderator and Clerk of Synod, Messrs. Mackenzie, McColl, Robb, Bayne, Stark, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns Messrs. Gale, McLeod, Roger Smith, Burns, Gregg, Boyd, McMurray, Wardrope, Duncan, and Henry, ministers; and Messrs. Allen, McLellan, Clark, Osborne, Davidson, Alex. Gibb, Wallace, Weylie, Hall, Harstone, Fife, Hon. J. McDonald, Stewart, Redpath, and Hettrick, elders.

The Commission to meet in Toronto, on the 16th day of October, at 12 o'clock noon.

The Synod resolved

To record their thanks to the friends in Toronto, for the Christian hospitality received at their hands by the ministers and elders of the Synod, during the meeting in Toronto, and especially to H. Miller, A. McGlashan, John Laidlaw, and Walter MacFarlane, Esquires, for their devising and carrying out arrangements by which that hospitality had been made available; and also that their cordial thanks be tendered to Dr. Burns, the minister, and to the elders and trustees of Knox's Church, for the comfortable accommodation enjoyed by the Synod, in that Church, during its present sessions.

Business being finished, the Moderator briefly addressed the Synod. After prayer, and singing a part of the exxii. Psalm, the Moderator announced that the next meeting of Synod would be held at Kingston on the first Wednesday of June, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

At Three o'clock, P. M., the Synod was closed with the Apostolical benediction.

ST. GABRIEL STREET CHURCH, MONTREAL.

The Rev. William Rintoul, A. M., late Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Criticism in Knox's College, Toronto, has accepted a unanimous call from the congregation of St. Gabriel street Church, Montreal, to become their Pastor.

We believe this is the oldest Protestant Church in Canada.

The Rev. Mr. Rintoul is one of our most tried Ministers, who has for 20 years borne the burden and heat of the day. Mr. R. was among the most active and zealous Ministers in organizing the Church at the disruption. The path of duty was plain to him on that trying occasion, and he pursued it consistently, although deserted by every Minister of his Presbytery.

We know that with his experience and business habits Mr. R. will be an invaluable acquisition to the Montreal Presbytery.

May he be long spared to the flock over which he is about to be constituted the overseer, and to the Church which he has served with such fidelity. The best wishes of all who have the pleasure of knowing Mr. R. accompany him and his family to his new sphere of duty, and many prayers are no doubt offered in their behalf.

In the first week of June, the Presbytery of Kingston ordained the Rev. Andrew Hudson, a minister of the Presbyterian congregation of Tyendinaga. We are unable to give any further particulars. Presbytery Clerks should forward notices of such events as they occur.

The Rev. Peter Gray, of Esquevas, has accepted a call to the vacant congregation of Beckwith, in the Presbytery of Perth.

The Rev. Wm. Fraser, son of John Fraser, Esq., London, C. W., has been ordained pastor of the congregation in Gourack, vacant by the translation of the Rev. D. McLeod to Cobourg, C. W.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VARIOUS SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH, FOR THE YEARS 1848-9 & 1849-50.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS AND MISSION STATIONS.	Knox's College.		Synod Fund.		Home Mission.		French Can. Mission.		Foreign Missions.		TOTAL.	
	1848-49.	1849-50.	1848-49.	1849-50.	1848-49.	1849-50.	1848-49.	1849-50.	1848-49.	1849-50.	1848-49.	1849-50.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Toronto	85 5 0	123 18 9	10 0 0	17 0 0	13 16 3	15 5 0	57 5 5	33 0 0	16 5 0	36 5 0	207 16 8	258 18 9
Calendon East	1 15 3	3 9 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calendon West	3 8 9	3 9 4 1/2	1 5 2 1/2	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erin	1 2 6	1 6 3	12 10 3	1 1 6 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chiniquay: Free Temple Ch.	.....	6 10 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Toronto Township	6 5 0	5 18 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Respecting Union Church	5 10 0	5 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Norval	2 13 9	3 6 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Boston	7 10 0	5 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Action	3 14 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Markham: Melville Church	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown's Corners	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Streetsville	1 12 6	5 16 3	1 0 0	1 13 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oro	3 7 6	15 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
King	3 3 9	2 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vaughan	3 10 0	4 12 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barwick	3 7 6	1 7 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brook	7 2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beverton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thira	1 9 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York Mills	6 18 9	10 7 3	1 8 0	2 0 3 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scarboro'	2 15 0	8 2 5 1/2	1 15 0	2 13 3 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West: Gwillimbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bradford	16 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nantawasaga	1 7 9	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orkville	3 2 6	1 45 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tralagar, Dundas Street	5 12 6	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monro	1 18 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Humber	8 15 9	1 7 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weston	2 0 1 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nassagaweya	15 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peach	1 1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitby	3 2 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barrie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Innisfil	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sundale	5 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1st Concession Yonge Street	3 12 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Vincent	1 0 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medouze	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patriote	12 6 2	15 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Cavan	1 1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colborne	25 16 7	12 19 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton	.....	1 1 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colborne	.....	2 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decaton	.....	3 6 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Cavan	5 19 1 1/2	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onesbee	1 5 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Appindel	3 10 0	3 2 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore Mills	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cold Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enniskillen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS, &c., (Continued.)

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS AND MISSION STATIONS.	Knox's College.		Synod Fund.		Home Mission.		French Can. Mission.		Foreign Missions.		Total.	
	1849-50.		1849-50.		1849-50.		1849-50.		1849-50.		1849-50.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hamilton	84 1 3	65 2 9	7 16 0	9 0 0	8 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	29 19 7	148 0 1	134 2 4	134 2 4	
Galt	5 0 0	75 0 0	4 10 0	.....	.....	9 9 0	9 9 0	2 15 0	102 10 0	87 4 0	87 4 0	
Fergus	11 11 0	5 12 6	2 11 0	2 10 0	3 15 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	.....	25 14 7	19 2 6	19 2 6	
Dundas and Ancaster.	3 0 0	1 16 10	1 18 2	1 3 11	2 5 0	1 8 0	1 8 0	.....	4 18 2	5 5 9	5 5 9	
West Flamboro'	3 0 0	1 12 6	1 6 7	5 10	1 0 4	.....	.....	.....	4 4 0	.....	4 4 0	
Wellington Square	3 12 6	4 13 9	9 0	7 2	3 0	.....	.....	.....	1 12 6	14 9 5	14 9 5	
Waterdown	2 5 7	3 8 9	15 0	.....	3 0	.....	.....	.....	2 5 7	7 13 3	7 13 3	
Cummingsville	3 11 5	1 6 10	.....	.....	1 9 4	1 15 0	1 15 0	.....	3 11 5	1 15 7	1 15 7	
Bimbrook and Saltfleet	2 15 0	2 0 0	1 0 6	15 0	1 0 4	1 7 10	1 7 10	.....	6 3 8	3 17 2	3 17 2	
Ancaster Settlement	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caledonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onondaga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunnville	6 3	.....	.....	1 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jarvis	1 15 0	2 6 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oneida	9 7 6	10 8 3	1 9 1	16 2	2 1 3	1 15 0	1 15 0	.....	1 10 0	6 0 8	6 0 8	
Avr	3 7 6	.....	12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Niagara	3 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cross Roads	14 14 10	3 9 6	3 11 1	1 10 1	2 15 6	1 0 0	1 0 0	.....	3 1 3	1 6 4	1 6 4	
Port Dover	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Puefinch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thorold	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gueiph	5 5 0	2 0 4	1 12 6	13 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wellandport	.....	.....	.....	13 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sydenham	.....	.....	.....	14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Shore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blenheim, Blandford & Woolwich	14 15 0	16 0 0	.....	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zorra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Andrews	11 10 7	8 0 0	1 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodstock, English	11 4 5	18 2 6	.....	1 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodstock, Gaelic	14 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Sarnia	1 16 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plympton	33 5 0	28 0 10	.....	5 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
London	4 5 0	2 5 0	6 3	.....	10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuckermith	6 0 0	5 13 6	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. E. Hope	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williams	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catham	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elfrid	16 4 10	10 0 0	.....	1 5 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mosa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wardville	4 0 0	7 6 0	1 11 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas	6 0 0	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aldboro'	2 0 0	2 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Donwich	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ingersoll & Beachville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amherstburgh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nissouri	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lobo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yarmouth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fingal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stratford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Minister's Suspend.	Sources of Suspend.	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE FUNDS.								Total Congregational Contributions.	Remarks.
		Knox's College.	Synod Fund.	Synod's Home Mission.	Presbytery H. M. Fund.	Foreign Missions.	French Can. Missions.	Bursaries.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
232 19 9	Subscriptions.....	65 2 9	7 10 0	2 0 0	20 15 0	23 19 7	6 0 0	10 0 0	400 7 1		
91 0 0	Pew Rents.....	5 12 6	2 10 0	3 15 0	3 0 3	4 15 0	3 15 0	....	117 7 9	
13 0 0	Subscriptions.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19 10 0	Do.....	.....	0 15 0	1 12 7½	0 15 0	1 15 0	1 7 10½	.....	64 2 6	
32 10 0	Do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45 14 7	Sub's and Pew Rents.	3 9 6	1 10 1	2 15 6	2 18 10	3 7 6	3 2 6	.....	82 18 6	
20 0 0	Call's and Pew Rents.	7 9 0	1 9 1½	2 1 3	3 10 0	.....	1 4 0	.....	95 13 4½	
85 10 0	Pew Rents.....	8 0 0	1 10 0	.....	1 10 0	.....	3 5 0	.....	99 15 6	
125 0 0	Subscriptions.....	10 0 0	1 0 0	2 13 3	.....	2 12 6	3 6 0	.....	134 2 9	
.....	.....	.....	0 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
59 7 6	Sub's and P. Rents.	1 12 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Subscriptions.....	4 13 9	0 17 7	0 14 4½	1 17 10	1 12 6	3 16 10½	.....	78 1 8	
42 9 4	Do.....	3 8 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50 0 0	Do.....	0 13 8½	0 13 8½	0 11 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	168 15 16	
.....	Do.....	.....	0 13 10	2 0 0	.....	.....	2 6 18½	.....	.....
450 0 0	Seat Rents, &c.....	123 18 9	17 0 0	15 5 0	52 0 0	36 5 0	57 0 0	10 0 0	711 8 9		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 12 2½	.....	1 8 7½	.....	21 4 6	
.....	.....	8 4 8	.....	.....	10 17 6	.....	2 2 6	.....	21 3 8	
.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0	
.....	.....	21 0 0	1 9 9	.....	73 12 7½	.....	8 1 8	.....	101 4 0½	
75 0 0	Subscriptions.....	10 7 3	2 0 3½	.....	4 6 6	1 10 0	2 18 0	.....	91 2 0½	
50 0 0	Pew Rents.....	2 2 5½	2 13 3½	.....	2 3 9	3 15 0	1 16 6	.....	68 11 0	
36 12 0	Subscriptions.....	5 10 0	1 5 0	.....	1 5 0	2 9 0	3 15 0	.....	50 16 6	
15 0 0	Subscriptions.....	.....	0 9 0	1 2 0	.....	.....	0 11 10	.....	17 2 10	
22 5 0	Do.....	3 9 4½	1 0 0	3 17 2	0 19 3	.....	2 2 6	.....	33 13 4½	
12 7 0	Do.....	1 6 3	1 1 6	0 7 0	0 12 6	.....	2 2 6	.....	24 17 9	
100 0 0	Seat Rents and Contrib.	3 15 0	1 0 0	0 10 0	1 7 6	.....	0 10 0	.....	107 2 6	
79 0 0	Seat Rents.....	2 13 3½	1 11 7	1 12 11½	2 5 4½	.....	2 15 3	.....	22 18 5½	
75 0 0	Pew Rents.....	1 0 0	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 0 0	
50 0 0	Subscriptions.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 5 0	.....	51 5 0	
160 0 0	Pew Rents.....	3 0 0	1 0 0	.....	3 17 6	3 1 3	.....	.....	170 18 9	
.....		
.....	.....	27 0 0	2 10 0	.....	24 10 0	.....	3 5 0	.....	60 5 0	
104 3 6	Subscriptions.....	5 2 6	1 0 0	.....	3 0 0	1 0 0	0 17 6	.....	115 3 6	
100 0 0	Do.....	10 0 0	1 5 0	.....	3 8 9	2 2 0	1 10 0	.....	122 11 3	
57 6 0	Do.....	12 10 0	.....	.....	0 17 6	.....	.....	.....	82 13 6	
100 0 0	Do.....	17 10 0	1 15 0	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	.....	122 5 0	
16 0 0	Do.....	2 2 5 0	0 6 3	1 15 0	0 12 5	.....	1 0 0	.....	22 12 6	
12 12 10	Do.....	5 10 0	1 0 0	.....	3 5 9	.....	.....	.....	22 5 10	
169 17 2	Do.....	15 0 0	2 0 0	10 16 0	0 15 0	.....	6 6 0	.....	145 14 8	
24 0 0	Do.....	3 12 0	2 4 0	1 13 0	.....	.....	1 2 0	.....	29 11 2	
100 0 0	Subscriptions.....	.....	.....	.....	0 15 0	.....	12 10 0	.....	102 15 10	
125 0 0	Monthly Subscription...	23 0 0	5 0 0	7 10 0	.....	44 13 0	46 4 9	.....	.....
120 0 0	Subscriptions.....	3 0 0	1 0 0	2 5 0	.....	.....	1 11 3	.....	127 16 3	
55 0 0	Subscrip and Donation	7 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	67 0 0	
23 10 0	Voluntary Contribution	2 12 11	0 0 0	0 10 11	.....	.....	5 0 2½	.....	91 4 4	
42 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Paid also for Ch. buildg &c. 1889.
Contributed for various purposes connected with the Ch. 1881

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,

PRESBYTERIES.	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF MINISTER.	Number of Members.	Additions on Examination.	Additions by Certificates.	Number of Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Elders.	Deacons and Managers.	Diets of Worship.	Week-day Lectures.	Attendance.	Pastoral Visitations.	Pray'r Meetings.	Attendance.	Sabbath Schools.	Attendance.	Bible Classes.	Congregational Libraries.	Sabbath School Libraries.	
																					PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.
<i>Peterboro' & North Cavan</i>.....	.....	John M. Roger.....	300	.....	.....	.....	12	13	12	11	yearly	3	25	3	1	10	3	1	3	
<i>Cobourg</i>	St. Andrew's Church.....	Donald McLeod.....	231	8	7	612	400	6	4	12	1	75	yearly	4	75	6	90	2	1	1	
<i>Grafton & Colborne</i>.....	.....	John Wilson Smith.....	114	10	.....	250	3	9	10	12	.....	.....	yearly	.....	.....	2	40	1	.....	.....
<i>Ottawbee</i>.....	.....	Vacant.....	90	.....	150	200	2	10	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	3	70	.....	1	2
<i>Baltimore Mills</i>.....	.....	Do.....	80	.....	200	180	4	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	3	1	10	.....	.....
<i>Howmanville</i>.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>South Cavan</i>.....	.....	James Douglas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.																					
<i>Kingston</i>	Chalmer's Church.....	Robert F. Burns.....	69	8	9	300	300	3	.....	2	1	40	yearly	1	15	2	80	.....	.....	2
<i>Demorestville</i>.....	.....	James Rogers.....	75	2	.....	200	150	5	.....	2	1	30	y'dly	1	20	1	30	.....	.....	.....
<i>Pictou</i>	Presbyterian Church.....	Wm. Reid, A.M.....	95	9	6	300	170	4	6	2	.....	.....	y'dly	2	48	1	40	1	.....	1
<i>Bellefleur</i>	Do. do.....	Wm. Gregg.....	70	6	5	240	170	2	.....	2	1	30	y'dly	1	30	1	40	2	.....	2
<i>Gananoque</i>	Do. do.....	Henry Gordon.....	62	4	2	250	175	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The Committee appointed by the Synod to revise Statistical Returns, beg leave to report:—

1. The following omissions of settled congregations:—

- Hamilton Presbytery*, three settled congregations no return, viz.: Caledonia, Galt, Fergus.
- Kingston Presbytery*—1, viz.: Brock St. Church, Kingston.
- Brockville Presbytery*—1, viz.: South Gower.
- Perth Presbytery*—No return at all.
- Montreal Presbytery*—1, viz.: St. Gabriel-street, Montreal.
- London Presbytery*—1, viz.: Amherstburgh.

2. The Committee recommend that all the returns be in the hands of Presbytery Clerks in due time to be transmitted to Mr. Burns, Agent, a month before the meeting of Synod; and in order that full time may be allowed for doing so, the financial year close on the 31st March, instead of the 30th April.

3. That the column headed *Presbytery Fund*, be entitled *Presbytery's Home Mission Fund*.

4. That the column for *Catechumens* be expunged.

5. That the following columns be added, viz.: one for *Managers*, next after *Deacons*; one for *Attendance at Bible Classes*, and one for *Miscellaneous Collections, &c.*, wherein might be inserted notice of *Building of Churches, &c.*

6. The column headed *Adherents*, to be headed *Number of Families*.

7. The Committee recommend that the Schedule which has been carefully drawn up by Mr. Burns, Agent for the Church, be returned to him for publication in the forthcoming Record.

THOMAS WICKHAM, *Comptroller*
Toronto, 12th June, 1850

FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH.

JOHN REPETH, *Treasurer, in account with the FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.*

1849.	Dr.
To Collection from Congregation of Niagara, per Rev. Mr. Lyall.....	£2 12 6
Do. do. of Tuckersmith, per Mr. Hannah.....	1 0 0
Do. do. Puslinch, per Mr. Meldrum.....	3 1 3
Do. do. Union, Boston and Norval, for Jewish Mission.....	2 10 0
Do. do. Ramsay, per Rev. Mr. Johnstone.....	0 18 1
Do. do. York Mills, per Mr. Wightman.....	1 12 0
Do. do. Scarborough, per ditto.....	3 15 0
Do. from Ladies' Socy of London, C. W., per Mr. Fraser.....	3 0 0
Do. from Salfleet and Binbrook, per Rev. Mr. Cheyne.....	1 15 0
Do. from Children of Sabb. School, partly Jewish Mission.....	1 0 6
Do. Knox's Church, Toronto, per Mr. McMurrich.....	16 5 0
Do. Amherstburgh, per Rev. Mr. Peden.....	2 15 0
Do. Metis, C. E., per Rev. Mr. Cairns.....	0 10 0
Do. Free Church, Colé St., Montreal.....	£16 16 2
Do. do. Sabbath School, 3 0 8	
Do. do. Female Class, 2 3 0	
	21 19 10
Do. Bytown, per Rev. T. Wardrop.....	2 13 10
Do. Chalmer's Church, Kingston, per Rev. R. Burns.....	£1 10 0
Do. for Jewish Mission.....	1 5 0
	2 15 0
Do. Perth, per Rev. Mr. Duncan, Indian Mission.....	£6 10 0
Do. do. Jewish Mission.....	6 10 0
Do. do. Sabbath School.....	0 5 0
	13 5 0
Peterboro', Jewish Mission, per Rev. Mr. Roger.....	£7 7 6

Do. Sabbath School, do. 1 12 3
Cavan Congregation, less postage, 1s. 1d..... 1 1 4

Galt Sabbath School, per Mr. Lutz... 2 15 0

Since received from Free Church, London, C. W., per Mr. Fraser... 10 0 0
Do. from Knox's Church, Toronto. 30 0 0

1849. Cr.
By Cash remitted to J. McDonald, Esq., Scotland, Treasurer of the Free Church, (Bill of Exchange,) 42 10 6
1850.
By do. do. do. do. 51 10 0

Mr. Burns has received for this Fund from
Scarboro', per W. Clark, Esq., £1 15 10 1/2
Norval, Esqueping, per Mr. A. Tolmie 0 13 1
Union Church, do do. 2 2 6
Brockville, Rev. J. McMurray..... 3 1 3
Streetsville, Mr. A. Simpson..... 2 2 10
Pictou, Rev. W. Reid..... 1 1 0
Boston Church, Esqueping, Rev. P. Gray..... 4 15 0
Wellington Square, Waterdown and Cummerburg, for Mr. Wingate—Jewish Mission, per Rev. A. Maclean..... 1 12 6
Goulbourne, per Rev. J. B. Duncan... 1 1 3
E. Toronto Township, per Rev. A. T. Holmes..... 1 7 2
Free Temple Church, do do. 0 17 6
Oakville, per Rev. J. Nisbet..... 0 12 6
Trafalgar, Dundas Street, do..... 0 15 0
Chatham & Tilbury, per Rev. A. McColl..... 1 0 0
Wardville, per Rev. W. Sutherland.. 0 10 0
West Gwillimbury, per Mr. John Alexander..... 2 5 2 1/2
Bradford, do do. 2 16 2 1/2
Puslinch, per Rev. W. Meldrum..... 2 2 6
Ayr, per Rev. R. Lindsay..... 1 10 0
London, additional, from J. G. McKenzie, per Mr. Wm Clark..... 1 0 0

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Minister's Stipend.	Sources of Stipend.	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE FUNDS.								Total Congregational Contributions.	Remarks.
		Knox's College.	Synod Fund.	Synod's Home Mission.	Presbytery H. M. Fund.	Foreign Missions.	French Can. Missions.	Bursaries.			
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
140 0 0	Seat Rents.....	15 15 0	2 10 0	.....	12 15 0	8 8 10	9 0 7	.....	211 14 9	
200 0 0	Do. and Subscrip.	30 16 7	10 0 0	.....	.....	27 10 0	2 15 1	5 10 0	276 11 8	
110 0 0	Subscriptions.....	1 1 5	0 10 1	.....	2 0 0	.....	1 17 0	.....	115 8 6	
		6 0 0	.....	.....	43 0 0	.....	1 17 6	.....	50 17 6	
75 7 6	Seat Rents.....	6 12 6	1 10 0	1 3 9	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	85 13 9	
		2 10 0	2 0 0	.....	57 16 0	.....	.....	.....	62 6 0	
104 0 0	Subscriptions.....	3 6 8	.....	.....	3 6 8	3 6 8	.....	.....	119 0 0	
55 0 0	Subscrip. & Seat Rents.	.....	.....	5 0 0	3 15 0	2 15 0	7 5 0	.....	73 15 0	} Also for building Ch. £1000.
100 0 0	Gov. allow. & S. Rents.	.....	.....	.....	2 2 6	.....	.....	.....	.....
130 0 0	Subscrip. & Seat Rents	4 0 0	1 5 0	2 0 0	8 0 0	1 1 0	3 0 0	.....	149 6 0	
125 0 0	Do. do.	3 15 0	.....	2 0 0	12 0 0	.....	2 10 0	.....	145 5 0	
115 0 0	.....	1 0 0	2 4 0	2 4 0	5 14 0	.....	4 15 0	.....	223 13 0	

SYNOD FUND.

JOHN BURNS, Treasurer, in account with the Synod Fund.

1849.

Dr.

Presbytery of London.

Chatham and Tilbury.....	£2 0 0
Amherstburgh.....	2 0 0
Zorra.....	2 0 0
Port Sarnia.....	2 12 6
Elfrid and Mosa.....	1 5 0
London.....	5 0 0
	<u>14 7 6</u>

Presbytery of Hamilton.

Ayr.....	£0 16 2
Hamilton.....	9 0 0
Caledonia.....	0 15 0
Wellandport.....	0 13 9
Dunville.....	1 3 9
Wellington Square.....	0 4 7
Waterdown.....	0 5 10
Cummingsville.....	0 7 2
Puslinch.....	1 10 1
Dundas and Ancaster.....	2 10 0
Sydenham.....	0 13 10
Lake Shore.....	0 14 0
West Flamboro'.....	1 3 11
Fergus.....	2 0 0
	<u>21 18 1</u>

Presbytery of Toronto.

York Mills.....	£2 0 3
Scarboro'.....	2 5 1
Front Road.....	0 8 2
1st Con. York.....	1 0 0
Boston Church, Esqueping	1 5 0
Union and Norval, do.	1 1 2
Streetsville.....	2 13 8
Knox's Church, Toronto.	17 0 0
Gwillimbury.....	1 9 6
Bradford.....	0 7 3
Free Temple Church.....	0 7 6
Caledon West.....	1 0 0
Caledon East.....	0 9 0
Erin.....	1 1 6
Markham, Melville Ch....	0 19 1
" Brown's Corn.	0 12 6

Oakville.....	0 10 0
Dundas St., Trafalgar....	0 10 0
	<u>34 19 9</u>

Presbytery of Cobourg.

Baltimore Mills.....	£1 10 0
Darlington.....	2 0 0
Enniskillen.....	0 10 0
Peterboro and Cavan.....	2 10 0
	<u>6 10 0</u>

Presbytery of Kingston.

Gananoque.....	£1 10 3
Pictou.....	1 5 0
Storrington, Ballynahinch and Shibly.....	1 10 0
	<u>4 5 3</u>

Presbytery of Brockville.

Prescott.....	£1 0 0
Brockville.....	1 0 0
S. Gowar.....	1 0 0
	<u>3 0 0</u>

Presbytery of Perth.

Osgoode.....	£0 15 0
Gloucester.....	0 7 6
	<u>1 2 6</u>

Presbytery of Montreal.

St. John's, Quebec.....	£5 0 0
Lachute.....	1 2 6
St. Therese.....	1 0 0
	<u>7 2 6</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

T. Patton.....	£0 2 6
Zorra, for Minutes.....	0 2 6
Barrie, for Model Deed..	0 2 6
Darlington, 2 do.....	0 5 0
Caledon E. 1 do.....	0 2 6
J. C. Morrison, Esq.....	0 2 6
Collection at Synod, '49.	1 10 2
Free Temple Church, minutes.....	0 3 9
Mr. Lindsay, copy of do.	0 0 6
Mariontown, for Rev. Mr. Bayne's pamphlet.....	1 0 0

J. Brown, Lobo, Model Deed.....	0 5 0	
Collection at Synod, '50.	2 11 8	
		6 8 7
Balance due to Treasurer.....		5 16 5
		<u>£106 0 7</u>

PAYMENTS.

1850.		Cr.
By G. Oal, for attendance at Synod in 1849.....	£2 10 0	
By J. Laidlaw, Esq., late Treasurer, balance.....	10 0 6	
By Rev. W. Rintoul, balance Synod Clerk's salary.....	5 0 0	
By John Burns, expenses in visiting congregations, for Sustentation Board in 1847.....	4 0 0	
By W. M. Gorrie, charges on case of books from Scotland.....	1 15 0	
By Rev. W. Rintoul, on account of Synod Clerk's salary.....	17 15 4	
By James Cleland, for printing minutes, &c.....	14 17 3	
By cash paid for blank book and paper for Synod Clerk.....	0 2 6	
By John Burns, proportion of expenses of Agency.....	50 0 0	
		<u>£106 0 7</u>

Extract from Report of Financial Committee on Synod Fund.

Your Committee having examined the Accounts of the Synod Fund, found the same correct, and a deficiency, as nearly as can be estimated, of about £63. Your Committee are of opinion that this deficiency is very much caused by the Congregations of this Church not understanding the object of said Fund, and would beg leave to recommend to the Synod to impress upon Ministers and Missionaries the necessity of explaining its objects.

8. SPENCER, Treasurer, in ac. with the BURSARY FUND.

Table with columns for year (1849, 1850), description of items, and amounts in £, s, d.

Also a Box of Goods from Glasgow, on hand, may produce an amount from £25 to £30.

Table with columns for year (1850), description of items, and amounts in £, s, d.

Toronto, June 8, 1850.

D. McLELLAN, Treasurer, in account with SYNOD'S HOME MISSION FUND.

Table with columns for year (1849, 1850), description of items, and amounts in £, s, d.

Table with columns for year (1850), description of items, and amounts in £, s, d.

Table with columns for description of items and amounts in £, s, d.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF KNOX'S COLLEGE, FROM JUNE 25, 1849, TO JUNE 7, 1850.

RECEIPTS.

Presbytery of Toronto.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

Presbytery of Cobourg.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

Presbytery of London.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

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Presbytery of Montreal.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

Presbytery of Kingston.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

Presbytery of Perth.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

Presbytery of Brockville.

Table with columns for church/location, description, and amounts in £, s, d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Table with columns for description of items and amounts in £, s, d.

PAYMENTS.

By Balances due on July 1, 1849 —			
Dr. Willis.....	£84	1	3
Professor Esson.....	95	12	7
Professor Rintoul.....	67	18	5
Professor Gale.....	51	8	0
		302	0
By Library account.....	48	11	9
By John Burns, on account of ex- penses of Agency Office.....	30	0	0
By D. Rintoul, for transcribing the Minutes of College Committee..	1	10	0
By advertising in Mont. Witness..	1	9	9
By bal. of ac. for fuel, cleaning, of ficers' salary, candles, repairs, &c to July 12, 1849.....	47	18	1
By half-year's salary due Jan. 1, '59			
Dr. Willis.....	£200		
Professor Esson.....	125		
Professor Rintoul.....	125		
Professor Gale, to 1st Oct. 1849.....	25		
		475	0
By City Taxes on Coll. buildings..	4	15	0
By half-year's rent on ditto.....	30	0	0
By J. Burns, travelling expenses..	1	5	0
By discount on cheques.....	0	7	1
By account for fuel, cleaning, can- dles, &c., to June 1, 1850.....	18	4	11 1/2
By Library account.....	6	3	2
By proportion of Agent's salary...	59	0	0
By Professors' salaries falling due on 1st July, 1850, in part.....	19	0	0
By J. M. Hirschfelder, Esq., He- brew teacher, on account.....	30	0	0
By J. Cleland, for printing.....	0	12	6
By balance in Treasurer's hands,...	205	12	2
		£1272	9

MATERNAL AFFECTION.

Men talk of the silver cord of friendship—of the silver ties which bind young lovers together—of the pure affection of husband and wife, as if it were durable as adamant, and as pure as the love of angels. But a hasty word, a thoughtless action, or a mis-constructed expression may break the first; slight neglect, some inconsistency, or a trifling favor denied, may sunder the second; and even the last may be destroyed, for the green-eyed monster may find some entrance, and blight the fairest flower of this sweetest earthly paradise.

But there is a love which neglect cannot weaken, which injury cannot destroy, and which even jealousy cannot extinguish. It is the pure, the holy, the enduring love of a mother. It is as gentle as the breeze of evening, firm as the oak, and ceases only when life's last gleam goes out in death. During all the vicissitudes of this changing world, in sickness or in sorrow, in life or in death, in childhood's halcyon days, in "youth's untroubled hour," or in manhood's vigorous prime, the mother clings with the same unweary affection to her child. It is the same amid the snows and frost of Siberia, the temperate and the joyous regions of our own land, and among the arid sands of Africa.

These anxious cares and tender attentions, and repeated words of a mother's love are not without their happy influences upon the lives and character of their sons. The stern rebuke of a justly offended father may check for a season the rising and struggling passions of youth, but the lessons learned from a mother's lips are engraven on the heart, and retain their power through life; in virtue's path, and even in the career of vice, they are continually recurring to our mind, and bring with them as farther incitements to good, all the hallowed sense of childhood and innocence.—Hard is the heart that will not melt at the recollection of a mother's prayer; and more obdurate still, the heart of him who by a course of vice can wittingly wring her soul with anguish, and bring down her grey hairs with sorrow to the grave.—*Presbyterian Herald.*

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest."

A Church that neglects to provide for the education of its candidates must expect to have many uneducated ministers. The utmost vigilance and decision are necessary in order to maintain a high standard of ministerial qualification. If the question were left entirely to the candidates themselves, there is no doubt that many would enter the ministry with very deficient resources. For, notwithstanding the prevalent opinion that the theological course should embrace at least three years of study, and notwithstanding some stringent rules on the subject, as indicated in the arrangements of the theological seminaries, and as positively required by the Assembly through the Board of Education, a disposition to shorten the course is constantly exhibited among the students who leave the sacred office in view.

No greater evil can befall the Church, next to an unevangelical ministry, than an uneducated ministry. President Edwards has some admirable remarks on this point, which we extract from his "Thoughts on a Revival."

"The gospel-ministry used to be limited to persons of a liberal education; but some of late have been for having others, whom they have supposed to be persons of eminent experience, publicly licensed to preach, yea, and ordained to the work of the ministry; and some ministers have seemed to favour such a thing. But how little do they seem to look forward, and consider the unavoidable consequences of opening such a door! If once it should become a custom, or a thing generally approved and allowed of, to admit uneducated persons to the work of the ministry, because of their remarkable experience and good understanding, how many lay persons would soon appear as candidates for the work of the ministry! I doubt not but that I have been acquainted with scores that would have desired it. And how shall we know where to stop? If one is admitted because his experiences are remarkable, another will think his experiences also remarkable; and we perhaps shall not be able to deny but that they are nearly as great. If one is admitted because, besides experiences, he has good natural abilities, another, by himself and many of his neighbours, may be thought equal to him. It will be found of absolute necessity that there should be some certain, visible limits fixed, to avoid bringing odium upon ourselves, and breeding uneasiness and strife amongst others; and I know of none better, and indeed no other that can well be fixed, than what the prophet Zechariah fixes, viz., That those only should be appointed to be pastors or shepherds in God's church, that "have been taught to keep cattle from their youth," or that have had an education for that purpose. Those ministers who would break over these limits, and make a practice of it, would break down that fence which they themselves, after they have been wearied with the ill consequences, would be glad to have somebody else build up for them. Not but that there may probably be some persons in the land, who have had no education at college, that are in themselves better qualified for the work of the ministry, than some others who have their degrees, and are now ordained. But yet I believe the breaking over of these bounds which have hitherto been set, in ordaining such persons, would in its consequences be a greater calamity than the missing such persons in the work of the ministry.—Opening a door for the admission of unlearned men to the work of the ministry, though they should be persons of extraordinary experience, and on some accounts be especially prejudicial at such a day as this; because such persons, for want of extensive knowledge, are oftentimes forward to lead others into those things which a people are in danger of at such a time, above all others, viz., magical, vain imaginations, superstitious, unchristian, and such like, extreme."

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