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# MEETING OF SYNOD.

## FIRST SESSION.

At Hamilton, and within Knox's Church there, the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, the which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met, and after sermon by Professor G. P. Young, Moderator for the past year, from 2. Cor., iii. chap., 18th verse, was constituted with prayer.

The Synod Roll was made up and called, and the names of members in attendance were marked.

*(The names of Members in attendance are marked with an asterisk.)*

### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

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*James Douglass.....		South Cavan and Millbrook .....	Millbrook.
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*Thomas Alexander.....	Andrew Runciman.....	Percy and Seymour.....	Norham.
*John W. Smith.....	*Wm. Glover.....	Grafton and Vernonville.....	Grafton.
*Wm. J. McKenzie.....	*William Mann.....	Baltimore and Coldsprings.....	Baltimore.
*Francis Andrews.....	*Thomas Davidson.....	Keene and Westwood.....	Keene.
*John Smith.....	*William Bigham.....	Bowmanville and Enniskillen.....	Bowmanville.
William C. Windel.....		Cartwright and Ballyduff.....	Ballyduff.
*John Laing.....	*Walter Riddel.....	Cobourg.....	Cobourg.
*William Blain.....	*Robert Thompson.....	Springville.....	Springville.
*James Bowie.....	*Alexander Fraser.....	Norwood and Hastings.....	Norwood.
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*Andrew Wilson.....	*James Gibson.....	Kingston, Brock Street Church.....	Kingston.
James Hume.....		Melrose and Roslin.....	Melrose.
*R. C. Swinton.....	*James Gray.....	Pictou and Demorestville.....	Pictou.
David Wishart.....		Madoc.....	Madoc.
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J. Charles Quin.....	Walter Ker.....	Kemptville.....	Kemptville.
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*Robert McKenzie.....	George McNish.....	Yonge and Lyn.....	Lyn.
*Nathaniel Patterson.....	John Muir.....	Mirickville and Burritt's Rapids.....	Mirickville.
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*John L. Gourlay, A. M.....	Thomas Robertson.....	Aylmer and Nepean.....	Aylmer, C. E.
*avid Wardrop.....	W. Cuthbertson.....	Bristol, C. E.....	Bristol, C. E.
Henry McMeekin, A.M.....	Wm. Bell.....	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.
James Whyte.....		Osgoode.....	Osgoode.
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Thomas Henry.....		Lachute, C. E.....	Lachute, C. E.
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*George Lewis, (Deputy).....	John Redpath.....	Cote Street, Montreal, C. E.....	Montreal, C. E.
*A. F. Kemp.....		St. Gabriel Street, Montreal, C. E.....	Montreal, C. E.
Wm. Scott.....		St. Sylvester, C. E.....	St. Sylvester, C. E.
Ewan McLean.....		Winstow.....	Stornoway, C. E.
Duncan Cameron.....		Lochiel.....	Kenyon, C. W.
James McConechy.....		Leeds, C. E.....	Leeds, C. E.
Hugh Campbell.....		Cornwall, C. W.....	Cornwall, C. W.
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John Crombie.....		Inverness, C. E.....	Inverness, C. E.
Peter Currie.....		Vankleek Hill, C. W.....	Vankleek Hill.
Alexander Allan.....		St. Eustache, &c.....	St. Eustache, C. E.
John Milloy.....		Lingwick.....	Gould C. E.
Adam F. McQueen.....		Kenyon.....	Skye, C. W.
*John McKay.....		Richmond, C. E.....	Richmond, C. E.
James Thom.....		Williamsburgh and Morrisburgh.....	Morrisburgh C. W.
*James Greenfield.....		Martintown, &c.....	Martintown C. W.
Vacant.....		St. Louis de Gouzaque.....	
".....		Winchester.....	
".....		English River.....	
".....		Laguorre.....	
".....		Osnabruck.....	
Stations.....		Valleyfield.....	
".....		Farnham Centre.....	
".....		Alexandria.....	
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*George Cheyne, A. M.....
*M. Y. Stark.....
*George Smellie.....
*Alexander McLean, M. A.....
*John Alexander.....
*Duncan McRuar.....
*James Black.....
*Andrew J. Macaulay.....
*Robert Irvine, D. D.....
*David Inglis.....
*Robert F. Burns.....
*John Gillespie.....
*Alexander McLean.....
*James Middlemiss.....
*William Craigie.....
*Thomas Isaac Hodgkin.....
*George Cuthbertson.....
*John McRobie.....
*John G. Murray.....
*Alexander Grant.....
*James Cameron.....
*William Park.....
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*James Boyd.....
*John McMechan.....
*Donald McLean.....
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*Michael Willis, D. D.....
*James Harris.....
*Alexander Topp, A. M.....
*William Reid, A. M.....
*A. T. Holmes.....
*Thomas Wightman.....
*John McTavish.....
John McLachlan.....
*William Gregg, A. M.....
*George P. Young.....
*James Nisbet.....
*Robert Ure.....
*John Gray.....
*Joseph Alexander, A. M.....
James Adams.....
*Thos. Sharp.....
John Black.....
Samuel Young.....
*James A. Thomson.....
*James Mitchell.....
*James Stewart.....
*George Craw.....
*Julius Straus.....

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*George Smellie	*Alexander D. Ferrier	Fergus	Fergus.
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*Duncan McRuar	*George Cuthbertson	Ayr	Ayr.
*James Black	*Alexander Mitchell	Caledonia, &c.	Seneca.
*Andrew J. Macaulay	*Richard Moffat	Nassagaweya	Nassagaweya.
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*David Inglis	*Adam Cook	Hamilton, McNab Street Church	Hamilton.
*Robert F. Burns	*James Dougan	St. Catherine's	St. Catherine's.
*John Gillespie	*William Waldie	Blenheim	Princeton.
*Alexander McLean	*Alexander McKenzie	East Puslinch	Morrison.
*James Middlemiss	William Gibbon	Elora	Elora.
*William Craigie	Thomas M. England	Port Dover and Simcoe	Port Dover.
*Thomas Isaac Hodgskin	*John Dickie	Doon and New Hope	Doon.
*Andrew McLean	*A. C. Geikie	West Puslinch	Puslinch.
*George Cuthbertson		Woolwich	Woolwich.
*John McRobie	*I. Horne	Walpole and Jarvis	Jarvis.
*John G. Murray	*Robert Brown	Grimsby	Grimsby.
*Alexander Grant		Sydenham, 2nd Con	Owen Sound.
*James Cameron		Sullivan and Glenelg	Sullivan.
*William Park		Durham	Durham.
*William Millican	*Alexander Dyce	Garafraxa	Garafraxa.
*D. H. McVicar	*Alexander Emslie	Guelph	Guelph.
*James Boyd	*John McRae	Wellesley	Crosshill.
*John McMechan		Berlin	Berlin.
*Donald McLean		Mount Forest	Mount Forest.
Vacant	*Morris C. Lutz	Galt	Galt.
Vacant		Paris	Paris.
Vacant	Hugh Thomson	Waterdown & Wellington Square	
Vacant	*Salmon Minor	Dunnville	
Vacant		Allansville	
Vacant		Owen Sound, Chalmers' Church	
Vacant	*Peter Christie	Niagara	

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*William Reid, A. M.		General Agent of Church	Toronto.
*A. T. Holmes	*James Nesbit	Brampton	Brampton.
*Thomas Wightman	*Gavin Allan	Innisfil, Barrie and Essa	Lefroy.
*John McTavish	*Arch. Gillies	Thorah and Eldon	Woodville.
John McLachlan	*D. Kennedy	Acton	Acton.
*William Gregg, A. M.	*John Rogers	Cooke's Church, Toronto	Toronto.
*George P. Young		Knox College	Toronto.
*James Nisbet	*D. Ewan	Oakville and Dundas Street	Oakville.
*Robert Ure	*Ephraim Steen	Streetsville	Streetsville.
*John Gray	*R. Hopkin	Orillia and Oro	Orillia.
*Joseph Alexander, A.M.	*Donald Elder	Union and Norval	Norval.
James Adams		King	Nobleton.
*Thos. Sharp	*Andrew Barclay	Ashburn and Utica	Ashburn.
John Black		Red River	Red River.
Samuel Young		Collingwood	Collingwood.
*James A. Thomson	*Wm. Foster	Erin and Caledon West	Erin.
*James Mitchell		Milton and Boston Church	Milton.
*James Stewart		Oro (Gaelic)	Oro.
*George Crow		Medonte and Flos	Craighurst.
*Julius Straus		Markham	Buttonville.
	*William Clark, Sen'r	Scarborough	
	*William Heron	Whitby	
		West Gwillimbury and Bradford	
	*Wm. D. Stark	York Mills and Fisherville	York Mills.
		Brock and Reach	

WILLIAM GREGG, PRES. CLERK.

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## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
*James Findlay.....		Mitchell.....	Mitchell.
*Donald McKenzie.....	*Donald Campbell.....	Zorra.....	Embro.
Duncan McMillan.....	Archibald Patterson.....	Aldbrough.....	Aldbrough.
*Thomas McPherson.....	William Dunn.....	Stratford.....	Stratford.
*Daniel Allan.....		North Easthope.....	Stratford.
*William Meldrum.....	Wm. McKenzie.....	Harrington.....	Harrington.
*William Graham.....	James Kerr.....	Egmondville.....	Egmondville.
*John Fraser.....	Thomas Paterson.....	Thamesford.....	Thamesford.
Wm. R. Sutherland.....	George Tait.....	Ekfrid and Mosa.....	Strathburn.
Angus McColl.....		Chatham.....	Chatham.
*Lachlan McPherson.....	*Donald Fraser.....	Williams.....	Williams.
*John Scott.....	*William Clark.....	London.....	London.
*David Walker.....	*Archibald Young.....	Port Sarnia.....	Port Sarnia.
*William Troup.....		Plympton.....	Errol.
William King.....	George Thompson.....	Buxton.....	Buxton.
*John Ross.....	George Walker.....	Brucefield.....	Brucefield.
*Duncan McDiarmid.....	George Gunn.....	Chalmers' Church, Woodstock.....	Woodstock.
James W. Chestnut.....	Dugald Ferguson.....	Mandawmia & Enniskillen.....	Oban.
*Andrew Tolmie.....		Blandford and Innerkip.....	Innerkip.
*William Doak.....	*Andrew Smith.....	Avon C'h.—Downie & Carlingford.....	Stratford.
*James Ferguson.....	Duncan McBean.....	Lobo and Carradoc.....	Lobo.
*John Gauld.....	F. McKenzie.....	Moore.....	Moore.
*John Stewart.....		Kincardine.....	Kincardine.
*Wm. T. McMullen.....		Knox's Church, Woodstock.....	Woodstock.
*Alex. Young.....	*D. McLellan.....	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.
*John McMillan.....	*Wm. Lynn.....	Fingal.....	Fingal.
*John Straith.....	*John Laing.....	Tilbury East.....	Tilbury East.
*William Forrest.....	Duncan McKinlay.....	Ridgetown.....	Ridgetown.
*David Beattie.....		St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's.
James Blount.....		Bosanquet.....	Widder.
*Arch. McDiarmid.....	Donald McMillan.....	Wallacetown & Duff's Ch. Dunwich.....	Wallacetown.
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*George Bremner.....		Paisley.....	Paisley.
*Alexander McKay.....		South Bruce and Greenock.....	Brace.
Vacant.....	*Alexander Gordon.....	Ingersoll.....	Ingersoll.
".....		Beachville.....	
".....	*Andrew Mundell.....	Mornington.....	Millbank.
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".....		Port Stanley.....	
".....		Southampton and Port Elgin.....	
Stations.....	Alexander McColl.....	Belmont and Yarmouth.....	
".....		Chalmers Church, Dunwich.....	
".....		Wardsville and Newburgh.....	
".....		Wallaceburgh.....	
".....		Maidstone and Mersea.....	
".....		Vienna and Port Burwell.....	
".....		Westminster and Frampton.....	
".....		Elma.....	
".....		Mornington Line.....	
".....		Culross and Carrick.....	
".....		Grey and Wallace.....	
".....		Wawanosh and Kinloss.....	
".....		Ashfield and Huron.....	
".....		Tara and West Arran.....	

WILLIAM DOAK, PRES. CLERK.

## Election of Moderator.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator, when Mr. William B. Clark, Minister of Chalmer's Church, Quebec, was unanimously elected, and took the chair, and addressed the Synod in impressive and appropriate terms.

## Committee on Bills &amp; Overtures.

The Synod appointed the following Committee on Bills and Overtures, namely:—The Moderator, and Clerk of Synod, Prof. Young, Dr. Willis, Messrs. W. Gregg, A. Topp, J. Laing, T. Alexander, J. Smith, A. Wilson, P. Gray, W. McLaren, J. K. Smith,

A. Melville, T. Wardrope, S. C. Fraser, A. F. Kemp, D. Gordon, J. Scott, J. Ross, W. Doak, T. McPherson, D. McRuar, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. D. Inglis, R. F. Burns, Ministers; with Messrs. J. McMurrich, A. Fraser, W. Riddell, A. McAlister, Sheriff Sherwood, J. Durie, Peebles, A. Young, M. C. Lutz, and R. Kelly, Elders; Mr. G. P. Young, Convener, and Mr. W. McLaren, Clerk.

It was agreed that the arrangement in regard to the diets for business, shall be as follows, namely:—The Synod shall meet at 9.30 A. M., and continue in session until 1; meet again at 2.30 P. M., and continue in session until 6; meet at 7.30 P. M., and continue until 10; and in no case shall the evening diet continue beyond 10, unless by a unanimous vote of the house.

Daily diets for business.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to thank the retiring Moderator for his excellent sermon, and to express the desire of the Synod that it should be published in the *Record*.

Thanks to retiring Moderator.

The Moderator accordingly conveyed to Professor Young the thanks of the Synod.

The Synod granted leave to Presbyteries to meet during the intervals of the Sessions of Synod for the transaction of any necessary business.

Leave to Presbyteries to meet.

It was agreed that the Committee on Bills and Overtures should meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M., to receive papers, and arrange business, and that the Synod, on meeting at 10, should spend an hour and a half in devotional exercises.

The diet was then closed with prayer.

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## SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 14th June, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The Synod, according to previous resolution, spent an hour and a half in devotional exercises, which were conducted by Mr. D. McKenzie, Principal Willis, Mr. McMechan, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Wilson.

Devotional Exercises.

Thereafter the minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod appointed the following Committee to draw up a minute with reference to the lamented removal by death of the late Dr. John Bayne, viz:—Dr. Willis, Mr. Stark, Mr. D. McKenzie, Mr. Topp, Mr. Geikie, and Mr. Ure.

Minute with reference to late Dr. Bayne.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The same was given in by Mr. G. P. Young. The report was sustained, and it was agreed, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, to take up first the Report of the Committee on Union.

Report from Committee on Bills and Overtures.

**Report on Union.** The report of the Committee on Union was accordingly given in by Mr. Ure, Convener.

The following motions were then submitted :—

1. It was moved by the Rev. A. Topp, seconded by Rev. J. McTavish,

**Motion by Mr. Topp.**

“ That the Synod receive and adopt the Report of the Committee on Union now presented and read, from which it appears that the Basis of Union, approved by last Synod, has been approved by all the Presbyteries of the Church, and by 88 out of 95 Sessions sending returns. The Synod further instruct Rev. Professor Young and Rev. Mr. Ure to convey the said Basis, with the decision of the Synod on the same, and a statement of the above facts, to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, now in session in this city, with the cordial salutations of this Synod.”

2. It was moved in amendment by Principal Willis, seconded by Rev. G. Smellie,

**Motion by Dr. Willis.**

“ That the finding on the Basis now arrived at, as the result of the transmission of that document to Presbyteries, be communicated with all respect to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church ; but inasmuch as there is a doubt remaining on some minds among us as to the exact sense attached respectively to some clauses in the Basis by the two Synods, it be indicated to the other Synod as the desire of this Court, that advantage be now taken of the opportunity providentially afforded by the presence of the two Synods in one city, for a friendly and brotherly conference, in the hope that by a Christian and frank explanation, any remaining difficulties in the way of the union may be satisfactorily removed.”

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

### THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 14th June, 2.30 P. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The minutes of the Special Committee, appointed by last Synod to prepare answers to the reasons of the dissent given in by Dr. Bayne and others with reference to the Basis of Union with the United Presbyterian Church, were read and sustained.

The Synod appointed the following Committees, viz :—

**Committees on Presbytery Records.**

For revising the Record of the Presbytery of London—Messrs. A. F. Kemp, J. Gillespie, and W. Heron.

On Record of Presbytery of Hamilton—Messrs. T. McPherson, A. Wilson, and D. Elder.

On Record of Presbytery of Toronto—Messrs. J. K. Smith, A. Melville, and A. Sherwood.

On Record of Presbytery of Cobourg—Messrs. D. McRuar, S. C. Fraser, and Peebles.

On Record of Presbytery of Kingston—Messrs. J. Middlemiss, G. Lewis, and J. Forrest.

On Record of Presbytery of Brockville—Messrs. W. Doak, R. Ure, and Jas. Gray.

On Record of Presbytery of Ottawa—Messrs. T. Wightman, J. McMillan, and A. McAlister.

On Record of Presbytery of Montreal—Messrs. A. Topp, T. Wardrope, and J. McMurrich.

On Synod Record—Messrs. W. Gregg, J. B. Duncan, and A. Young. Committee on Synod Record.

For examining and reporting on Returns of Presbyteries to Overtures—Messrs. D. Inglis, R. F. Burns, and J. Yule. Committee on Returns to Overtures.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

#### FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 14th June, 7.30 P. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Mr. R. Ure introduced to the Synod, Mr. G. Bell, of Clifton, a minister of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and a member of a Committee appointed by that Synod on the subject of Presbyterian Union. The Synod invited Mr. Bell to take a seat with them. Thereafter Mr. Bell addressed the Synod, expressing the desirableness of union among Presbyterians in this Province, on the basis of the Westminster Standards. Mr. G. Bell addresses synod.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to record the satisfaction with which the Synod had listened to the sentiments expressed by Mr. Bell, and the hope that, in the Providence of God, the way may be opened for the union of all Presbyterians in this Province.

The Synod resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Union. After mature discussion, it was agreed that the vote of the Synod should be taken on the motion by Mr. Topp, and the amendment by Dr. Willis. The roll was accordingly called, and the votes marked, when 121 voted for the motion, and 37 for the amendment. The Synod accordingly adopted the motion as the decision of the house, and in terms thereof instructed Synod resumes consideration of subject of Union. Mr. Topp's motion carried.

Mr. R. Ure and Professor Young to convey to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church the basis of union as approved by this Synod.

The diet was then closed with prayer.

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### FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 15th June, 9.30 A. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a Report, which was sustained.

Reference from  
res. of Cobourg.

The Synod proceeded to take up a Reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg in connection with the case of Mr. Andrews. The papers connected with the case were read, including a memorial from Mr. Andrews. Messrs. John Smith and Laing appeared for the Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. Andrews for himself, and Mr. Anderson for the congregation of Otonabee.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Laing were heard on the part of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in explanation of the reference. Thereafter the Synod proceeded to hear Mr. Anderson on the part of the congregation.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet closed with prayer.

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### SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 15th June, 2.30 P. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

A letter was read from the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute, inviting the members of Synod to avail themselves, when they chose, of the Library and Reading Room belonging to the Institute.

There was also read a letter from the Secretary of the Commissioners of Water-works, respectfully inviting the members of Synod to witness, at any convenient time, the play of water from the hydrants and fountains recently erected.

It was agreed that respectful answers should be returned to these communications, acknowledging the courtesy thus shown to the Synod.

The Synod resumed consideration of the reference from the Reference from  
Presbytery of Cobourg, in connection with the case of Mr. An- Pres. of Cobourg  
drews. Mr. Anderson was farther heard, and various questions resumed.  
were put to parties before the Synod.

It was agreed to adjourn the farther consideration of this subject until to-morrow morning.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the cele- Report on Tri-  
bration of the Tri-centenary of the Reformation in Scotland. The centenary of  
same was given in by Principal Willis, Convener. Scottish Reform-  
ation.

The Report referred to a communication received from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, intimating that said Synod had instructed all the ministers of the Church to direct the attention of their people to the character and results of the Sottish Reformation on the 16th December, 1860, expressing also a desire that the Synods of other Presbyterian Churches in the Province should adopt a similar arrangement. The Committee recommended to the Synod to issue a recommendation to all the ministers of the Church to bring the subject under the attention of their congregations, with suitable confession of sins, and acknowledgement of the Divine goodness. The Committee also recommended that the Synod grant a commission to the Rev Dr. Burns, now in Scotland, to represent this Church at the meeting to be held in Edinburgh for the celebration of the Tri-centenary of the Reformation, and a similar commission to Rev. Principal Willis, if in Scotland at the time. The Committee farther commended that on Monday evening, 18th inst., the Synod should hold a public meeting for the purpose of engaging in devotional exercises, and hearing addresses on the subject of the Scottish Reformation, submitting at the same time a programme for the meeting referred to.

The Synod sustained the Report and adopted its recommenda- Report sustained.  
tions, and in terms thereof resolved, to instruct as they hereby do, all the ministers of the Church to direct the attention of their people to the character and results of the Scottish Reformation on the 16th of December, 1860. The Synod also agreed to commission Dr. Burns, now in Scotland, and Principal Willis, if he shall be in Scotland at the time, to represent this Church at the meeting, which, it is understood, is to be held in Edinburgh in August of the present year; and further, the Synod resolved to devote the evening of Monday to suitable exercises in reference to the important event referred to, and appointed the following members to deliver addresses, viz: Principal Willis on the "Theology of the Reformation;" Mr. Kemp on the "Polity of the Reformation," and Mr. T. McPherson on the "Effects of the Reformation."

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

## SEVENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, *June 15th*, 7.30 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Roll was called, and the names of those present were marked.

Reference from  
Pres. of Brock-  
ville.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Brockville, with reference to Mr. Robert Kennedy, formerly a student of Knox College, and now engaged in evangelistic labors. The papers in the case were read, and the Rev. A. Melville was heard in explanation of the reference.

The two following motions were submitted :—

1. It was moved by Rev. A. Kemp, and seconded by Rev. R. Ure,—

“That the Synod dismiss the reference and decline to give any deliverance in the case.”

2. It was moved by Rev. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Rev. W. McLaren,—

“That the Synod sustain the reference from the Presbytery of Brockville, and in reply, find that while particularly anxious to guard against throwing any obstacle in the way of Mr. Kennedy's usefulness, yet this Synod sees no ground to warrant it in sanctioning Mr. Kennedy as an Evangelist in connection with this Church.”

Reference dis-  
missed.

After lengthened discussion, a division was called for, when a majority were in favor of the motion by Mr. Kemp, in terms of which the Synod dismiss the reference, and decline to give any deliverance in the case.

The diet was then closed with prayer.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, *16th June*, 9.30 A. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Ministers asked  
to sit with Synod.

On motion made and seconded, the following ministers being present in the house, were invited to sit with the Synod, viz :— Messrs. T. Lowry, W. S. Ball, R. Wallace, D. Anderson, J. Rennie, John Irvine, W. McIndoe, R. Jamieson, and R. D. McKay.

Students to be  
taken on trials  
for License.

On application duly made, the Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of London to take on public probationary trials Mr. N. McKinnon; also to the Presbytery of Montreal to take on public probationary trials, Mr. W. Coulthard; also to the Presbytery of

Toronto to take on public probationary trials, Mr. D. H. Fletcher, Mr. Alex. Matheson, and Mr. F. McCuaig, Students of Divinity.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod appointed Principal Willis and Mr. Topp a Committee to draft an address to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his visit to this Province. Committee to draft address to Prince of Wales.

The Synod on the report of the Presbytery of Hamilton, made the following appointments for Sabbath, viz:— Appointments for Sabbath Service.

*Knox's Church*—Mr. Topp to preach in the morning, Mr. A. McMillan in the afternoon, in Gaelic, and Mr. W. McKenzie in the evening.

*McNab Street Church*—Mr. McMullen in the morning, Mr. A. Young in the afternoon, and Mr. Lewis in the evening.

The Synod took up an Overture signed by a number of the members of Synod, with reference to the mode of appointing the Moderator of the Supreme Court. The Overture was read. It was agreed to refer the subject to the following Committee, viz.: Dr. Willis, Convener, Mr. Smellie, Mr. T. McPherson, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. S. C. Fraser, Mr. Arch. Young, and Mr. W. Clark. Overture on mode of appointing Moderator. Referred to Committee.

The Synod took up a Memorial from Mr. Andrew Melville, minister at Spencerville, formerly at Pembroke. The Memorial was read. On motion made and seconded it was referred to the following Committee: Mr. Kemp, Convener, Prof. Young, Mr. R. F. Burns, and Mr. A. D. Ferrier. Memorial from Rev. A. Melville. Referred to Committee.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to fix the time and place for the next ordinary meeting of Synod. It was thereafter agreed that the next ordinary meeting of Synod be held in the City of Montreal, and within Cote Street there, on the first Tuesday of June, 1861, at 7.30 P. M. Next ordinary meeting of Synod appointed at Montreal.

Dr. W. Taylor, Mr. Ormiston, and Mr. Caven, were introduced by Mr. Ure, as a deputation from the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of communicating to the Synod the action of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church with reference to the Basis of Union. Deputation from U. P. Synod.

These brethren addressed the Synod and laid on the table a certified copy of the Basis of Union as now approved by them. Address Synod.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that the Synod express their great pleasure in seeing these brethren, and cordially reciprocate the brotherly affection which they have expressed in behalf of the Synod represented by them, and request them to convey to their brethren the expression of this Synod's esteem and affection.

On motion made and seconded, these deputies were invited to sit with the Synod. Dr. Jennings, and other members who were present, were also invited to take seats with the Synod.

The Synod resolved to take up the Basis of Union on the afternoon of Monday.

Consideration of Reference from Pres. of Cobourg resumed. The Synod then resumed consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg in connection with the congregation of Otonabee and Mr. Andrews. Mr. Andrews was heard.

The hour of adjournment having come, it was agreed to meet again at 2 o'clock, and remain in session until four, in the hope of coming to a decision in the case.

The diet was closed with prayer.

### NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 16th June, 2 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Reference from Pres. of Cobourg continued. The Synod continued consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg.

The following motions were submitted:

1. It was moved by Rev. J. Laing, seconded by Rev. W. T. McMullen,

Motion by Mr. Laing.

“That the reference be sustained, and a commission of Synod be appointed to visit the congregations of Keene and Westwood, to make further inquiry, and finally to dispose of the matter.”

It was moved in amendment by Principal Willis, and seconded,

Motion by Principal Willis.

“That the Synod sustain the reference from the Presbytery of Cobourg, find that the Synod has not before it materials for a final judgment in this case, to warrant a dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the minister and congregation of Otonabee, especially in the summary way pointed to in the reference. At same time recal the judgment of the Presbytery, on the question whether there is or is not ground of libel; but inasmuch as most of the offences charged were not alleged till long after the fact, and under circumstances which admit of the supposition that the former were aggravated if not originated by prejudice, the Synod appoint a Committee to visit Otonabee to complete the expiscation of the case, deal as may seem best, and make an end of the matter, either by accepting Mr. Andrews' resignation, or accepting such mutual expressions of regret, and of restored confidence, as may give hope of the pastoral connection being continued with edification; or finally, if there appear ground for libel, that the Commission shall so conclude, reporting its judgment to the Presbytery of Cobourg, to which this notification shall be a warrant for proceeding according to the rules of this Church.

3. It was also moved by Rev. J. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

Motion by Mr. Gillespie.

“That the Synod having read the documents, and heard parties in the case, dismiss the reference. Finding, however, from the papers in the case, as well as from the parties at the bar, that indiscretions have taken place on the part of Mr. Andrews, and irregularities on the part of the Presbytery of Cobourg, the Synod admonish all par-

ties concerned, to follow after the things which make for peace, and the things whereby one may edify another."

4. It was also moved by Mr. Kemp, and seconded,

"That the Synod having heard parties and read documents, sustain the reference, without approving of the proceeding of the Presbytery in the case, and find that Mr. Andrews has acted with a want of due regard to the character of a father in the Ministry, and further, while the Synod have no evidence that the allegations of an affidavit submitted are true, yet it appears that Mr. Andrews has not been sufficiently circumspect in his conduct towards the person therein concerned."

On a division being called for, the amendment by Mr. Kemp and that by Mr. Gillespie were put to the house, when a majority supported Mr. Kemp's amendment. Mr. Kemp's amendment was again put to the house with the amendment by Dr. Willis, when Mr. Kemp's carried. The original motion and Mr. Kemp's amendment were then put to the house, when there voted for the amendment 45, and for the motion 54. The motion was accordingly declared to be carried, and in terms thereof the Synod appointed the following Commission to proceed to visit the congregations of Keene and Westwood, make further inquiry, and finally dispose of the matter—Dr. Willis, Messrs. Topp, Kemp, Scott, J. K. Smith, Dr. Irvine, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. T. McPherson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. J. McMurrich, Mr. Sherwood, and Mr. Geo. Robertson—Dr. Willis, Convener, or in his absence, Mr. Topp; five to be a quorum.

The diet was closed with prayer.

## TENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 18th June, 10 A. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with praise, prayer, and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Synod proceeded to take up an Appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, by Mr. W. Heron, with reference to a case of discipline from the Kirk Session of Ashburn and Utica. Parties were called, when there appeared for the Kirk Session of Ashburn and Utica, Mr. Heron; for the Presbytery of Toronto, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Mitchell, and for the minority of the Session of Ashburn and Utica, Mr. Sharp. The papers in the case were read, and parties were heard. Parties were then removed.

On motion by Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, it was

"Resolved,—That having read papers in the case and heard parties, the Synod dismiss the appeal, and affirm the finding of the Presbytery of Toronto."

The report of the select Finance Committee was called for. The same was given in by Mr. McMurrich, Convener, who also submitted balance sheet.

On motion made and seconded, the report was received, and the thanks of the Synod conveyed to the Committee, who were re-appointed. Messrs. McMurrich and Blaikie were authorised to attest as Auditors the Books of the Agent.

Report on Statistics.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics. The same was given in by Mr. John Gray who proceeded to read the Report.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

### ELEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 18th June, 2 30 P. M.

The Synod again met, and was consituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Consideration of Basis of Union.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the Basis of Union, as amended by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church. The same having been read, it appeared that, in accordance with the request of this Synod, the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church had removed the note appended to the 4th article in the Basis, adding to the article the following words :—" it being understood that, in the application of the doctrine of this article, mutual forbearance shall be exercised." All the other articles were agreed to as adopted by this Synod.

Several motions were submitted by members of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Gavin Allan, seconded by Mr. A. Barclay.

"That the Synod adopt the Basis of Union, as adopted by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, and transmitted to this Court."

This motion was, with permission of the House, withdrawn in favor of the following motion by Prof. Young, seconded by the Rev. S. C. Fraser :—

Motion by Prof. Young.

"The Synod having taken into consideration the Basis of Union as sent down by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, rejoice to find that the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church has agreed to drop the note formerly appended to the 4th article, and that the great principle that the Lord Jesus Christ, as Mediator, is invested with universal sovereignty, and is therefore King of Nations, and that all men, in every capacity and relation, are bound to obey His will as revealed in His Word, and particularly that the Civil Magistrate (including under that term all who are in any way concerned in the legislative or administrative action of the State) is bound to regulate his official procedure as well as his personal conduct by the revealed will of Christ, is now affirmed by both Synods without reserve and limitation. And whereas the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church has added to the 4th article of the basis as formerly approved by this Synod the words, " it being understood that in the application of the doctrine of this article mutual forbearance shall be exercised," this Synod declares that the standards of the Presbyterian Church of Canada do not profess formally and explicitly to define the manner in which the princi-

ple contained in the 4th article is to be applied ; and, being persuaded, as the Synod is, that in the event of union there will be found to be in the united body a substantial agreement as to those leading practical applications of the principle which will fall to be considered, this Synod hereby declares that the clause which has been added to the 4th article may be accepted, and that a union between the two bodies may be honourably formed on the basis as it now stands."

It was moved in amendment by Rev. G. Smellie, seconded by Mr. D. Elder :—

"That this Synod rejoices in the brotherly salutations given by our brethren of the deputation of the United Presbyterian Church, and in the intelligence conveyed by them to the effect, that the note appended to the 4th article of the basis has been abandoned, but inasmuch as some basis of agreement has been all along held to be essential to a satisfactory union, and this Synod resolved, in 1858 that, while difference of opinion on minor matters, such as the endowment of Churches by the State should not be a bar to the union of the two Churches, the leading applications of the great doctrine of Christ's Headship over the nations could not be left a matter of forbearance, the Synod regrets to find that their brethren of the United Presbyterian Church have adopted a resolution which is a virtual recession from the position already reached in these negotiations, and which is subversive of the idea of a basis altogether, and therefore requests our brethren of the United Presbyterian Church to inform us, and put the information on record, whether the proposed forbearance is to be unlimited, and if limited, what are the limitations which they are willing to agree to ; declare their readiness to confer on those points always viewed by us as vital, and re-appoint the Committee on Union to meet the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church at the earliest possible opportunity."

Motion by Mr. Smellie.

It was also moved by Rev. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. A. D. Ferrier :—

"That this Synod having considered the basis as amended by the U. P. Synod, rejoices to find that there is entire agreement in the doctrine contained in the 4th Article, and whereas the U. P. Synod have added the words, "it being understood that in the application of the doctrine of this Article, mutual forbearance shall be exercised," this Synod declares that the standards of the Presbyterian Church of Canada do not profess formally and explicitly to define the manner in which the principle contained in the 4th article is to be applied ; and whereas it is believed that there is no difference of opinion in reference to said applications of such a nature, or so great, as to prevent cordial co-operation : therefore, this Synod agrees to accept the basis as amended, with the distinct understanding that while reserving all equitable liberty to a minority, each case of application shall yet be decided by the Church Courts, and that the United Church shall not be fettered in its constitutional action in regard to any application that may emerge in the Providence of God.

Motion by Mr. Inglis.

In order to secure that it may be well understood that such are the terms of union, this Synod requires that this resolution, together with that of United Presbyterian Synod, shall be prefixed, in the way of preamble, to the basis."

It was also moved by Rev. A. Topp, seconded by Rev. Thomas Alexander :—

"That the Synod having considered the addition made to the 4th article of the basis, as transmitted by the United Presbyterian Synod,

Motion by Mr. Topp.

find they cannot, consistently with the principles hitherto maintained by this church, or with its previous resolutions and actings on this subject, consent to the acceptance of the said addition as part of a basis of union; and whereas there seems great difficulty in framing a satisfactory basis, other than that already existing in all Presbyterian Churches—whereas, further, there is a prospect of union, and it would be of the greatest importance for many reasons to have a union of all the sound Presbyterianism of the country, the Synod resolve, with a view to the speedy accomplishment of the same, to present to the other two Presbyterian Churches, as a basis on which all the three might unite and form one Church, independent and free from the control of all others in its procedure, the recognized standards of the Church, viz., the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.”

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

### TWELFTH SESSION.

MONDAY 18th June, 7 30 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Addresses &c.,  
with reference to  
Scottish Reform-  
ation.

In accordance with previous resolutions, the Synod spent the diet in appropriate exercises with special reference to the Reformation in Scotland. Principal Willis addressed the Synod on the “Theology of the Reformation,” Mr. A. F. Kemp on the “Polity of the Reformation,” and Mr. T. McPherson on the “Effects of the Reformation,” the exercises being intermingled with prayer and praise.

The diet was closed with the benediction.

### THIRTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 19th June, 9 30 A. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report which was sustained.

Subject of Union  
resumed.

The Synod resumed consideration of the basis of union with the United Presbyterian Church.

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. T. McPherson—

Motion by Mr.  
Reid.

“That the Synod having had its attention directed to the Basis of Union as sent to this Court by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, and especially to the addition made to the 4th article of the basis, find that while this Synod has confidence in the general harmony of the views of the United Presbyterian Church with those of this

Church, with reference to the doctrine contained in the 4th article, and has at former stages of these negotiations indicated that it does not expect on minor applications of the principle entire unanimity; yet the Synod sees difficulties in the way of accepting in a basis of union, a clause which might seem to recognize unlimited forbearance as to the applications of the said doctrine, and does not therefore agree to the addition made. The Synod, however, still heartily desirous of union, and believing that union can be effected on sound and honorable principles, remit to a committee to meet with the committee appointed by the United Presbyterian Synod, for the purpose of seeing, whether the object, believed by this Synod to be intended by the proposed addition, may not be better accomplished in some other way, the Committee being authorized to request the Moderator to call a special meeting of the Synod, if it shall be considered necessary."

Several members expressed their minds on the subject before the house.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

#### FOURTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 19th June, 2 30 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

On motion of Principal Willis, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

"That the Synod recognizing the great goodness of God in the season of the year, recommend to Ministers and congregations to bear the subject in remembrance in public and in private prayer, and authorize the Moderator to appoint a day, as far as possible in concert with other churches, or with the community at large, if invited by the authorities of the land, for special acknowledgment of the Father of Mercies in crowning the year, as we humbly hope it may please Him, with His goodness."

Recognition of  
God in season of  
year.

The Synod resumed consideration of the subject of union.

It was further moved by Rev. R. F. Burns, seconded by W. Gillespie—

"That this Synod, while heartily rejoicing that the great principle embodied in the 4th article of the basis, has been accepted by the United Presbyterian Synod, feel embarrassed by the addition which that Synod have seen it to be their duty to make to the said article, to the effect that in the application of the doctrine contained in this article mutual forbearance be exercised, and this Synod would frankly state that they are not prepared to agree to this addition, inasmuch as it appears to this Synod on many accounts, highly inexpedient to make such a radical alteration in the basis, at this advanced stage in the negotiations, more especially after it has received the almost unanimous approval of the Presbyteries and Sessions of both Synods in its original form, inasmuch moreover as it would unduly fetter the future action of the united body: yet further, inasmuch as the negotiations

Motion by Mr.  
Burns.

between the two bodies have uniformly proceeded on the understanding that while a certain measure of forbearance should be exercised, that forbearance should be qualified and defined, and this Synod has already distinctly given forth a deliverance to the effect that 'this church cannot in consistency with its views of truth and duty treat with unfettered forbearance, all varieties of opinion on the relations of the Civil Magistrate, and of Civil Government to revealed religion.' this Synod nevertheless sincerely solicitous that no unnecessary obstacle be thrown in the way of a union in all respects so desirable, being forthwith consummated, agree herewith to declare that perfect unanimity is not required with respect to every application of the principle contained in the 4th article of the basis, and would be most willing to receive from the United Presbyterian Synod, and to insert on their minutes, or when the union takes place would consent to the recording on the minutes of the united body, a distinct disclaimer of certain inferences unfairly deduced from the doctrine in the 4th article in the basis, particularly the right which Magistrates have sometimes claimed, in the name of God to prescribe the faith of the Church, to regulate her ordinances, or to interfere with her ecclesiastical action. The Synod further appoint a Committee with instructions to act in concert with the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church in accordance with the foregoing deliverance, and, if they see fit, to request the Moderator to call a special meeting of Synod."

After mature consideration a division was called for.

Mr. Topp asked leave to withdraw his motion. Leave was granted, and the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Smellie, also, with permission of the house, withdrew his motion.

Mr. Young, Mr. Burns and Mr. Inglis, also, with permission of the house, severally withdrew their motions.

Motion by Mr. Reid carried.

The motion of Mr. Reid was then adopted, without a vote, as the deliverance of the Synod, and in terms thereof the Synod appointed the following Committee to meet with the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church, viz :

Committee appointed.

Rev. Mr. Ure, Convener, Dr. Willis, Messrs. Laing, Inglis, T. Wardrope, Scott, Gregg, Ross, Kemp, McRuar, Topp, McLaren, G. P. Young, D. McKenzie, McMurrich, McLellan, Ferrier, and Sherwood.

The diet was closed with prayer.

## FIFTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 19th June, 7 30 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Report on appointment of Moderator.

The Committee appointed to consider the overture on the mode of appointment of the Moderator of the Supreme Court, presented a report.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and

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sustain the report, and to adopt the following as one of the standing orders of the Synod, viz :

**THE APPOINTMENT OF MODERATOR.**—The Moderator shall be appointed in the manner following: that is to say, each Presbytery shall nominate for the Moderatorship a minister, either one of their own number, or a member of any other Presbytery of the Church, and the Presbytery Clerk shall return the name of the minister so nominated to the Clerk of the Synod, together with the Presbytery Roll, prior to the annual meeting of Synod. A list shall be formed of the members thus nominated, and the Synod shall, from such list, by open vote, appoint the Moderator. In the event of no nominations being made, the Synod shall elect the Moderator by the usual process of motion.

The Synod called for the reports of Committees appointed to examine Presbytery Records. Reports on Presbytery Records.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the Record of the Presbytery of Hamilton having been read, it was moved by Mr. Kemp, and seconded—

“That the report be sustained, and that the Record be attested, as on the whole carefully and correctly kept, but that the minute of date 3d April, on page 149, be disapproved, in so far as it sanctions the minister therein concerned engaging in a secular occupation.”

It was moved in amendment by Mr. P. Gray, and seconded—

“That the report be sustained, and the Record attested as carefully and correctly kept.”

On a division being called for, the amendment was carried, and the Record was ordered to be attested, as carefully and correctly kept.

The Synod sustained the reports on the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, London, Toronto, Cobourg, Kingston, Brockville, and Ottawa, and ordered the records to be attested in terms of the several reports.

The Synod sustained the report of the Committee appointed to revise the Synod Record, and ordered it to be attested as carefully and correctly kept. Report on Synod Record.

The Synod resumed consideration of the report on Statistics. Synod resume consideration of Report on Statistics.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the report, approve generally of the recommendations of the Committee, and tender to the Convener the thanks of the Synod, for the elaborate report and schedule which he had prepared.

The Committee on Statistics was re-appointed as follows, viz :

Mr. J. Gray, Convener, Messrs. Reid, Laing, S. C. Fraser, and the Clerks of the several Presbyteries.

The Synod also took up an overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg on the subject of the Statistical Returns. The overture was read, and Mr. Laing heard in support of it. After deliberation, the Synod agreed to adopt the recommendations of the overture. These are the following, viz :— Overture from Presbytery of Cobourg on Statistical Returns.

1. “That the ecclesiastical year of Congregations, Presbyteries, and Synod be counted from one common time.

2. That the contributions of Congregations for the various Synodical Funds, and the College Fund, be entered on the books of the Agent of the Church under the head of their respective Presbyteries, and that the Financial Statement to be submitted in printed form at the second session of each Synod, be a transcript of the record thus made up.

3. That the statistics proper, the stipends of ministers, the collections for congregational purposes, and the collection for the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund, and the value of Church property be given in to the Presbytery of the bounds, as a separate return, and by the Presbytery be transmitted to the Committee on Statistics.

4. That the defaulting Congregations being reported by the Synod, shall be regularly dealt with by the Presbyteries.

The diet was closed with prayer.

## SIXTEENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 20th June, 9 30 A.M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the word.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

**Report on Returns of Presbyteries to Overtures.** The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to examine and report on the returns of Presbyteries to Overtures sent down by last Synod.

The report was given in by Mr. Inglis, Convener.

**No action to be taken with reference to Ordination of Elders and Deacons.** From the report it appeared that a majority were in favour of no action being taken on the subject of the mode of ordination of Elders and Deacons. The Synod resolved accordingly.

**Overture anent calling and induction of ministers approved and passed.** A majority of Presbyteries being in favour of the overture on the calling and induction of probationers and ministers, it was agreed to adopt the overture and pass the same into a Standing Law of the Church, in the following terms:—

Whereas a diversity of practice exists in the Presbyteries of this Church in reference to the calling and ordination of probationers, regarding which it is desirable that there should be uniformity, it is hereby resolved, that the following shall be the Standing Law of the Church:—

1. "When a probationer or ordained missionary is called to a charge and does not reside within the bounds of the Presbytery calling, the call shall be sent to the Presbytery within whose bounds he resides, with all convenient speed."

2. "No Presbytery shall induct or ordain a missionary or probationer coming from another Presbytery, without first having obtained a Pastoral Certificate of his standing from the Presbytery within whose bounds he has last resided."

**Overture anent licensing of Students approved and passed.** A majority of Presbyteries being in favor of the Overture with reference to the licensing of Students, it was resolved to adopt the same and pass it as a Standing Law of the Church, as follows:

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Whereas it is of importance to regulate, by special enactment of Synod, the form of proceeding in the licensing of students, it is hereby resolved and enacted :—

I. "That no Student shall apply for license until the last session of his theological course is concluded.

II. "When a Student applies to any Presbytery to be taken on trial for license, he must produce certificates from the Professors and Senate of the College, or from the Professors of any Theological College in connection with churches in communion with this Church : (1,) That he has completed the theological curriculum. (2,) That he has delivered the five discourses prescribed to him in the course of his studies. (3,) That his character and conduct during his attendance at College were suitable to his views of life.

III. "That the Presbytery shall then examine said Student in Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Theology, and Practical Religion. If the examination be sustained, the Clerk shall be directed to make application to the next Synod for leave to take said Student on trial for License, certifying at the same time that the requisite certificates had been produced, and the examination had been sustained.

IV. "Leave having been obtained from the Synod, the Student shall then undergo his public probationary trials. These are examinations : 1. On Biblical Hebrew and Greek. 2. On Theology, Church History, and Government, and on Personal Religion. 3. He shall also read before the Presbytery : (1.) A Latin exercise. (2.) A Greek critical exercise. (3.) A Homily. (4.) A popular lecture. (5.) A popular sermon.

"The Presbytery may reject any or all of these trials, and may examine the Student on his various discourses if they see cause.

V. "That the trials being finished, the Presbytery shall take a conjunct view of the whole, and record their opinion. If not satisfied therewith, the licensing shall be deferred, and the Presbytery shall act in the matter as they shall see for edification ; if the trials be sustained, the Court shall proceed to license said Student to preach the Gospel. This shall be done in the following manner :—

VI. (1.) "He shall give his assent to the questions required by the Synod to be put in such cases, and shall either sign the formula, or agree to sign it when required. (2.) The Moderator shall then give him a suitable address, and after prayer for the Divine blessing, shall in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Presbytery, license him to preach the Gospel wherever he may be orderly called. The Clerk shall be instructed to grant an Extract of License when asked."

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft a minute with reference to the late Dr. John Bayne. Dr. Willis presented the report with draft of minute. Minute with reference to late Dr. Bayne.

The Synod sustained the report, and in terms thereof adopted the following minute :—

"The Synod, impressed with the great loss which, in the Providence of God, it has sustained, in the removal, by death, of one so highly respected and beloved as the late Rev. Dr. Bayne, records its sense of obligation to the Great Head of the Church for granting to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and continuing to it so long, a Brother distinguished by gifts and graces of no common kind.

"Connected with this Church for a quarter of a century, and especially

identified with it as almost in a sense its founder, since its separate organization in the year 1844, we looked to him as a standard-bearer in the assertion of its characteristic principles, and the vindication of its rights. Endeared to his immediate flock by his profound elucidations of Scripture truth, and by his prophet-like earnestness and fidelity in urging its practical lessons on the heart and conscience, he is specially remembered by this Synod, as one who by the counsels of his wisdom commanded a degree of confidence seldom possessed by a member of a church court; and who, with a rare measure of tact and judgment often explicated what was difficult and embarrassing, defending his views with an impressive eloquence which was powerful to persuade, and which, even where in the exercise of their rightful liberty other minds might differ from his conclusions, left on all the conviction of his rectitude of purpose, and deep devotion to truth. These qualities were strengthened in their influence by the general reputation our lamented brother and father had acquired as a man of highly cultivated intellect, and successful application to the study of general, and especially theological literature; and they are remembered, too as associated with such simplicity of manners, and warm affections, as made him no less the beloved friend of many members of this court, than the counsellor revered by all. The Synod finally, records its sympathy, with his personal relatives, and his large bereaved congregation; and appoints that an extract of this testimony to Dr. Bayne's memory, be transmitted to the Kirk Session of Galt, and to his mourning friends, with the assurance of the Synod's sympathy both in their sorrow and their joy—their sorrow, while bowing with reverence to the will of God in the bereavement which the Synod feels in common with them; and their joy, as feeling assured along with them that this eminent servant of Christ has entered into his glorious rest."

Report of College Board. The Synod called for the Report of the College Board. The same was given in by Mr. Gregg, Chairman. A Report from the Senate was also read, with reference to the several classes.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed:—

Report adopted. "That the Synod receive and adopt the report, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, appoint the first Sabbath of October as a day of special prayer in all the Congregations of the Church on behalf of the College.

College Board re-appointed. The Synod re-appointed the College Board as follows, viz:—Principal Willis, R. Irvine, D. D., Messrs. J. Gillespie, D. McRuar, D. Inglis, R. F. Burns, A. C. Geikie, A. Topp, W. Reid, W. Gregg, R. Ure, J. McTavish, J. M. Roger, J. W. Smith, John Smith, A. Wilson, W. McLaren, J. K. Smith, T. Wardrope, J. B. Duncan, D. Wardrope, W. B. Clark, A. F. Kemp, D. Gordon, T. McPherson, J. Scott, J. Ross, Ministers; and Messrs. G. Davidson, A. Jeffrey, A. McAlister, J. L. Blaikie, Sheriff Sherwood, J. Court, W. Clark and Andrew Smith, Elders,—Mr. Topp, Chairman.

Senate appointed. The Synod appointed the following members to form, with the Professors, the College Senate:—Messrs. A. Topp, M. Y. Stark, W. Reid, W. Gregg, R. Ure, J. McMurrich and W. Hunter.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Reports of Presbyteries on the regulations for the management of Knox College.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

## SEVENTEENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 20th June, 2 30 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Committee on Union with the United Presbyterian Church, Report from Committee on Union. presented a report in the following terms, viz:—

“The Committee on Union, having given prayerful consideration to the matter submitted to them by the Synod, beg to report the subjoined resolutions which they recommend to be adopted in the terms following :

1. That this Synod, with a view to the removal of any possible misapprehension of its opinions in reference to Art. IV. of the basis of union, does most earnestly disavow the legitimacy of any such inferences from said article, as that magistrates have the right, sometimes claimed by them, to prescribe, in the name of God, the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action. Resolutions submitted.

2. That the Synod with a view to the removal of any misapprehension as to its position in regard to the practical applications of the said 4th article, such, for example, as those contained in the report of the Joint Committee submitted to both Synods in the year 1858, desires to call attention to the fact, that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada does not require, as a condition of union, unanimity of sentiment as to the action of the magistrates on these points; but while providing for possible diversity of opinion, the Synod has held, and still holds it as necessary to harmonious action in the united body, that a minority, while entitled to all equitable liberty, shall on these, as on other matters of ecclesiastical government, be guided in any action on dissent by constitutional order, and the received principles of the united body.

3. That the foregoing resolution shall accompany said basis as a declaratory statement.”

On motion made and seconded, the report was received.

It was further, on motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Laing, agreed :

“That this Synod approve of the resolutions submitted by the Committee on Union, and instruct the Committee to communicate them as speedily as possible to the Committee of the United Presbyterian Synod, expressing at the same time the earnest hope that these resolutions may meet with the approval of our brethren of the United Presbyterian Church.” Resolutions approved.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the Synod should engage in devotional exercises. Accordingly prayer was offered up for the Divine blessing on the step now taken towards union, and the Synod united in singing the closing verses of 122nd Psalm.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Reports of Presbyteries on the regulations for the management of Knox College. Various amendments were made in accordance with the suggestions contained in these reports. Synod resume consideration of Regulations for the management of Knox College.

It was agreed to approve of the regulations as now amended, and that they be printed in the minutes.

The following are the regulations :—

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REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF KNOX  
COLLEGE.

I. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

1. There shall be a Board of Management, composed of thirty-five persons, ordained Ministers and Elders of the Church, of whom seven shall be a quorum for the transaction of all business. The said Board shall be annually appointed by the Synod, and its members shall hold office until their successors be appointed. They shall appoint their own Secretary and Treasurer, who shall keep records and accounts which shall be open to the inspection of the Synod. The chairman of the Board shall be appointed annually by the Synod, and in the event of no such appointment being made, or, of the death, removal, or resignation of said Chairman, his place shall be supplied by the Board itself.

2. The Board shall be convened, by the Chairman, at least three times a year, and at such time, and in such manner as may be determined by the Synod, or by the Board itself.

3. The Board shall have the whole management of the financial affairs of the said College, shall receive and disburse all its moneys, keep and manage all its property, and transact all its business relating to property and money committed to its care, by the Synod or otherwise, and shall exercise all the powers, in regard to property and money, vested in the Corporation of Knox College, by the Act 22 Vic., cap 69. In cases where special instructions shall be given by the Synod, (in writing under the hand of their Clerk,) it shall be the duty of the said Board to act according to such instructions.

4. The Board shall receive annual Reports from the Senate in reference to the departments under the care of said Senate, and shall transmit the same to the Synod along with a Report on all matters entrusted to said Board, and an audited balance sheet of the property and financial affairs of the College.

5. The Board shall further take general cognizance of all matters pertaining to the interest of the College, and co-operate with the Senate in maintaining its discipline. They shall also take charge of the Boarding department of the College, and make such regulations for its management as they may see fit, and shall appoint all subordinate servants and dismiss and remove the same as they shall see fit.

6. The Board shall have power to appoint an acting sub-committee with such powers as they may deem requisite.

7. The Chairman of the Board shall have charge of the Corporation Seal, and shall affix it to such documents as he may be directed by the special instructions of the Board.

II. THE COLLEGE SENATE.

1. The Principal and Professors of the College, together with seven members of Synod, shall be annually appointed by the Synod as a "COLLEGE SENATE," to whom shall be entrusted the reception, academic superintendence and discipline of the Students, and of all other persons within the said College. The SENATE shall take a general inspection of the whole internal arrangements, of the College and of

the studies of the Students, and shall place said Students in that year of the curriculum to which they may be certified by Presbyteries, or by such other body as the Synod may determine, and shall have charge of the Library and Museum. Regulations for Management of Knox College.

2. The Senate shall, at the close of each College Session, hold an examination of the Students, and present to the Board of management a Report on the studies of the classes, and on other matters under its supervision.

### III. PRINCIPAL OF COLLEGE.

1. The Title of the Principal shall be—"The Reverend the Principal of Knox College."

2. He shall preside in all meetings of the College Senate, when present, and shall summon such meetings at stated or convenient times. In the unavoidable absence or inability of the Principal, the Senior Professor shall summon and preside at necessary meetings of the Senate, with the consent of the other Professors. In case of a division, the Principal shall only have a casting vote.

3. He shall preside at the public opening and closing of the College Session.

4. He shall be the medium of communication with, and conduct the official correspondence of the College Senate.

5. He shall have a general superintendence of the studies of the Students in accordance with the instructions of the Senate; it being understood that the other Professors shall be responsible only to the Synod for the discharge of the duties entrusted to them.

### IV. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSORS AND TUTORS.

1. That no person shall at any time be employed or inducted into office as a Professor of Theology who is not at the time of his employment or induction an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; and if a Licentiate shall at any time be appointed, he shall before induction, be ordained to the Holy Ministry in the usual manner, by the Presbytery of Toronto, or by a commission specially appointed for that purpose by the Synod; and all persons, if any, who shall be appointed or employed as Tutors, shall at the time of their entrance into office be members of the said Church in full communion therewith, and that said Professors and Tutors shall sign the *Formula* appointed to be signed by Ministers, &c., of the Church.

2. That all Professors and Tutors who shall hereafter be appointed or employed in the said College, shall be appointed by the said Synod at its ordinary annual Session, or at any special meeting of the said Synod, to be called for the purpose of making such appointments or appointment by notice from the Moderator of Synod for the time being, to be sent to each member of Synod at least fifteen days before the day appointed for such special meeting, such appointments to be made by open vote of a majority of members present at the Sederunt of the said Synod at which the appointment shall be made; or in such other manner as the said Synod shall from time to time, by resolution, determine and direct to be pursued in making such appointments: Provided always, that any such Professor or Tutor may resign, or may by the said Synod be removed, suspended or deposed from office, according to the laws of the Church, and in case of any such Tutor resigning or ceasing to be such as aforesaid, or in case any such Professor being removed, or being deposed from the Ministry in due process of discipline, such Tutor or Professor, so resigning, ceasing to be a member,

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or being removed, or deposed as aforesaid, shall *ipso facto* cease to be a Professor or Tutor in the said College, and cease to have any claim to any emolument or privilege belonging to the said College, and his office shall be vacant.

V. OF SESSIONS; AND ADMISSION AND ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS.

1. The Session or Academical year shall commence on the first Wednesday of October, and end on the first Wednesday of April. There shall be such recess at the end of December as may be fixed by the Senate.

2. No person shall be entitled to rank as a Student who has not been certified to the Senate by some Presbytery of the Church, and who has not signed the Album of the College, and agreed to submit to its discipline in such form as may be determined by the Senate.

3. Every Student shall at the end of each Session apply to the Professors on whose instructions he has attended, for certificates attesting the regularity of his attendance, his proficiency, diligence and general conduct, which certificates shall be presented to the Presbytery of the Church, by whom said Student may be examined for license or for entrance upon the next year of the Curriculum; and before any Student shall be taken on trials for license, he shall present to his Presbytery a certificate from the Senate signed by the Principal, attesting that he has attended all the classes and performed all the duties required by the Church.

4. Cases of an urgent or peculiar nature of attendance, or absence from the classes of any particular year, shall be adjudged upon by the Senate according to the circumstances of each case.

VI. THE CURRICULUM.

The Curriculum of study shall be such as may at any time be determined by the Synod, and for the present is for the Theological course:—

1. First year—Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion; Senior Hebrew; Church History; Study of New Testament, (Greek.)
2. Second year—Systematic Theology; Church History; Hermeneutics and Biblical Criticism; Exegesis.
3. Third year—Systematic Theology; Hermeneutics and Biblical Criticism; Exegesis; Pastoral Theology.

The Synod remitted to the Senate to report as to the curriculum in the Library or Non-Theological course.

Report on Memorial of Rev. A. Melville.

The Committee appointed to consider the memorial of Mr. A. Melville, presented a report.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed:

“That the Synod sustain the report, and strongly recommend that the two Presbyteries of Brockville and Ottawa shall use such efforts as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of liquidating the arrears due to Mr. Melville by the Congregation of Pembroke, dividing the amount between them according to the ratio of settled charges in each Presbytery.”

Report on Sabbath observance.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The same was given in by Mr. P. Gray, Joint Convener.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod received and sustained the report, and re-appointed the Committee, as follows,

viz :—Messrs. P. Gray, H. Gordon, A. Wilson, W. McLaren, Ministers; and Messrs. McLaughlin, Stewart, and Macalister, Elders; and the following as corresponding members, viz :—Messrs. J. Scott, R. F. Burns, J. Nisbet, P. Duncan, J. K. Smith, W. McKenzie, H. Campbell,—Mr. P. Gray, Convener.

The diet was closed with prayer.

### EIGHTEENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 20th June, 7 30 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Kemp, in behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal, applied for leave to receive Mr. Henderson, Minister of the Gospel at St. Andrews, as a minister of this Church, suspending, in the special circumstance of the case, the ordinary regulations applicable to the reception of Ministers. It was agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery to receive Mr. Henderson.

Leave asked by Pres. of Montreal to receive Rev. Mr. Henderson of St. Andrew's granted.

A report was called for from the Committee appointed to correspond with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, with reference to the ordination of missionaries sent to this Church. A verbal report was given in. The Committee was re-appointed, Mr. Gregg, Convener.

Verbal Report from Committee appointed to correspond with Church in Ireland.

The Synod discharged the Committee on the registration of births, marriages, and deaths.

Dr. Willis reported draft of address to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. The same was read, and approved, and ordered to be signed in the name of the Synod, by the Moderator and Clerk, and to be presented by the same, with Principal Willis, and such other members of Synod as might happen to be present. The following is the address:

Dr. Willis presents draft of Address to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales.

*To His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, &c., &c.:*

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in Synod assembled, beg leave most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highness, our cordial salutations, and those of the church which we represent, and to tender the assurance of our hearty attachment, in common with all loyal Britons, to the person and throne of our Sovereign. Occupied as we are in the wide field of this church's operations, both in Eastern and Western Canada, in the duties of the Pastoral care, and meeting from time to time as church judicatories for the discussion of matters of importance affecting the order and government of the Church, we recognize the duty of joining with our other inculcations of Christian truth, the obligation on all to respect those who are in authority over us; and we appreciate gratefully the protection which, under the shield of the British Constitution, is secured to us in the exercise of our social rights, and liberty of Christian profession. This Synod hails your Royal Highness in your visit to these parts of the American continent, recognizing in you the representative of a Sovereign, who no less by her example of domestic

virtue, than by her mild and prudent exercise of her Queenly prerogatives, has secured the hearty homage of her subjects, and the universal respect of the civilized world.

Permit us only to add our best wishes for the protection of your Royal Highness in your journeying by sea and land, and to assure your Royal Highness of our continued prayers, as a portion of the religious community, for a family and dynasty, associated in our minds with the preservation of whatever is dear to us as Britons and as Protestants.

Report on state  
of Religion.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the state of religion. The same was given in by Mr. Scott, Convener, and read.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and sustain the report and commend the diligence of the Committee. The Committee was re-appointed with Mr. J. K. Smith as corresponding member from the Presbytery of Brockville, and Mr. T. Alexander from the Presbytery of Coburg, the other corresponding members as last year.

The following are the names of the members of Committee—

Mr. Scott, Convener, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Messrs. Gregg, J. Gray, Inglis, Ministers; and Messrs. McMurrich, Court, Cattanaich, and Clark, Elders; and Messrs. Crombie, T. Wardrope, J. K. Smith, A. Wilson, T. Alexander, J. McTavish, R. F. Burns, and D. Walker, corresponding members.

It was agreed to direct the attention of Presbytery Ministers and Elders to the suggestions of the report, and further, that in accordance with the recommendation of the report, the second week in January be observed as a season of special prayer, and that ministers throughout the Church be recommended to make special mention of this subject, on the Sabbath preceding.

The diet was closed with prayer.

## NINETEENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 21st June, 9 30 A. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer, praise and the reading of the word.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

Report on Col-  
portage.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on Colportage. The same was given in by Mr. Inglis, Convener, who also laid, before the Synod, a statement of the present position of the scheme.

On motion, made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed—

“That a special collection for the liquidation of the heavy debt still burdening the Colportage and Publication Scheme, shall be made in all the Congregations and mission stations within the bounds of the Synod, and that due announcement be made by a circular addressed to each Kirk Session within the bounds; and further, that each Pres-

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bytery be enjoined to see that the Congregations and Mission Stations within the bounds shall attend to this important matter on or as near the day as possible, it being understood that this shall be in place of one of the regular quarterly collections,

It was also recommended that the Books on hand be sold with as little delay as possible."

The Committee was re-appointed.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The same was given in and read by Mr. Lowry, Convener. Report on Foreign Missions.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and sustain the report and re-appoint the Committee with Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener. A communication from Nova Scotia was remitted to the Committee, that they might prepare and forward a reply. The Committee consists of the following members:—

Messrs. Gregg, Topp, Clark, Kemp, T. Wardrope, Wilson, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. Inglis, Stark, McRuar, R. F. Burns, and Dr. Burns, Ministers, and Messrs. Court, Clark, Redpath, Elder, Kennedy, Cattanach, and Lutz, Elders, Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener.

The Synod called for the report of the Home Mission Committee. The same was given in by Mr. Ure, and an abstract read, it being agreed to dispense with the printing of the report. Report of Home Mission Committee.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and sustain the report and re-appoint the Committee, Dr. Irvine, Convener.

It was agreed that the Convener be instructed to communicate the thanks of the Synod to the Mission Board of the Irish Presbyterian Church, for the liberal aid granted for the Home Missions of this Church. Thanks to Mission Board of Irish Presbyterian Church.

The following are the members of Committee, viz :

Dr. Irvine, Convener, Messrs. Reid, Ure, Wightman, Nisbet, Gregg, J. Gray, Stark, McRuar, Burns, Inglis, Black, Alex. McLean, of Puslinch, Scott, D. McDiarmid, Tolmie, Walker, King, J. McMillan, W. J. McKenzie, J. W. Smith, A. Wilson, J. K. Smith, P. Gray, Kemp, John Smith, W. McLaren, Currie, J. Anderson, Ministers; and Messrs. Foster, G. Allan, A. Young, Dougan, W. Clark, A. D. Ferrier, Cattanach, Court, Redpath, Cuthbertson, McAlister, Durie, Hall, G. Robertson, Elders.

The Presbytery of Toronto presented report with reference to Red River, and a mission to the American Indians. Mission to Red River.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to sustain the report and remit to the Presbytery of Toronto, to consider as to the sending of a missionary to the Red River settlement, it being understood that the Synod shall not incur any pecuniary responsibility. Remitted to Presbytery of Toronto

The Committee on the Evangelization of Lower Canada presented a report. Evangelization of Lower Canada.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and sustain the report, and appoint a collection for the French Cana-

dian Missionary Society, as one of the stated collections for the year.

Overture on Union.

The Synod took up an overture on the subject of the desirability of a union of the various branches of the Presbyterian Church in this Province.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to approve of the overture, and instruct the Committee on union, already appointed, to hold themselves in readiness for affectionate Christian intercourse with brethren of other branches of the Presbyterian Church, with a view to the removal of obstacles, and facilitating an approach towards a union, in truth and love, with all the members of the Presbyterian family in the land.

The hour of adjournment having come, the diet was closed with prayer.

## TWENTIETH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 21st June, 2 30 P. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Report of Committee on Buxton Mission.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the Buxton Mission. The same was given by Mr. Scott, Convener.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and adopt the report, and re-appoint the Committee, to whom the whole financial matters of the mission shall be committed. Committee consists of Messrs. Scott, Ross, Forest, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Dr. Irvine; Messrs. W. Clark, and A. McKellar; Mr. Scott, Convener.

Report on Temperance.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was called for. The same was given in by Mr. J. Smith, Convener. It was agreed to receive the report and re-appoint the Committee, as follows, viz :

Mr. J. Smith, Convener, R. F. Burns, Inglis, J. Alexander, Gregg, Nisbet, Ministers; and Messrs. Elder, Court, Young, Hossack, and McLellan, Elders.

The Synod referred to this Committee a communication from the organization of Grand Templars.

Report on Examination of Students.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Examination of Students. The report was given in by Mr. Laing.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to send down the report for the consideration of Presbyteries, with instructions to report their views to the Committee before the next meeting of Synod. The Committee was re-appointed as follows, viz : Mr. Laing, Convener, Messrs. John Smith, W. McLaren, and J. K. Smith.

The report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was called for. The same was given in by Mr. J. Osborne, Convener. Report of Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and sustain the report, convey to the Committee the thanks of the Synod, and remit for the consideration of Presbyteries, the proposed regulations. The Committee was re-appointed, as follows, viz :

Dr. Burns ; Messrs. G. P. Young, Smellie, Scott, Inglis, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Irvine ; Messrs. J. Osborne, I. Buchanan, J. Walker, D. McLellan, G. Davidson, G. Blain, A. D. Ferrier, J. McMurrich, J. L. Blaikie, C. S. Patterson, C. H. Morgan, G. Hay, J. Redpath, D. Davidson, J. Court, Dr. Dickson, Hon. J. McDonald, ; James Osborne, Esq., Hamilton, Convener.

The Synod took up a memorial from Mr. R. Wallace, formerly minister of the Gospel at Ingersoll, now agent for the French Canadian Missionary Society, praying to have his interest in the Widows' Fund continued. It was agreed to grant the prayer of the memorial, inasmuch as it appears from medical certificates submitted, that Mr. Wallace had been compelled to give up his work for a time, in consequence of infirm health. Memorial from Rev. R. Wallace.

The Synod took the report of the Committee on a Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. The same was given in by Mr. Gregg. The Synod also took up, in connection with this report, an overture on the subject, from the Presbytery of Montreal, and a memorial from Mr. D. Clark, formerly minister at Indian Lands. Report on Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers.

On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed to receive and sustain the report, and approve, ad interim, the regulations submitted, and that the case of Mr. Daniel Clark be referred to the Committee, with instructions, as soon as they have funds, to make such grant as they may deem necessary, and that the usual collection for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, this year, be divided between that fund and the fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, and further, that the Committee be instructed to mature and bring up complete regulations for the fund, to next ordinary meeting of Synod. The Committee was re-appointed as follows, viz :

Messrs. McTavish, Gregg, Reid, Ministers ; and Messrs. Court, Ferrier, McMurrich, Walker, Sherwood, and A. Mitchell ; Mr. McTavish, Convener. Report sustained, case of Rev. D. Clark referred to Committee.

The Synod took up an overture from the Presbytery of Coburg, on the subject of University College, and the proposal for a division of the Funds of the University of Toronto and University College. Mr. Laing was heard in support of the overture. Overture anent University College.

The Synod, on a division, agreed to petition the Legislature against the proposed division of the funds. Dr. Willis dissented.

It was further agreed that a Committee be appointed to watch over the interests of the Educational Institutions of the Province, especially those brought under the notice of the Synod, the Committee to consist of Mr. Topp, Convener ; Messrs. Gregg, Reid,

McRuar, Ross, Kemp, Inglis, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Prof. Young, Messrs. McMurrich, McLellan, and Rogers.

It was farther agreed, that the Synod recommend to Presbyteries to take into consideration the proposed changes in connection with the institutions of learning, with the view of petitioning the Legislature, if they deem such action necessary.

Report of Committee on Record

The Committee on Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record, presented a report. The Report was received and sustained, and the Committee re-appointed as follows, viz :

Dr. Burns, Convener ; Dr. Willis, Messrs. Reid, McTavish, Ure, Gregg, Topp, Inglis, Laing, and Gillespie.

Quarterly Collections appointed.

The Synod appointed the Quarterly Collections as follows, viz :

For Colportage Scheme, on 3d Sabbath of July.

For French Canadian Missionary Society, on 3d Sabbath of October.

For Synod Fund and Buxton Mission, on 2nd Sabbath of January.

For Widows' Fund and Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, on 3d Sabbath of March.

Committee on business.

The Synod appointed the following Committee, viz :

Mr. Topp, Convener ; Messrs. Reid, Gregg, and Kemp, to prepare the business for the next ordinary meeting, with authority to correspond with Clerks of Presbyteries, and Conveners of Committees.

The Synod appointed the Presbytery of Montreal to make arrangements as to Sabbath services at next meeting of Synod, and to report.

Thanks.

It was agreed to convey the thanks of the Synod to the Minister and office bearers of Knox's Church, Hamilton, for the accommodation provided for the Synod during its sessions. Also, to the Accommodation Committee and the friends in Hamilton generally, and especially to Mr. James Walker, for the hospitality so kindly shown to the Ministers and Elders attending the Synod.

It was agreed, also, that the thanks of the Synod should be communicated to the Directors and Officers of the Grand Trunk Railway, for their liberality in granting return tickets to the ministers and Elders of the Synod.

Synod Closed.

The business of the Synod being now concluded, after singing part of the 122d Psalm, and prayer, the Moderator addressed the Synod in appropriate terms, intimated the appointment of next ordinary meeting of Synod, to be held in Montreal, and within Cote Street Church, there, on the first Tuesday of June, 1861, at half past seven, P. M., and then dismissed the Synod with the apostolic benediction.

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## APPENDIX.

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### PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

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#### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

*License :*

Mr. Peter McDiarmid was licensed to preach the Gospel on the 4th of October, 1859.

*Induction :*

Rev. John Laing, formerly of Scarboro', was inducted into the pastoral charge of Cobourg, on the 10th November, 1859.

*Ordination :*

Mr. Peter McDiarmid was ordained and inducted as pastor of the Congregation of Bethesda Church, Bowmanton and Alnwick, on the 6th of March, 1860.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

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#### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

*Induction :*

Rev. Thomas S. Chambers was inducted as Pastor of the Congregation of Storrington, 25th October, 1859.

A. MACALISTER, *Pres. Clerk.*

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#### PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

1. Robert McKenzie was inducted as Pastor of Yonge and Lyn, July 5th, 1859.
2. Mr. Nathaniel Paterson was ordained and inducted as Pastor of Merrickville and Burritt's Rapids, July 19th, 1859.
3. Mr. Archibald Lees was ordained and inducted as Pastor of North Augusta, Farmersville, and Beverly, May 16th, 1860.

JAMES K. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

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#### PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

The following Students were Licensed to preach the Gospel :—Mr. John McEwen, Mr. William Lohead, and Mr. Robert Leask, on the 3rd of August, 1859.

*Ordinations :*

At Cumberland, on the 7th of September, 1859, Mr. John McEwen was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, and Mr. William Lohead was ordained at Renfrew on the 21st of September, 1859.

JOHN L. GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

*Demissions :*

During the year the Rev. J. Milne has been loosed from the Pastoral charge of the Congregation at English River ; and the Rev. R. McArthur from that of St. Louis de Gonzague.

*Ordinations :*

During the year the Rev. James Thom has been ordained and inducted as Pastor of the Congregation at Williamsburgh ; and the Rev. James Greenfield as Pastor of the United Congregation of Martintown.

A. F. KEMP, *Pres. Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

*I. Reception :*

Rev. John Stewart, ordained minister of the Free Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, was received as a minister of this Church, on the 5th July, 1859.

*II. Licenses :*

Messrs. George Bremner, Alexander McKay, Alexander Fraser, William Matheson, and Thomas Greenfield, were licensed on the 12th July, 1859 ; and Mr. Archibald Currie was licensed on the 28th September, 1859.

*III. Ordinations and Inductions :*

1. Rev. William Doak was inducted to the Pastoral charge of the United Congregations of Avon Church, Downie, and Carlingford, on the 20th July, 1859.
2. Rev. John Stewart was inducted into the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Kincardine, on the 3rd of August, 1859.
3. Mr. Archibald Currie was ordained and inducted into the Pastoral charge of the United Congregations of Blythe, Manchester, and Hullet, on the 7th February, 1860.
4. Mr. George Bremner was ordained and inducted into the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Paisley and adjunct Stations in Elderslie, on the 15th Feb., 1860.
5. Mr. Alexander McKay was ordained and inducted into the Pastoral charge of the United Congregations of South Bruce and Greenock, on the 25th April, 1860.

*IV. Translation :*

Rev. William Thomas McMullen was translated from the Congregation of Mornington, and inducted into the Pastoral charge of Knox's Church, Woodstock, on the 19th April, 1860.

*V. Demissions :*

1. Rev. Robert Wallace resigned the Pastoral charge of Knox's Church, Ingersoll, and his resignation was accepted on the 17th January, 1860.
2. Rev. John Rennie resigned the Pastoral charge of the Congregation of Beachville, and his resignation was accepted on the 17th January, 1860.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Pres. Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

*Licenses :*

Messrs. William Millican and Charles Cameron were Licensed to preach the Gospel, on the 10th of August, 1859.

*Resignations :*

1. Mr. Andrew Steven resigned his charge at Paris, and was loosed therefrom on the 27th of June, 1859.
2. Mr. A. C. Geikie resigned his charge at Berlin, and was loosed therefrom on the 1st of September, 1859.
3. Mr. Robert Jamieson resigned his charge at Dunnville, and was loosed therefrom on the 10th of January, 1860.
4. Mr. John Irvine resigned his charge at Allansville, and was loosed therefrom on the 8th of May, 1860.
5. Mr. William MacIndoe resigned his charge at Waterdown and Wellington Square, and was loosed therefrom on the 9th of May, 1860.

*Death :*

Dr. John Bayne, of Galt, died on the 3rd of November, 1859.

*Ordinations and Inductions :*

1. Mr. William Millican was ordained and admitted to the Pastoral charge of St. John's Church, Garafraxa, on the 21st of September, 1859.
2. Mr. D. H. McVicar was ordained and inducted as Pastor of Knox's Church, Guelph, on the 19th October, 1859.
3. Mr. James Boyd was inducted as Pastor of Wellesley, and Crosshill, on the 26th of October, 1859.
4. Mr. John McMechan was inducted as Pastor of the Berlin Congregation, on the 15th of December, 1859.
5. Mr. Donald McLean was ordained and admitted to the Pastoral charge of the Mount Forest Congregation, on the 31st May, 1860.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

*Licenses :*

1. Mr. Donald McVicar was licensed, 3rd August, 1859.
2. Mr. George Crow was licensed, 4th October, 1859.
3. Mr. James Campbell was licensed, 23rd August, 1859.

*Ordinations and Inductions :*

1. Mr. J. A. Thompson, formerly of Trenton, was inducted to the charge of Erin, and Caledon West, 23rd August, 1859.
2. Mr. Samuel Young, formerly of Guelph, was inducted to the charge of Colingwood, 9th May, 1860.
3. Mr. George Crow was ordained to the charge of Medonte and Flos, 27th December, 1859.
4. Mr. Julius Straus was ordained to the charge of Markham, (Brown's Corners and Melville Church) 20th April, 1860.

*Demissions :*

1. Mr. John Laing having accepted a call from Cobourg, was released from the charge of Scarboro', 20th October, 1859.
2. Mr. Thomas Lowry resigned the charge of Whitby, and was released 10th January, 1860.
3. Mr. Daniel Anderson resigned the charge of Brock and Reach, and was released 4th April, 1860.

*Deposition :*

1. Mr. David Blair Pearce, of Weston, was deposed, 8th November, 1859.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your committee have endeavored to carry out the recommendation of Synod, and have pleasure in stating that the usual Statistical Return and Financial Statement will, for the first time, be submitted in a printed form to this court, while in Session—and the present report has not been printed from circumstances beyond the control of the Committee. This desirable result has been obtained, only by means of an extensive correspondence, a large amount of annoying labor, and the cordial co-operation of most of the Presbytery Clerks. Before the forms of Return were distributed, these gentlemen were consulted respecting it, and valuable suggestions were received from Messrs. Doak and Middlemiss, and especially from Mr. Kemp.

In a church so young as ours, and springing into existence in a new and extensive country, it need not excite surprise that the exact accuracy and systematic order demanded by the principles of Statistics, are found wanting in some, and disregarded by others as beneath their notice. The consequence is, that the accompanying schedule is still disfigured with several blanks. It, however, affords your Committee great satisfaction in being able to commend, for the third time, the correct and admirably prepared return of the Presbytery of Kingston—almost equally complete and business-like is that from Brockville, and those from Montreal, Cobourg and Hamilton, evince great care, and are creditable to their respective compilers. That from London also shows marks of great labor and diligence, though, owing probably to the large size of the Presbytery, and the unfavourable financial position of many of the congregations, the return is not so complete as is desirable. The most incomplete are those from Ottawa and Toronto Presbyteries.

As the present year concludes a semi-decade in the history of our Church, it is desirable that we should go about our Zion, and ascertain her quinquennial progress. The Committee have, therefore, endeavored to carry this into effect, and they accordingly present, in the following table, the number and proportion of non-transmitting congregations for the past five years.

Year.	Settled Charges.	Number omitting Returns.	Proportion.
1856.....	106.....	16.....	$\frac{1}{6\frac{2}{3}}$
1857.....	120.....	21.....	nearly $\frac{1}{6}$
1858.....	131.....	26.....	$\frac{1}{4}$
1859.....	137.....	30 (and 15 vacant charges)	$\frac{1}{5\frac{1}{2}}$
1860.....	143.....	23 (and 15 vacant charges)	$\frac{1}{6\frac{1}{2}}$

The following table contains the names of the defaulting congregations during the past five years :

Year.	Presbytery.	Defaulting Congregations.	No.
1856.....	Montreal.....	Indian Lands, Osnabruck, Lingwick, St. Sylvester, English River and Leeds.....	6
1857.....	".....	Indian Lands, Osnabruck, Winslow, Vankleekhill, English River.....	5
1858.....	".....	Indian Lands, Winslow, English River.....	3
1859.....	".....	Kenyon, English River.....	2
1860.....	".....	None, except the small stations of Alexandria and Portneuf.....	
1856.....	Brockville.....	Osgoode.....	1
1857.....	".....	None.....	
1858.....	".....	None.....	
1859.....	".....	North Augusta and Burritt's Rapids.....	3
1860.....	".....	None.....	

1856.....	Ottawa.....	Gloucester.....	1
1857.....	".....	Pembroke.....	1
1858.....	".....	Pembroke, Dalhousie, McNab and Horton, Osgoode, and Beckwith.....	5
1859.....	".....	Pembroke, Dalhousie, McNab and Horton, Ramsay, 4	
1860.....	".....	Pembroke, Dalhousie, McNab and Horton, Renfrew, Perth, and Wakefield.....	6
1856.....	Kingston.....	Gananoque, Madoc, Roslin and Melrose.....	3
1857.....	".....	Madoc,—(Since 1857 all the congregations in this Presbytery have given in returns.....)	3
1856.....	Cobourg.....	South Cavan, Cartwright, Percy.....	3
1857.....	".....	None.....	3
1858.....	".....	Coborne and Brighton, Percy and Seymour, Bethesda.....	3
1859.....	".....	Cobourg, Keene and Westwood.....	2
1860.....	".....	Keene and Westwood,†.....	1
1856.....	Toronto.....	None.....	4
1857.....	".....	Chinguacousy, Markham, Acton, Ashburn.....	7
1858.....	".....	Chinguacousy, Vaughan, Streetsville, Caledon, Collingwood, Brock, St. Vincent.....	12
1859.....	".....	Chinguacousy, Markham, Weston, Caledon, Weston, Norval and Union, York Mills and Fisherville, Bradford and West Gwillimbury, Collingwood, St. Vincent, Flos and Medonte, Nottawasaga and Sunnidale.....	9 4
1860.....	".....	Collingwood, <i>Whitby: Red River,† Scarboro and Highland Creek, King,† Weston, York Mills, and Fisherville, Bradford, West Gwillimbury and Markham.....</i>	2
1856.....	Hamilton.....	Wellesley, East Puslinch.....	4
1857.....	".....	Galt, Berlin, Guelph, West Puslinch.....	5
1858.....	".....	Paris, Walpole, Guelph, Wellesley, Allansville.....	11
1859.....	".....	Paris, Sullivan, Guelph, Wellesley, Galt, Wellington Square and Waterdown, Owen Sound, (2 Congregations,) Grimsby, Niagara, Doon, New Hope.....	6
1860.....	".....	Paris, West Puslinch, Owen Sound, Chalmers' Ch., Allansville, Doon,† New Hope, Niagara.....	1
1856.....	London.....	Port Stanley.....	6
1857.....	".....	North Easthope, Woodstock, (Knox's Ch.) Blandford St. Mary's, Beachville, Mitchell.....	2
1858.....	".....	Woodstock, (Knox's Ch.) Blandford.....	14
1859.....	".....	North Easthope, Amherstburg, Clinton, Lobo and Carradoc, Mandawmin and Enniskillen, Mitchell, Moore, Plympton, Port Stanley, St. Mary's, Saugeen, Wallacetown & Currie Road, Thamesford and Blandford.....	14
1860.....	".....	Amherstburg, Beachville, Blandford and Innerkip, Blythe, Manchester & Hullet, Brucefield,† Bruce South and Greenock, Clinton,† Kincardine,† Mandawmin and Enniskillen, Mitchell, Southampton & Port Elgin, Sarnia,† Plympton,† St. Mary's, 14	

The above table shows that the irregularity complained of is chiefly confined to the three large Presbyteries of Toronto, Hamilton and London, and latterly that of Ottawa.

It is, however, but just, to state that returns have since been handed in from 11 of the 23 settled charges. To such a cross is affixed. Some are also vacant—others have had pastors recently settled over them, and a few have shrunk from sending a

report owing to the backward pecuniary position of their congregations. Where these things are taken into account, the improvement in sending the returns is worthy of commendation.

The names printed in italics are vacant congregations.

The Statistical Return is so important, that a few of its chief items are submitted in a tabular form, and compared with the four previous years.

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Communicants.	Elders.	Week-day Meetings.	Average attend'nce.	Baptisms.	Attendance on Sabbath-day Ministrations.		
Montreal.....	19	3009	133	49	996	481	9628	about	7000
Ottawa.....	12	1281	43	20	229	156	3070	about	2300
Brockville.....	10	937	43	14	287	98	2950	about	2000
Kingston.....	8	956	41	11	300	333	3205	about	2500
Cobourg.....	13	2240	77	34	477	202	4525	about	3000
Toronto.....	24	2966	113	50	708	423	7428	about	5000
Hamilton.....	28	5345	162	47	1197	529	10700	about	8000
London.....	35	3062	126	97	976	363	9405	about	7500
Total, 1860.....	149	19796	738	322	5170	2585	50911		37300
" 1859.....	143	16485	585		2924	1774	49187	about	30000
" 1858.....	131	15957							
" 1857.....	124	14901							
" 1856.....	110	13722							

These columns speak so forcibly of progress in the most important points, that any remarks seem out of place. In regard to the number of ministers, of communicants, and of attendance on the means of grace, the increase is most gratifying. An increase in the number of Elders of 153, and of Baptisms of 811, as compared with last year, is also exhibited. The additional attendance at prayer meetings is not so great as appears on the face of the Return, from all week-day meetings being included in one column, instead of two, as formerly.

The attendance on the Lord's Day ministrations is only an approximation obtained by first adding together the numbers given under "Forenoon, Afternoon, Evening," and then deducting about one-third, to account for the same persons attending two diets, as is the case in towns and cities.

The attendance of the meeting of the Supreme Court being of importance, from pointing out the degree of interest taken in its proceedings, the following table which exhibits progressive improvement, is herewith appended.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Ministers Present.	Elders Present.
1856.....	London.....	78.....	50
1857.....	Kingston.....	85.....	44
1858.....	Hamilton.....	99.....	61
1859.....	Toronto.....	109.....	58
1860.....	Hamilton.....	112.....	58

Your Committee next beg leave to submit the following Financial Table, and crave for it the special attention of Members of Synod.

PRESBYTERIES.	Stipend.		Arrears.		Knox College.		F. C. Mission Society.		Synod F. & B. Mission.		Foreign Mission.		Widows' and Orphans' Fund.		Pres. Home Mission Fund.		Other Contributions.		Total Congreg. Contributions.		Value of Church Property.		Debt on Church Property.	
	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.	\$	C.
Montreal, . . . . .	11586	00	1004	71	857	13	196	03	218	57	115	32	200	77	467	00	5391	23	23599	49	102680	13555	00	
Ottawa, . . . . .	4210	00	176	00	210	79	97	05	78	02 <sup>1</sup>	73	44	48	00	105	02	543	58	5357	53	10340	1040	03	
Brockville, . . . . .	4858	76	321	00	111	08	60	44	57	70	54	15	72	55	79	23	1827	00	6799	91	24300	1293	35	
Kingston, . . . . .	5281	00	457	62	337	35	37	93	35	17	19	55	65	47	269	00	4088	16	9213	51	42500	7150	00	
Cobourg, . . . . .	7580	00	1834	67	350	90	91	40	157	37	90	81	85	48 <sup>2</sup>	296	34	2118	37	8936	00	49200	9694	00	
Toronto, . . . . .	9590	00	913	57	1236	52	171	05	157	12	122	13	155	75	740	24	9935	18	24127	99	85032	22952	10	
Hamilton, . . . . .	19371	65	1184	99	1156	32	338	22	253	42	216	95	258	49	265	60	12306	88	32982	59	136210	42691	00	
London, . . . . .	13965	87	3382	74	788	69	211	24	197	22 <sup>2</sup>	156	69	158	86	504	05	11213	66	23813	54	45030	4457	00	
1860 . . . . .	76443	28	9275	30	5048	78	1204	36	1154	60	849	04	1045	37	2726	48	47444	06	134830	50	490292	101742	48	
1859 . . . . .	64857	00	92881	43	5168	46	1129	68	1332	30	953	69	958	08	2568	61	55458	95	118921	00	74224	30		
1858 . . . . .	55431	00	.....	.....	3372	00	1090	00	1873	00	1305	00	830	00	1997	00	62967	00	128868	00	460000	51846	00	
1857 . . . . .	56640	00	.....	.....	4156	00	1684	00	1396	00	2488	00	1236	00	662	00	79886	00	148148	00	390000	.....	.....	
1856 . . . . .	55212	00	.....	.....	5136	00	1820	00	1296	00	2364	00	1426	00	3168	00	49930	00	120352	00	350000	.....	.....	

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The number of Manses is this year 44 against 40 of last year. The Presbytery most favored in this respect is Montreal; and two, Brockville and Kingston, possess none of those useful, and it may be said, necessary edifices.

#### STIPEND.

The Stipend Fund, which is so closely connected with the comfort and success of the ministry, continues to improve generally, notwithstanding the antagonistic influence of the commercial difficulties of the country. And, while every other fund has considerably decreased since 1856, the Stipend has steadily increased, the difference of \$21,231 between 1856 and 1860, when divided by 33, the increase in settled charges of 1860 over 1856, gives an average salary of \$643.

The gross sum of \$76,443, divided among the ministers, (120) who have sent in reports, gives an average of more than \$637, as stipend promised, a sum that would constitute a fair income, provided a sustentation scheme were adopted. The sum actually paid amounts to upwards of \$67,000, and affords an average salary of \$560. The average contribution of each communicant for stipend purposes shews \$3.85, when taking the stipend promised as a basis an apparent increase of more than 30 cents; but, when all the arrears are deducted, this increase dwindles down to a slight decrease. But they extend over previous years, there will be an increase if only the arrears of this year were deducted. And in marked contrast with this apparent improvement, your Committee regret to have to report that, though some ministers are assisted out of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund, more than 82 ministers, against 69 last year, have received less than \$600 a year; of this large number, 13 have received less than \$300; 13 between \$300 and \$400; 36 between \$400 and \$500; and 20 between \$500 and \$600. When the rise that has taken place, during the past few years in all the necessities of life, is taken into account, Congregations should be stirred up to greater liberality.

The next column, containing the arrears, your Committee regard with pain, as evincing a degree of covetousness, carelessness, and indifference, most hurtful to the prosperity of our Zion. The sum is however, scarcely so large comparatively as last year, constituting about an eighth of our ministers' income, instead of one sixth last year. And this proportion would have been still smaller had there not been included in this year a considerable portion of the arrears of previous years. There is also an improvement in some Presbyteries, especially that of Kingston. Your Committee would call particular attention to the Presbytery of London, where Congregations owe their ministers about one fourth of their stipends. Without specifying names, the number of indebted Congregations is given for each Presbytery—Montreal, 14; Brockville, 3; Ottawa, 2; Toronto, 8; Cobourg, 6; Hamilton, 11; London, 16. It thus appears that no fewer than 60 Congregations are indebted to those who break to them the bread of life, in various sums rising from a few dollars up to \$700, and in some cases extending over several years. And this number would amount to between 70 and 80, if the defaulting congregations had given in returns. "Will a man rob God, yet ye have robbed me," saith the Lord.

In regard to the various schemes of the Church, as the period embraced within our financial year is different from that employed by the Agent, the items given by him must differ from those entered on the foregoing table, though the same general conclusions may be drawn from both.

Next to the Stipend stands in importance our Theological Institution. This year the returns shew a decrease, as compared with last year. The average contribution from each Communicant is 25 cents—5 less than in 1859; and an examination of the returns shows, that an institution, so essential to the very existence of our Church, does not meet with a cordial and harmonious support, especially from our rural congregations, but is dependent to a few of the larger, and more liberal City Churches.

The following table is subjoined:—

In 1856,—17	Congregations failed to contribute to the College.				
" 1857,—21	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
" 1858,—18	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
" 1859,—15	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
" 1860,—21	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.

1860. IN PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—Metis, St. Sylvester, Winslow, Cornwall, Durham, English River, Laguerre, Williamsburg. . . . .		8
OTTAWA.—None that have reported.		
TORONTO.—Brock and Reach, along with some Vacant Congregations . .		1
BROCKVILLE.—All, except Westport and North Augusta, which is newly settled. . . . .		2
COBOURG.—Baltimore and Coldsprings, Keene and Westwood, Bethesda Church and Alnwick. The last is newly settled. . . . .		3
HAMILTON.—Walpole and Jarvis, Port Dover and Simcoe, Garafraxa, Brantford . . . . .		4
LONDON.—Ingersoll, Kincardine, and Paisley. . . . .		3
KINGSTON has sent Contributions from each Congregation.		
Total. . . . .		21

This large number would be considerably increased, were returns sent from defaulting congregations. It is thus evident, that the claims of the College require to be urged more earnestly upon our Congregations, until every one has contributed its share towards its support. Your Committee regret, that the recommendation of last year, in regard to Mission Stations collecting for the College Fund, has not been carried out, as they have a peculiar interest in its success and very existence.

As might have been expected, the other schemes are still affected by the pecuniary state of the country, and have not yet attained to their former prosperity in 1856, notwithstanding the large increase in the number of communicants. There is, when compared with last year, a slight increase in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and in the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund, and a decrease in the other three schemes.

The number of non-tributing Congregations to these schemes is herewith given, without specifying names.

#### FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Presbytery Montreal, 11 Congregations.	Presbytery Cobourg, 2 Congregations
“ Ottawa, 2 “	“ Toronto, 1 “
“ Brockville 2 “	“ Hamilton 10 “
“ Kingston 3 “	“ London 3 “
	Total. 34

#### SYNOD FUND AND BUXTON MISSION.

Presbytery Montreal, 11 Congregations.	Presbytery Cobourg, 1 Congregation.
“ Ottawa, “	“ Toronto, 1 “
“ Brockville, 3 “	“ Hamilton, 7 “
“ Kingston, 3 “	“ London, 3 “
	Total. 29

#### FOREIGN MISSION.

Presbytery Montreal, 11 Congregations.	Presbytery Cobourg, 6 Congregations
“ Ottawa, “	“ Toronto, 10 “
“ Brockville, 3 “	“ Hamilton, 14 “
“ Kingston, 5 “	“ London, 9 “
	Total. 58

#### MINISTERS', WIDOWS', AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Presbytery Montreal, 12 Congregations.	Presbytery Cobourg, 2 Congregations
“ Ottawa, 2 “	“ Toronto, “
“ Brockville, 3 “	“ Hamilton, 8 “
“ Kingston, 1 “	“ London, 3 “
	Total. 31

## PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSION FUND.

Presbytery Montreal, 12 Congregations.	Presbytery Cobourg,	4 Congregations
“ Ottawa, “	“ Toronto, 1	“
“ Brockville, 3 “	“ Hamilton, 17	“
“ Kingston, “	“ London, 1	“
	Total.	38

Taking into account the number of reporting Congregations, (120) and multiplying them by 5, the number of Collections enjoined by Synod would be 600; of these the number neglected has been, 190, or nearly one-third, and this large number would be increased, were full returns sent in. Your Committee consider that so large an omission calls for more stringent action of Presbyteries. In 1856, the number was only 27; in 1857, 39; in 1858, 100; in 1859, 57; and in 1860, 190.

It should be remarked however, that during the past year many Congregations did not take up the Foreign Mission Collection, in consequence of there being no mission in operation.

Notwithstanding the great depreciation in the value of all property, He who owns the silver and the gold, has been pleased so to add to the property of our Church, that every year marks a gratifying increase. In 1856, it was valued at about \$350,000; in 1857, about 390,000; in 1858, about \$440,000; in 1859, no return; and in 1860, about \$490,292. This valuable property is not, however, the free inheritance of our Church, being burdened with a debt of upwards of \$100,000, a sum the interest of which alone would comfortably support ten ministers. The Presbytery of Hamilton is most burdened with its debt of more than \$40,000. With a Church so loaded with debt, Congregations cannot be too cautious about involving themselves in expensive Church-building. Your Committee fear, that heaven is working in this respect, which in our towns and cities may lead to disastrous results. Churches, as well as individuals, should try to carry out the scriptural injunction, “Owe no man anything, save to love another.”

In conclusion, your Committee take the liberty of mentioning that the protracted labor, connected with the preparation of this Report, has been lightened by the marked tokens of progress, which such a toilsome survey discloses,—and that too during a period of which the commencement was marked by great material prosperity, and its close darkened by the continuance of a most prostrating crisis. During this latter period, it is not surprising that our schemes have been seriously affected, and that many of our ministers have had to contend with want and poverty, a state of matters which returning prosperity will doubtless remove. On the other hand, though immigration has nearly ceased, and many have been driven from the Province, our Church has nobly passed through so severe an ordeal. The Communion roll of nearly 14,000, in 1856, comprising in a spiritual point of view, the bone and sinew of every Church, has increased to nearly 20,000, as shewn in the returns sent in. The ministers now number 149, instead of 110, being an increase almost of 10 each year. Upwards of 37,000 are reported, as from Sabbath to Sabbath receiving the law at their mouth. More than 300 prayer-meetings do homage to a prayer-hearing God. Christ's servants are surrounded by more than 700 elders, many of them zealous fellow-laborers in saving souls, and between 2000 and 3000 little ones have been dedicated to Him, who said—“Suffer little children to come unto me.”

Your Committee have no means of correctly ascertaining what sums have been contributed to the schemes of other denominations, and to general religious objects, such as the Bible Society, though it is well known, that the contributions of our people to such purposes, are large and liberal. And in connection with this, they suggest, that those Congregations which are visited by the Agent of the French Canadian Missionary Society, be exempted from taking up the collection for that society, enjoined by the Synod.

As, notwithstanding the efforts that have been made, it has been found impracticable to present this Report, along with the Statistical Return and Financial Table, in a printed form at the opening Sederant of this Court, your Committee, with a view to this desirable object, commend to the attention of Synod, the plan laid down in an overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg.

They also suggest that the following alterations be made in the columns of the forms of return.

1. That two separate columns, headed "Deacons" and "Trustees or Managers" be merged into one.
2. That the columns headed "Diets of Worship.—Average Attendance, &c." be struck out.
3. That the column called "If Vacant, amount paid for supply," be omitted, and the sum put under the head of "Contributions" not otherwise reported.
4. That the columns entitled "Value of Church Property," and "Debt on Church Property" be inserted only once in five years.
5. That the column "Is there a Manse?" be struck out, and that the 3rd column of the Financial Statement be "Stipend promised, with or without Manse."
6. That the columns on Stipend Fund, be as follows.—"Stipend promised, with or without Manse,"—"Stipend really paid,"—and "Arrears actually due."
7. That the various columns be numbered, and short explanatory notes annexed when necessary.
8. That a Committee be appointed, for the purpose of preparing Account-books, which shall be available for the various Congregations, as the returns shew great irregularity in keeping Congregational Accounts.
9. That the Presbytery Clerks be ex-officio members of the Committee on Statistics.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GRAY,

*Convener.*

Toronto, 14th June, 1860.

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#### REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Your Committee presented their report at the meeting of last Synod, but owing to the pressure of business, it was received and not read. There was thus, practically, no report last year, Your Committee endeavored to keep up an interest in the young by continuing the questions in the *Record*, and publishing an occasional article for the young, when the Editor could spare room for it. During this year, we also issued a series of queries in connection with Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes. To these answers have been received from ninety-six congregations. From the Presbytery of Hamilton, 24; of London, 22; of Montreal, 14; of Toronto and Coburg, 9; of Brockville, 8; of Kingston, 6; and of Ottawa, 4.

These returns, though not so complete as is desirable, afford ample proof of the deep interest taken by our office-bearers in the godly training of the young. They give a total of 180 schools, having on their respective rolls 7,568 scholars, with an average attendance of 5,574, instructed by a noble band of 957 Teachers, and having attached to them 17,821 volumes of all sorts of religious works.

The Bible Classes reported, number 128, attended by 2,300, chiefly taught by ministers, though in several cases by godly elders, and communicants zealously aid them in the work. By adding one-fourth to the number already given, an approximation to the exact numbers will be obtained, and will run thus:—

Schools, 225 : Pupils on roll, 9,460 : Average attendance, 6,967 : Number of Teachers, 1,196 : Volumes in Sabbath Schools, 22,276 : Bible Classes, 160 ; Average attendance, 2,875.

The number of Schools and Classes, reported as contributing for missionary purposes, is small, amounting only to 30. To this fact your Committee would call the earnest attention of office-bearers, and would suggest the setting up a missionary box in every School. Unless the young be trained in early life to give to Christ's cause, it is hopeless to expect of them liberality, when they attain to riper years.

It is pleasing to notice, that that most desirable of all systems of divinity, the Shorter Catechisms, is taught in nearly all the Schools, side by side with the word of God, and in harmonious subordination to it.

There is considerable variety in regard to the systems of lessons employed, some using none at all, others forming one for themselves, and a considerable number adopting either the system published by the Rev. W. Gregg, under the sanction of Synod, or that of the Edinburgh Sabbath School Union. Several ministers suggest the publication of another system for our Church. Your Committee made some progress in the preparation of a course last year, but deferred proceeding further without full sanction of Synod, and they meanwhile recommend as most suitable, the system published by the Edinburgh Sabbath School Union, which can be procured in this city.

Your Committee find that in harmony with their own views, the majority of ministers are either opposed to the establishment of a children's paper of our own, or approve of it conditionally. In a young Church like ours, they consider it more expedient to depend on the wisdom, and avail ourselves of the periodicals and systems of lessons prepared by abler, fitter, and longer established churches or associations, than get involved in independent and hazardous undertakings of our own. The periodicals chiefly read by our young, are Nelson's Children's Paper, the Presbyterian Sabbath School Visitor, and the Child's Paper. Of these your Committee most strongly recommend the Visitor, as best adapted to the Presbyterian youth of this Province, and most fitted to diffuse sound Presbyterian Doctrine.

Your Committee have also corresponded with the Conveners of the Colonial Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and Free Church of Scotland, with the view of getting introduced into this land the excellent children's papers, published by these respective denominations.

For the information of parties, the prices at which all (except one) of these periodicals may be procured, including postage, is herewith subjoined :—

Presbyterian S. S. Visitor, 25 copies, with postage, per annum, \$3 10.

Nelson's Children's Paper, 25 copies, with postage, per annum, \$6 25.

Children's Missionary Herald of Presbyterian Church of Ireland, 24 copies, \$4 50.

Missionary Record of Free Church of Scotland, about, \$3 24.

Your Committee have had also, under consideration the propriety of preparing a collection of Hymns for our various Sabbath Schools, the general experience of Teachers having shown that something more simple than our excellent psalms and paraphrases, is needed for our young. They meanwhile commend to congregations the collection of songs of praise for Sabbath Schools, selected by the Montreal Sabbath School Association of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, or the somewhat larger one, entitled Hymns for Young Children, published by Old School Presbyterian Board of Publication. They also bring under the special notice of this Court, a Catechism for the young, recently published by the same Board; it is based on the Shorter Catechism, and forms, in their judgment, the best introduction to it that has ever yet appeared.

Your Committee conclude their report with the following suggestions :

1st. That Presbyteries be enjoined to take a special oversight of the Lambs of the flock, and that for this purpose each Presbytery shall have a corresponding member of Sabbath Schools whose duty it shall be to use diligence in increasing an interest in the religious care of the young.

2d. That the report on Sabbath Schools be read and discussed in connection with that on the State of Religion.

3d. That Ministers should not only preach special sermons to the young, but should also address them as he deems fit, in connection with the ordinary service of the sanctuary.

4th. That an address be issued by the Committee, in the name of the Synods, to the young connected with our Zion.

5th. That occasional articles be published in the Record, in regard to the duties and qualifications of teachers, the best mode of conducting Sabbath Schools, and communicating such additional information respecting them as may prove specially useful to the Schools established in the more remote rural districts.

JOHN GRAY,

Convener of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

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 REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.
 

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The Home Mission Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, beg leave to report as follows :

1st. In order to bring fully before the Synod the state of the Home Mission field of the Church, it would be necessary to read the reports furnished by the Conveners of the Committees of the respective Presbyteries—many of which contain valuable information tending to show the rapid and substantial progress which the Church has made during the past period of its history.

2d. The only items contained in the reports which admit of being classified and reported on by the general Committee are the following, viz :

(1). Ordinations and Inductions—of which there have been, during the year, *twenty*, as follows :—

In the Presbytery of Montreal, *two* ; London, *five* ; Ottawa, *three* ; Brockville, *three* ; Coburg, *two* ; Toronto, *four* ; Kingston, *one*.

(2). Vacant charges—of which the whole number is *twenty-six*. In the Presbytery of Montreal, *six* ; London, *six* ; Hamilton, *seven* ; Ottawa, *one* ; Toronto, *six*.

(3). Missionary Stations—including those where congregations have been organized and the sacraments dispensed, and also those where no such organization as yet exists.

The whole number of these Missionary stations or districts (as many of them might be called) is *forty-eight*, distributed as follows :

Presbytery of Montreal, *seven* ; London, *nineteen* ; Hamilton, *seven* ; Ottawa, *one* ; Brockville, *one* ; Coburg, *two* ; Toronto, *fourteen* ; Kingston, *three*.

This reveals the fact that within the bounds of the Synod, there are no fewer than *eighty-seven* vacant congregations and mission stations (or districts) to supply which with Gospel ordinances in such a way, as they should be supplied as many Ministers and Missionary Laborers would be required. It should also be observed that the majority of the reports indicate that Mission stations might be greatly increased in number, did the Presbyteries possess the necessary funds, and if a sufficient number of laborers could be obtained.

The Synod has thus reason to bless God for the great enlargement with which He has favoured us, while we are also reminded of the duty of praying the Lord of the harvest, to send forth labourers into His harvest.

3. Several of the reports notice the need that exists for some more efficient means being employed to secure the early organization of stations and congregations in new settlements, and of giving aid for a time to such stations and congregations, whether by means of a central Synodical fund or otherwise ; and the Committee would respectfully call the attention of the Synod to this subject as worthy of serious consideration.

4. The state of the Buxton Mission will (as usual) be brought before the Synod in a separate report.

5. The Presbytery of Toronto followed out the instructions of last Synod, by sending the Rev. Mr. McTavish to the Red River settlement for a short time, to strengthen the hands of our excellent Missionary there, and also to enquire into the practicability of establishing a mission among the North American Indians in that locality. This also will be brought before the Synod in a separate report.

All which is respectfully submitted to the Synod.

ROBERT URE,  
*Convener.*

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 REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION—JUNE, 1860.
 

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The Committee having corresponded with the several Presbyteries of the Church on the state of religion within their bounds, here present the substance of the information obtained.

The Church seems to be steadily advancing during the past year in general activi-

ty and outward prosperity. From several Presbyteries there is reported an improvement in the attendance on the public means of grace—on the preaching of the Word, the instruction of Sabbath Schools, and the exercises of Prayer-meetings; and also an increase in the number of Sabbath Schools, and Prayer-meetings. The corresponding member of one Presbytery remarks that at the conference of Presbytery on the State of Religion, “the general feeling was that matters were improving” in these respects—and another correspondent says that “in all cases the attendance on ordinances keeps up well in spite of the heavy drain on some of our congregations produced by the pressure of the times.” A third states that “the outward prosperity of many of the congregations seems steadily advancing”—and a fourth, in specifying Sabbath Schools says, that they “have been largely attended and zealously conducted.”

Special means for the maintenance and revival of vital religion seem to have been observed to a less or greater degree by all the Presbyteries and Congregations of the Church. Besides Presbyterial conferences on the State of Religion and prayer for its revival, there have been the preaching of special sermons on the subject, concert prayer-meetings, and in some instances, the daily preaching of the Gospel for a time. The concert for prayer during the month of January, appears to have been very generally, if not universally kept, either in a Congregation form, or in union with the general Christian community; and in many instances the meetings thereby originated, were continued for a lengthened period. From one Presbytery we are informed that a sermon on the nature and importance of a Revival of Religion was recommended to be preached on a specified Sabbath in all the Congregations, and a diet of worship to be spent in special prayer with reference to this subject, and that attention was generally given to this recommendation.

On the subject of the fruits of the means of grace, we have not the happiness of reporting anything like a general revival of the work of the Lord amongst us. Our land is still dry and thirsty as compared with many other portions of the Lord's vineyard which have been so abundantly refreshed with a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit. While on some part of the Continent of Europe, in Wales, Ireland, and more lately in Scotland, the additions to the Church have been by hundreds or even thousands, the number of repentant sinners with us have been but in ones, or at most in tens. Still though it is yet with us the day of small things, the results are such as to indicate the Lord's faithfulness to Zion, and give occasion for thankfulness and encouragement. There has been in many parts more than a usual interfluence in the means of grace, and in some instances decided evidence of the presence and power of the Lord. This will be seen from the following extracts which we give from the letters received from corresponding members:—It is not too much to assert that in several portions of the Presbytery “drops from heaven have fallen” by which we have been animated to pray more earnestly and to labour more energetically for the plenteous rain with which so many other departments of the Lord's heritage have been favored. And referring to information given at the conference of Presbytery, he states that one brother testified to some ten or twelve who, he had good ground to believe, had been brought to the saving knowledge of the truth under his ministry, another to four or six, and others to numbers greater or smaller, of whom they had reason to cherish favorable hopes—and he mentions the special case of a thoughtless youth who, after a residence of two years in Canada, returned to his native country—Scotland—a thoroughly changed man, and whose pastor there, having been lately on a visit to Canada, brought the intelligence that this young man owed his saving impression of divine truth, to one of the brethren in this Presbytery. And another writer referring to the conference held by the Presbytery to which he belongs, remarks that, all the brethren present reported several individual instances of awakening and concern, which had come under their notice in their several Congregations. And one brother reported that there had been a very hopeful movement among the young men of his Congregation, that during the past year there had been a considerable number of the most intelligent and active of them brought under concern, and led to make a public profession of religion. From another Presbytery the corresponding member, speaking of the results of the special meeting held for prayer and the preaching of the Word, says,—“about the results of

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these meetings in the various localities of the Presbytery, it would not be easy to speak definitely, so far as we may be warranted in forming any judgment. I believe that the result generally was rather a quickening of the people of God, than an ingathering from the world." He then proceeds to make special mention of one Congregation where the interest was very marked. The Church, he says, was for some successive weeks literally crowded nightly—the passages being often occupied by people standing for want of sitting room; and on many days the manse was crowded with inquirers. There seemed to be really an outpouring of the Spirit. At a communion season connected with the Congregation, when the writer himself was present, there were fourteen young persons received on a profession of their faith to the fellowship of the Church; and many others were awakened and anxious who did not then venture forward to the Communion. Many also who had previously joined themselves to the Lord through the covenant of grace, were much revived and refreshed. And while we are favored with these special instances of the divine power attending the means of grace, most of the reports mention more general evidences, such as increased earnestness, arising from a growing realisation of the importance of spiritual and eternal things—both in ministers and people—an extension in the number of prayer meetings, free private intercourse on the great subjects of the soul's everlasting salvation, increased attention on the part of office-bearers to the visitation of the people, and a more general attendance to the important duties connected with family religion.

But while the reports of Presbyteries thus furnish much ground for encouragement and thanksgiving, they also shew much occasion for humiliation and increased fervency in prayer to God for the revival of His work. Much worldliness and immorality in various forms abound in the country, and much indifference and apathy among the professed followers of the Saviour. The present world seems to bulk much more largely in the mind than the unseen kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. And while we have been blessed with some spiritual fruit, we have not had the honor and happiness of gathering a plenteous harvest; and as we do not live in ordinary times, we should not be satisfied with ordinary results. The circumstance of the spiritual showers having fallen so plentifully, and refreshed the Church so largely in other parts, and specially in Ireland and Scotland, lands with which we have such close and intimate intercourse, while we have been left comparatively unvisited, should excite our fears and awaken our enquiries respecting the reason of this. The gracious influence has been sent to other districts by the instrumentality of those who have witnessed and felt its manifestations; but though there have been parties going to and fro between our country and the localities so blessed, no messenger has yet been sent with the benefit to us. In the early history of the United States, the Church there was blessed with revivals of religion, and the Church of God, in the countries of Britain has often, since the period of the Reformation, had times of refreshing, but an extensive revival of the grace of God is something, which as yet, has no place in the history of Canada. There is therefore in the report good reason why our thanksgiving should be mingled with lamentations at our barren condition, and fervent petitions for the advancement of the Lord's work of grace.

The Committee close their report with the following recommendations:—

1. That the annual conference in the several Presbyteries in the State of Religion, be continued.
2. That a Pastoral Letter, similar to that of last year, be prepared and read from the pulpits of the Congregations belonging to the Synod.
3. That a Sabbath be appointed for ministers discoursing to their people on the special subject of the State of Religion in the Church, and for the offering up of special prayer in reference to it.

J. SCOTT,  
Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS', WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND,  
FOR 1859-60.

The following is a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure for the past year:—

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand at beginning of year.....	\$2236 48
Amount of Rates paid by Ministers.....	889 50
Amount of Interest.....	1672 12
“ Investments becoming due and paid.....	978 35
“ Congregational Collections and Donations as per statement.....	972 62
Total Receipts.....	\$6704 07
EXPENDITURE.	
Annuities paid on Acct. of Widows and Orphans of deceased Ministers....	\$ 910 00
Amount invested in purchase of Mortgages.....	3760 00
Rates re-paid Ministers, viz:	
Rev. A. Steyen.....	\$20 00
“ R. Wallace.....	81 25
“ J. H. McNaughton.....	37 00
	138 25
Amount paid for Printing.....	1 25
“ charged as proportion of Salary of General Agent.....	250 00
“ charged as proportion of Office Expenses, including Office Rent, Taxes, Postage, Stationery, &c.....	80 07
Balance on hand.....	1564 00
	\$6704 07

N.B.—The above balance, with a further amount received since first May, is now invested.

Rev. R. Wallace has refunded his Rates, pending issue of Petition to Synod with reference to his interest in the Fund.

PRESENT STATE OF THE FUND.

Invested in Debentures, viz:	
County of Middlesex.....	\$2400 00
“ Wellington.....	5964 00
Township of Dereham.....	5634 00
Invested in Mortgages.....	12240 80
In hand.....	1564 57
	\$27803 97

During the past year there has been no new annuitant, the number at present being seven.

During the year three Ministers have resigned their charges, and according to the existing rule, have received their rates with interest. One of these, the Rev. Robert Wallace, formerly Pastor of the Congregation of Ingersoll, has since returned the amount paid to him, and has transmitted a memorial praying, that, as it was on account of the state of his health that he resigned his pastoral charge, and accepted his present situation, he may be still allowed to retain an interest in the fund. The Committee regard Mr. Wallace's application as quite reasonable and legitimate, and transmit his memorial herewith, together with the medical certificates.

In accordance with the instructions of last Synod, the Committee directed the attention to the rules and regulations connected with the fund, and beg leave to recommend the following alterations, the same having been already printed in the *Record*.

## PRESENT REGULATIONS.

The Regulations, as adopted by the Synod, are as follows, viz :

1. The Ministers shall forward their annual rate of £2 to the Treasurer, on or before the first of November. Ministers falling into arrears, shall pay in addition to the regular rate, 10s for the first year, and 20s for the second year, and 30s for the third year ; but failing for four years, they shall be cut off from the Fund. Notice of failure to pay in every case, to be previously given.

2. Entrants into the ministry, shall pay their first rate on the first November next following their ordination or induction.

3. In the event of any minister ceasing to labor as such, in the capacity of Pastor, Professor, or Missionary of this Church, he shall no longer (except in the case of infirmity or old age,) have any interest in, or right to, the benefits of the Fund ; always providing that the amount paid by him into the Fund, shall be returned with legal interest.

## PROPOSED REGULATIONS.

1. Ministers shall be admitted to an interest in the Fund on the following terms, viz :—those under the age of 35, shall pay annually \$8 ; those who are 35, and under 40, \$10 ; 40, and under 50, \$12 ; 50, and under 60, \$24.

No Minister whose age is 60 or over shall be admitted.

Ministers falling into arrears shall pay in addition to the regular rate, \$2 for the first year, \$4 for the second year, and \$6 for the third year, but failing for four years, they shall forfeit all claim in connection with the Fund.

2. The first November in each year shall be the period for the payment of the annual rate. In the case of entrants into the ministry, who may desire to secure an interest in the Fund previous to 1st November, immediately following their ordination and induction, they may be admitted on the following terms, viz : if their ordination or induction has been within six months of the 1st November, they shall pay one-half-rate ; if their ordination or induction has taken place six months or more before the 1st November, they shall pay a full rate for that year. In no case shall any have an interest in the Fund until payment has been made. Ministers who shall not avail themselves of the benefits of the scheme within four years of their ordination, cannot be admitted afterwards.

3. In the event of any minister ceasing to labor as such in the capacity of Pastor, Professor, or Missionary of this Church, he shall no longer (except in the case of infirmity or old age,) have an interest in or right to the benefits of the Fund ; always providing that one-half of the amount paid by him into the Fund, shall be returned.

4. Any minister who may have, according to the provision of the foregoing regulation, ceased to have an interest in the Fund, and have received back one-half of the amount paid by him into the Fund, and who may again, on resuming his connection with the Church as Pastor, Professor, or Missionary, desire to have an interest in the Fund, may be admitted on re-payment of the amount withdrawn, together with the amount of rates from the time he ceased to have an interest in the Fund until again connected with it ; or he may be re-admitted at an advanced rate, on payment of the sum withdrawn only.

The sixth of the existing regulations, it is proposed to cancel, as being now embodied in the second of the proposed regulations.

Of course it will be understood that the graduated scale of rates will only apply to those who shall hereafter become connected with the Fund, and not to those now connected with it.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES OSBORNE, *Convener.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

The Report of the Committee on Union consisted mainly of the reports transmitted by Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions.

§ The Report concluded by stating that the Basis of Union had been approved by all the Presbyteries of the Church, and by 88 out of 95 Kirk Sessions, sending returns.

## REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS.

Your Committee, after fully considering the subject entrusted to them, beg to recommend that a Central Board should be established connected with Knox College, to be called *The Board for Examination of Students*, and without entering into minute details, they would submit the following general suggestions:—

1. That the Board shall consist of the College Senators, with one member appointed by each Presbytery—the Board having full power to admit or reject.
2. That when a Student presents himself for examination, he shall bring a certificate from his Presbytery, showing that he has been examined and approved by them.
3. That Students shall be examined by the Board at the beginning of each Session, and that Presbyteries be recommended to examine Students at the beginning and end of each Session.
4. That all Students of Knox College shall be thus examined by the Board.
5. That while attendance during all the Sessions of the Theological course shall be, (except in special cases decided by the Synod) obligatory, any person passing a satisfactory examination on the Non-Theological course of study, shall be permitted to enter the Theological classes.

The Committee would further recommend that this draft be sent down to Presbyteries for consideration, and that Presbyteries be instructed to send in their returns to a Committee, to be appointed by this Synod, who shall report to next Synod the opinions of Presbyteries thus obtained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LAING,  
*Convener.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

The Committee beg to report that they are not yet in a condition to lay before the Synod anything like a full and complete system of regulations for administering the provision which may be made for Aged and Infirm Ministers, and that they can hardly do so, till the Synod determine whether this is to be made by an occasional collection, the whole of which is to be expended, or by a fund such as the Widows' Fund, of which the interest alone is to be used.

But while feeling this, and feeling further, that even if the Synod should now determine this point, the experience of some years may be necessary before the regulations can be finally settled, they would submit that meanwhile it may be affirmed by the Synod.

1. That no one be admitted to share in this provision who enters the Church after the age of 55.
  2. That no one share in it who has not labored five years in this Church.
  3. That the sum received from this source shall not exceed £50 cy.
  4. That when application is made to have a minister relieved from such fund the Committee deal with the Congregation which he has last served, in order to arrange the amount which he is to obtain from said Congregation; and that in fixing the amount which he shall receive from the Synod, respect be had to the action of said Congregation, and the family and necessities of the pastor.
  5. That respect be had to the length of his services in the field.
- But whether the Synod is prepared to determine the form in which the provision is to be made, or to affirm the foregoing regulations provisionally, the Committee would respectfully press on the Synod the absolute necessity of immediate action, to provide for the relief of such cases as do exist or may occur, and the Committee would suggest that one of the ordinary collections be devoted this year for the object, and that they be authorised to meet pressing cases pending the action of next Synod.

WILLIAM GREGG,  
*Convener.*

June 15, 1860.

## REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Foreign Mission Committee beg leave to report, that immediately after the last meeting of Synod there was correspondence held with several ministers of this Church with the view of securing the services of one who might be appointed as a Missionary to British Columbia. The result of this correspondence is, that no appointment of such a missionary has as yet been made.

Your Committee would suggest to the Synod the propriety of considering whether there should be any modification of the instructions given to the Committee by the Synod at its meeting last year.

Your Committee would also report that a communication has been received from the Foreign Mission Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia, requesting the co-operation of this Church in sustaining and extending the missionary operations of that Church among the members of the Greek Church in Turkey. To this request your Committee would earnestly invite the consideration of the Synod. In the opinion of your Committee, the entertaining of this proposal is not incompatible with a sincere desire to carry out the resolution of the Synod to establish a Mission in British Columbia. The obvious duty of the Church is to aim at the discharging of her duty to Him who has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." The particular field of labour is a matter of small importance in comparison with the earnest and faithful acknowledgment of the obligations under which the Christian Church lies "to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

THOMAS LOWRY.

June 19th, 1860.

## BASIS OF UNION WITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

I. *Of Holy Scripture.*—That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the inspired Word of God, are the supreme and infallible rule of faith and life.

II. *Of the Subordinate Standards.*—That the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are received by this Church as her Subordinate Standards.

But whereas certain sections of the said Confession of Faith, which treat of the power or duty of the civil magistrate, have been objected to, as teaching principles adverse both to the right of private judgment in religious matters, and to the prerogatives which Christ has vested in His Church, it is to be understood:—

1. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is held by this Church which would interfere with the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may prevail on the question of the endowment of the Church by the State.

2. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church which would accord to the State any authority to violate that liberty of conscience and right of judgment which are asserted in chap. xx. sec. 2 of the Confession; and, in accordance with the statements of which this Church holds that every person ought to be at full liberty to search the Scriptures, without let or hindrance; provided, that no one is to be allowed, under the pretext of following the dictates of conscience, to interfere with the peace and good order of society.

3. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church which would admit of any interference on the part of the State with the spiritual independence of the Church, as set forth in chap. xxx. of the Confession.

III. *Of the Headship of Christ over the Church.*—That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of His Church; that He has made her free from all external or secular authority in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto.

IV. *Of the Headship of Christ over the Nations and the duty of the Civil Magistrate.*—That the Lord Jesus Christ, as Mediator, is invested with universal sovereignty and is therefore King of Nations, and that all men in every capacity and relation,

are bound to obey His will as revealed in His Word ; and particularly that the civil magistrate (including under that term all who are in any way concerned in the Legislative or Administrative action of the State) is bound to regulate his official procedure as well as his personal conduct by the revealed will of Christ.

V. *Of Church Government.*—That the system of polity established in the Westminster Form of Presbyterian Church Government, in so far as it declares a plurality of Elders for each congregation, the official equality of Presbyters without any offices in the Church superior to the said Presbyters, and the unity of the Church in a due subordination of a smaller part to a larger, and of the larger to the whole, is the government of this Church, and is in the features of it herein set forth, believed by this Church to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God.

VI. *Of Worship.*—That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church as they have heretofore been, by the respective bodies of which it is composed, in a general accordance with the directions contained in the Westminster Directory of Worship.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, at their meeting in Hamilton, 1860, agreed to remove the note previously appended by them to the 4th article, and to add to the article the following words—"it being understood that in the application of the doctrines of this article, mutual forbearance shall be exercised." These words were not adopted by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The Board of Management beg to report that the number of students attending the classes in Knox's College during the past Session was as follows :—Six in Junior Philosophy, three in Senior Philosophy, and thirteen in the three Theological classes. Besides these a considerable number of students are prosecuting their studies, with a view to the ministry in our church, in University College, Toronto, and McGill College, Montreal. The whole number is about forty.

The Reports transmitted from the Senate are herewith submitted to the Synod. The lateness of the time at which they were laid before the Board prevented the consideration of the recommendations which they contain.

During the past year the College property has been transferred from the Trustees, who formerly held it, to the College Corporation.

On the subject of Funds the Board have to report that the amount received from ordinary sources has been \$5,184.50, being \$292.44 less than the amount received from the same sources in the previous year. To the amount received has been added, according to the instructions of Synod, the amount of Mr. Gibb's legacy, making the apparent revenue of the year \$7,184.50.

The expenditure from this Fund has been \$5,510.33, including the payment of \$1,242.72, two year's interest on the mortgage on the College property, and now for the first time charged to this Fund. If only one year's interest had been charged, and if a whole year's salary had been paid to the Professors, the expenditure would have exceeded the income by \$580.00.

The Building Fund has been credited with \$600 interest, which has been charged to the ordinary Fund, and now shows a balance against it of \$59 96. The Bursary Fund has a balance in its favor of \$637 36.

The Boarding Department has been conducted as formerly, by Mr. Willing, to the satisfaction of the Board. The agreement with Mr. Willing will shortly expire, and the Board propose that it be renewed.

A petition, which was published in the *Record*, was transmitted to the Legislature, in the name of the Board, deprecating the partition of the endowments of Toronto University among the different denominations in the Province.

The Board would recommend that, as on former years, the Synod should name a day on which special prayer would be offered throughout the congregations for the Divine blessing on behalf of Knox College.

WILLIAM GREGG,

*Chairman of Board.*

June 15, 1860.

ACCOUNTS OF THE VARIOUS SCHEMES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, FOR THE YEAR 1859-60, AS EXAMINED BY THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

KNOX COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.

*Receipts.*

From the Presbytery of London.....	\$951 56
"    "    Hamilton.....	1204 22
"    "    Toronto.....	1398 31
"    "    Cobourg.....	446 10
"    "    Kingston.....	237 35
"    "    Brockville.....	135 94
"    "    Ottawa.....	243 90
"    "    Montreal.....	490 37
Amount of Legacy of late James Gibb, Esq.....	2000 00
Sundries.....	76 75
	\$7184 50

*Expenditure.*

Balance due at beginning of year.....	1569 72
On account of Salaries, viz:	
Rev. Principal Willis.....	\$1254 90
"    Professor Young.....	1260 00
"    Rev. Dr. Burns.....	1385 00
	3899 90
Interest on unpaid purchase money for two years.....	1242 72
Insurance on Building and Library.....	92 62
Sundry Repairs.....	43 96
Accounts for Printing.....	37 18
Mr. Willing, an acc. of Fire, Light, and expenses incurred.....	130 00
Mr. Thomson, Mathematical Tutor.....	40 00
Amount credited erroneously, and transferred to Building Fund.....	24 00
Balance in hand.....	104 40
	\$7184 50

The amount due to the Professors 1st May, 1860, was..... 1345 00

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance on hand at beginning of year.....	2236 48
Amount of rates paid by Ministers.....	889 50
"    Interest.....	1672 12
"    Investments becoming due and paid.....	978 35
"    Congregational Collections and Donations, as per statement.....	927 62
Total Receipts.....	\$6704 07

*Expenditure.*

Annuities paid on account of Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers .....	\$910 00	
Amount invested in purchase of Mortgages .....	3760 00	
Rates repaid to Ministers, viz :		
Rev. A. Steven .....	\$20 00	
" R. Wallace .....	81 25	
" J. H. McNaughton .....	37 00	
		138 25
Amount paid for Printing .....		1 25
" charged as proportion of salary of General Agent .....		250 00
" " " Office expenses, including Office		
Rent, Taxes, Postage, Stationery, &c. ....		80 07
Balance on hand .....		1564 50
		<u>6704 07</u>

N. B. The above Balance, with a further amount received since 1st May, is now invested.

Rev. R. Wallace has refunded his rates, pending issue of Petition to Synod with reference to his interest in the Fund.

## PRESENT STATE OF THE FUND.

Invested in Debentures, viz :—

County of Middlesex .....	\$2400 00	
" Wellington .....	5964 00	
Township of Dereham .....	5634 40	
Invested in Mortgages .....	12240 00	
In hand .....	1564 57	
		<u>27803 97</u>

## FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

*Receipts.*

Balance at beginning of year .....	\$251 43	
From Congregational collections as per Statement .....	1131 17	
Sundry Donations, Sabbath Schools, &c. ....	14 57	
		<u>1398 17</u>
Total Receipts .....		1398 17

*Expenditure.*

Charged for proportion of Office Expenses last year .....	50 00	
Paid expenses of former Moderator of Synod in connection with meeting in Montreal .....	10 00	
Remitted to J. Court, Esq., of Montreal .....	1087 37	
Charged as proportion of Salary of General Agent, 1859-60 .....	60 00	
" " Office expenses, &c. ....	30 00	
*Balance on hand .....	160 80	
		<u>1398 17</u>

\*This balance has been remitted to Mr. Court.

## FOREIGN MISSION.

*Receipts.*

Balance at beginning of year.....	462 53
From Congregational collections as per Statement.....	758 15
Sundry contributions from Sabbath Schools, Donations, &c.....	48 50
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>	<b>1269 18</b>

*Expenditure.*

Charged for proportion of Office Expenses last year.....	31 37
Paid Rev. T. Lowry, postages.....	2 00
“ Printing Circulars.....	2 75
Proportion of Salary of General Agent, 1859-60.....	60 00
Office Expenses, &c.....	60 00
Balance.....	1113 06
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1269 18</b>

## STATE OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1859.

June 1. Amount in hands of John Redpath, Esq.....	3157 26
Interest on do. (Savings Bank).....	115 64
Balance as above.....	1113 06
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>4385 96</b>

## SYNOD FUND AND BUXTON MISSION.

*Receipts.*

Donation from Mission Board of Irish Pres. Church.....	243 34
Congregational Collections as per Statement.....	1207 28
Sundry contributions from Sabbath Schools, donations, &c.....	67 63
Balance.....	644 58
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2162 95</b>

*Expenditure.*

Balance due at beginning of year.....	506 59
I. (BUXTON MISSION.)	
Paid on account of salary of Missionary.....	\$488 77
“ “ “ Teacher.....	217 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>705 77</b>
II. (SYNODICAL EXPENSES.)	
Paid for Printing Minutes and Statistical Table.....	169 34
“ Sundry accounts for Printing.....	62 75
“ Expenses incurred by former Moderator.....	10 50
“ Allowance to Door-keeper.....	10 00
“ Expenses in Mailing and forwarding Minutes of Synod.....	9 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>261 59</b>
“ Proportion charged for Salary of General Agent.....	530 00
“ “ “ Office Expenses, including Rent, Taxes, Fuel, Stationery, Postage, Assistance in Office, &c....	145 00
Credited erroneously and transferred to French Canadian Mission...	14 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2162 95</b>

The sum of \$107 06 is due to the Rev. John Rennie, and the sum of \$226 has been paid to Mr. Thomson, Teacher, as payment in full.

There is in hand to meet the balance now due the sum of \$92 61, received since 1st May, and a grant of £150 sterling, from Irish Presbyterian Church, these two sums amounting to \$822 99.

#### BUXTON BUILDING FUND.

The Amount received from the Rev. W. King is.....\$1726 50

\*The greater part of this sum is placed at interest until it shall be required.

#### ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY RECORD.

##### *Receipts.*

Amount of subscriptions received.....	1692 67
“ “ received for advertisements.....	21 00
Balance .....	132 12
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	\$1845 79

##### *Expenditure.*

Balance due at the beginning of year.....	96 42
Paid on account of printing for year.....	621 25
“ “ paper.....	445 00
“ Expenses in addressing and mailing Record.....	47 00
Charge on account of Salary.....	500 00
“ “ Office Expenses, &c.....	134 62
Account due Mr. Ellis, Engraver.....	1 50
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	\$1845 79

N. B. The arrears due on Record far exceed the balance due.

#### BURSARY FUND.

##### *Receipts.*

Balance at beginning of year.....	722 14
Col. Committee of Free Church, for Gaelic Bursaries.....	97 20
Mrs. Spark and Mrs Esson, per H. Esson Bursary.....	20 00
I. Buchanan, Esq., M. P. P.....	80 00
Saltfleet and Binbrook.....	4 52
Cash previously advanced to Students re-paid.....	20 00
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	\$943 86

##### *Expenditure.*

John Ferguson—Gaelic Bursary.....	20 00
Geo. McLennan, do.....	20 00
O. Paquette—H. Esson Bursary.....	40 00
Fees for Students attending Mr. Wickson's classes.....	54 00
Sundry sums granted by College Board to Students.....	172 50
Balance .....	637 36
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	\$943 86

## HOME MISSIONS OF SYNOD.

*Total Receipts.*

Amount on hand for Home Missions.....	750 76
Grant from Irish Presbyterian Church.....	486 00
	1237 44

*Expenditure.*

Appropriated and paid to Presbytery of London.....	\$266 90
"                  "                  "                  Hamilton.....	250 90
"                  "                  "                  Toronto.....	207 68
"                  "                  "                  Cobourg.....	95 26
"                  "                  "                  Kingston.....	60 00
"                  "                  "                  Brockville.....	69 20
"                  "                  "                  Ottawa.....	95 20
"                  "                  "                  Montreal.....	187 70
	\$1237 44

A like sum has again been received from the Mission Board of the Irish Presbyterian Church.

## COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

*Receipts.*

From College Ordinary Fund by decision of Synod.....	\$600 00
Subscriptions and Donations received.....	224 64
Balance.....	59 96
	\$884 60

*Expenditure.*

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$781 60
Sundry accounts for work for permanent improvement of building...	103 00
	\$884 60

## LIBRARY FUND (KNOX COLLEGE.)

*Receipts.*

For Matriculation and Library Tickets.....	48 00
Balance.....	70 22
	\$ 118 22

*Expenditure.*

Balance at beginning of year.....	78 22
Paid on account of Salary of Librarian.....	40 00
	\$118 22

## COLPORTAGE.

Amount received and in hand (from Kilbride and Nairn Church)....	\$2 62
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 JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION OF FREE CHURCH.
*Receipts.*

Balance at beginning of year.....	56 00
Received from Perth \$13; Masters Blackwood, Fingal, for India, \$4 50; Bequest of late D. Campbell, Ekfrid, \$20; Member of Con- gregation of Union and Norval, \$3; Masters Blackwood for India, \$7; A. McKinlay, Perth, \$5; Indian Lands, \$8; Roxboro, \$4.	65 10
	<hr/> \$121 10

*Expenditure.*

Remitted to Scotland.....	121 00
Received after account closed, from Peterboro'.....	50 00

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 MISSION TO AMERICAN INDIANS.

On hand at beginning of year.....	62 00
Received from Friend.....	50 00
“ “ Sabbath School, No. 5, Mariposa.....	8 00
	<hr/> \$120 00

The whole of the above accounts have been examined, and vouchers compared, by J. McMurrich and J. L. Blakie, Members of the Finance Committee.

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# STATISTICAL RETURN,

FOR YEAR EXTENDING FROM 1ST MAY, 1859, TO 30TH APRIL, 1860.

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

No.	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF MINISTER.	Number of Families.	Number of Communicants.	Additions by Examinations, &c.	Diminution by Death, Removal, &c.	Number of Elders.	Number of Deacons.	Number of Trustees or Managers.	Diets of Wor- ship and Average Attendance.			Pastoral Visitation of Congregation.	Number of Baptisms.	Number of Week-day Meetings.	Average Attendance.
										Morning.	After- noon.	Evening.				
1	Prescott	Robert Boyd, D. D.	90	190	20	10	6	13	13	240	150	150	1	16	1	45
2	Gloucester and North Gower	Wm. Lochead	82	123	7	4	8	6	6	140	180	180	1	24	1	75
3	Brockville	Jas. K. Smith, A. M.	120	160	20	7	3	5	5	400	100	280	1	14	3	75
4	Edwardsburg and Spencerville	Andrew Melville	35	45			4			80						
5	Westport	Archibald Crawford	48	82	8	1	3	9	9	120			1		1	30
6	Kemptville	J. Charles Quin	35	40	5		2	4	4	180			1		2	25
7	Mountain and South Gower	Donald E. Montgomery, A. M.	82	114	19	8	7	7	7	175	45	175	1	10	2	25
8	Yonge, Caintown, and Lyn	Robert McKenzie	70	90	19	4	4	16	16	100	80	100	1	5	3	30
9	Merrickville and Burritt's Rapids	Nathaniel Patterson	50	56	10	3	2	5	5	60	100	100	2	26	14	30
10	North Augusta	Archibald Lees, A. M.	50	37	37		2	2	2	30	75		1	3	1	12
			61	Settled May 16, '60			2	5	5	in all 140					1	40

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

1	Belleville, St. John's	William McLaren	100	149	30	5	6	15	15	250	225	225	2	13	3	55
2	Gananoque, St. Andrew's	Henry Gordon	60	86	3	1	10			200				10	1	20
3	Kingston, Chalmers' Church	Peter Gray	100	150	19	16	4	6	6	300	250	250	1	18	1	40
4	Do. Brock Street	Andrew Wilson	150	200	13	18	4	7	7	250	250	250	1	20	1	50
5	Madoc	D. Wishart	110	103	13	7	3	3	3	300			1	22	1	35
6	Mcrose and Roslin	James Hume	92	108	3	3	6	5	5	150	100	100	2	14	1	20

17 / Picton and Demorestville ..... 17 72 3 ..... 6 ..... 8 200 70 160 ..... 1 7 1 25  
 18 / Storrington and Brewer Mill ..... 18 75 72 3 ..... 6 ..... 8 200 70 160 ..... 1 7 1 25

17	Pictou and Demorestville	75	72	3	6	8	200	70	160	1	7	1	25
18	Storrington and Brewer Mill	91	28	28		15	250	75		1	3	2	55
19	Trenton and Consecou	85	60		2		50	50					
20	Ballynahinch	35					50	35					
11	Lansdowne	35					45	45					

R. C. Swinton  
 Thomas S. Chambers  
 Mission Stations

PRESBYTERY OF COBURG.

1	Bowmanville and Enniskillen	153	210	24	4	8	250	250		1		1	20
2	Baltimore and Coldsprings	140	296	24	18	10	250	150	120	Occl	30	4	40
3	Bethesda Church, Bowmanston & Alnwick	43	87		3		150	70					
4	Cavan and Milbrooke	159	307	31	7	9				1	41	14	
5	Cartwright and Ballyduff	190	202	19	9	7	200	90		Reg.	39	4	100
6	Cobourg		230			5	450		275				
7	Colborne and Brighton	81	99	8	3	4	120	100		1	7	2	20
8	Grafton and Vernonville	100	142	18	15	6	150	100		1	17	3	52
9	Keene and Westwood												
10	Norwood and Hastings	103	91	12	2	5	200	100		1	23	1	40
11	Peterborough and Smith	202	346	30	9	11	150	90	200	1	35	2	90
12	Percy and Seymour	75	100	10	3	6	180	60			10	1	25
13	Springville	80	130	6	8	3	250		250	1			30

John Smith  
 William J. Mackenzie  
 P. McDermid, A. B.  
 James Douglass  
 William C. Windel  
 John Laing  
 P. Duncan  
 J. W. Smith  
 Francis Andrews  
 James Bowie  
 J. M. Roger  
 Thomas Alexander  
 William Blain

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

1	Saltfleet and Binbrook	82	146	22	11	8	100	60		1	20	var.	60
2	Dundas, Knox Church	60	118	15	26	3	200	100		2	13	1	100
3	Fergus, Melville Church	412	31	19	8		400	100		wkly	37	1	50
4	Cumminsville, Kilbride Church	60	140	15	7	7	200			2	11	1	15
5	West Flamboro', Nairn Church	80	135	10	5	7	200			2	12	1	20
6	Brantford, Zion Church	91	208	34	38	9			125	Freq	12	3	60
7	Ayr, Knox Church	150	330			5	550		Occ.	1	31	1	25
8	Caledonia, Allan Settlement & Oneida	160	345	45	40	9	200	200	Occas	1	44	1	
9	Nassagaweya	90	125	4	6	5	200				16		
10	Hamilton, Knox Church	356	477	47	60	3	650	600		1	67	2	80
11	Do. McNab St. Church	178	345	62	42	9	520	560		1		5	90
12	St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie	196	137	26	23	4	220	150		1	20	4	75
	Blenheim, Willis Church	80	151	16	20	4	300	200		1	14	Occas	

G. Cheyne, A. M.  
 M. Y. Stark  
 G. Smellie  
 Alexander Maclean  
 J. Alexander  
 D. McRuar  
 James Black  
 A. J. Macanlay  
 R. Irvine, D. D.  
 D. Inglis  
 R. F. Burns  
 J. Gillespie

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON -- continued.

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										Morning.	After- noon.	Evening.				
13	East Puslinch, Duff Church.	Alexander McLean	180	200	22	9	6	8	8	500	100	.....	occas	8	2	.....
14	Waterdown and Wellington Square	William Macindoe	54	82	12	13	5	5	5	250	.....	.....	1	8	1	30
15	Elora, Chalmer's Church	J. Middlemiss	100	165	14	23	6	4	4	230	.....	.....	1½	16	1	20
16	{ Port Dover and { Simcoe.....	William Craigie	.....	106	19	12	5	.....	.....	60	60	.....	occas	33	2	20
17	{ Doon..... { New Hope.....	T. J. Hodgskin	28	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	90	1	4	.....	.....
18	West Puslinch.	Alexander McLean	41	78	7	2	4	4	4	160	.....	.....	2	5	2	20
19	Woolwich, Chalmer's Church	G. Cuthbertson	29	63	4	.....	4	4	4	.....	.....	occas	occas	5	1	100
20	{ Walpole and { Jarvis.....	J. McRobie	40	62	5	1	2	5	5	.....	.....	occas	occas	18	2	25
21	Grimsby	J. G. Murray	120	70	9	3	3	5	5	135	100	.....	2	18	2	24
22	Owen Sound, 2nd Congregation.	A. Grant	129	133	32	6	2	10	10	200	40	80	2	55	6	15
23	Sullivan and Glenelg	James Cameron	60	76	4	5	3	11	11	150	.....	60	reg.	22	1	30
24	Durham	William Park	100	150	67	10	7	6	6	400	.....	300	1	26	1	100
25	Garafraxa, St John's	William Millican	140	248	54	9	5	12	12	400	100	.....	2	19	1	20
26	Guelph, Knox Church	D. H. McVicar	50	73	22	1	2	8	8	100	100	.....	2	14	occas	13
27	Wellesley	James Boyd	40	46	10	.....	.....	5	5	100	.....	50	2	3	1	40
28	Berlin	J. McMechan	257	480	32	.....	14	15	15	600	250	250	1	13	1	40
29	Galt	Vacant	107	107	21	12	3	9	9	150	200	100	.....	13	1	25
30	Dunnville	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Paris	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Allansville	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Owen Sound, Chalmer's Church	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Niagara	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

1	Metis	50	79	37	17	6	5	115	300	1	47	4	25
2	Quebec, Chalmer's Church	136	234	6	8	7	7	500	300	1	32	3	50
3	Lachine	150	170	12	2	8	12	350	300	1	60	2	100
4	Indian Lands	350	350	33	3	7	8	400	2 dts	2	39	1	30
5	Montreal, Cote Street	120	216	16	3	2	7	170	150	1	11	3	30
6	Do. St. Gabriel St.	60	92	16	3	2	2	250	150	1	26	8	22
7	St. Sylvester	156	30	10	5	10	4	600	75	2	22	4	35
8	Winslow	118	166	10	3	7	4	150	70	1	15	1	30
9	Lochiel	71	179	12	3	7	4	150	150	2	21	4	50
10	Leeds	70	81	11	10	4	8	250	150	1	21	4	20
11	Cornwall	110	137	13	1	8	2	100	150	2	Occas	1	20
12	Lancaster and Dalhousie	40	83	11	4	3	3	300	150	1	6	1	35
13	St. Louis de Gonzague	22	65	15	4	8	8	250	200	1	17	Occas	25
14	Durham	25	50	8	4	8	8	118	50	1	4	2	30
15	English River	85	130	8	4	7	7	200	40	2	72	2	35
16	Inverness	60	74	6	4	6	6	450	100	2	30	1	24
17	Vankleekhill	61	146	6	4	4	5	300	300	1	14	2	50
18	St. Eustache, St. Therese & Grand Freniere	100	40	4	2	6	3	55	150	Reg	3	1	40
19	Lingwick	85	45	2	2	6	3	70	70	2	4	1	30
20	Kenyon	70	78	6	2	6	3	300	150	1	3	1	15
21	Richmond	26	30	5	1	5	7	150	150	1	3	1	40
22	Chateauguay	70	100	10	4	3	11	160	160	Reg	4	1	30
23	Martintown and Williamstown	36	45	23	1	1	4	100	160	1	4	1	30
24	Winchester	40	30	20	1	1	4	100	160	1	4	1	30
25	West Winchester	32	20	44	1	1	4	200	200	1	5	1	35
26	Kyle's Settlement	44	40	40	4	4	4	250	250	Reg	5	1	35
27	Calvin Church, Laguerre	38	40	7	2	2	3	75	75	Reg	5	1	20
28	Williamsburg, Colquhoun's Set. & Morrisbg	25	32	7	2	2	5	120	120	2	5	1	20
29	Osnabrock	28	30	30	2	2	2	120	120	2	5	1	20
30	Valleyfield	28	30	30	2	2	2	120	120	2	5	1	20
31	Farnham Centre and Farnham West	50	50	3	3	3	3	65 in 3 stations	65 in 3 stations	2	5	1	20
32	Alexandria	50	50	3	3	3	3	65 in 3 stations	65 in 3 stations	2	5	1	20
33	Harrington and Grenville	34	33	2	2	2	2	75 in 3 stations	75 in 3 stations	2	5	1	20
34	Portneuf	34	33	2	2	2	2	75 in 3 stations	75 in 3 stations	2	5	1	20
35	Kennebec, three stations	34	33	2	2	2	2	75 in 3 stations	75 in 3 stations	2	5	1	20

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

No.	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF MINISTER.	Number of Families.	Number of Communicants.	Additions by Examinations, &c.	Diminutions by Death, Removal, &c.	Number of Elders.	Number of Deacons.	Number of Trustees or Managers.	Diets of Wor- ship and Average Attendance.			Pastoral Visitation of Congregation.	Number of Baptisms.	Number of Week-day Meetings	Average Attendance.
										Morning.	After- noon.	Evening.				
1	Toronto, Knox Church.	A. Topp, A. M.	340	560	165	51	6		5	850	670	Yes	50	1	200	
2	Do, Cooke's Church	W. Gregg, A. M.	200	220		4				450	400	1	30	2	120	
3	Acton, Knox Church	J. MacLachlan	85	138	16	8	3			250	occas	occas	14	2	40	
4	Innisfil, Barrie, and Essa.	Thomas Wightman	140	157	19	9	9		10	155	90	2	20	1 1/2	40	
5	{ Milton, Knox Church, and { Boston Church.	James Mitchell	29	38	10	3	2	3	3	150	80	1	9	occas		
6	{ Oakville and Dundas Street. { Orillia and	James Nisbet	61	102	3	4	2	5	9	140	45	1	16	1	27	
7	{ East Oro. { Streetsville.	John Gray	71	94	13	2	5	3		150	80	2	12	2	30	
8	Thora and Eldon	Robert Ure	54	111	6	3	3	4	5	250	65	1	12	3	60	
9	Whitby	J. MacTavish	70	180	7	8	7	10	6			Yes		20	30	
10	{ Kildonan and { Little Britain	Vacant	60	117	5	4	9		3	240	210		23			
11	{ Brock and Reach { Scarborough Knox Church, and	John Black	11	20		2	2				120	1	2	2	60	
12	{ Highland Creek. { Asburn and	Vacant	75	130	11	2	5		10	130	60	1	17			
13	{ Utica. { Union and Norval	Vacant	60	101	7	12	4		3	200		1	10	2	15	
14	{ Chinguacousy { King	Thomas Ssharp	32	51	4	1	4		6	90		1	5	1	10	
15	{ Weston { West Oro	Joseph Alexander	125	193	18	13	5		11	180	80	1	29	Freq		
16		A. T. Holmes	75	108	8	6	7		5	70	50	1	25	1	14	
17		J. Adams	66	95	10	2	4		12	130	130	1				
18		Vacant	120	50	3	1	4		3	150	80	2	33	5	80	
19		James Stewart														

20 Markham ..... rece ntly set tled  
 21 York Mills and Fisherville ..... Vacant



PRESBTERY OF LONDON—continued.

No.	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	NAME OF MINISTER.	Number of Families.	Number of Communicants.	Additions by Examinations, &c.	Diminutions by Death, Removal, &c.	Number of Elders.	Number of Deacons.	Number of Trustees or Managers.	Diets of Wor- ship and Average Attendance.			Pastoral Visitation of Congregation.	Number of Baptisms.	Number of Week-day Meetings.	Average Attendance.
										Morning.	After- noon.	Evening.				
17	Ingersoll, Knox Church	Vacant	72	90	18	14	4	10	10	180	100	100	1	1	10	
18	Kingardine	John Stewart	140	60	10	10	6	10	10	250	150	150	1	2	40	
19	{ Lobo and Carradoc	J. Ferguson	50	60	4	3	4	4	4	150	40	40	1	9	25	
20	London, St. Andrew's Church	J. Scott	25	15	1	6	1	2	2	40	320	320	1	2	40	
21	Mandawmin and Enniskillen	J. W. Chesnut	200	336	26	30	6	1	1	520	320	320	1	1	40	
22	Mitchell	J. Findlay	106	106	36	3	3	5	5	190	90	90	occas	10	1	
23	Moore	J. Gauld	90	124	26	6	3	11	3	225	45	45	1	3	60	
24	Mornington	Vacant	50	98	6	2	4	5	5	200	70	70	1	16	45	
25	North Easthope	D. Allan	50	98	6	2	4	5	5	200	70	70	1	16	45	
26	Paisley	G. Bremner	59	25	9	3	3	7	7	130	70	70	1	16	1	
27	Plympton	W. Troup	54	110	11	3	4	5	5	180	140	140	occ.	16	1	
28	Port Stanley	Vacant	35	42	18	1	2	8	8	200	120	120	1	11	20	
29	Ridgetown	W. Forrest	80	98	18	1	3	5	5	200	80	80	occ.	3	2	
30	Sarnia	D. Walker	75	112	10	11	3	5	5	200	150	150	1	3	40	
31	St. Mary's	D. Beattie	50	77	9	16	5	8	8	150	60	60	occas	21	2	
32	St. Thomas	A. Young	90	160	14	54	4	9	9	250	100	100	1	29	25	
33	Stratford	T. Macpherson	70	61	4	3	6	6	6	500	100	100	yes	17	1	
34	Sou hampton and Port Elgin	Vacant	60	120	2	4	5	6	6	130	70	70	2	17	20	
35	Thamesford	J. Fraser	73	30	11	3	2	7	7	200	70	70	1	17	30	
36	Tilbury	J. Straith	73	55	14	14	2	9	9	300	200	200	1	8	40	
37	{ Wallacetown and Dunwick, Duff Church	A. McDiarmid	73	55	14	14	2	9	9	300	200	200	1	8	40	
38	Woodstock, Knox Church	W. T. McMullen	70	140	2	10	7	9	9	250	150	150	1	2	60	

39 Woodstock, Chalmer's Church

40 D. McDiarmid

75 64

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100 200

50 200

250 950





6	Melrose and Roslin	560	280	7 20	62	8 53	10 42	7 75	7 02	33	138 13	408 72	1000	2000	150	No.
7	Picton and Demorestville	650	40	7 20	50	9 03	17 22	11	9	40	230	988 03	4000			No.
8	Storrington and Brewer Mills	471	62	1 20	10	9 03	10 22	12 21	4 60	23	23	391 98	1800			No.
9	Trenton and Consecou	Mission Stations	40	62	160	10	10 22	12 21	4 60	23	23	111 50	500			No.
10	Ballynahinch		111	50									600			No.
11	Lansdowne															No.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

1	Bowmanville and Enniskillen	800	50	20	17 22	11	14 56	20	590	1522 78	4000	214	Yes.		
2	Baltimore and Coldsprings	600	52		10 22	12 21	6		171 32	747 35			Yes.		
3	Bethesda Ch., Bowmanston, and Alnwick	400											No.		
4	Cartwright and Ballyduff	600	580	6	8		5	8		54	2000	900	No.		
5	South Cavan and Millbrook	660	482	16	6		9	9	37	268 84	5600	1100	No.		
6	Cobourg	1000	220	74	30	30	10	40	510 20	684 50	2000	500	Yes.		
7	Colborne and Brighton	480	130	14	5	40	11	53	76 50	517 70	3200	200	Yes.		
8	Grafton and Vernonville	500		28	25	8	4	26	197 41	778 17	4800		No.		
9	Keene and Westwood	500	474	32	5	43	11	44	84 16	613 67			Yes.		
10	Norwood and Hastings	480	360	65	9	50	4	5	59 17	552 85	2400	280	Yes.		
11	Peterboro' and Smith	1000	89	86	110		53	63	387 57	1640 94	21200	6400	No.		
12	Percy and Seymour	560	140		6	4	4		89 20	509 20	4000	100	No.		
13	Springville	50		35	85		16			560 70					No.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

1	Saltfleet and Binbrook	401	65	29	22	7 88	11 20	9 85	6	6 85	33	505 02	3200	No.
2	Dundas, Knox Church	845		22	6	50	8	16	80	10	152 53	933 05	3000	No.
3	Fergus, Melville Church	700		40	12	50	16	50	18	17 50	249 50	1084	5000	Yes.
4	{ Cumminsville and West Flambro }	300	100	29	1	50	1	30		80	100	334 60	1500	No.
5	Brantford	800	108	15	21	75	3			1 82	68	288 42	1000	No.
6	Ayr	600	290								418 43	1817 22	14000	No.
7	Caledonia, &c.	600		52	37	14	73	15	19	57	100	817 57	4000	Yes.
8	Nassagaweya	400		38	29			8	8		25	953	5000	No.
9	Hamilton, Knox Church	1400		20	6			7			40	481	5000	No.
10	Hamilton, McNab Street	1600		182	42	60	15	32	38	60	2498 66	4368 47	20000	Yes.
11	St. Catharines, &c.	1010	75	44	62	185	73	26	23	51 30	2881 57	4875 70	26000	No.
12	Blenheim	700		41	65	36	17	54	6	75 10	3264	4375 94	10000	No.
				28	10	10	50				40	796 10	1500	No.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—continued.

No	DESIGNATION OF CONGREGATION.	Amount promised as Stipend.		Amount of Arrears actually due.		If vacant, how much paid for Supply?		Amount received for Knox College.		French Canadian Missionary Society.		Synod Fund, & Bureau Mission.		Foreign Mission.		Ministers, Widows, & Orphans' Fund.		Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.		Contributions not otherwise reported.		Total Congregational Contributions.		Value of Church Property.		Debt on Church Property.		Is there a Manse?	
		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	Yes.	No.
13	East Puslinch.....	600						40	0	9	10	10	50	9	20	9	30				521	60	1200		4000			Yes.	
14	Waterdown, &c.....	500				14						4							4	50	100		622	50	4000	600		Yes.	
15	Elora.....	580				8				13		4		11					12		273	39	866	80	2200			No.	
16	{ Port Dover, and, { Simcoe.....	360		199	65					2	55	4		4							162		434	70	3000	112		No.	
17	{ Doon..... { New Hope.....	240		90	55					2	50	2	95	2	75	2	25				40	35	267	62		100		No.	
18	West Puslinch.....	340		190				4	62														160					No.	
19	Woolwich.....	173	53																				178	15				No.	
20	{ Walpole, and { Jarvis.....	600		31	90			7													18		625		2250	1350		Yes.	
21	Grimby.....	350																					318	10		170		No.	
22	Owen Sound, 2nd Congregation.....	300																					200					No.	
23	Sullivan and Glenelg.....	500		40				7	07	10	16	6	83	6	50								530	56	3000			No.	
24	Durham.....	600		26				14		6	10	3		6	90						47		630	90	1320	788		No.	
25	Garafraxa, St. John's.....	600		184				26		6	10	8		6	40				17	40	256		893	90	1440			No.	
26	Guelph, Knox Church.....	400		39	74			5						1									410	43	1600	100		No.	
27	Wellesley.....	465										5											148	01	583	27	1200	165	No.
28	Berlin.....	800						30				10		12							464		1328		6000	1400		No.	
29	Galt.....	600						15		4		4		4					15		69	94	574	06½	400			No.	
30	Dunnville.....	600						30	90			4		4							110	90	741	80	5600	1200		Yes.	
31	Paris.....	1000						249	84	30	20	35		32	14	28	12					1375	30	6000	600		Yes.		
32	Allansville.....	630				20													10	10			660	10				No.	
33	Owen Sound, Chalmers' Church.....																												
34	Niagara.....																												



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		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	No.	Yes.
1	Toronto, Knox Church.	2000						804	77	32		23	30	45		432	4432	5800	8000			8000				No.			
2	Toronto, Cooke's Church.	1200						58	12					24		11	1800	3105	10000			10000				No.			
3	Acton, Knox Church.	480		190	04			24	20	6	58	7		5		24	18	05								No.			
4	Innisfil, Barrie and Essa.	540		9	50			18	11			12	50			32	54	35								Yes.			
5	{ Milton, Knox Church.							4				4	15				1034	1563							953	40	No.		
6	{ Boston Church.	240						20	5	40		8	20	6	50	16	46	349									No.		
7	{ Oakville and Dundas Street.	400		33				19	87	7	08	7				17	29	576								1488	70	Yes.	
8	{ Orillia and East Oro.	170		36				17	66	12	26	3	22			4	39	481											
9	{ Streetsville.	500						41	50	10	29	10	71			16	110	720								80		Yes.	
10	{ Thorah and Eldon.	600						100	28			21		57		27	1162	2170							1800	2	Yes.		
11	{ Whitby.							23	84							11													
12	{ Kildonan and Little Britain.	750						11	85							5	3	1143										Yes.	
13	{ Brock and Reach.	520		286						2	72	7	28	16	03	3	08	929							130		Yes.		
14	{ Scarborough, Knox Church, and Highland Creek.	Vacant																											
15	{ Ashburn and Utica.	300		84				10	4	25		4	36	4	40	1	81	289							300		No.		
16	{ Norval and Union.	300		67				10	2			3	23	3	20	7	23	284									No.		
17	{ Chinguacousy.	400						61	61	14	50	15	48			10	20	614									Yes.		
18	{ King.	400		17				15	25	5	75	5		9		8	30	466							160		No.		
19	{ Weston.	400						16		9	50	11				8	60	425									No.		
Sub.		500		150				7								8	348	863							400		Sub.		

20 Markham..... Newly settled.  
 21 York Mills and Fisherville..... Vacant.  
 22 West Gwillimbury and Bradford..... Vacant.  
 Yes.

17 King ..... 150 ..... 7 ..... 8 ..... 60 ..... 425 ..... 400 ..... Sub.  
 18 West ..... 500 ..... 150 ..... 7 ..... 8 ..... 348 50 ..... 863 50 .....  
 19 West Oro ..... 500 ..... 150 ..... 7 ..... 8 ..... 348 50 ..... 863 50 ..... Sub.

	Vacant	150	7	8	60	425	400	Yes.
20 Markham	Newly settled.							No.
21 York Mills and Fisherville	Vacant							No.
22 West Gwillimbury and Bradford	Vacant							No.
23 Collingwood	Recently settled							No.
24 Flos and Medonte								No.
25 { Erin and	225	65 62½	5 36	10	374 79	666 77½	1300	100
26 { Caledon West	225	55 37½	9 30	17 44	13 54	362 64	1200	100
27 Mono Centre, East and West		75 67				75 67	600	
28 Nottawasaga, &c.		107				107	800	
29 St. Vincent and Euphrasia		120				120	400	
30 Osprey		120	8 22			128 22		
31 Artesia		15 57	95 43	2		100 43		
		114		11 44		125 44		

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

	440	500	33 94	11 20	4	12 50	11 27	10 60	150	233 51	2700	190	Yes.
1 Aldborough													
2 Amherstburg													
3 Beachville													
4 { Blandford and													
{ Innerkip													
{ Blythe													
{ Manchester													
{ Hullet													
6 Bosanquet	600	15	6 50	5								200	No.
7 Brucefield	444	40	5				7	69 55	219 19	856 74	1000		Yes.
8 { Bruce													
{ South Greenock													
9 Buxton	600	6	7										
10 Chatham	650	93 88	7 25										
11 Clinton	600												
12 { Downie, Avon Church, and	500	16 00	16 00									624 63	No.
{ Carlingford		60 25	11 39									200	No.
13 Egmondville	590 37	20	3 60										No.
14 Ekfrid and Mosa	400												No.
15 Fingal, Knox Church	600	11	8 76	5									No.
16 Harrington	600	32	57 66	7	6 07	9	11 90	54 75	427 64	564 95	3000		No.
		221	8 25	8 25	6 07	9	6 37	15 91	839	916 60	2000	250	No.
			5	5	7	8	4		952	998			Yes.





## ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.

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In Roll of Presbytery of Montreal, the following names of Elders should have been inserted, viz., from St. Gabriel Street, Montreal, Wm. Rowan ; Lochiel, Donald McDonald ; Inverness, W. Henry ; Vankleekhill, Anthony Philip.

On Page 32, after second line, add : Mr. John Gray, Convener, presented Report on Sabbath Schools. The Report was received and sustained, and the Committee was re-appointed as follows :—Mr. J. K. Smith, Convener ; Messrs. Gray, Nisbet, R. F. Burns, Ministers ; and Dr. Holden, Messrs. Court, A. Fraser, and F. W. Torrance, Elders.

Page 2, 4th line from bottom, for Rev. R. McTavish, read Rev. J. McTavish.

Page 8, 11th line from bottom, for Committee read Commission.

Page 11, 26th line from bottom, for commended, read recommended.

Page 22, 5th line from bottom, for Pastoral, read Presbyterian.

Page 23, Section IV. (1) for A Latin Exercise, read A Latin Thesis.

Page 28, 15th line from bottom, for Library, read Literary.

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