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COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

The annual collection for the Synod Fund is appointed to be taken up in the various Congregations of the Church on the third Saboath of July. From this fund are payable the salaries of the officers of the Synod, the expenses of printing the minutes, and various charges in connexion with the accommodation of members of Synod at the annual meeting. There are also, from year to year other sums payable from the Synod Fund. Last year asum was paid on account of the Box of Korns &: This year, there is an amount due on account of the Ench of Forms &: This year, there is an amount due on account of the expenses of a law suit connected with the Church at Utica, in the Presbytery of Ontario, besides expenses connected with the preparation of the Model Trust Deed. From these considerations it will be seen that it is essential that every Congregation should contribute. No Congregation on the roll of Sanod should feel itself exempted from the duty of taking its part in bearing all these common burdens.

The collection is placed is s, on the list as funds are required for the printing of the minutes, and other Synodical expenses. It is hoped that the col-

lection will be duly attended to throughout the Church.

THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

As usual, the Minutes will be distributed as soon as they are received from the Printer. Congregations or individuals, r quiring more than the usual number, are requested to send their orders in due season.

HOME MISSION.

The attention of Presbyt ry Clerks and others interested is respectfully directed to the following matters in connection with the Home Mission work of the Church.

- 1. The half-yearly meeting of the Home Mission Committee will be held in Knox College on Tuesday October 2ad at 4 o'clock p.m.
- 2. At that meeting, besides other general business, the lists of Mission Stations and Weak Congregations, within the bounds of the several Presbyteries will be revised and amended.
- 3. The grants in aid, as promised last year to the various Stations and Congregations, will be considered, and reduced or altered, as in view of information furnished by Presbyteries may be thought best.

- 4. The half yearly reports of Presbyteries will be received, and payment ordered of all claims which are approved by the Committee.
- 5. The missionaries at the disposal of the Committee will be distributed for the next half year.

In view of the above action, Blank Schedules will be sent to Presbytery Clerks to be filled in, giving the necessary information relative to the Mission Stations and Weak Congregations. In case of any change being made from the statements turnished last year, or applications tor new Stations or Congregations being put upon the Home Mission Lists, extract minutes if the action of the Presbytery are required.

These Schedules ought to be returned filled up, before the end of September, to Rev. J. M. King, Toronto. Blank Forms for the Reports of Presbyteries will also be provided, and it is particularly requested that these reports be as full as possible, so that any increase or decrease in Stations and Congregations may be discerned.

N.B. No money will be paid to missionaries wit hout the Report of Presbyteries.

All Communications should meanwhile be addressed to Rev. J. M. King, Toronto, who, in the Convener's absence, has kindly consented to attend to the business of the Committee.

THE LATE MEETING OF SYNOD.

We give elsewhere a pretty full account of the proceedings of Synod. Although at the time when it met, intense excitement prevaised, not only inthe cities, but throughout the whole country, it was a matter of thanksgiving that so many both of the ministers and elders were able to be present, and that so much attention was given to the important work of the Church. As mamfested particularly in connexion with the proposal to draw up an address to the Queen, and also to the Governor General, the feeling of the Synod was thoroughly decided and enthusiastic with reference to the state of the country, and the necessity of us defence from the inroads of the wicked and unreasonable men, who have been disturbing the Province. Fervent prayers were offered for the protection of the Almighty, for His blessing on our Queen and rulers, for His presence with those called upon to defend their country and homes, and for the comforts and consolations of His Spirit for those who have been called upon to mourn the sudden and violent death of near and dear friends. We rejoice to think that not only in the Synod but throughout the country, there is but one teeling in regard to this matter. We do not believe that, on any previous occasion in the history of Canada, there ever was such entire unity and such hearty loyalty as at the present time.

Several things in the proceedings of Synod are worthy of notice, although we have but little space for any remarks. The cordiality man ifested in the appointment of a Professor in Knox College, and the desire so generally expressed to have the ollege placed in an efficient and unencumbered position, give good promise as to the future of this nursery of the Church. The harmony in the matter of the appointment of a missionary to the South Sea Islands, and the high character of the missionary selected lead us to anticipate a great advance in missionary spirit and liberality. In addition to this, we may state that the very important subject of Home Mission operations seems in the fair way of obtaining that prominence and that success which it is entitled to command. We might refer also to the fact that at the late Synod we have received among offers, as ministers of the Church, one who had been in the high position in the church of Rome,—another who tor years was

a highly respected minister in the Baptist church, and another whose language and habits specially fit him for labouring a nong our German population. We trust all these may be faithful and successful labourers in our portion of the vineyard.

We express what we believe to be the universal feeling of the members of the Synod, when we say that, for the orderly and expeditious way in which so much important business was transacted, we are largely indebted to the combined firmness and gentleness of the Moderator, who discharged in a very admirable manner, all the important duties of his high and responsible position. May all the decisions of Synod be followed by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church and by an abundant outporing of the Spirit.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The sixth annual meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church was appointed to take place in the Central Church Hamilton on the 5th day of June; and, notwithstauding the excitement which had prevailed for some days previously, the session was opened at the time appointed. The attendance was not large at first, and it seemed doubtful whether the business of the Synod could be transacted. But as, in the good providence of God, the excitement gradually subsided, and the danger of invasion from the misguided men who threatened the peace of the country passed away, the numbers in attendance increased, and the business was atransacted maturely, and with a large measure of harmony and good feeling.

The devotional exercises at the opening of the Synod were conducted by the retiring moderator, the Rev. W. Aitken, M. A. When about to commence the sermon, he was taken with a sudden aggravation of the indisposition under which he had been for some time labouring, and was obliged to retire from the pulpit. His place was kindly taken by the Rev. W. Gregg of Cooke's Church, who preached from Rev. V: 6. The roll was made up and called; and thereafter a statement read of the changes affecting the roll which had taken place during the year. From this statement it appeared that there had been four deaths viz. Rev. J. Skinner, Rev. M. Y. Stark, Rev. J. McKinnon, and Rev. P. D. Muir. There had been thirteen demissions, one suspension, two depositions, sixteen ordinations; five inductions, eight inductions, three ministers received from other churches, and ten students of Theology licensed.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator, when the Rev. D. Inglis, of McNab street Church Hamilton, was elected unanimously, and, on taking the chair addressed the Synod in appropriate terms. After appointing a committee to draw up a loyal and dutiful address to the Queen, and also to the Governor General, and appointing several Committees, the Synod closed its first sederunt.

The first part of the morning Sederunt of Wednesday 6th, was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator, Dr. Thornton, Mr. W. McLaren, and Mr. Proudfoot. Thereafter, applications were taken up from Presbyteries for leave to license certain students, and to receive certain ministers from other churches. Leave was granted to Presbyteries to license

ten students viz., Messrs. R. H. Warden, A. J. Traver, R. Knowles, Geo. Sutherland, Alex. McLennan, Archibald McLean, D J. McInnes, J. Little, A. Thompson, W. H. Simpson, and J. Hastie. Leave was subsequently given to Presbyteries to receive the following ministers into the church, viz., Mr. Bates, a probationer of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., in the United States, Mr. S. Jones an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, Mr. Leutzenger a probationer of the O. S. Church, speaking the German language and Mr. C. Lafontaine, a converted priest of the Roman Catholic Church.

SUSTENTATION OF THE MINISTRY.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 6th, the Synod took up two overtures, one from the Presbytery of Toronto, and the other from the Presbytery of Brockville on the important subject of the sustentation of the ministry. These were on motion, referred to a special committee, with instructions to take into consideration the best means of securing a suitable support for the pastors of the church, and to report at an early diet. The Committee at a subsequent diet, presented a report which was adopted by the Synod. It is as tollows:

The committee appointed to consider the best means of securing an adequate support for the pastors of the Church, to which also were referred the overtures of the Presbyteries of Brockville and Toronto, anent the sustentation of the gospel ministry, beg to report, - That in the opinion of the committee, the present very inadequate support of many of the ministers of the Church is largely due to the very defective organization in their congregations for raising the contributions of the people for this purpose. That it is not deemed advisable at present to recommend the constitution of a Sustentation Fund. That the Home Mission Fund, as at present constituted, affords a suitable channel through which the liberality of the church may augment inadequate salaries. That a very small increase in the liberality of the church would enable the Home Missica Committee to grant such supplements as would insure that no minister of the church shall receive less than \$500 per ancum, \$15,000 being at present sufficient for that purpose, and for all the other work of the committee, while the amount actually raised during the past year as reported, is about \$12,200. That your committee submit to the Synod for adoption, the following recommendations:-

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to visit by deputation or otherwise, all the congregations within their bounds, which they have reason to think are not doing their duty towards the support of their pastor, and to see that an efficient system of raising funds for this purpose, is brought into operation.

2. That the Synod strorgly recommend, first, that in cities and towns, weekly or monthly offerings be introduced, and the contributions thus given for the salary of the minister, be taken up along with the usual Sabbath collection. Second, that in country districts, collectors be appointed to call upon the people at their homes, monthly or quarterly, as may be deemed most suitable for the locality, and that great care be taken that these calls are made with punctuality. Third, that in congregations where it is still deemed necessary to continue the system of pew rents, care be taken that they are collected regularly, and that arrears are not suffered to accumulate.

3. That Presby

teries be enjoined to see that Missionary Associations are formed in all the congregations withlu their bounds, except where they have good reason to believe that the present system is producing equal pecuniary results. 4. That wherever Missionary Associations are formed, the Synodical collections shall not be imperative, provided a contribution be given by said associations for the objects of said collections. 5. That Presbyteries be instructed to see that contributions for the missionary and other general schemes of the Church are taken up regularly in all the Mission stations within their bounds.

That a small committee be appointed to prepare for general circulation throughout the Church, a statement explaining more fully the suggestions of the above resolutions, in so far as they relate to the duties of congregations, and also containing such other information as may be deemed necessary for the practical guidance of congregations.

HOME MISSIONS.

On the evening of Wednesday the Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee which was given in and r :d by Rev. J. Laing, the Convener. The Report will appear in our columns either in whole or in a condensed form. We may only state here that the report called forth the warmest expressions of approbatiou, not merely on account of the manner in which it was got up, but also on account of the large measure of success of the operations of the new Home Mission scheme, greatly owing to to the efforts of the Convener. We may here state that from the reports of Presbyteries, i appears that there are 69 groups of mission stations, with 132 preacning stations, embracing 2,266 families, and 2,015 communicants, besides 41 weak congregations requiring support. There has been raised for the central fund \$7,099 60 exclusive of the amount raised by the Presbytery of Montreal, viz., \$5,177 46. The great want was, and still is, missionary agency, the number of labourers being far below the necessities of the case.

The report was referred to a committee to consider the various point brought forward, and to report. The Committee at a subsequent meeting presented the following report.

- 1. That the Report of the Home Mission Committee be approved, and the diligence of the Committee commended; particularly that the action of the Committee in reference to the congregation of St. Sylvester, as an exception t the Home Mission Regulations, be approved.
- 2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to co-operate with the Committee in an effort to raise the minimum of all ministers and missionaries by urging an increased liberality in the contributions of congregations, and taking necessary steps to obtain a contribution from every congregation and station within their bounds. As the consideration of ministerial support has been intrusted by the Synod to another Committee, it seems unnecessary to state what the minimum should be.
- 3. That with the view of overtaking the wants of our large mission field, students be required to labour in mission stations till the middle of October, after their last year's attendance in Knox College; and that in the meantime

and during the winter half year, all probationers on the roil be put at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee for Home Mission work, for a third part of the time; and that the Home Mission Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of using means for securing an addition to our laborers from the Presbyterian Churches abroad with which this Church holds fraternal intercourse.

- 4. That the Synod earnestly u rge on congregations the formation of mis sionary assocciations, or the adoption of some mode of more frequent systematic contribution for missionary purposes.
- 5. That the change proposed in the Home Mission Regulation relative to the renumeration of Missionaries be sanctioned as follows—'That the amount of stations shall be determined by the Presbytery of the bounds, and specified to Committee; and it is recommended that a minimum be aimed at by the Presbytery and Committee conjointly, of \$400 for an ordained minister or licentiate without board; \$300, without board, for a catechist; and for a student in Divinity, at the rate of \$5 per Sabbath, with board, and travelling expenses to the field of labour.

The following clauses were ordered to be sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration.

- 1. Presbyteries when they shall see fit, shall appoint ministers, or ordained missionaries over missionary districts, who shall have, while thus engaged by Presbyteries, a seat in the Church Courts.
- 2. That instead of having separate Committees meeting half-yearly for business, the business of the Church be transacted by a large Committee to consist of the Conveners of the several Committees appointed by the Synod, and two members from each Presbytery, and appointed by the several Presbyteries, who shall meet for business in October and April of each year.

It was agreed that the expenses incurred be paid out of the Central Fund.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Foreign Mission Report was presented and read by the Convener, the Rev. R. F. Burns, on Thursday evening. The Report was of an encouraging character. It referred to the departure of Rev J. Nisbet to the Saskatchewan with two assistants, to commence a mission among the India: in that quarter, to the appointment of Rev. A. Matheson to Red River to succeed Mr. Nisbet and to the labours of Messrs. Jamieson and Duff in British Columbia. It recommended also the appointment of a missionary to the New Hebrides. The state of the funds was encouraging; the receipts from all sums had been \$3,997 34 and there was a balance in the Treasury of \$5,381 66. The Report was received, the diligence of the Committee and Convener commended, and the report referred to a Committee to consider and frame a deliverance to be submitted at a subsequent sederunt.

In view of the fact that the missionary agents to the Indians were about this time to go forth on the work as gned to them, and that Mr. Matheson was now

also on his journey to the Red River, it was agreed that the Moderator be requested to ask one of the brethren to offer solemu prayer to God, commending our missionaries to the grace and direction of God. On the call of the moderator, Mr. Caven of St. Mary's led the Sy od in prayer.

The Synod, on the report of a Committee appointed to consider the various subjects embraced in the report of the Foreign Mission Committee, agreed:

- 1. To express their gratification at the commencement which has been made of a mission among the Gree Indians in the Sisk tchewan valley; and offer their best wishes and prayers for the safety and success of Mr. Nisbet and his co-labourers who have gone forth on this mission; and that a suitable labourer has been found in Mr. Matheson to succeed Mr. Nisbet in co-opereting with Mr. Black in the work of the Gospel at Red River.
- 2. To express their satisfaction in hearing that the missionaries in British Columbia persevere in the discharge of the duties assigned to them; the satisfaction being enhanced by the consideration of the great obstacles to success with which these prethren have to contend with, and which spring from the social peculiarities of their field of labour.

The Synod at a subsequent diet unanimously and cordially appointed the Rev. N. McKinnon of Wardsville to proceed as a Missionary to the New He brides. Mr. McKinnon in affecting terms expressed his acceptance of the appointment; and the Synod ordered that the Presbytery of London take the necessary steps to release him from his charge at Wardsville, and that the Foreign Mission Committee make arrangements for the designation of Mr. McKinnon at Toronto in the beginning of October. Before his departure Mr. McKinnon will, D.V., visit various parts of the Church. From an appointment so unanimous and cordial we hope, through the blessing of God, for the happiest results.

DELEGATE FROM CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The Rev. Mr. McGill appeared as a delegate from the Congregationa Union, and addressed the Synod, conveying the fraternal greetings of the Body represented by him. On motion of Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. R. F. Burns, the Synod agreed to receive with great satisfaction the greetings of the Congressional Union, reciprocate these friendly greetings, and pray that the great Head of the Church may pour out upon them the Holv Spirit, and prosper them in their work of spreading the Gospel in the land.

The Moderator in suitable terms, conveyed to Mr. McGill the Synod's warm regard for the Body represented by him and their cordial reciprocation of the fraternal sentiments to which he had given expression. At a subsequent diet, the Moderator and Mr Cochrane of Brantford were appointed to represent the Synod of the meeting of the Union next year.

APPLICATION FOR ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATION IN CHICAGO.

An application from the Presbytery of London for the sanction by Synod of the erection of acongregation in Chicago was brought before the Synod

The application was supported by Rev. J Scott or London and Rev. J. Fraser of Thamesford. After long and earnest discussion the Synod unanimously came to the following deliverance: That the Synod having neard a petition from the Presbytery of London, for leave to organize a congregation in the city of Chicago, agree to grant the prayer of the petition, and instruct the Presby tery of London to proceed to the organization of said Congregation with all convenient speed, according to the rules and forms of the Church.

APPEALS &C

Two appeals came before the Synud: one by Mr. F. Andrews against a finding of the Presbytery of Cobourg, and the other an appeal by Mr. W. Silver against a finding of the Presbytery of Paris. The first was referred to a Committee, on whose report it was dismissed by the Synod. The second was found to be brought up with some degree of irregularity, and was remitted to the Presbytery. A memorial from Rev A. Lees, who had been suspended for contumacy by the Presbytery of O stario, occupied a considerable share of the time and attention of the Synod. The Memorial prayed the Synod to allow Mr. Lees to be heard with the view of snowing cause why the Synod should reverse the action of the Presbytery of Ontario. Mr. Lees was heard, but after full discussion and after various motions had been proposed, the Synod by a majority resolved that there was no cause shown why the action of the Presbytery should be interfered with, but that the case be left in the hands of the Presbytery. Before the Synod closed its proceedings, it was stated on the part of the Presbytery that Mr. Lees had submitted to the deal. ing of the Presbytery, and that the sentence of suspension had been removed

BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Synod took un overtures from the Presbytery of Paris and the Presbytery of Huron on the subject of Bible Societies. The overtures set forth in substance that it is expedient that the Synod should advise their people as to the support of Evangeistic Schemes; that it is generally believed that too great a proportion of the funds of the Upper Canada Bible Society is absorbed in carrying on the business of the Society; that said Society does not circulate copies of the Scriptures with the metrical version of the Psalms, and praying the Synod to inquire whether the expenses of the U. C. Bible Society might not be lessened, and its regulations so modified as to admit of their circulating Bibles with metrical Psalms, or whether the National Bible Society of Scotland should be invited to extend its operations into this Province. Messrs. Straith and Ure were heard in support of the overtures. After full discussion and after various motions had been brought forward the following was adopted:

That the Synod receive these overtures, recognize that there is so far ground for such reference, appoint a committee to investigate further, to correspond if they shall see necessary with the officials of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and to report at the next meeting of Synod. Several members dissented from this finding.

REPORT OF KNOX COLLEGE BOARD.

The report of the College Board was given in by Mr. Aitken, chairman, The report was on the whole encouraging. The attendance had been 43 in the Theological department, and 9 in the Preparatory department; the receipts for the College had been somewhat less than last year, but the position of the College was better than last year by the amount of \$778-89; the classes in Exegetical Theology and Applophics had been conducted with great satisfaction by Rev. W. Carell, and Rev. W. Gregg, the Church History department naving been, as formerly, in fer the care of Dr. Burns. The report recommended. 1 Some plan for the permanent endowment of the College:

2. The appointment of a permanent Professor; 3. That the Convener or Chairman of the College Board should not be changed so frequently as heretofore.

Dr. Ormiston, Convener of the Board of Examination gave in a report as to the examination conducted at the connect and ast session of College, which was on the valide satisfactory, and submitted, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod, a carriedum for the Preparatory department.

In connexion with the College report, there was also taken up an overture from the Presbytery of Paris proposing the appointment of two permanent Professors.

The Synod received the report, and proceeded to consider seriatim the various subjects embraced in it. After mature consideration the Synod agreed.

- 1st. That it was of great importance to secure the permanent endowment of Knox College, and that a Committee be appointed to consider the practicability of such an undertaking, and should they deem it expedient, to draw up a plan for its accomplishment, and to report at next meeting of Synod.
 - 2nd. That a Permanent Professor be immediately appointed.

In practically carrying out this resolution, it was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ormiston, that the Rev. W. Caven of St. Mary's be appointed to fill the vacant Professorship in Knox College. This was unanimously and most cordia ly agreed to by the Synod; and at a subsequent sederunt, Mr. Caven, while regretting his separation from an attached congregation, intimated his acceptance of the appointment; and the Presbytery of Stratford was instructed to take the recessary steps for loosing Mr. Caven from his pastoral charge. In the Synod, Mr. Caven's appointment was most cordial, and we have no doubt it will be received with equal cordiality throughout the Church.

- 3rd. It was agreed that the recommendation of the Board as to inexpediency of so frequently changing the chairman of the Board he adopted.
- 4th. It was agreed that the Students reported to the Synod as not having passed the Board of Examination have the status assigned them which they would have had, if examined and approved by the Board.

5. The Synod adopted the curriculum reported by the Board of Examiners, for Students who do not take a tull university course. The circular is as follows: "Entrance Examination." 1st. Geography: 2nd. English Grammar: 3. Arithmetic: 4. English History: 5. Latin Grammar, and one easy Latin Author: 6. Greek Grammar, and one easy Greek Author

CLASSES TO BE ATTENDED: 1ST YEAR. 1. Latin and Greek: 2. Mathematics: 3. English Literature and History: 4. Elocution. 2ND. YEAR., 1: Latin and Greek: 2. Logic and Rhetoric: 3. Chemistry: 4. Elocution. 3nd. Year. 1. Greek and Hebrew: 2. Mental and Moral Philosophy. Students are strongly recommended in addition to the above, during the last two years to attend classes in Natural History and Geology.

6. The Synod adopted the subjects drawn up by the Senate (as published in the Record for March) tor the examination of Students in Theology.

7. The Synod called the attention of the Board of Examination to the institution of Scholarships, that they may use all diligence for the attainment of so durable an object.

REV. MR. MCGILL, AGENT OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Rev. Mr. McGill, Agent of the American Missionary Society, addressed the Synod at the sederant in Saturday Morning, with special reference to the work of that Society among the Freedmen in the Southern States. The Synod appointed a Committee to consider the subject and draw up a minute for the adoption of the Synod. At a subsequent, diet the Synod, on the report of this Committee, expressed its thanks to Mr. McGill, and agreed to recommend the Society represented by him as a suitable channel through which the liberality of the people might reach a people previously oppressed.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was presented by Mr. Gregg, Convener of the Committee. From the returns received the the Committee estimated that there were in connexion with the Church 500 Sabbath Schools; taught by about 3600 christian men and women; having about 32,000 children in attendance; with over 400 libraries containing some 90,000 volumns; besides about 9000 young people in Bible Classes. The Report contained various recommendations with a view to the growing improvement of the Sabbath Schools.

The report was referred to a Committee, who brought in, at a subsequent diet, the following deliverance.

Whereas it is most desirable that every encouragement be given and every facility afforced by the Synod for the more efficient management of Sabbath Schools, and the training of the children of the Church in Scriptural knowledge, the Committee on Sabbath Schools be instructed to take such steps as they may deem most suitable to bring before the Church generally the subject of Sabbath School instruction, and specially to inquire what arrangements can be made with Publishers for the supply of such text books, hymn books, libraries, lessons, and periodicals, as, after due consideration, they may recommend and report at next meeting of Synod.

PSALMODY.

The Synod had transmitted to it an overture on the subject of Psalmody from the Presbytery of Montreal, and another on the same subject from the Presbytery of Hamilton. The overtures substantially set forth that Para-

ohrases and Hymns, were now in use in the Canada Presbyterian Church; that the Basis of Union in 1861 provided for the administration of worship in the Church, as had hitherto been observed by the two branches comprising the United Church; that the Hymn book of the United Presbyterian Church was used in certain of the congregations, while others were not at liberty to use it; and praying the Synod to take such steps as it might see fit to extend the same liberty to all the congregations, with respect to Hymns, and to prepare a Hymn book based if deemed proper, upon that already recognized. Messrs. McVicar, and Inglis, were heard in support of the ministers. The subject was discussed at great length. The following motions were brought forward with a view to settle the question.

- 1st. It was moved by Mr. Waters, seconded by Dr. Thornton, that a committee be appointed to correspond with sessions and Presoyteries, on the subject of the overtures, and to report to next Synod.
- 2nd. Mr. Cochrane, moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Synod having considered the overtures from the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Montreal in regard to the desirability of uniformity in the worship of God in the congregations of this Church, approve generally of the object contemplated by those who advocate a revisal of the hymus and pharaphrases at present used as part of public praise, and appoint a committee to consider maturely the whole subject, correspond with Presbyteries and Kirk sessions, and report to next meeting of Synod.
- 3rd. Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. J. Fraser moved that the Synod having heard the parties in support of the overtures on Psalmody from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Hamilton, agree that they be laid on the table till the next meeting of Synod.
- 4th. It was moved by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. Turnbull as follows: The Synod, having heard the overtures and the pleadings of the Presbyteries of Montreal and Hamilton in their support, resolves that, whereas as by the very constitution of a Presbyterian Church it is impossible that any congregations withins its bounds should have special spiritual privileges and others should labour under particular disabilities; and whereas the large majority of the congregations of this Church are now using one or other of two collections of Hymns, and which have already been sanctioned by the Synod, it is not in present circumstances deemed necessary to take any step in the direction indicated by these overtures.

On a vote been taken the motion of Mr. Cochrane was carried, and a committee was appointed in terms thereof. From this finding several members dissented.

REPRESENTATION OF SESSIONS.

It was agreed to send down for the consideration of Presbyteries the following questions with reference to the representation of sessions in the superior courts, the subject having been by overture brought before the Synod.

1. When two or more district congregations, having separate Sessions are under the care of one pastor, should each of such congregations have a representative elder in Presbyteries and Synods?

2. Shall the practice hitherto obtaining in this Church of allowing Sessions to choose others than their own members as representatives be continued?

BEACHVILLE CHURCH DERT.

A verbal report was presented as to what had been done with reference to the Beachville Church debt, to the effect that correspondence had been had with several parties, but that nothing of consequence had been accomplished. The Synod received the interim report, and again referred the matter to a Committee to prosecute it further, and to report to next meeting of Synod.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

A report was presented in behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal as to the progress made in the matter of the College in Montreal. The report stated that the sum of \$10,000 had been subscribed towards the endowment of one chair, and that there were hopes that this sum would be increased. Further explanations were given by Mr. McVicar. The Synod agreed to receive the report, express satisfaction with the progress which has been made, and remit to the Presbytery of Montreal to prosecute and mature the scheme.

BOOK OF FORMS &C.

Returns from Presbyteries with reference to the Book of Forms were received. It was agreed again to adopt the Book ad interim to appoint a committee to revise the book and to report such changes as they think necessary to the Synod at its next meeting. With reference to the Model Deed, it was agreed to re-appoint the committee for the purpose of completing it and preparing it for use by such congregations as may choose to avail themselves of it. It may be stated that immediately after the Synod this was done. Copies may be obtained on application to the Rev. W. Reig, Toronto.

EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE.

An overture with reference to the payment of the expenses of Committees was brought forward, praying that some plan be adopted for defraying such expenses. The Synod received the Overture and appointed a Committee to take the whole subject into consideration, and report at an early sederunt next Synod.

UNION.

The Synod had under consideration an Overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg on the subject of the union of Presbyterians in the Province. The Overture set forth that it was the only of Churches agreeing in doctrine and discipline to enter into union, and that there was reason for believing that such a union could be effected without compromise of principle. It was, on a division, agreed that the Synod recognize the desirableness of union among Presbyterian Churches in this Province; but deem it inadvisable to do more at this time, than to appoint a small committee, who shall be ready to consult with or receive over tures from any similar committee that may be appointed by the other Presbyterian Churches in these Provinces. Mr. J. Ross dissented from this finding for himself, and any who might adhere to him.

MISSION AT ST. ANN'S KANKAKEE.

The Synod on the evening before the close of its sessions, took up a memorial from the Presbytery of London, in relation to the mission at. St. Ann's Kankakee, under the superintendence of Rev. C. Chiniquy, representing the pecuniary difficulties unde which the mission has been inducting, the efforts of the people to sustain divine ordinances amongst them, and the necessity of pecuniary and to the amount of from \$1000 to \$1200 per annum. Mr Prondio, t and Mr. Chiniquy were heard in reference to the mission. The Synod agreed to express their satisfaction with the diligence of the Presbytery of London in the matter, and to grant aid to the amount of \$600:—\$200 towards the support of Mr. Chiniquay and \$400 for the support of the mission schools at St. Anns, continuing the mission under the care of the Presbytery of London.

MARRIAGE LAW IN LOWER CANADA.

An Overture on the subject of the Marriage Law in Lower Canada was brought before the Synon by the Presbytery of Montreal setting forth several practical grievances arising from the present state of the marriage

law. The Synod agreed to receive the overture and amount a Committee to consider the whole subject of the marriage law, both in Lower Canada and Upper Canada, and report at next meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Synod took up the returns from Presbyteries on the subject of a General Assembly, with the report of the Committee appointed to examine these returns.

The Synod agreed to refer these returns with the draft act on a General Assembly to a committee, with instructions to take into consideration the recommendations of Presbyteries, and if they see cause, revise the draft act for an Assembly, and send it down again to Presbyteries, instructing them to report thereon at the next Synod.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Synod before closing, had before it reports from the various standing Committees. That on Sabbath observance, given in and read by Rev. P. Gray was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes and in the Record. The reports from the Committees on Widows' Fund, Aged and Infirm Ministers, Fund, Statistics and Finince were, on the whole, highly satisfactory. The Statistical and financial returns, with the accounts of the various Schemes will be printed in the Record. With scarcely an exception, there has been an advance in all the schemes of the Church, while it is to be regretted that there still too many congregations neglecting the important missionary undertakings of the Church, and too many in arrears for the salary of their own ministers. We trust that there will be an advance during the present year on every department of our work.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

The stated Collections were appointed as under	
Synod Fund	3rd. Subbath of July.
Widows' Fund &c	. 3rd. Sabbath of October
Home Mission	2nd. Sabbath of January
Foreign Mission.	
French Canadian Mission	, 2nd. Subbath or September
	in all congregations not
	visited by Agent.
Knox College	Not later than lat day Feb.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

On the afternoon of Thursday the 14th, the business was brought to a close. Thanks were voted to the Accommodation Committee for their faithful discharge of their onerous duties; to the office bearers of the Central Church for the use of their Church during the meeting of Synod; to the members of the several congregations and other christian friends, for their kindness and hospitality; and to the Raitway and Steam-boat Companies for their liberality in giving members of the Synod the privilege of travelling at reduced rates in attending this meeting. After a brief address from the Moderator, and the singing of the 133rd Psalm, the Synod was declared to be closed, and next ordinary meeting of Synod called to take place in Gould Street Church Toronto on the 1st Tue day in June, 1867 at 7 p.m.; the Moderator then pronounced the benediction, and the members departed with many expressions of thankfulness for the pleasant and harmonious meeting.

ECCLESIASTICAL MEETINGS IN BRITAIN.

United Presbyterian Synon.—The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church met at Edinburgh on the 12th May and following days. The Rev. Dr. McFarlane, of Clapham was chosen Moderator. The report of the Home Secretary showed that there were connected with the Synod 592 Gongregations, with 172, 175 members, giving per member 28s. 6d, or including legaties and personal donations 30s. 6d., the missionary contributions being £51,000. The total number of Ministers is 620, Elders 4.466. Preachers 105, Students of Divinity 134, Sunday School Teachers 8,977, Scholars 72.501. The question of Union engaged the attention of the Synod for three sittings. It was agreed to send down the interim report to Presbyteries, instructing the Committee to receive any suggestions that may be sent by Presbyteries before the 20th December, and to report to next Synod. The question is to the extent of the Union was considered, and some of the Committee promised in future negotiations, to give special attention to the point.

FRFE CHURCH.—The General Assembly of the Free Church was opened on Shursday 24th May. The Rev. W. Wilson of Dundee was called to succeed the Rev. Dr. Begg, in the Moderator's chair. The various schemes of the Church were reported as in a prosperous state. The general collections for the year were as follows:—

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The amount raised for building purposes was £55,188 6s. 0d. and for Sustentation £138,228 5s 6d. The total amount raised during the year for all objects was £383,572 4s 10d. The subject of Union was fully discussed, on the report given in by Dr. R. Buchanan, who moved the adoption of the report, and that it he transmitted to Prosbyteries for their information, in order that they might communicate any suggestions on the subject to the Committee, such suggestions to be sent on or refere the 20th Dec. An amendment proposing to discharge the Committee was moved by Mr. Brodie of Monimail seconded by Dr. Forbes of Glasgow. But this amendment on a division only obtained 7 votes, while there voted for the motion 439. The subject of a HYMN-BOOK was before the Assembly in consequence of an overture from the Presbytery of Edinburgh The subject was fully and freely discussed, and the result come to was the appointment of a Committee to consider maturely the whole mattre, and to report to next Assembly whether in their opinion any of the changes recommended in the overtures should be made; and if so, in what way this might be done so as to preserve the peace and harmony and edification of the Church. In connexion with the question of Home Missions the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon by request addressed the Assembly in an expressive and effective speech which was well received, and which was afterwards pubbished in pamphlet form. The reports on Foreign Missions, Conversion of the Jews, the College and the other departments of the work of the Church were full of interest and encouragement. In connexion with the Foreign Mission report Dr. Duff mentioned that a number of gentlemen, not connected with the Free Church, but who had been in India, had given £10,000 for the

endowment of a missionary or evangelistic professorship in the New College.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH.—The Assembly of the Established Church met also on the 24th May. The Rev. Dr. J. Cook of Haddington was called to the Moderator's chair. A suitable minute was drawn up with reference to the death of Dr. McFarlane, late Moderator. On the subject of the use of a prayer-book in the Church of the Rev. Dr. Lee of Elinburgh, a motion by the Procurator of the Church was carried by a majority of 41, remitting the case to the Presbytery of Edinburgh with instructions to inquire, by conference with Dr. Lee or otherwise, into the manner in which public worship has been conducted in Old Greyfriars since 1859, and in which Dr. Lee proposes to conduct it hereafter, and to take such steps as may be requisite for the regulation of the service in the said Church in a manuer consistent with the law and usage of the Church. Various overtures were before the Assembly on the subject of the importance of the judicatories of the Church seeing that those who signed the standards observed them. Dr. Lee and others held that noth. ing should be done in the ma ter, but a motion was agreed to in support of the overtures, and that their recommendation should be carried out. Dr. Lee was again defeated on a discussion on the Declaratory Act of 1865 on the subject of innovations by a very large majority, the 207 to 94. An overture was brought forward on the modification of the law of Patronage, and, after discussion, a Committee was appointed to consider and report to next Assembly. The various missionary schemes of the Church were favourably reported of.

General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church met in Belfast on the 4th June. The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Wilson of Limerick was reelected Moderator. The report on the state of religion was given in by the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick and was on the whole satisfactory. The subject of Education occupied a large share of the attention of the Assembly. The discussion ended in the adoption of resolutious, adhering to the principle of united education and deprecating the changes proposed to be introduced into the National System.

The Connaught missions were reported as prospering, five additional schools had been formed. The missionary reports were satisfactory. At date of our latest files the Assembly was still in Session. The next meeting takes place in Dublin.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Assemblies of the Old School and New School Church met, this year in St. Louis, Missouri. While there is opposition in some quarters to Union, the prospects are favourable. In the Old School Assembly, there was warm discussion as to the reception of delegates from the Presbytery of Kentucky, by whom the authority of the General Assembly had been virtually set aside. It was by a large majority agreed not to receive the delegates. The Assembly took very decided sieps to vindicate its authority in the matter. Dr. S. Robinson, for the last few years a resident in Canada was one of the delegates of the Presbytery of Kentucky. We observe that in consequence of the action of the Assembly, some influential ministers and congregations in Baltimore are seceding, with the view of uniting with the Southern Church.

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### Jome Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

YORK MILLS AND FISHERVILLE.—The Rev. R. Monteath has received a unanimous call from the Congregations of York Mills and Fisherville.

St. Sylvester. -- The Rev. J. Hanran has accepted the call presented to him

by the congregation of St. Sylvester.

Picron.-The induction of the Rev. J. McMechan, formerly of Berlin, is

appointed to take place on the 11th inst.

Norwood & Hastings.—The Rev. J. Bowie, formerly minister of the Congregations at Norwood and Hastings, has resigned his charge, and is about to return to Scotland.

OARHILLS.—The Congregation of Oakhills lately presented their pastor, the Rev. W. Lochead, with a valuable horse, a gift very suitable and acceptable for a minister in the country. Mr. Lochead, in the course of a oriel ministry

has secured a large share of the spmpathy and affection of the people.

Yarmouth.—On Monday after the Commanion, [the 28th May,] the Young Ludies of Yarmouth Section of the congregation and of the pastoral care of the Rev. Archibald Currie presented him with upwards of \$60 as a mark of their kindness towards him and appreciation of his labours among them. Mr. Currie, after the services were concluded, in a very feeling manner thanked the donors for their gift, and the congregation, for many individual acts of kindness rendered to him and his during his ministrations among them.

COTE STREET CHURCH, MONTREAL:—The total receipts of the congregation for the past year were \$7338 75, being \$1429 92 in advance of the receipts for the preceding year. The pew rents and collectious amounted to \$3660 17. The membership of the late Church is 566, the number added during the year being 67. The Sabbath School numbers 201 scholars on the roll, the average attendance being 160; the pastor's Bible slass number over 200.

REV. JAMES NISHET: — We are in receipts of a letter from Mr. Nisbet, dated 5th June. He says: "We are all but ready to start; tomorrow we shall be on our way. We had a parting prayer meeting yesterday, when I received an address from the congregation." We have had many tokens of good will from the congregation."

We trust that before long we shall hear of Mr Nisbet's safe arrival in the

Saskatchewan valley.

### MONEYS RECEIVED UP TO 21st JUNE.

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