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| St. Anne Missio |  | A. F. Kemp. . . . . . . . Windso |
| Stipend Augme | entation | A. Topp |
| General Assem | bly Act........... " | W. McLaren. . . . . . . . Bellevill |

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## MINISTERS.

*A. Henderson,
*W. Taylor. D.
${ }^{*}$ W. B. Clark...
Thomas Henry
${ }^{*}$. Irvine, D. $\mathbf{D}$
John Irvine
*Jas. Watson, A
*Daniel Gordon.
William Scott .

* Duncan Camero
*James McOonec
*John Anderson.
${ }^{*}$ John Crombie,
*Robt. Fleming .
*Alex. Young
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*John Mackie
*John McKay.
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*Nat. Paterson
*D. Paterson, AM
* Walter Coulth
*James Hanran.
*O. M. Mackerach
*John Badie
*John MeDonald
*J, M, Gibson, A.
*Arch'd Gillies ...
TT. Fenwick, O.
Vacant.
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William Aitken
*S. C. Fraser. M.A
*Thos. Wardrope
*J. L. Gourlay, AA
*David Wardrope
*James Whyte
*W. McKenzie
John McEwan
*Jos, White, A.B.
*William Moore...
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## ROLL OF THE SYNOD

OF

## THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(The names of those present are marked with an Asterisk.)

FICE.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

## MINISTERS. DATE OF <br> A. Henderso ordination.

*W. Taylor, D.D.M. 10, 1810... ${ }^{*}$ Peter Martin ...St. Andrews ...........St. Andrews, Q.
${ }^{*}$ W. B. Clark.........Sep. 1839.... ${ }^{*}$ Das. Havid McKay ...Erskine Ch., MontrealMontreal
Thomas Henry....... $1839 . .$. *Jas. Hossack......Chalmers' $\%$ h., QuebecQuebec.
${ }^{\bullet}$ R. Irvine, D.D.......Nov. $30,1840 \ldots .$. ..........................Henry's Ch. Rowan L........Knox Ch ${ }^{1840}$. Mute,Lachute, Q.
*John Irvine ........... Nov. 30 , 1840.... W. Rowan ..........Knox Ch., Montreal...Moutreal.
*Jas. Watson, A.M.Aug. 29,1849............................Mille Isles .................Mille Isles, Q
*Daniel Gordon......Oct. 1849....*Chas. McDonald. Indingdon, \&c......... Huntingdon, $Q$.
William Scott .......Feb. 29, 1853................................Athol, Ont.
*Duncan Cameron...Mar. 3, 1854..........................New Carlisle ...............New Carlisle, Q.
*James McConechy.Mar. 1854...............................Lochiel .........................Kirkhill, Ont,
*John Anderson,...Oct. 11, 1854....*Donald Camero..........................................Kinnear's Mills, Q
*John Crombie, AMiAug. 8, 1855....*Philip Peebles ...Inverness \&c .............Lancaster, Ont.
*Robt. Fleming ......June 5, 1856..........................Farnham ....................Inverness, Q.
*Alex. Young ..........Feb. 28, 1857... Jas. Davidson ... St. Jos. St. Montreal. Marnham Cen., Q.
Alex. Allan..............Feb. 26,1858....*E. Marshall ......St. Eustache
Adam F. McQueen.Dec, 15, 1858...*E. Cartanach....... Kenyon.................... St. Eustache, Q.
-Join Milloy .........Feb. 2, 1859................................Lingwick ..............................................................
*John McKay............May 18, 1859... Thos. Pollock ...First Lachute...............Lachute, Q
*Donald H. McVicarOct. 19, 1859...*W. Dickson .......Richmond .................Richmond, Q.
*Nat. Paterson carOct. 19, 1859...*James Court.......Cote St., Montreal.......Montreal.
*D. Paterson, AM....Oct. 24, 1850............. Munro ..........Martintown, \&c.......... Williamstown, )
\& Walter Coulthard. Nov.22, 1860.... W......................St. Andrews.................St. Andrews, Q
*James Hanran......July 4, 1861...............................St. St. Sylvester ............. Valleyfield, Q
C. M. MackeracherAug.22, 1861...*W. McKeli............English River............ St. Sylvester, Q.
*John Eadie ........May 19, 1862.... William Fraser....Henrv's Ch., lachnte......................... Q .
*John McDonald ....Feb. 26. 1864... Donald McKay...Henrv's Ch., Lachute.Lachute, Q.
*J. M. Gibson, A.M.Dec. 16, 1864.... Donald McKay...Winslow ................... Stornaway, $\mathbf{Q}$
*Arch'd Gillies ......May 26, 1868.....Ẅilia.................Erskine C\%h., MontrealMontreal.
${ }^{*}$ T. Fenwick, O. M.Oct. 31, 1861..................................Mete de Neiges .........Cote de Neiges, $\mathbf{Q}$ Vacant..............................................................Metis........................Metis.

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James Watson, M.A., Presbytery Clerk.
PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.
*William Aitken ...Oct
*S. C. Fraser, M.A....Mar.
*Thos. Wardrope ...Aug.
*J. L. Gourlay, AM. Mar.
*David Wardrope...June
*James Whyte .......Nov.
*W. McKenzie .......Dec.
John McEwan .......Dec.
*Jos, White, A.B Ang
*William Moore .......

| r...Smith's Falls | Smith's Falls. |
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| 1844...*W. Hutchison ...McNab .... | hitelake. |
| 1845...- D. Rohertson ...Ottawa, Kn | Ottawa. |
| 1855, ... Hugh Gour | Aylmer, |
| 1858... W McGirr....... Osgo | istol, $Q$. |
| 1858...*A. Toshach..........AIm | Almonte. |
| 1859 .. David Bell ..........Pem |  |
| 1862...*W. D. Leslie ....... W |  |
| 1866...*W. Taylor .........Ottawa, Bani | akefleld, Q. |

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## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERE. DATE OF ELDERS. CONGREGATIONS. POST OPPICES.
Rnbt. Boyd, D.D...Feb 8. 1821..............................W thout Charge .........Prescott.
*John Morrison..... May 12, 1829...*A Cranstoun.......Waddinkton, U S.......Waddington, N.Y.
*William Lochead... Dec. 1831... Thos Duncan ... Gioncester, N. Gower.Kars.
*Robt. McK. nzie...Sept 1853... - McCaughey. S. Gower \& Mountain.S Gower.
*Andrew Melville

* illiam Bennett.

Sppt. 1, 1855
Sopt. 7,1855 . $\qquad$ Maitland.
*Sohn Burton Nov 7, 1864, *Peter Byrne Prescott ...............Winchester.
*John Jones............July, 1865...*Dr. Edmond son..Brockville Prescott. Vacant Colquhoun \& Thoms.
Cornwall
Yonge \& Lyn
Osnahruck
Kemptville
Westp rt \& Ňewboro.
Merrickville
Fairfleld \& N. $\dot{\text { üugustan. }}$
John Burton, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.



## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

Jamen Douglass ...June, 1823... J. D. Armitrong. Millhrook\&CentrevilleMillbrook. *J M Roser, M A...March 1833... . Lt-Col Haultain Petゃrboro Pet»boro'. *T Alixanter, M.A.March, 1835 .. Grorze Augus .. Perev Norham *John Patersou...... 1840.. Alex. Orr........... Verulam Dunsford. John Ewing ....... Jan. 1846 *Thoะ, Bext......... Bmily, \&e ...................... Mt. Plpasant. *John W Smith ...March, 1819 ..*Jas. Carruthers .. Grafton \& VernonvilleGrafton. Franis andrews... ......................................... K Kepe \& Westwood ...Kepne. *John Laink .........Jıne. 1854 ........................... Kresıe \& Cobourg. William Blain .....July 4, 1854 .. Wm. Lon kie .......Sprin\&field \& LakevaleSpringvile. Petpr Inumean .......Sep 6ct, $27.1854 \ldots$ Johin McLean ...Norwood \& Hastings. Norwood. Petpr Jumean ......Oct. 27, 1857... Dr. Grows .......Colborne \& Brial ton Colborne. W Lochead, Jr....... Rep. 21, 1859 .. Sam Conhett ...... Perry'own \& OakhillsPerrytown. *James Thom. BA.Oct. 1859... F. Sanderson.......Lakeffeld \& N. Smith.N Douro.
${ }^{*}$ D. Waters, LL.B.. July 16, 1861.... *W. Douslas ...... Port Hope ...... ...... Port Hope. W. McW illiam, MaSep. 23, 1863... Wm. Isaac ..........Bethesda \& Äluwick....Bowmanton.

## MINISTB

*R.H.Thnrn
Alex. Kpnn
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*John McLa W. C. Wind
J. R. Scott

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Hugh Camp

* Rnbert McA
* Grorge Ridd
*Robert Binn
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*J. B. Ed mon
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Robert Burns
*M Willis, D I
James Harri
*Wm. Fraser.,

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*J. Jenuings,
*Peter Glasfor
*William Reid
* Robert Mont

James Dick...
Thos. Wight
*nbt. Wallac

* Wm. Grewg, A

Jamen Pringie
*Wm. Meikle.
*James Niabe

* Robert Rodge
*Johı Gıay...
J. Alexander,

John Blark...
James Adams
*William Cave
Robert Jamian
James Fergus
Howard D. St
Alex. W. Mi E
J. M. Kıng, M

Alex. MeFaul
${ }^{3}$ James Grrenin
George Craw.
D. H. Floteher

Alez. Matheso
 Warsaw ..................Warsnw. Campbellford ............ ampbellford. pals a somerville. Fenelon Fallo. Kinmount, \&c................Kinmount. Anstruther \& Chando: David Waters, M.A., 二L.B., Présbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO

## MINIBTBRS.

DATE OF
ELDERA.
CONGREGATIONS.
POST OFFICEA.
*R.H.Thnrnton ORDINATION.
Alex. Kpnnedy......Sep. 30, 1835.....John Michael...Oshawa ......................Oshawa.
George Lawrence...Apr, 28, 1837 .. John Gibャon......Dunbarton, \&c...........Dunbarton.
*John McTavish. . 1844.. *Colin M.Cuaig. Whadvili.................... Orono
*John McLachlan...Oct. 26. 1846....*Robert ''alder.... Boodville ...................Woodville.
W. C. Windell ......Nov, 27, 1847... John H alder.... Braverton ..................Beaverton.
J. R. Scott ...........Jun. 2, 1849.... Thos. Kirkiand....Cartwright \&BallyduffBurton.
*John Smith...........Sep. 28, 1851... Peter Murdoch... Whithy ..................... Whitby,
Hugh Campbeh̆....Sep. 20, 1854...Alex. Leask ..........Manillanville, \&c.........Bowmanville.

*Grorge Riddell..... Nov, 2, 1858... *Javid Contie......... Nowton \& Nreenbank. Wirk


*J. B. Edmondson...Aug. 21, 1867 ....John Ratcliffe Jamen Douglas......Oct. 16, 1867... W m. Welsh Vacant........................................*Adam Spears......Uxbridize \& LeaskdaleUxbridge. " ................................................ Wm. Wilkie........Erskine ch. Plaremont...........Claremont. . $\quad$...................................*Wm. Heron........Ashburn and Utica. Ashburton James Irwin.......Cambray and Islay...........ambray.

George Riddell, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Robert Burus, D D. July, 1811



## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON

MINISTERS.
DATE OF
ORDINATION:
Thos. Christie.

*John Porteous.....Dec. $7,1842 .$. Robert Valens.......Bateverly \& ................Thirkwall.
*Alex.McLean.M. M Feb. 4, 1843...*Jas. MoDonald...Nairnch.Flamboro Wi..... Kirkwane.
₹Dnvid Invlis........Jan. 17, 1846... Jas. Osborne......Murnab St., HamiltonHamilton.
*W. Ormiston, D.D.Oct 23, $1849 . .$. .Jas. Henderson...Central ch., HamiltonHamilton.
James Black.........Nov. 9, 1853... J. Mcclagran.....ArgyleSt.Caledonia deSeneca.
*John Lees .........July $10,1855 . .$. , J. Robertson

Wim. Crizi......................... (Wm. Smith...... A Ancaster West. $_{\text {Anc... }}$
*Wohn Mraigie........Jun, 5, $18566 .$. T. M. England..... Port Dover \& SimcoePPort Dover.
John G. Muriay. July 7, 1858... Robt. Brown.......Jarvis and Walpole....Jarvis.
*Thomas Wiison....Apr 28. 1863........................... Sutherld, Clinton, \&c. Grimsby,
${ }^{*}$ Alex Grant

* Alex Grant...........Jan. 27, 1864...................................... Oneida, Indiana, \&c...Dufferin.
*George Burson......June 6, 1864.... Jas. Dengan.......St. Catherines............St. Catherines.
*John McColl ......... Oet. 24, 1865... J. McLaughlan...Knox Ch., Hamilton...Hamilton.
*James Malcolm....Dec. 22, I865... John Wardeli........................... Dundas...Dundas.
R N. Grant.
R N. H. Simpson.......Jan. 23, 1866..............................Waterdown, Well'n SqWaterdown
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Silver Hill.
North Pelham
Niagara $\qquad$
JOHN PORTEOUS, Presbytery Clork.

## PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.


*James Robe
-Wm. Richar
*Hector McQ Vacant.
*George Smel
*John Duff. William Barr Robert Torrs Wm. S. Ball. James K. Nm James Bcwie. James A. Tho
*James Middle
*Andrew MoL
Daniel And.r William Milli
Malcolm McK
*Wm. T. Murd

* Lachlan Cam

Thos. MeGuir
*Edward Grah Geo. McLpnn
${ }^{*}$ Kenneth McD Juhn Davidsor
James Little..
*Henry Leutzi
*Albert J. Tra Vacant...
*Duncan McMil
*Charles Chiniq
Donald McKen R. F. Burns,

Alex. W. Wadde
*W. R. Sutherla
Angus McColl.

- J. J. A. Prond? L. McPherson.
*John Scott.......
*Alex F. Kemp.
*William King.
James W. Chest
*William Walker
John Stewart ...
*Peter Currie...
*Geo. Cuthbertso
*William Fletche
*Arch. MeDiarm Arch. Currie......
Robert Scott.....
${ }^{*}$ Neil MeKinnon. Peter MoDermid Peter Gnodfellow George Simpson.
*Arch. Stewart...
James Donaldso
-George Grant, B. Wm. Caven
*James Robertson...July 23, 1862...*And. Whitlaw....River st., Paris.........Paris
*Hector Mcerdson...Mav 3, 1863... Wm. Agur.........Tilsonburgh \& Culioden Paris.
Vector McQuarrie.May 22, 1866...*Wm. Speiis .......Willis' Ch. Blenhien. Dereham
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WILliam cochrane, Presbytery Clerk.


## PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

*George Smellie......March, 1836...*Samuel Dobbin...Molville ch., Fergus...Fergus William Barrie.......Jan. 4, 4, 1836.... *Moses Douglas...Knox's ch., Elora....... Elora Rnbert Torrance...Nov.11, 1846... Thos. McRrae ...1st Eramosa................... Gura Wm. S. Ball........Feb. 28,1849... E. McGuire, M. D. F Guelph...................Gue.ph James K. Smith ...Jan. 13,1853...*John Gillespie K. Knox's, Guelph..............Guelph James Bewie........May 15, 1855.............................Everts Galt................Galt.


Daniel And Lean...Mar, 10, 1857.............................Whalmers', Elora ......Elora
William Millican...Dec. 23, 1857... Richard Fair........ Rothsay \& Wallace.....Crieff.
Malcolm McKenziePeb. 12, 1869... ${ }^{*} \mathrm{R}$ J. Black.........St. Johı's, Garafrawathsay.
*Wm. T. Murdoch...Sep: 10, 1862... William Ross..... Doon and Hespeler ${ }^{\text {Warafraxa }}$
*Lachlan Cameron. Nov 5, $1862 .$. John Habbick....Melville, Galt
*Thos. MeGuire Mar ${ }^{2}, 1862 . .$. Arch. Campbell...Knox's, ,
${ }^{*}$ Edward Graham...... Sep. 8, 1864.. M. Henderson....Glenallenand Hoi......Acton

${ }^{*}$ Kenneth McDonaldOct. 9, 1864...*Adam Stevenson Minto ......
John Davidson.....Feb. 14, 1866...*And. MeRobie...East Pusilineh................Harriston.
*James Little.......Feb. 14, 1866... Wm. Gibbon......Alıua and Cumnock....Morriston.
${ }^{*}$ Henry Leutzinger. Jan ${ }^{\text {P1 }}$, $1866 \ldots$... John McAlpine....Nassagaweya

Vacant.................................. A. H. Mowat ...St. Andıew's, Brrinin..... Bew Hamburg.
. George Hunter....Arthur \& Kennilworth Luther.
JAMES MIDDLEMISS, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON


*John Thmopson...Apr. 25, 1866...*Hon. A. Vidal.... Sarnia, St. Andrews...Sarnia *George SutherlandNov. 14 1866 .. P. Barber.........Finkal ........ ...........Finzal.
Robit. H. Warden. Nov.15, 1866.. William WebsterBothwell and Florence Bothwell
William Lundy......July 17, 1867 .. John Thompson .. Strathroy ................. Sirathroy
*E H Bauld ......Nov 27, 1867.. Jas. McNaughton. Warwick ...................Waiford,
*A U. Mc Donald ...Der. 31, 1867..*A McKenzıe......Thamesford ..............Thamesior
M DeMars .........Jan. 15 1863........................ Eng. Set. \& Proof Line'Telfer,

John Becket ..........May 27, 1868... Wm. Staniforth...Thamesville ..............Thamesville.
Vacant $\qquad$ John Fletcher. Detroit $\qquad$
acan E \& W. Tilbury
Oil springs
Napier
Parkhil \& McGill
Mission Stations.-Petrolia and W'yoming, Forest \& McKay settement, Wallaceburgh, Port Burwell and Vienna, Dorchester, Corruna and Muoretown, Biddulph and Lucan, Brooke \& Euphemia.

George Cuthbertson, Presbytery Clerk.

Thomas Steve
*Andrew Tolm Patrick Greig
Robert Dewa
*John Gauld ..
*John MeMılla
Robt. C. Moff
*James C-mer
William Park
*George Brem
*Charles Came
*Alex. Frazer
Wm.Hay.....
Arch. Brown
Daniel Duff...
John Morrison..
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## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

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## PRESBYTERY OF HURON.


A. D. McDonald, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF GREY.



At the Tuesday, th sixty-eight y evening, wh terian Churc by Mr. Ale John J. A. said unto th prayer.

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The Recor changes affer which had os Reports of th as read,-was
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## EIGHTH SESSION OF THESYNOD

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## FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Montreal, and within Erskine Church there, June 9, 1868 Tuesday, the ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and 77 o'clock, sixty-eight years, at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the P. M. evening, which time and place the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met ; and, after preliminary devotional exercises by Mr. Alexander Topp, and Sermon by the Moderator, Mr. John J. A. Proudfoot, from Luke xvii. 5, "And the Apostles said unto the Lord, increase our faith," was constituted with prayer.
The roll of Synod, compiled from the rolls of the several Pres- Roll called. byteries, was called, and the attendance of members marked.
The Recording Clerk submitted a tabulated statement of changes affecting the Synod roll and thiated statement of the Summary which had occurred since the last meeting, of Probationers, in Roll, \&c. Reports of the several Presbyteries as read,-was ordered to be engrossed ine statement was taken follows :-

DEMISSIONS,
The following Ministers gave in their demissions, and were Twelve de loosed from their respective charges :- missions. In the Presbytery of Brockville-William Ferrie, A.M., of W.Ferrie, Prescott, on the 28th day of August ; Martin Lowrie, of Corn- W. F.M. A.M., wall, on the same day ; and Andrew Melville, of Colquhoun M. Lowrie. Settlement, on the 5th day of November, last year.
In the Presbytery of Ontario-John Baird, M. A., of Clare- J. Baird mont, and Erskine Church, Pickering, on the 5th day of May M. M. of the present year.
In the Presbytery of Paris-William Inglis, of Woodstock, on W. Inglis. the 6th day of August, last year
In the Presbytery of Montreal-Robert Binnie, of New Glas- R. Binnie. gow, on the 25th day of September, last year.
In the Presbytery of Hamilton-John Rennie, of Dunnville J. Rennie. and North ${ }^{4}$ Cayuga, on the 7th day of February, in the present year.
W. Troup. In the Presbytery of London-William Troup, of East and West Tilbury, on the 12th day of April, in the current year.
D. Coutts.

In the Presbytery of Toronto-David Coutts, of First and
J. Mitchell. Mitchell, Shinguacousy, on the 6th day of August, last year ; Jas.
J.Milligan. February of Boston Church and Milton, on the 5th day of day of M'; and James Milligan, of King and Laskey, on the 20th take effect of this current year-Mr. Milligan's deuission to $\mathbf{W}$. J. Mc. In the Presbytery of July next.
Kenzie. In the Presbytery of Cobourg-Wm. J. McKenzie, of Baltimore and Cold Springs, on the 5th day of May, in the current year; the Presbytery's Report stating that Mr. McKenzie was at the same time declared to be no longer a Minister of this Church.

## TRANBLATIONS.

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latiuns.
R. Wallace

The following Ministers, having accepted calls, were loosed from their respective congregations, and were inducted into new

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 harges, namely :-Robert Wallace, from Thorold and Drummondville, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the 24th of September, to West
$J$ Burton. Nurch, Toronto, in the Presbytery of Toronto, on the 6th of November, last year. John Burton, from Lyn, in the Presbythe of Brockville, on the 4th day of February, to Prescott, in present year.

## ORDINATIONS.

Sixteen or- The following Probationers were ordained, and, at the same time, inducted as pastors of the respective congregations, as un-
J. McNabb. In the Presbytery of Huron, John McNabb, Lucknow, on the 11th day of December, last year.
J. Douglas.

In the Presbytery of Ontario, James Douglar, Uxbridge and
A.C.Gillies Leaksdale, on the 16th of October, last year. In the Presbyter Settlement, on the 20th day of May, of the present year.
W. I. undy
E.H. Bauld
A.c. Mac- July the Presbytery of London, William Lundy, Strathroy, dounald Novemin, last year ; E. H. Bauld, Warwick, on the 27th of
M. DeMars. December ; and A. C. McDonald, Thamesford, on the 31st of G. M.Milli- December, last year ; Mr. DeMars, Kankakee City, on the 15th
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mid.
J. Becket,
W. A. JohnLine, on ; George M. Milligan, English Settlement and Proof-
M. Praser.
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 the 6th of February ary ; and John Becket, Thamesville, Indian In the Presbye 27th of May, of the current year. Church, Oro, on thy of Toronto, Wm, A. Johnston, Willis Barrie, and Guthrie Church, on the 10t; and Mungo Fraser, year ; R. M. Croll, First and, on the 10th day of October, last May; and John Aull, Knox Church, Brampton, and Malton, on the 20th day of May, in the present year.

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In the Presbytery of Ottawa, James Carswell, Beckwith and J. Carssvell. Ashton, on the 17th of October, last year.

## inductions.

The following Ministers were inducted into the Charges named Twelve In.
below, at the dates annexed to each respectively :- ductions.
In the Presbytery of Ontario, J. B. Edmondson, Columbus J. B. Edand Brooklin, on the 24th of March; and Robert Binnie, Lind- monison. say, on the 7 th of April, in the current year.
In the Presbytery of Montreal, Robert Fleming, Farnham, on R Fieming
the 8th of October, last year; and Wm. Scott, New Carlisle, W. Scott.
Hopeton, and Port Daniel, on the 6th of May, in the present year.

In the Presbytery of Hamilton, George Burson, St. Catherines, G. Burson. on the 22 nd day of October, last year.
In the Presbytery of Grey, Daniel Duff, North Brant, on the D. Duff. 19th of May of the present year.
In the Presbytery of London, Robert Scott, North and Sonth Re Soott. Plympton, on the 11th day of November, last year.
In the Presbytery of Toronto, William McGsorge Christie, w.M.Chris Mono Centre and Mono West, on the 2nd day of July; and tie
Howard D. Steele, Orangeville and Mono Mills, on the 19th of WD Steele. November, last year; Wm. Mcikle, Oakville, on the 15 th W. Meikle, day of January ; Robert Moodie, Tecumseth, First and Se 15th B. Moodie. on the 2nd day of June, in the current year.

In the Presbytery of Cobourg, W. C. Young, Norwood and W.C.Young Hastings, ou the 29th of October, last year.

## RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

The following ministers of other churches were received as Ministers ministers of this church, namely :By the Presbytery of Ontario, John McLean, late of the Con- J. MoLean gregational Church, as a minister in full standing, on the 9 th of J. Douglas. July, last year ; and on the same day, Jas. Donglas, a lisut of of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, United States, as a pre bationer ; and, on the 10th of March, of the present year, J. ${ }^{2}$ B. Edmondson, as a minister in full standing.
By the Presbytery of Paris, Wm. Meikle, of the Presbyterian W. Meikle. Church, (O.S.) United States, on the 6th of August, last year J. J. Priteand, by transference from the Presbytery of Ottast, last year ; chard. chard, as a probationer.

By the Presbytery of Toronto, J. Irvine Dunlop, from the J. I Dualop Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, on the 6th of August, H.D. Steele. last year; on the seventh of the same month, James Carssvell, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, (O.S.) United States ; Howard D. Steele, from the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, on the 5 th of November, last year.
By the Presbytery of Cobourg, George Malligan, B. A.
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J. McNabb. By the Presbytery of Huron, on the 9th day of July, last
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A. C. Gillies August last.
R. M. Croll. By the Presbytery of Kingston, on the 9th of August, last J. Aull. year, Archibald Christie Gillies, and Robert Milne Croll.

By the Presbytery of Ontario, on the 9th of July, last year,
J. W. Bell. By the Presbytery of Paris, J. W. Bell, on the 6th day of
August, last.
D. Davidson By the Presbytery of Montreal, Duncan Davidson, on the 26th D. J. McIn. of September, last year.
nes. McDiar- By the Presbytery of Grey, on the 27th of September, last, ${ }_{\text {mid }}$. McDiar- Duncan J. McInnes, and Neil McDiarmid.
A. 'c. Mc- By the Presbytery of London, on the 3rd of July, last, A. C. ${ }^{\text {D. R. Riley. }}$ McDonald ; and on the 24th of September, last, J. R. Riley.
J. R. Rinaser. By the Presbytery of Toronto, on the 7th of August, last, W. Burns. Mungo Fraser, and William Burns.

## REITRING MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

Address of The retiring Moderator addressed the Synod, thanking them
retiring Moderator. for the honor which they had, last year, conferred upon him, by putting him into the chair, and for all the courtesy and kindness which he had received in the discharge of its duties, and closing with the intimation that the time had now come for the election of a new Moderator.

## MODERATOR ELECTED.

Moderator elected.

The Synod proceeded to make choice of a new Moderator. The nominations for the office by the several Presbyteries being called for, it was stated that Mr. Alexander Topp, of Knox's Church, Toronto, had been nominated by all the Presbyteries. Whereupon, the retiring Moderator declared Mr. Topp chosen to the office of Moderator by the unanimous voice of the church. Mr. Topp then took the chair and addressed the Synod.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Business
Committee
Report.

## Bills' Com.

Members
appointed.

Pres, Grey.
The Committee on Business gave in a report, which was read by the Clerk of the Committee, Mr. David Waters. The report was received; and, in accordance with its recommendations, the following appointments were made :-
First, -To be members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, for the Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. John Laing and Lt.-Col. Haultain ; the said Presbytery having omitted to make the requisite appointments according to the Standing Orders.
It being stated the Presbytery of Grey had omitted to appoint an elder on the Bills and Overtures Committee, and no elder from that Presbytery being present, the appointment was deferred till tc-morrow.
Elders'Com-
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Mecondly,-To be a Committee on the Commissions of Elders, ters ; Mr. Wm. Begg, Wm. Moore, and James Black, minis- ters ; Mr. Wm. Begg, and Dr. Edmondson, elders ; Mr. Lowry,
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Thirdly,-To be Committees for examining the Records of the Presbytery several Presbyteries, as follows, namely :-Of the Presbytery of Records, Montreal-Messrs. D. Inglis, Jas. Robertson, (Paris,) and Committees Hon. J. McMurrich.

Ottawa-Messrs. G. Cuthbertson,' W. Craigie, and James Henderson.

Brockville-Messrs. T. S. Chambers, J. Scott, (L.) and Donald Robertson.

Kingston-Messrs. R. Monteath, Alex. Young, and W.
Rowan.
Cobourg-Messrs. W. Cochrane, J. Scott, (N.) and David
Ontario-Messrs. James Watson, T. Wardrope, and Alex. Fraser.

Toronto-Messrs. Jas. Middlemiss, Jas. Thom, and Adam Spence

Hamilton-Messrs. S.C. Fraser, J. McMechan, and Lt.-Col. Haultain.

Paris-Messrs. J. Burton, T. McPherson, and William
Guelph-Messrs. Geo. Riddell, Geo. Brown, and Andrew Whitlaw.

London-Messrs. D. Waters, J. McRobie, and Sam. Gaw. Stratford-Messrs. W. Gregg, W. Richardson, and Alex. Bartlett.

Huron-Messrs. W. McLaren, Jas. W. Mitchell, and
David McKay.
Grey-Messrs. Dr. Thornton, H. McQuarrie, A. Toshach.
The names placed first on the foregoing lists to be the con- Conveners. veners of the respective committees.
Fourthly, -To be a Committee for examining the Records of Synod the Synod :-Dr. Ormiston, convener, A. F. Kemp, and the Records Hon. Alex. Vidal.
Fifthly,-To be a Committee on the Returns to Remits of ${ }^{\text {on.; }}$ Synod sent down last year, to Presbyteries Returns to Remits of Remits, Re:John M. Gibson, convener ; Messrs. A, Wilson, James Whyte, mittee on. $\Sigma$ D. H. McVicar, ministers; Thomes Kirkland, and Peter Byrne. elders.

DIETS FOR BUSINESS.
It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Business Com- Business mitteee, that the diets of Synod, for business be the same as diets for. formerly, that is to say : to meet in the morning at ten o'clock, and continue in session till one; meet again at three o'clock, and adjourn at six ; resume at half-past seven and close at ten. It was, at the same time, agreed, so far to depart from this Meet toorder, that, to morrow morning the Synod shall meet at elenis morrow at o'clock, and the first hour shall be spent in devotional exercises.

BILLS' COMMITTEE-FLRST MEETING。
The Committee on Bills and Overtures were instructed to hold Bills' Com. their first meeting in the Basement of this Church, at nine first meet'g. o'clock, to-morrow morning.

PRESBYTERIES HAVE LEAVE TO MEET, ETC.
Pres, leave On the suggestion of the Business Committee, it was agreed
to meet. to meet. to grant leave to the several Presbyteries to meet on competent business, on the call of their respective Moderators, or Clerks, during the intervals between the Sederunts of Synod.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.
Thanks to On motion of Mr. D. H. McVicar, seconded by Mr. D. Inglis, Moderator. the Synod tendered thanks to Mr. Proudfoot, the retiring Moderator, for the ability with which he had discharged the duties of the Moderatorship last year, and for the excellent sermon by him now delivered.

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

## SECOND SEDERUNT

## Erskine Church, Montreal,

Wednesday, June 10th, 1868, 11 o'clock, A. M.
The Synod met and was constituted with praise, the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, by the Moderator, Mr. Alexander Topp.
Devotional As agreed upon, last night, the first hour was spent in devoExercises. tional services, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. W. T. McMullen, J. M. Roger, and Daniel Gordon, succeeding the Moderator in prayer, with the singing of Psalms and the reading of the Scriptures in the intervais.

The minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.
PREBBYTERY GREY-rLDER-bLLLS' COMMITTBE
Com. on The Synod took up the matter of appointing an elder on the
Bres. Grey.' Committee of Bills and Overtures for the Presbytery of Grey, deferred last night. There being yet no elder present from that Presbytery, the appointment was again delayed.

## ELDERS' COMMISSIONS-FIRST BEPORT.

Elden' Mr. Thomas Lowry, from the Committee on the Commissions
Commiss'ns of Elders, gave in a report, setting forth that certain elders
--Report on. named therein, had been regularly appointed by their respective Kirk Sessions, as their representatives in Synod ; and that certain others had, in like manner, been appointed to be substituted for

Alexandria
Session. elders whose names were now on the Roll. Mr. Lowry stated, also, that the Committee had received a Commission in favour of an Elder representing the Kirk Session of the congregation of Alexandria, in the Presbytery of Montreal, while the name of said congregation did not appear on the Roll of Synod, and, on behalf of the Committee, asked for the decision of the Synod in the premises.

The report in so far as it related to Commissions about which Report there was no question was adopted, and the names contained adopted in therein were ordered to be entered on the Roll, as recommended part. by the Committee.
In regard to the latter part of the repent, selating to Alex- Alexandria, andria, it was, on motion of Mr. D. Inglis, duly seconded, Roll, Pres. agreed, that, the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal be referreal referred back to said Presbytery with instructions to amend the said Pres. same by adding the congregation of Alexandria thereto.
It was further ordered, on motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Elder from Mr. McPherson, that the name of the Elder returned as repre- Alexandria senting the congregation of Alexandria be forthwith added to added to the the Synod Roll.

BIILS' COMMITTEE-FIRST REPORT.
The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in their first Bills Com. report, which was read by the Clerk of the Committee, Mr. D. 1st Report. Waters. The report was received, and the order of business therein recommended sustained.

## MARRIAGB-NOTICE OF MOTION.

In regard to one item mentioned in the Report of the Commit- Marriage tee on Bills, namely, that relating to the question of marriage with dewith a deceased wife's sister, Mr. T. McMullen gave notice of a ceasedwife's resolution which he should move on the subject, when the same tice of mocame up for discussion. which resolution was read by Mr. Mc- tion. Mullen at length.

## THE QUEEN-ADDRESS TO.

On motion of Principal Willis, duly seconded, the Synod agreed The Queen: to appoint, as they did and do hereby appoint, a committee to address to draft an Address to Her Majesty, the Queen, in reference to the $\mathrm{Com.on}$. late murderous attempt on the life of the Duke of Edinburgh, in Australia, and expressive of the Synod's recognition of the good hand of God in the escape of the yonthful prince from instant death, The Moderator then named the committee, as follows : Principal Willis, Professor Caven, Mr. Proudfoot.

## young men's christian association.

There was read and received a letter from the Young Men's Young Christian Association of Montreal, cordially inviting the mem- Men's Chris bers of Synod to visit the Reading Rooms of the Association,- oiation-letstating also, that a union Prayer-meeting was held at the rooms ter from. daily, at three quarters after twelve o'clock, and inviting members of Synod to their regular social meeting on the evening of Tuesday next.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the Benediction.

# THIRD SEDERUNT. 

Ersifine Church, Montreal

Wednesday, June 10th, 1868, 3, P.M.
The Synod met and was constituted with praise, the reading of the Scriptures and prayer,-Mr. Archibald Henderson, of St. Andrews, at the request of the Moderator, leading in the devotional exercises.
Min. read.
The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
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## Elders'

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sioners-
2nd Report. Mr. Lowry, from the Committee on Elders' Commissions, handed in and read a second Report, recommending that the names of certain Elders mentioned therein be entered on the Synod Roll. The report was received and its recommendation sanctioned.

## IICENSURE OF STCDENTS-APPLICATION FOR.

Studentsapplication to take on trials.

Leave granted.

There was read an application from the Presbytery of Toronto, for leave to take the students following on public probationary trials for license, namely :-James P. Baikie, James A. F. McBain, Hugh Currie, Andrew Milne, John Edgar Croly, Anson Forster, Nathaniel Clarke, Edward Reeve, and Wm. Mitchell, students of Theology of Knox College, who had completed their Curriculum. Extracts from the Records of the Presbytery, in reference to the said application, as also certificates, (with certain explanations), from Principal Willis in favour of said students were read.
There was also read an application from the same Presbytery for leave to take on trials John Campbell, who, it was stated, had attended Knox College for two sessions, and who was in attendance at the Divinity Hall of New College, Edinburgh, during the last session of that Institution. Also, an application from the same Presbytery, for leave to take on trials Mr. James Barron, who had attended Knox College for two sessions, and who had studied last winter in the Divinity Hall of the Free Church College, Glasgow. Various certificates in favour of the students named were read.

The Synod agreed to grant leave, as craved, to the Presbytery of Toronto, to take the several students above named on trials for license.

REOEPTION OF MINISTERS-APPLICATION FOR.
Reception Applications were laid before the Synod from Presbyteries for
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ford to receive as a Probationer, John L. Murray, Pa licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersy, United States. From the Presbytery of Ottawa, to receive as a Probationer, Hugh 【Crozier, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, afore named. From the Presbytery of Brockville, to receive as a Minister of this Church, Wm. Harvey Hew DeBourck, formerly a Minister of the Congregational Church. Several certificates bearing upon the applications foregoing, setting forth the standing and character of the parties named, were read.
It was agreed to refer the applications foregoing and all thereceptiou papers relating to the same to a committee to consider and reportcom. thereon. The committee was then appointed as follows :-Mr. Thomas McPherson, convener ; Messrs. James Black, D. H. Fletcher, J. Middlemiss, A. F. Kemp, G. Smellie, Ministers ; W. Heron and James Gibson, (Kingston) Elders.

> REMITS-RETURNS.

There were handed in Returns from Presbyteries and Sessions Remitsto certain Remits sent down last year. It was agreed to refer Returnsthe said Returns to the committee on this matter appointed at Com. the first sederunt last night.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL TO SIT.
The Presbytery of Montreal, on leave again asked, had per- Presby. of Montrealleave to sit.

## MARRIAGE-OVERTURE.

The Synod took up the Overture from the Kirk Session of Marriage, Knox Church, Woodstock, transmitted by the Presbytery of Overture, Paris, on the subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, Pres. Padstock consideration whereof was, at a certain stage, delayed at last Session. Synod.
The Overture was read.
A point of order was here raised by Mr. Andrew Wilson as to Point of the incompetency of an inferior court authoritatively to impugn Order. the doctrines of the Church, as set forth in the Confession of Faith, as it was maintained, was done by the terms of said Over- Point of orture. After reasoning for some time it was ruled by the Moder- der sustainator that the point of order was properly raised, and that the ed. Overture could not therefore be further entertained.

PSALMODY.
The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Psal- Psalmody mody, read and received last year, but consideration of which report on. was then delayed. The Report was read.
It was moved by Mr. David Inglis, seconded by Mr. David Motion. Waters,-That this Synod grant leave to such congregations as may desire it to make use of the Book of Psalms and Hymns for public worship sanctioned by the Synod of the English Presbyterian Church.

After reasoning, the hour of adjournment arrived, and, Mr.
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Andrew Wilson being in possession of the floor, the diet wae closed with the Benediction.

## FOURTH SEDERUNT

Erskine Chorche, Monteeal,
Wednesday, June 10th, 1868, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ P.M.
The Synod met and was constituted with praise, the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, Mr. Thomas Wardrope leading in prayer.
The Minutes of last Sederant were read and sustained.
HOME MISSION REPORT.
Home Miss. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Home Report. Missions. The Report was handed in and read by Mr. John Laing, the Convener of the Committee.
On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. A. F. Kemp, the Synod agreed as follows :-

1. That the Report be received, and the thanks of the Synod

Resolutions
on report.
be tendered to the committee, and especially to the convener.
2. In reference to the suggestions contained in the report adopt the first and fourth, and ordain accordingly.
3. In reference to the second suggestion, appoint a small Committee to consider the matter, and report to-morrow afternoon.

Recom-
mendation adopted.

The suggestions of the report adopted and ordained under the second resolution above, are as follows :-

1. That Presbyteries be, as they are hereby instructed to adopt at once such measures as shall prevent the accumulation of arrears in supplemented congregations; and not allow any minister to remain in a place, where, for any reason, the people neglect the duty of contribating to his support, as the Lord enables them.
2. That Presbyteries be, as they are hereby enjoined to take prompt and decided action in reference to congregations and stations within their bounds, which either neglect to send contributions to the funds, or contribute inadequately.
3. That the Synod repeat the instructions of last year, as the same are hereby repeated, to the effect that the names of students who may be licensed during the summer, and of ministers and probationers who may be received after this Synod be not put on the roll of probationers till October next, but that these continue to labor in the Mission Field till that time.
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The second suggestion referred to in Mr. Inglis third resoldtion above. is as follows :-
2. The Synod will render assistance to the Committee, if it will give instructions whether expenses incurted by Presbyteries in doing the mission work withim their bounds are to be deftajeel from the Central Fund, or from a separate fund rased by eueff
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The Committee on this suggestion was then appointed, as Oommittee follows :-Messrs. A. F. Kemp, D. Inglis, W. Cochrane, D. H. Susgeestion McVicar, J. Laing, Ministers ; the Hon. J. McMurrieh and the suggestion. Hon. A. Vidal, elders ; Mr. Kemp to be convener.

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

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Erseine Church, Montreal, Thursday, June 11, 1868, 10, A.M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises. Mr . George Riddell, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.
The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Minutes read.
DR. BAYNE INVITED TO SIT.
At the request of Dr. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Payne, of Pictou, Dr. Bayne Nova Scotia, was invited to take his seat in Synod as a corres-invited to
ponding member: sit.

## REPORT BILLA' COMMITTEE.

Mr. D. Waters, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, Bills' Com. read a second report, arranging the order of business for the 2nd Report. day. The report was received, and the recommendations thereof were adopted.
The Bills' Conmittee, in giving in their report, called the bills' Com. attention of the Syuod, to the fact that the Presbytery of Huron appointm'nt had appointed two ministers on the the said Committee, instead to. of a minister and an elder. The Synod, thereupon, appointed Mr. James Aikenhead, elder, instead of Mr. John Ross.

> THE QUREN-ADDRESS TO-REPORT.

Principal Willis, from the Committee appointed yesterday, to The Queen draft a loyal address to the Queen, in regard to the late attempt-dratt adon the life of the Duke of Edinburgh, submitted and read a dress. draft address. The report of the Committee was received, and the draft address approved, with instructions to the Committee to make such verbal alterations in the same, as in their discretion may appear necessary, in the sense of suggestions now offered by several members of Synod.

## APPLICATION-PRESBYTERY BROCKVILLE.

There was read an application from the Presbytery of Brockville, Application for leave to retain the name of Mr. Andrew Melville, now with. Pres. Brock. out charge, on the Roll of the said Presbytery. It was moved by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded ville, Mr. A. that in view of the impor. Molaren, seconded by Mr. W. Gregg, Motion. tion of the Presbytery of Brockville, the Synod do not, in the
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meantime, grant the application ; but direct the Presbytery, if they see fit, to bring up by Overture the status which should hereafter be accorded to ministers in the position of the Rev, Mr. Melville.
Ist Amend- It was moved in amendment by Principal Willis, seconded by ment. Mr. S. C, Fraser, that the Synod, having regard to the importance of the question involved in such applications, and reserving any general rule for future consideration, grant the present request on the special grounds stated by the Presbytery of Brockville.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. D. Waters,

2nd Amendment.

Votes-Decision.

Extracts
craved. seconded by Mr. J. McMechan, that the prayer of the petition be granted, and Mr. Melville's name added to the Roll of the Presbytery of Brockville.

Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Waters was succes. sively carried over the amendment of Principal Willis, and over the main motion of Mr. McLaren, and the Synod decided in terms of the said amendment.

Extracts were craved, on behalf of the Presbytery of Brockville, by Mr. W.!Lochead.

Mr. D. B. Cameron.
Application
Presbytery London.

## APPLICATION-MR. D. B. CAMERON-PRESBYTERY LONDON,

There was read an application from the Presbytery of London, for leave to take on trials for license, Mr. D. B. Cameron, a student of divinity under the charge of the Presbytery, should it be found expedient to do so, before the next meeting of Synod.
Extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Londou in relation to the said application were read, and favorable testimony was borne to the character and attainments of $\mathbf{M r}$. Cameron by members of the Presbytery and others.
The Synod agreed to grant the application of the Presbytery $\underset{\text { kranted. }}{\text { Application }}$ of London as craved.

## MR. BENNETT INVITED TO CORRESPOND.

At the request of Dr. Irvine, the Rev. Mr. Bennett, from the Mr. Bennett
invited to Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, being present, invited to Presbyterian church of the Lower Provinces, being present,
sitin Synod. was invited to take his seat in the Synod as a corresponding member.

## KNOX COLLEGE-REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Board of Management Knox Col- of Knox College. The Report was handed in and read by Mr. lefe, Report David Inglis, the chairman of the Board.
Senate
Report
The Report of the College Senate was read by Principal Willis.

## Report.

Recommen- not deemed necessary to dations. mend necessary to read, and also stated several recomanctations adopted by the Board, and submitted for the sanction of the Synod.
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On motion made and duly seconded the Report of the College Board was received.
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On motion of Mr. Waters, seconded by Dr. Thornton, it was Recommenagreed, that the Synod proceed now to consider the recommend- dations to ations of the College Board Report; seriatim. be considered.
The first recommendation was read and adopted, and it was 1st Recom. agreed to remit to a small Committee to bring in a motion as to mendation the lecturers to be appointed and on the details of $\{$ the subjects, adopted. for the consideration of the Synod.

The recommendation is of the following tenor:-
1st Recom-

1. That the lectureships in the College be continued, and that mendation. the regulations in reference to the time when the classes shall meet, and the order in which the subjects shall be taught be left with the Board of Management.

The second recommendation was read in reference to the rule 2nd Recomformerly adopted, limiting the number of times which students mendation might be allowed to take Sabbath Services, during the Session of read. the College, to three times ; and submitting to the Synod that the regulation on this subject be amended so as to leave the matter at the discretion of the Senate.

It was moved by Mr. Ure, and seconded,-That this recom- Mution, mendation be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Waters, seconded by Dr. Amendment Ormiston,-That the students of the first and second Theological years be not permitted to go out to preach oftener than six times, during the session, and that the students of the last year be permitted to preach as ofteu as the Senate may consider advisable.
A vote being taken, the amendment was carried, and the Amendm'm. Synod decided in terms thereof. carried.

## NOMINATION COMRMITTEE.

The committee to nominate the Standing Committees was now Standing appointed by the Moderator, as follows :-Messrs. D. H. McVicar, Committoe W. Moore, W. Bennett, W. McLaren, D. Waters, Dr. Thornton, nominate. W. Gregg, J. Porteous, T. Lowry, G. Cuthbertson, R. Hamilton, A. D. McDonald, A. Tolmie, J. Middlemiss, Ministers ; the Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. D. McKay, J. Henderson, W. Begg, Elders. Mr. Lowry, Convener.

## NOTICE OF MOTION-MR, KEMP,

Mr. A. F. Kemp read a resolution, as an instruction to the Nomination Committee, in reference to certain arrangements which it would be expedient to make in regard to the appointment of the Standing Committees, as to the localities which should form the seats of the respective committees; and gave notice that he should move the said resolution at the next Sederunt.

## THANKSGIVING-NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice was given by Principal Willis that, at a future Sede-Thankssivrunt, he should move that certain instructions be given to the ing Day:: Moderator in regard to his calling on the Church, at a seasonable time, during the current year, to recognize, in some suitable manner, the goodness of God in His Providence toward this land.

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

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Erskine Church, Montreal, Thursday, June 11th, 1868, 3, P.M. The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr . Andrew Tolmie, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
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The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
M. DESISLET INVITED TO SIT.
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correspond. French Chureh, Craig Street, Montreal, was invited to sit with the Synod as a corresponding member.

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nta seration of the recommendations Mr. D. in the Report of the Board of Knox College.
Mr. D. Inglis read the next recommendation, submitting to Youngod the expediency of appointing Mr. George Paxton for the to take charge of the preparatory training of candidates
Mr. Young
appointed and agred moved by Mr. T. Wardrope, seconded by Mr. Tolmie, with and an-That this Recommendation be cordially complied out, and authority given to the Board of Management to carry out the arrangement with Mr. Young.

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The next Recommendation, in relation to students of this Church taking their Theological course, wholly, or in part, at any Foreign Theological Institution, but inteuding to labour in
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The seeond specification, embracing three particulars, marked wi,,$c$, was read. The first and second particulars were adopted adopted. $\quad$ after reasoning, the third particular was

## Regulation

as whole.

The regulations as adopted by the Synod are as follows : I. That students of this class be required not to omit any part of the LiteraryCourse which this Church has prescribed as preparatory to the entrance on Theological Study.
II. (a.) That, in order to facilitate the admission of said class of students to the status of preachers in this Church, they be strongly urged to present themselves, on the completion of their Theological course, for trials for license, before one of the Presbyteries of this Church.
(b.) That, in the case of students of the class specified, who may take license in any Foreign Church, previous to the termination of their Theological Curriculum, such Curriculum must be completed before the license so obtained shall be recognized by
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(c.) That students who shall, on the completion of their Curriculum, have obtained license in a Foreign Church may be received as preachers by any of the Presbyterios of this Church, on the production of the necessary evidence of licensure, as well as of their having completed their Theological studies; but preachers thus received shall not be employed as probationers, nor be eligible for settlement sooner than students of the same year who shall have been licensed by this Church.
On motion the Report, as amended, was adopted as a whole, aeport and was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of whople, as Syuod.

## LECTURESHIPS COMMITTEE,

The Moderator now named the Committee, agreed apon in Lecture. the morning, to bring in a motion as to the Lecturers to be mins, Coinappointed in Knox College for next Session, and the details re- mittee ou. quisite in carrying out the purpose of such appointment, as fol-lows:-Messrs. D. Inglis, J. Laing, D. Waters, A. Wilson, J. Scott, (London), W. Cochrane, Dr. Jennings, Hon. J. McMurrich, and Lieut. Col. Haultain. Mr. Laing, Couvener.

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCLATION.

The Moderator read a letter from the Board of the Mercantile Mercantils Library Association of this city, cordially inviting the members Library Asof Synod, during their stay in Montreal, to visit, and make $u$ se Sociation,of, the Rooms of the Association in Real to visit, and make use Letter from.
The Synod agreed to record their thate Street.
Mercantile Library Association for the kind invite Board of the structed the Clerk of Synod to for the kind invitation, and iucommunication and to inform acknowledge the receipt of their Synod thereon.

## PSALMODY.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Com- Pxalmody mittee on Psalmody, interrupted by the adjournment yesterday Report re. afternoon,-Mr. Wilson, of Kingston, being in possession of the sumed. floor.

After reasoning for some time, Mr. D. Inglis asked and 1st. Motion obtained leave to withdraw the motion which he had, yesterday, withdrawtit offered on this subject, and to substitute another motion therefor., stiot her sui. The motion is as follows :-
Moved by Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, -That the Synod having considered the Report of the Psalmody Committee, and having had their attention directed to the Book of Psalmı, and Hymms for Public Worship, sanctioned by the Synod of the teries and that Presbyteries The discussion
the diet was closed, Mr. flonr.

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

## SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Erskine Church, Montreal, Thursday, June 11th, 1868, 7.30, P.M.
The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Morrison, of Madrid, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.
Minutesread The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Roy in. At the request of Mr. W. Fraser, the Rev. Mr. Roy, from the
vited to currespond. ${ }^{\text {nt. Preybyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, being present, was }}$ invited to take his seat in the Synod as a corresponding member.

## deputation from lower provinces.

Deputation The Rev. Dr. McCulloch, of Truro, Nova Scotia, and the Rev.
from Pres. trom Pres. Mr. Bennett. of St. John's, New Brunswick, were introduced to vinees. Pro. Dhe Synod by Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, as a deputation from the vinces, Dr: Synod of the Presbyterian Proolegtesias Churches of the Lower ${ }_{M r}$ Mr.Bennett Provinces, and were welcomed by the Moderator. There was handed in at the same time, and read, a Commission under the hand of the Clerk of the Synod of the said church, appointing these brethren to convey to this Synod the fraternal and christian salutations of the church represented by them.
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seve. McCulloch then addressed the Synod, at length, gíving several details of interest regarding the extent and work of the church in the Lower Provinces, as respected both their Home and Foreign operations; and expressing the warm interest taken by the church in those Provinces in the prosperity and progress of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bennett's address. $\qquad$ especially on the desirableness of mone the dweling especially on the desirableness of more extended union among the separated branches of the great Presbyterian family in this and other lands, and the duty of cultivating an enlarged christian charity, extending beyond the bounds of denominational relationships, and closing with the renewed expression of the christian salutations of the church whose commission he held.
The Rev. Dr. Bayne and the Rev. Mr. Roy, from the church of the Lower Provinces, who had previously been invited to sit as corresponding members, on the invitation of the Moderator, briefly addressed the Synod.
It was moved by Mr. Irvine, seconded by Dr. Jennings, and agreed, that this Synod has heard with much pleasure the statements made by the deputation, from the church of the Lower Provinces, regarding their position, progress, ministerial, and
Motion by

Dr. Irvine missionary labors :- that the Synod reciprocate the friendly feelings expressed by said deputation, and desiderate their mutual cultivation, and requests the deputation to assure the Synod of the Lower Provinces that it is their earnest desire to draw closer the bonds which already unite them, by frequent interchange of sentiment, while cherishing the hope that the time may soon come, when all the branches of the Presbyterian Family in the

## reprot of deputation to lower provinces.

## Mr. James Court, one of the deputation appointed by this Report; Mr

 Synod last year, to visit the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, of Court, frome the Lower Provinces, here gave a brief report of the discharge denutation very cordial reception the duty intrusted to them, and of the Provinces.The Moderator then addressed been accorded them.
in the name of the Synossed the deputation, thanking them, Deputation convey to the church in the , and requesting that they would addressed the deep interest which this Synod feel inces the expression of by the Modadvancement of their Sister Church.

## HGUR OF ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was moved hy Mr . Mntion to D. Waters, seconded by Mr. T. Alexander, that the Synod con. sit longer. tinue to sit some time longer, and that the report of the Committee on the Kankakee Mission be now read.
lt was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Kemp.
that the Synod do now adjourn, by Mr. Kemp, and seconded, 1. Amendbe taken up to-morrow evening.
It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. John Ross, and 2. Amendseconded, that the Synod do now adjourn. ment
A vote being taken, the motion for adjournment was carried, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

## EIfHTH SEDERUNT.

## Erskine Church, Mentreal.

Friday, June 12th, 1868, 10, A.M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. William Moore, Ottawa, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Minutes } \\ & \text { read. }\end{aligned}$

> ROLL TO BE CALLED.

Mr. Thomas Lowry, on behalf of the Committee on the Com-Roll to be missions of Elders, requested that ten minutes be allowed at the called. close of this Sederunt, to call the Roll of Elders, whereupon, it was agreed that the Roll, both of Ministers and Elders, be called

## BILIS' COMMITTEE-THIRD REPORT

The Committee on Bills and Overtures handed in a third Bills' Corm., report, which was read by Mr. D. Waters, the Clerk of the ${ }^{\text {3rd report., }}$ Committee. The report was received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned, with certain additions suggested by Mr. Waters.

## REOEPTION COMMITTEE-REPORT.

Reception
Com.report.
Previously to entering upon the business on the docket for the day, the Committee on applications from Presbytories for leave to receive ministers of other churches, were permitted to give in their report. The report was handed in and read by Mr. Thos.
Rrockville-McPherson, the Convener, setting fovth that they had examined Mr. Hew de the papers relating to the application of the Presbytery of Brockville, for the reception of Mr. Hew de Bourck as a minister of this church, and recommended that leave should be granted, as eraved, to the Presbytery of Brockville to receive Mr. Hew de Bourck as minister of this church.
Ottawa, Mr. In the case of the application, on behalf of Mr. Crozier, by Crozier. the Presbytery of Ottawa, the Committee found that Mr. Crozier came under the rule for the reception of licentiates of Mr . Hew de other churches, and recommended accordingly.
Bourck to The Synod agreed to grant leave to to the Presbytery of be received. Brockville to receive Mr. Hew de Bourck as a minister of this church, as craved.
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to be receiv. The Synod further decided, that Mr. Crozier be not subjected ed. ed. to the rule adopted yesterday, in regard to students of this church receiving licenses from Presbyteries of Foreign Churches. and that leave be granted to the Presbytery of Ottawa to receive Mr. Crozier, under the general regulations for the reception of
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Murray. Presbytery of Stratford, on behalf of Mr. John L. Murray Ministers from other Churches. Presbytery of Stratford, on behalf of Mr. John L. Murray. After reasoning, the report, as far as it respected this application, was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration and amendmeut, to be brought up at another time.

MR. A. THOMPSON-APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.
A. Thomp- The Presbytery of Montreal, asked leave to withdraw the ${ }_{\text {of Montreal }}^{\text {gnin Prep }}$ application before the Synod last year, for leave to ordain Mr. application Alexander Thompson a lay missionary ; and consideration of withdrawn. which application was then delayed. Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Montreal to withdraw the application, as craved.

STANDING COMMITTEE-MR, KEMP'S MOTION.
Standing
Committees
俍 motion. given notice yesterday, in relation to the appointment of Standing Committees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniel Paterson, of St. Andrew's, and is as follows :-

That for the more effectual working of the Missionary and other Schemes of the Church, the Committee on the nomination of Standing Committees be instructed as follows :-

1. That the regular places of meeting of the several Committees be appointed as follows :-
2. The Foreign Mission Committees and the various committees connected with the Montreal College, at Montreal.
3. The Committee on the State of Religion at the city of Ottawa.
4. The Committees on Sabbath Oisservance, Sabbath Schoo:
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the various committees connected with Knox College, at Toronto.
5. The Committees on Widows' and Orphans', and on Disabled

Ministers' Fund, in Hamilton.
6. The Committeees on the St. Anne Mission, and the Buxton

Mission at London.
II. That the Conveners and Members of these Committees be the Ministers and Elders, residing at, or near, the above mentioned places; that the Committees do not exceed eighteen in number; and that, in nominating said committees consultation be had with the existing Committees.
It was moved in amendment by Principal Willis, seconded by Amendment Mr. A. Crose,-That the Synod see no sufficient ground for altering the mode of appoiating the Standing Committees, and that the method hitherto in use be adhered to.

A vote being taken, the amendment of Principal Willis was $\Delta$ mendment carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in accordance ${ }^{\text {carried. }}$

## division of toronto presbytery.

There was read a Memorial from certain ministers of the Pres- Division bytery of Toronto, praying that the said Presbytery be divided, and a new Presbytery formed within the bounds thereof, to ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Presbytery. composed of certain ministers and congregations thereof, to be Petition for, There were read, also, extracts congregations named.
bytery of Toronto, transmittits from the minutes of the Pres- Exrract Messrs. Rodgers and Gray, and Professor Caven to appointing Miuutes. same before the Synod.

The Moderater here left the Chair, which, at his request, was ${ }_{\text {lefirator }}^{\text {Moder }}$ taken by Mr. Proudfoot, the last Moderator. Messrs. Rodgers and Gray, and Professor $C$ in Messrs. Rodsupport of the Memorial. After reasoning, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to bring ven Proa, Ca, in a Finding, with a view to carrying out the prayer of the morial. The Committee was arrying out the prayer of the Me- Petition Messrs. A. F. Kemp Gray, Convener. The Moderater returned to the Chair.

## APPEAI-MISS BAIRD.

Moderator
resumed
Chair.
Appeal, Miss
Baird.
The Synod proceeded to consider a protest and appeal of Miss Baird, against a finding of the Presbytery of Ottawa.
Parties were called and appeared, viz:-Miss Baird, appellant Parties for herself, Messrs. Moore and Gourlay, for the Presbytery of called. Ottawa, Mr. McKenzie, for the Session of Ramsay, and Mr. Toshach, for himself and his wife.

The papers in the case were read.
It was moved by Mr. D. Inglis, and seconded,_That in accor-Papeis read. dance with the recommendation of the Comed,-That in accor- Appeal to be case be at once sent to a Committee, to Committee on Bills, this $\frac{\text { pent to }}{}$ Com. deliverance for the adoption of Synod ${ }^{\text {consider and bring in a }}{ }^{\text {Motion. }}$ deliverance for the adoption of Synod.

## Amend

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Carried,
Committee.
It was moved in amendment, by Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. W. McLaren, that before putting the matter into the hands of a Committee, the parties in the case be first heard.
A vote being taken, the motion was carried, and the Synod ordered accordingly.
The Moderator then named the Committee as follows:-Messrs. D. H. McVicar, W. Gregg, A. Wilson, J. J. A. Proudfoot, R. Hamilton, with the Hon. A. Vidal, and Mr. James MoDonald, Elders;-Mr. McVicar, Convener.
The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## NINTH SEDERUNT.

## Erskine Church, Montreal,

Friday, June, 12th, 1868, 3, P. M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John Duff, of Elora,' at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
Minutes read The Minutes of the Sederunt were read and sustained.
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Miss Baird's Mr. D. H. McVicar, appointed in the morning as Convener of anveal, the Committee, on the appeal of Miss Baird, requested for reasons assigned by him, that he be now relieved from serving ou the said Committee ; that additional members be appointed thereon ; and also, that the Committee be allowed to sit for some time during this Sederunt.

The request of Mr. McVicar was granted, and he was thereupon relieved from further service on the Committee.

Mr. D. Inglis, Mr. Monteath, and Mr. T. McPherson were then added to the Committee,-Mr. McPherson, Convener.
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Leave was also granted to the Committee to sit as requested, during this Sederunt.

DIVISION, TORONTO PRES., ETC.
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o! Simeoe. That the prayer of the application, from the Presbytery of Toronto, be granted.

1. That, accordingly, a new Presbytery be set apart from the Presbytery of Toronto, to be called the Presbytery of Simcoe.
2. That the said Presbytery shall comprise all the Ministers, Congregations and Stations in the County of Simcoe, excepting those in the Township of Mono, together with those in the Townships of Melancthon and Osprey, in the County of Grey.
3. That Mr. William Fraser be its first Moderator, and that [548]
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its first meeting be held in the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on the first Tuesday of July next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.
The Report was adopted and the Synod ordered in accordance therewith.

## RECEPTION COM. REPORT.

Mr. Thomas McPherson, from the Committee on applications Reception for the reception of Ministers, to whom was recommitted that Committee part of their Report, submitted in the morning, relating to the Reports. position of Mr. J. L. Murray, handed in and read the Report as amended, setting forth in substance, that after due inquiry they were satisfied that Mr. Murray had gone through the regular Curriculum of study, prescribed by the Church, previous to licensure, and recommending that he be received as a minister from the Old School Presbyterian Church in the United States.
The Report was received and adopted, and the Synod ordered Renort in accordance therewith. adopted.

## HOME MISSION

Mr. A. F. Kemp, from the Committee appointed to frame a Homo Mis. deliverance on the second recommendation of the Report of the sion Report. Home Mission Committee, submitted for the adoption of Synod 2. Recomthe following resolutions, which, on motion, were received and adopted as under :-

1. That all incidental expenses connected with the operations of the Home Mission Work in Presbyteries be defrayed by the Presbyteries, and be not a claim on the Central Fund.
2. That the costs of all exploring and aggressive Missionary Work undertaken and sanctioned by the Presbyteries, be defrayed out of the Home Mission Fund.

## home mission report adopted, etc.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. P. Currie, the Re- Home Misport of the Home Mission Committee was adopted as a whole , sion Report, and was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of adoptede, Synod. be printed.
GERMAN MISSION.
Mr. Leutzinger, as recommended by the Committee on Bills, German in the morning, was heard in regard to the Mission in which he Mission.Mr. is engaged among the German population of the County of heardin.
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## THANKS TO H. M. CONVENER.

The Moderator, on behalf of the Synod, now addressed the Home MisCouvener of the Home Mission Committee, thanking him in cor- sion.Thanks dial terms for the ability, and diligence, and zeal with which, tocouveuer. during the last year, he had discharged the very onerous duties of the important trust committed to him.
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Mr. Laing replied.

## PREACHING BEFORE SYNOD.

Preaching The Synod here appointed Dr. Taylor, Mr. D. H. McVicar,
hefore synod. Com. and Mr. D. McKay, Elder, a Committee to make arrangements in. for the supply of the pulpit of Erskine Church on the ensuing Lord's Day.

## APPEAL-MISS BAIRD.

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Com. on.
Mr. Thomas McPherson, from the Committee on the Appeal of Miss Baird, handed in and read a Report of the following tenor :-The Committee appointed by the Synod in the matter of Appeals from the Presbytery of Ottawa by Miss Baird, beg to report, that after reading the various papers in the case, they unanimously agreed to recommend to the Synod that the Appeals be dismissed, and that the action of the Presbytery be sustained.

It was moved by Mr. J. Laing, seconded by Dr. Thornton,That the Report be received and adopted.
$\underset{m}{1 \text { st Ament. }}$ It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. D. H. McVicar, and duly seconded,-That the Minutes of the Kirk Session of Ramsay, bearing on the case be read, and that the parties be now heard.
2nd Amend- It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. Kemp, seconded
uent. by Mr. D. Inglis, -That in the meantime the Report do lie on the table, and that the Synod proceed with the business on the docket.
1st Amend. Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. McVicar was carment car- ried over that of Mr. Kemp, and over the main motion of Mr.
ried. Laing, and the Synod decided to proceed in terms of said amendment.
Ramsay Ses. The Minutes of the Kirk Session of Ramsay, and also extracts fres read. from the records of the Presbytery of Ottawa, in the case were read.
The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned; the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## TENT'H SEDERUNT.

## Erskine Church, Montreal.

Friday, June 12th, 1868, $7 \frac{1}{2}$, P.M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises;

Minutes read.

Mr. Gregg, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
immemorial practice of this church, and is not to be permitted in any congregation connected threwith. And, further, the Synod cannot refrain from expressing regret that, notwithstanding repeated recommendations, so little interest is taken generally with a view to the improveruent of the service of Praise in Public Worship, and again urge on Kirk-Sessions and congregations to cousider their responsibility in the matter, and to be at pains and expense with a view to the improvement of this important part of Public Worship.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Irvine, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Andrew Melville,-That the Synod having heard the Report of the Committee on the Remit of last year anent the Overture and Menorial of the congregation of Knox Church, Montreal, on Instrumental Music, and finding that five Presbyteries, as al o respectable minorities in some of the other Presbyteries, are favorable to the prayer of the memorial, therefore the Synod resolves, that it is inexpedient to forbid the privilege of Instrumental aid in public praise to such congregations as may, unauimonsly, or by large majorities, wish the same.
Aljournm't After long reasoning, the hour of adjournment having arrived.

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It was moved by Mr. T. McPherson, seconded by Mr. A. Tolmie, that the Synod do now adjourn.

It was moved by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. Waters, that the Synod continue in Session till eleven o'clock.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. A. Wilson, and seconded, that the rule requiring the Synod to adjourn at ten o'clock be suspended, and that the Synod continue to sit until
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Committee the discussion on the matter before the House is finished.

Votes heing taken, the motion of Mr. McPherson was carried, and the Synod resolved to adj urn.

After deciding upon adjourmment, but previously to the actual rising of the Synod. a Report was handed in and read, from the Comimittee, to make arrangements for preaching in Erskine Church on the ensuing Lord's Day, appointing Mr. Alexander Topp, the Moderator to preach at eleven o'clock in the morning, and Mr. David Waters, of Port Hope, at seven o'clock in the evening. The Report was received and adopted, and the Synod ordered accordingly.

The diet was then closed with the Benediction.

## ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

## Erskine Church, Montreal,

## Saturday, June 13, 1868, 10, A.M.

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

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
APPLICATION-PRES. OF MONTREAL-REV. W. FORLONG.
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craving leave to receive, as a minister of this church, Mr. Wm. Preshytery Forlong, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower MontrealProvinces. The papers accompanying the application bearing Rorv, W. testimony to the ministerial character and standing of Mr. Forlong, were read.
The Synod agreed to refer the application with, all the papars in the case to the Committee on the Reception of Ministers, already appointed.

## COMMITTEE ON BLLLS-FOURTH REPORT.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures handed in a fourth Bills' Com. Report arranging the order of business, which was read by Mr. 4th Repurt. D. Waters, the Clerk of the Committee. It was moved by Mr. Waters, and seconded, that the Report of the Committee be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. R. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. J. M. Roger, that the appeal from Ottawa he first taken up. The amendment was lost and the recommendations of the Committee as to the order of business were sanctioned.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Returns to the Remit Instrumenon the Overture on Instrumental Music in public worship. Mr. ta! Music. Andrew Melville being in posession of the floor.
It was moved, in further amendment, on this subject by Mr . J. Laing, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, as follows :-

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Whereas, further, to use iustruments in connection with the Worship of God, or to allow their introduction is a departure from the present practice of this Church, as hitherto understood:-

Therefore resolve-
I. To declare :-

1. That the use of Instruments of Mnsic as an aid in the Sorvice of Praise is sanctioned by Scripture, and is not inconsistent with the Standards of this Church.
2. That, though the general introduction of Organs into our Churches is not expedient nor desirable, chiefly in view of the strife and divisions which thus might be engendered, and the liability, through an improper use of the Instrument, of interfering with the general singing of congregations ; nevertheless, the use or disuse of Instrumental Music as an aid in the Service of Praise onght not to be made a term of Communion in the Church of Christ.
II. With the view of protecting Christian liberty of conscience [553]
and worship, and at the same time observing regularity of ecclesiastical procedure in making a change which affects the worship of the Church, to send down this deliverance to Presbyteries and Sessions, in terms of the Barrier Act,-Proposing that the Synod grant liberty to congregations to use Instrumental Music as an aid in the Service of Praise, subject to the following regu-
3. That Congregations, already organized, and not in connection with this Church, which have been wont to use Instrumental Music as an aid in the Service of Praise, may be received into this Church without giving up such use of Instruments.
4. That congregations to be hereafter organized, may be permitted to use Instruments as aids in the Service of Praise, provided that intimation of such intention has been given at the time of the organization of such congregations.
5. That Kirk Sessions of congregations already in this Church may introduce an Instrument when, after due notice and opportunity to object having been afforded to members in full communion, the congregation is unanimous; the uanimity being manifest by the absence of formal protest taken when the resolution to introduce the Instrument was adopted.
6. That in cases where there is not unanimity, but where the majority of the members in full communion are in favour of introducing an Instrument, this may be done with the knowledge and consent of the Presbytery of the bounds; provided, always, that violence is not thereby done to the conscience of such as cannot enjoy Gospel Ordinances without leaving the communion of this Church, nor the harmony of the congregation imperilled.
7. That, as to regulate the Service of Praise belongs primarily to the Kirk Sessions, these courts be instructed to take order in accordance with the above regulations, and, particularly, to see that the tunes and music used in Public Worship be such as will not interfere with general singing, or otherwise affect the becoming solemnity of Spiritual Worship.
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It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. A. F. Kemp, seconded by Mr. W. Cochrane,-That the whole question of the use of Instrumental Music, as an aid in conducting Public Worship, be left to the discretion of congregations, subject to the ordinary review of the Courts of the Church.
The hour of adjournment having arrived while Mr. Kemp was supporting his motion, it was moved and seconded that the Synod do now adjourn. It was moved, in amendment, and seconded, That the Synod contimue in Session till Mr. Kemp shall have concluded. The amendment was carried by a majority, and the Synod agreed to continue in Session.

At the request of Mr. Kemp, the discussion was postponed, and the Synod then agreed to adjourn.

After this decision, but before the rising of the Synod, there were submitted and read, several motions, for the disposal of the question before the House, of which motions the numbers, and the names of the movers and seconders are as follows:-

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No. 6. Mr. A. D. McDonald, Mr. John Scott, (London).
" 7. Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. David Inglis.
" 8. Mr. William McLaren, Mr. David Waters.
" 9. Principal Willis, Mr. John McTavish.
On motion of Dr. Jemings it was ordered that three hundred Printing or copies of the several motions as above, as well as those submitted der for. last night, be printed, so that copies may be put into the hands of members of Synod on Monday morning.
The diet was then closed with the Benediction.

## TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

> Erskine Church, Montreal, Monday, June 15th, 1868, 11, A.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Principal Willis, at the request of the Moderator, offiering prayer.
The Minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.
Minutesread

## Simcoe Presbytery-1st Meeting.

Mr. William Fraser, called the attention of the Synod to the SimroePrey fact that it would be impossible for him, on account of a pre-en. 1st Meetiug gagement, to be present at the first meeting of the newly erected Presbytery of Simcoe, on the first Tuesday of July, and requested that the Synod would either relieve him from the office or first moderator, to which he had been appointed, or change the day for the first meeting of said Presbytery. On motion, the Synod ordered that the first meeting of the newly erented Presbytery of Simcoe, be held at the place and hour first fixed upon, on the second Tuesday of July, instead of the first Tuesday, as first arranged.

## Dr. Bayne-Address of.

At the suggestion of Mr. Prondfoot, and on the invitation of Dr. Bayne's the Synod, Dr. Bayne of Nova Scotia, addressed the house in address, regard to the condition of the Foreign Mission of the Church of PoreinuMisthe Lower Provinces, expressing the than of the Church of sion or furnish a Missionary, or Missionaries to labour with their ${ }^{\text {L. }} \mathbf{P}$. own in the South Sea Islands, and embracing the occasion to bid the Synod farewell.

On motion of Principal Willis, the Synod agreed to express Motion. their sympathy with the Church of the Lower Provinces in the work in which they are engaged among the Heathen, and cordially to reciprocate the kindly sentiments expressed by Dr. Bayne.

## Instrumental Music.

The Synod resumed consideration of the question of the use of Instrumen. instrumental music in Public Worship, interrupted by the ad. tal Music.
journment on Saturday-Mr. Kemp being in possession of the floor.
10th Amend- It was moved, in further amendment on this question by Dr. ment. Jennings, seconded by Mr.W. Gregg,-That the Overture on the use of instrumental music in Worship be laid on the Table.

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

## THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

> Erskine Church, Montreal, Montreal, June 15th, 1868, 3, P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises. Professor Caven, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.
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Ten minutes On motion of Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. David McKay, Rule. Elder, it was agreed that in the further discussion of this subject the speakers shall be limited in their addresses to the space of ten minutes.
${ }^{4 \text { th }}$ Amend. Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. T. Lowry, now moved the ment. amendment submitted and read by him on Saturday, as follows:

Whereas, a majority of Presbyteries disapprove of the Overture anent the use of. Instrumental Music in the worship of God, therefore :-

Resolved,-That the said Overture be now rejected, adherence to the Standards and uniform practice of this church in the manner of praise affirmed ; and that Kirk Sessions and Congregations be strongly recommended to use all proper means in their power to cultivate sacred music, that they may join still more harmonionsly in this delightful part of God's Worship.
5th Amend- Mr. A. D. McDonald, seconded by Mr. John Scott, of
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ment. London, moved the amendment submitted by him on Saturday, in terms following :-
That the majority of Sessions and Presbyteries having declared against the permission to use Musical Instruments in the Worship of God, the Synod decide in accordance therewith, and declare it inexpedient to discuss the subject further.
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year, by Overture and Memorial from Knox Churc', Montreal : Find that a majority of Presbyteries, for various reasons are opposed to granting the prayer of the Memorial, and that there are diversities of views on the subject in question, among the members of this Church, that no amount of discussion in present circumstances would be likely to harmonize. Therefore :-
Resolve. - That with all due regard to conscientious convictions, as well
jus to chrisian liberty and the right of private judgment, this Synod declines to sanction, by Synodical Godhority, the use of Instrumental Music in the Worship of at the same time recommes to grant the prayer of the Memorial ; forbearance towards the views and conscientious practices of those who think differently from the majority on this and all kindred snbjects.
Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. Waters, now moved the amendment submitted by him on Saturday, as follows :-
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Therefore, Resolved,-That the Synod, without pronouncing the use of Instrumental Music, in Public Worship, inconsistent either with the Word of God, or the standards of this Church, having respect to the peace and unity of the Church, and recognizing the importance, in a matter of ${ }_{5}$ such moment, of giving full established usage of $W$ onsideration of a proposal, affecting a long grant the prayer of the Overture. Principal Willis, seconded by amendment which he had read by Mr. McTavish, moved the 8th AmendThat having considered the Reports on tha in terms following : ${ }^{\text {ment. }}$ teries and Sessions, on the Reports on the Remits of PresbyMusic in the Worship of Goject of the use of Instrumental majority disapprove of granting the Synod finds that a large before the House ; and, thanting the prayer of the Memorial ascertained touse; and, that, though a variety of sentiment is tion of a practice so aghout our congregations, the introducunknown to the church generally fresbyterian usage, and so be deeply offensive to merally, for ages after Christ, would present peace and uuity of thy consciences, and endanger the fore decline to give the sanctiourch. The Synod do there respect so far already evinced by asked; and, gratified at the favorable to the practice referred Congregations themselves Courts of the Church, would earnestly to the authority of the tions to have continued regard to thes urge on such Congregiaand peace, which we doubt not, they, in comenon of order Synod, appreciate as a duty of common with the espec:ally in a Presbyterian of Christian fellowship, more sympathizing with the honou Church. The Synod, moreover, in our Congregations, do earnestly resire to improve the singing part of the Service of the Honse of God, so as to secure ge this concert in praise, with all duse of God, so as to secure general
the edification of the Church, as well as deference to a well cultivated taske 9th Amend. ment.

The amendment of Dr. Jennings, submitted in the morning, was to the effect following:-That the Overture on the use of Instrumental Music in Public Worship, be laid on the Table.
10th Amend
ment.
It was moved in further amendment by Mr. A. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. J. McMillan :-
That the Synod having taken up the returns from Presbyteries and Sessions, anent the Overture from Knox's Chuuch, Montreal, and finding from these, that the voice of the Church is against granting the prayer of said Overture, agree to express no judg. ment in the meantime as to the scripturality of the use of $\ln$ struments in the Public Worship of God; yet, believing that should Synodical sanction be given to their use, the peace and unity of the Church, would be endangered ; be it, therefore, re solved that the prayer of the Overture be not granted.
The hour of alljournment having arrived, a motion was made to continue in Session for a half an hour louger. This motion being negatived, the Synod rose, Mr. D. McKay, Elder, being in possession of the floor. The diet was closed with the Benediction.

## FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

## Erskine Church, Montreal,

 Monday, June, 15th, 1868, 7.30, P.M. The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Lowry leading in prayer.
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The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.
The Committee appointed to consider and report as to the ap. pointment of Lecturers in Knox College, presented their Report. The Report recommended that Messrs. Ure, of Goderich, and Proudfoot of London, be appointed Lecturers in Knox College, next Session, and that the remuneration to each Lecturer be four hundred dollars.

Report agoptrd. Lecturers appointed.

The Synod received and adopted the Report, "and in terms thereof, appointed Messrs. Ure and Proudfoot, as Lecturers in Knox College next Session, the remuneration to each Lecturer to be four hundred dollars.
It was agreed that the Synod now proceed to appoint the place and time of the next meeting of Synod.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, that the next ordinary meeting of Synod be held in the City of Hamilton, and within the McNab Street Church, there, on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath of June, 1869, at 7,30, P. M.
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The Synod proceeded to vote on the motion, and amendment submitted, when, by a majority, the motion was adopted; and the Synod consequently appointed the next ordinary meeting of Synod to be held in Hamilton, and within McNab Street Chureh,
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The Committee on the reception of Ministers presented a Re-Reception port on the case of Mr. W. Forlong, formerly a minister of the Com. Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. The Report sta- Foriong. ted that the Committee had examined the certificates of Mr. Forlong, and found them highly satisfactory, and that they therefore recommended that the Synod grant leave to the Preshytery of Montreal to receive Mr. Forlong as a Minister of this Church. The Synod unaminously adopted the Report, and granted leave Report to the Presbytery of Montreal to receive Mr. Forlong as a Minis- Adopted. ter of this Church.
The Committee appointed to examine the Record of the Pres- Record of bytery of London, presented their Report to the effect that the Pres. or Record was careiully kept; but directing attention to certain Report points, which appeared to the Committee as irregularities, con. on. nected with the induction of certain Ministers, by Committees of Presbytery, and the ordination of Mr. Demars, at Kankakee,
It was moved by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. McLaren, as fol- motion on. lows :-The Synod find that the action of the Presbytery in the case of Mr. Demars is irregular, and enjoin more care in matters of so much importance.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McPherson, seconded by AmendMr. J. W. Smith, that the Synod sustain the Report of the Com- meat. mittee, and order the Record of the Presbytery of Londe attested in the usual way
On proceeding to vote on the motion and amendment sub- Right of mitted to the Synod, a question arose as to the right of members Voting. of the Presbytery of London, to vote on the matter. The point Pres, not was referred to the Moderator, who ruled that members of the to vote. Presbytery of London had no right to vote on the matter before the Synod. From this ruling, Mr. Kemp appealed to the Synod. The Synod by a large majority sustained the ruling of the Mo. derator. Mr. Kemp intimated his dissent.

The Synod then proceeded to vote on the motion, and amend- Vote. ment which had been submitted, when the amendment of Mr, McPherson was carried by a majority.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Synod then called for the report of the Foreign Mission ${ }_{\text {Poreign }}$ Committee. The same was given in and read by Mr. W. Mc-Mission Laren, the convener.
Thereafter, Mr. Nisbet, the Synod's Missionary to the Cree Indians, was heard at length, and gave various interesting details as to the Mission at Prince Albert, on the Saskatchewan.

HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.
The hour of adjournment having come, it was moved and Hour of adagreed to, that the Synod continue in session, until the Foreign journment. Mission business is finisked.

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There was then taken up and read in connection with the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, an Overture from the Kirk Session of Erskine Church, Montreal, transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, setting forth in substance, that it is now universally admitted, that it is the duty of the Christian Church to endeavour to evangelize the heathen,-that the Great Head of the Church has not only rendered his Word effectual for the conversion of the heathen, but has also bestowed an abundant blessing on the Churches engaged in this work, for their revival and enlargement at home; that it is believed that the Canada Pres. byterian Church, is able to sustain a Mission to the heathen; and that many of her Congregations are anxious to take part in this work, -and praying the Synod to take such steps as in their wisdom may seem necessary, and with as little delay as possible, to give the Canada Presbyterian Church a Foreign Mission of its own.
There was read also an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Montreal, transmitting the overture, and stating that Dr. Dawson Principal of McGill College, and David Ross Kerr, Esq., were appointed to support the same before the Synod.
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Mission. to agreed that the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee be re-
Committee. ceived, and that the report, together with the overture from Erskine Church, Montreal, be referred to a small Committee, with instructions to report concerning the same to morrow.
The Committee was then appointed as follows, Mr. W. McLaren, convener, Mr. T. Wardrope, Dr. Taylor, Messrs. D. Inglis, D. Waters, Hon. A. Vidal, D. McKay, Dr. Edmondson and Dr. Dawson.

The Synod then adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Erskine Church, Montreal,
.Tuesday, June, 16th, 1868, 10 A.M.
The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John McMechan, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.
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A commission was handed in, in favour of Mr. James Hossack, as Synod Elder, for the Kirk Session of the Congregation of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, and without referring the same to the Committee on Elders' commissions, the Synod ordered that the name of Mr. Hossack, be placed on the Synod Roll.

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port, which was read by Mr. David Waters, the Clerk of the Committee. On motion of Mr. Waters, the Report was received, and the recommendations thereof in regard to the order of business were sanctioned.

## instrumental music.

The Synod resumed consideration of the question as to the use Instrumenof Instrumental Music in worship, Mr. D. McKay being in pos. tal Music. session of the floor. Mr. McKay stated that he gave way to the Hon. A. Vidal, who intended to move a resolution on the subject before the House, which he (Mr. McKay,) should second.

It was then moved in further amendment by the Hon. A. Vi-menamenddal, seconded by Mr. D. McKay thament by the Hon. A. Vi-ment. McPherson, (No.7,) be amended by strikingotion of the Rev. T. "therefore resolved," and substituting the following :That the introduction of Instrumental Music ing Praise to God in the public worship of the Congregationsthis Church, is an unnessary innovation upon its long established usage; but that, inasmuch as it is not unscriptural, the Synod cannot make a difference of opinion, or of practice in respect thereto, a barrier against receiving congregations in which the practice prevails, nor authoritatively interfere with the christian liberty of Congregations to adopt the use of Instruments of Music, where there may be unanimity, or a near approach to unanimity in a Congregation, in respect to its desirableness.
That while thus recognizing their right, the Synod enjoins upon such Congregations, that they be careful to regulate their action in this matter by the principles and rules given in the Word of God to guide them in the use of their liberty, "lest by any means it become a stumbling-block to them that are weak"
It was moved in further amendment by Mr. James Watson, 12thAmendseconded by Mr. Walter Coulthard, -That the use of Instrumen- ment. tal Music, in the Worship of God, being reasonable and scriptural, the Synod agrees to grant the petition of the Overture, subject to the provisions of the Barrier Act.

## VOTES.

The Synod then proceeded to vote on the several motions, Instrumenthirteen in number, before the House, and after the final vote tal Musio, was taken it was agreed that the numbers voting the final vote votes. severally, should, as far as take numbers voting for the motions taken in the order following with be recorded. The votes were On the first vote the
carried over that of Mr. Watson ament of the Hon. A. Vidal was voting for the latter. On then by a large majority- 18 only Hon. A. Vidal was carried second vote the amendment of the to 63 . On the third voted over that of Mr. A. Tolmie by 83 carried over that of the Hon amendment of Dr. Jennings was successive vote thereafter . A. Vidal by 97 to 89 . On each carried over all the other amendments as of Dr. Jennings was of Principal Willis by 111 to 68 ; over that of Mr. Wver that

Laren by 114 to 45 ; over that of Mr. T. McPherson by 134 to 40 ; over that of Mr. A. D. McDonald by 110 to 70 ; over that Mr. A. Wilson by 126 to 51 ; over that of Mr. A. F. Kemp by 144 to 26 ; over that of Mr. J. Laing by 13237 ; over that of Dr. Irvine by 142 to 21 ; and over the main motion of Mr. J. Middlemiss by 128 to 56.

The amendment of Dr. Jennings was declared to be carried.
The Yeas and Nays being called for, 126 voted Yea and 3 Nay. The amendment of Dr. Jennings was then declared to be the decision of the Synod, to the effect,-That the overture on the use of Instrumental Music in Public Worship be laid on the Table.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## SIXTEENTH SEDERUN'T.

## Erskine Church, Montreal,

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\text { Tuesday, June 16, 1868, } 3 \text { o'clock, P.M. }
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The Synod met and was constituted; Mr. Thompson, of Sarnia, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.
The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Mr. Kemp asked and obtained leave to give his reasons for his dissent last night from the resolution as to the right of voting on the question affecting the minutes of the Presbytery of London.
st. catherines congregation-reference, pres. hamilton.
Ref. Pres. There was taken up and read a Reference from the Presbytery Hamilton. of Hamilton, in regard to an application from the First Presbyst. Catha- of Hamilton, in regard to an application from the First Presby-
rines Con- terian Congregation of St. Catherines, in connection with the gregation. Presbytery of Buffalo, (U. S.) inquiring whether or not their use of an Organ in conducting public worship would be a bar to their admission into this church, and submitting the question for the action of the Synod.

There were read, also, extracts from the minutes of the Pres-
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Motion.
It was moved by Mr. T. Lowry, seconded by Mr. A. Wil-
son, as follows:-The Synod do not find that in the Reference from Hamilton Presbytery there is a positive application from the First Presbyterian Congregation in St. Catherines for reception into connection with this Church, neither is there any statement in that Reference to the effect that the Standards of this Church were approved of by that Congregation; and that the Presbytery of Hamilton be instructed to give such reply to the application.

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It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Middlemiss, seconded 1st Amendby Mr. D. Gordon-That the Synod remit the case to the Pres-ment. bytery of Hamilton, to be dealt with in accordance with the laws of the Church.

It was moved by Mr. Cross seconded by Dr. Edmondson, as ${ }^{2 d}$ Amend-follows:-That the Synod sustain the Reference, and declare ment. that inasmuch as the use of instrumental music is not a term of communion in the Canada Presbyterian Church, this Synod authorizes the Presbytery of Hamilton to take the usual steps for the reception of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Catherines into the fellowship of this Church.
Votes being taken the amendment of Mr. Middlemiss was ist Amendcarried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in accordance ment cartherewith.
At the request of Dr. Taylor, the Rev. Mr. Bonar, of the Rev. Mr American Presbyterian Church, of the City of Montreal, was Bonar inviinvited to sit in the Synod, as a corresponding member

The Moderator left the chair whit Synod. Gregg, and then by Mr. McTavish.

## Marriage-with deceased wife's sister.

There was taken up and read an Overture from several mem- Marriase bers of the Synod in reference to the question of marriage with with wifeceas. a deceased wife's sister, praying that the portion of our Stand-sister. ards, -to wit, the 4th section of Chap. xxiv of the Confession of Faith, which implicitly teaches the unscriptural character of such marriages be carefully reconsidered, and such relief afforded to parties affected, as the Synod may deem to be conformable to the Word of God.

Mr. J. Laing was heard in support of the overture,
The Moderator again took the chair.
On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Begg, of London Overture by Mr. Begg, of London, received.
It was moved by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Dr. Ed-Motion.
mondson, as follows :-Whereas marriage with a deceased wife's sister has hitherto been forbidden by this Church, and treated as incestuous, - and whereas in the opinion of many learned and eminent Biblical scholars, in the Presbyterian and other churches, such marriage is not forbidden in the Word of God; therefore resolved, that Presbyteries be instructed to consider this subject, and report to next Synod their judgment, as to whether the law of the church on this matter should not be so altered, as that the Church Courts may be relieved of the responsibility of casting out of church-fellowship, on grounds so much disputed, those who are so married.

It was moved in amendment by Principal Willis, seconded by 1st AmendMr. Gregg, -That having regard to the importance of the sub-ment. ject brought before the Synod-one on which the Confession of Faith gives no uncertain sound,-declaring (Chap. 24 : Sec. iv.) on Scriptural grounds, there referred to, that marriages within certain degrees of affinity, including the relationship of a man to the sister of his deceased wife, are forbidden by the Divine

Law, and can never be made lawful by any law of man, or consent of parties, the Synod sees no sufficient ground for modifying the existing ecclesiastical rule of its communion, in this particular, which is also in harmony with the civil law of Great Britain. But, willing to treat with respect the difficulties of some, among whom questions have arisen as to the relevancy or sufficiency of the scriptural grounds, on which the prohibition of marriage, within the specific degree of affinity brought under notice, is held to rest, agrees to appoint a committee to give its consideration to the subject, with the view of elucidating the Scriptural basis of said law, and showing, as far as may be, to parties aggrieved by our rules of discipline, that these do not rest on slight or arbitrary grounds.
${ }_{\text {ment. }}^{2 d}$ Amend. It was moved in further amendment by Mr. David Inglis, seconded by Mr. Andrew Wilson,-That the prayer of the overture be not granted, and that this Synod affirm their continued adherence to the declaration of the Westminster Confession on the subject to which the overture refers.
Hour of ad- The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod agreed to journment, take up the question now under consideration as the first busi${ }_{\text {to }}$ tomorrow, Moderaw. ness to-morrow morning.
Moderator
The Moderator asked leave of absence for the evening, which was granted.

The diet was then closed with the Benediction.

## SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Erskine Church, Montreal,
Tuesday, June 16, 1868, 7.30 o'clock, P.M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John McColl, of Dundas, offering prayer.
In the absence of the Moderator the chair was occupied by Mr. David Inglis, a former Moderator.
The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## MR. KEMP'S DISSENT.

Dissent of Mr. A. F. Kemp here handed in and read his reasons of disMr. A. .F. sent from the resolution of Synod last night, refusing to the members of the Presbytery of London the right of voting on the question of alleged irregularities in the proceedings of the said Presbytery, as brought before the Synod in the Report of the committee appointed to examine the said Presbytery's Records. The paper handed in by Mir. Kemp is to the following effect :-
"Reasons of dissent from the decision of Synod on the appeal from the ruling of the chair in the matter of the London Presbytery.
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entitled to do in accordance with the regulations and usages in matters of order. His appeal was that the ruling of the Moderator was in regard to a matter which was not a point of order, but of privilege, namely, the right of a member of Synod to vote.
" 2. That in no way known to the law and practice of the Presbyterian Church of Canada can a member of Synod be de. prived of his vote in any case, unless, as a part of his Presby tery, he be sisted formally at the Bar of said Syuod, or be himself a party thereat.
"3. That the dissentient's Presbytery was not sisted at the Bar of said Synod, nor was he a party thereat. Further, that the matter involved was of the nature of a Reference from the committee on the Records in question, in regard to which, by the recognized rule and practice of the church, Presbyteries have a right to vote ; also, that the matter at issue was not a point affecting only the Presbytery of London, but had reference to a general practice in which other Presbyteries were as much interested as the Presbytery of London.
"4. Such a deprivation therefore of the right to vote, under the conditions noted, is a violation of the constitution of the church, and a refusal of a sacred right to the members of said Presbytery, against which the undersigned solemnly reclaims.
"For these reasons the undersigned for himself, and all who may unite with him, dissents from the said finding of Synod.

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The Synod appointed a commi tee to answer these reasons of Com. to dissent, as follows :-Messrs. T. Lowry, J. Laing, T. McPher answer. son, J. McTavish, Hon. J. McMurrich ; Mr. McTavish, convener.

## PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Synod called for the Reports of Committees appointed to $\frac{\text { Records of }}{\text { Presbyteris }}$ examine the Records of Presbyteries. Reports were handed in Rep. on. and read, on the minutes of the Presbyteries of $O$ ntanded Rep. on. and Stratford, certifying that the resbyteries of Ontario, Grey, teries were carefully and correctly mept.
The Synod agreed to correctly kept. minutes of the afore-named Presbyteries to berts, and ordered the usual form.

## KANKAKEE MISSION.

The Synod called for the Report of the Special Committee on Kankakee the Kankakee Mission. The Report was handed in and read by Mission. Mr . John Scott of London, the convener of the committee.

## CORRESPONDENT.

On motion of Mr. A Wilson, and seconded, the Rev. Mr. Rev. Mr. [565]
invited to Campbell, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection correspond. with the Church of Scotland, was invited to sit with the Synod as a corresponding member.

KANKAKEE MISSION.

Mr. Chiniquyaddress ed Synod.

Com. on
Kankakee
Report.

Mr. Chiniquy, the Pastor of the French Mission Church at St. Anne, Kankakee, the founder of the Kankakee Mission, then addressed the Synod in the interests of the work under his inspection in Illinois.

On motion of Mr. McVicar, seconded by Mr. Kemp, the Synod agreed as follows :- Receive the report on the Kankakee Mission, and appoint Messrs. D. Inglis, W. Cochrane, J. Scott, (L), P. Elassford, D. H. McVicar, W. McLaren, A. F. Kemp, T. McPherson, D. Waters, a Committee to digest the Report, and to bring up a Finding to Synod; Mr. McLaren Convener.

HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.
The hour of adjournment having come, a motion was made and seconded, that the Synod continue in Session for half an hour longer, so as to hear the report of the Committee on Statistics. The motion was lost.

It was moved by Mr. Alexander Young, and seconded, that the report of the Board of the Montreal Theological College be the second item of business to be taken up to morrow morning.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded that the whole matter of the order of business be left to the Bills' and Overtures' Committee.

The amendment was carried, and the Synod ordered accordingly.
The diet was then closed, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Erskine Church, Montreal,
Wednesday, June, 17 th, 1868, 10 A. M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises ; prayer being offered, at the reqnest of the Moderator, by Mr. Robert Monteath.

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## Moderator <br> Resumed

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Gregg Moderator here left the Chair, which was taken by Mr. W. Gelation To Moderator then took exception to the minutes in relation to Mr. Kemp's reasons of dissent. The minutes were amended as suggested, and were then confirmed.

The Moderator resumed the Chair.
BILLS' COM. SIXTH REPORT.
The Committee on Bills, gave in a sixth report, which was [566]
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read by the Convener of the Committee, Mr. David Waters. On 6th Report. motion of Mr. Waters, the report was received, and the order of business, therein recommended, sanctioned.

MARRIAGE, OVERTURE ON.
The Synod resumed consideration of the Overture on Marriage Marriage with a deceased wife's sister, interrupted by the adjournment Overture. yesterday evening, taking up the motions offered on this subject at the former Sederunt, by Mr. McMullen, Principal Willis, and Mr. David Inglis,-Mr. McMullen being in possession of the floor.
On the motion of Mr. Inglis, it was agreed that the speakers speakers to on this subject, after the mover of the first amendment, be limit- 15 ocupy only ed in their arguments to the space of fifteen minutes. 15 minutes.
After long reasoning and no decision come to, the hour of one oclock arrived, and the Synod adjourned,-the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

# NINETEENTH SEDERUNT. 

> Erskine Church, Montreal, Wednesday, June, 17th, 1868, 3 P.M.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises ; Mr. Thomas Wardrope at the request of the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.
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## ANSWER TO MR. KEMP'S REASONS OF DISSENT.

Mr. John McTavish, from the Committee appointed last night Reasons of to draft answers to the reasons of dissent given in by Mr. Kemp, dissent, in the matter of the resolution adopted by the Synod, on the Mnswers to. question of irregularities in the proceedings of the Presbytery of London, handed in and read a Report containing such answers as follows :-

The Committee beg to submit the following answers.

1. To Reason first it is answered!:

That in cases where the Moderator has decided any point of order, the ruling is final, unless an appeal is taken to the House. The vote on such appeal is taken without argument ; and the point submitted is simply, sustain or not snstain the ruling of the Moderator. Mr. Kemp was endeavouring to argue against the decision of the Moderator as unconstitutional, when he was prevented from doing so, inasmuch as his only right was to appeal to the Synod without remark.

To reason second, it is answered.
2. That the Presbytery of London, though not formally called to the Bar, were virtually at the Bar of the Synod, and that the Clerk of the Presbytery, with the Records in his hand, and

Messrs. Proudfoot and Kemp, all answered in defence of the Presbytery, which they could not have done, unless the Presbytery was virtually at the Bar. Also, the general principle, that a man cannot be judge in his own case, justifies the decision of the Synod. Further, it is according to the practice of this Church, in such cases, to treat the Presbytery as at the Bar, though not formally called.

To reason third, it is answered.
3. That the matter in question was not a reference, but the Report of a Committee stating an irregularity on the part of the Presbytery of London, in its action as a Court, not in the mere form of the minutes, which were reported as regular, and correctly kept, which irregularity was submitted for the judgment of the Synod ; and the particular motion on which the Presbytery of London, was denied the liberty of voting, was a motion declaring the action to be irregular, and admonishing the Presbytery ; which admonition was not competent, except on the presumption that the Synod were required to pass judgment on the action of the Presbytery.
To the fourth reason, it is answered.
4. That on page sixteen, of the Book of Forms, it is explicitly stated that "the decisions of the Supreme Court of the Church, are final ; and cannot be protested against, or appealed from." From such decision, dissent may be taken by any member of the Court; but he can only act thereafter in one of two ways, either submit to the decision of the Supreme Court, or move that such decision be reconsidered ; neither of which courses has Mr. Kemp pursued.

Respectfully submitted.
(Signed) John McTavish, Convener.
 dered to be ordered that the answers as reported be entered on the minutes engrossed. of Synod.

## THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thanksivo Principal Willis handed in, and read, a Report on the subject
ing Day. of the acknowledgement, on the part of the Church, in some suitable way, at a seasonable time, of the good Providence of God to this land.

The Report was to the following purport :-
That the Synod recognising the remarkable goodness of God in the seasons of the year, recommend to all their congregations the observance of the Divine dispensations, whether of mercy or of judgment ; and authorize the Moderator, as he shall see fit, to appoint a day of Thanksgiving, or call the congregations to this exercise, either at a time that may be appointed by Civil Authority, or may appear likely to be concurred in by other churches.

The Report was received, and the Synod agreed to leave it to the Moderator to call the attention of the Church to this matter at his discretion.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Overture on mar-Marriage riage with a deceased wife's sister, interrupted by the adjourn- Overture ment in the morning. After the reply of the mover of the main resumed. motion, the Synod proceeded to take the vote.

A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. Inglis Votes. and that of Principal Willis, when that of Mr. Inglis was car-ried- 40 voting for the former, and 38 for the latter. A vote was then taken between the amendment of Mr. Inglis, and the main motion by Mr. McMullen, when the amendment of Mr. Inglis was again carried, -49 voting for the amendment, and 37 for the motion.
The Yeas and Nays being called for, 52 voted Yea and 37 Nay.
The Synod decided in terms of the amendment of Mr. Inglis Decision. -That the prayer of the Overture be not granted, and that this Amendm'nt Synod affirm their continued adheren granted, and that this of Mr.Inglis. the Westminister Confession on the subject to which the Overture refers.

JISSENT.
Mr. McMullen asked and obtained leave to enter his dissent Dissent. from this finding. Mr. Archibald Cross, and Mr. David McKay, elder, joined with Mr. McMullen in dissenting.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomas Lowry here asked leave to submit, out of the or- Nom. Com. der recommended by the Bills' Committee, the Report of the ask leave to Committee for the nomination of Standing Committees.
Mr. McKenzie moved that the Synod proceed in the order Proceed in stated in the docket. The motion was carried and the Synod docker of proceeded with the business in the order agreed upon in the docket. morning.

## Leave of absence.

Mr. Thomas Lowry now asked and obtained leave to be ab- Leave of sent from the Synod during the remainder of this Session. absence. Mr Lowry.

## APPEAL-MISS BAIRD.

The Synod took up again the Report of the Committee on the Appealappeal of Miss Baird from a decision of the Presbytery of Otta- Miss Baird. wa, consideration of which was interrupted by the adjournment on the afternoon of Friday last week.

Miss Baird was heard for herself, as was also Mr. William Miss Baird Baird, on behalf of his sister, Miss Baird. Messrs. Aitken and Gourlay were heard on behalf of the Pres- Messrs. Aitbytery of Ottawa. ken $\&$ GourMr. W. McKenzie was heard on behalf of the Kirk-Session of Mr heard.
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heard. $\quad$ Mr. Andrew Toshach, as a party interested, was heard.
$\underset{\substack{\text { Mr Baird in } \\ \text { reply-in }}}{\mathrm{Mr} \text {. Baird was proceeding with his reply, when the hour of }}$ reply-in adjournment arrived, and the Synod rose-the Moderator pro-
part. nouncing the benediction.

## TWENTIETH SEDERUNT.

> | Erskine Church Montreal, |  |
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| Wednesday, June I7th, 1868. $\quad 7.30$, P.M. |  |

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

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Presbytery.
The Synod called for the Reports of Committees appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries:-Reports were handed in and read, on the Records of the Presbyteries of Cobourg, Hamilton, Kingston and Paris, setting forth that the Records of these Presbyteries were correctly kept. The Synod received the Reports, and ordered the Records of the respective Presbyteries named, to be attested in the usual form.
The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto gave in a report, noting an irregularity in the proceedings of the Presbytery, in receiving Mr. Howard D. Steele as a minister of

Motion on-
adopted.
It was moved by Mr. J. Laing, seconded by Mr. T. McPherson, and agreed to,-That although in the reception of Mr. Steele with a certificate from a Presbytery, only, of the Church in the Lower Provinces, the Presbytery of Toronto have not complied with the letter of the Act regarding the reception of Ministers, still, inasmuch as he was specially designated to the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the church from which he came has no Committee from whom such designation could be obtained, the action of the Presbytery of Toronto be sustained.

The Synod ordered the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto to be attested with the note above set forth.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal stated in their Report that the minutes of said Presbytery were generally correct, but noting some peculiarities in the phraseology. The Synod received the Report, and ordered the Minutes of the Presbytery to be attested with note as above.
Huron Pres. bytery. the Peport was given in by the Committee on the Minutes of on the resbytery of Huron, setting forth that the Records were on the whole correctly kept ; but that the signature of the Moderator was wanting to several Minutes. The Synod received the

Report, and ordered the Records to be attested, instructing the Presbytery to secure the necessary signatures.

A Report was handed in, and read, on the Records of the Ottawa Presbytery of Ottawa, setting forth that the said Records were Presbytery. correctly kept. The Synod ordered the Records to be attested in the usual form.

## MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Board of Management Montreal of the Montreal Presbyterian College. The Report was given in, Coll.- Re and at the request of the chairman, Dr. Taylor, was read by Mr. $\begin{gathered}\text { port of } \\ \text { Bard. }\end{gathered}$ Alex. Young, a member of the Board. There was read, also, Benard. the Report of the College Senate; and further, extracts from the senate BeMinutes of the last meeting, of the Board, which, among other things, fset forth that at that meeting, the Board had agreed to nominate Mr. Donald H. McVicar, of Cote Street Church, Montreal, to be Professor of Theology in the Colloge, and to recommend his appointment by the Synod to that office; Dr. Taylor and Dr. Irvine dissenting from the recommendation.
On motion of Mr. W. Laing, seconded by Mr. W. McKenzie, the Report reReport was received.
It was moved by Mr. W. B. Clark of Quebec, seconded by Principal Willis-That the recommendation of the College Board Motion to that Mr. Donald H. McVicar be appointed Professor of Divinit appoint Mr in the Presbyterian College of Montreal be accepr of Divinity MeVicar. the Synod do now appoint the Montreal be accepted, and that

It was moved in mendme said Mr. D. H. McVicar.
It was moved in amendment by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Irvine,-That the Synod cause notices to bepublished in the Or- to advertise gans of the Free Church in Scotland, and of the United Presby- for applica. terian Church in Scotland, inviting applications to be made for tions. the Chair of Theological Professor in this College, by ministers of these churches, or of the sister churches in England and Ireland; setting forth, at the same time, the peculiar claims of this College, and the salary attached to the above office ;-such application to be made in the first place to Professors Fairbairn and Eadie, and by them transmitted to such persons in this country as the Synod may appoint.

It was moved in further amendment, by Mr. J. L. Gourlay, Amendseconded by Mr. Robert McKenzie, -That the Rev. W Aitley, ment to apbe appointed Professor for the College of Montreal. W. Aitken piitken Pro.
After long reasoning the Synod proceeded to take the vote, $\begin{aligned} & \text { fessor. } \\ & \text { Motion }\end{aligned}$ when the amendment of Dr. Taylor was first carried by a majer- ried. ity over that of Mr. Gourlay, and the motion of Mr. Clark was carried by a very large majority over the amendment of Dr. Taylor ; and in accordance with said motion, the Synod appointed Mr. Donald H. McVicar, of Cote Street Church, Montreal, to be Professor of Divinity in the Presbyterian College of Montreal.

## DISSENTS.

Dr. Tayior craved leave to have his dissent from this deliver- Dissents. once marked in the Minutes. Dr. Irvine, of Knox Church, Mon.
treal, and Dr. Edmonson, elder, joined with Dr. Taylor in dissenting.
The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the Synod, before adjourning, agreed to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. The diet was then closed with the Benediction.

## TWENTY-FIRST SEDERUNT.

Erskine Church, Montreal,
Thursday, June 18, 1868, 9, A.M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises ; J. M. Gibson, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

> COM. ON MR. MCVICAR'S APPOINTMENT.

MrMcVicar
Com.tocon- The Synod agreed to appoint a small committee to confer with fer with. ${ }^{\text {Mr. McVicar, and to intimate to him his appointment as Pro- }}$ fessor in the Montreal Presbyterian College. The committee was then appointed as follows :-Mr. W. B. Clark, Principal Willis, the Hon. John McMurrich.

## SALARY OF PROFESSOR.

Professor's
salary.

Dr Taylor retires from Board.
Mr W. B. Clark chr. p. t .

A question having arisen as to the amount of salary which should be attached to the office of Professor in the Montreal Presbyterian College, it was agreed to refer the same to the College Board to consider the matter, and bring up a Report in the afternoon.
Dr. Taylor here intimated his retirement from the Board of Management, and that he could not meet with the Board to-day. The Synod then appointed Mr. W. B. Clark, of Quebec, chairman of the Board, pro tempore.

## RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Records of Pres. Brockville and
Guelph.

The Synod called for Reports on the Records of Presbyteries. Reports were handed in and read, on the Records of the Presbyteries of Brockville and Guelph, stating that these Records were correctly kept, with slight exceptions to those of Brockville. The Reports were received, and the Synod ordered the Records to be attested in the usual form.

## SYNOD RECORDS.

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Messrs. W. Waters, J. Burns, J. M James, Thos. McQuarrie, $V$ Smith, (B.,)

Synod Roll, and that the Records be attested in the usual form. The Synod received the Report, and ordered in accordance

## DISSENTS.

Dr. Jennings and Mr. John L. Gourlay asked, and obtained Dissentsleave to enter their dissent from the Deliverance given yester- Dr Jennings day afternoon, on the subject|of the Overture respecting marriage Gouriay. with a deceased wife's sister.
BILLLS' COM, -7Th report.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures handed in a seventh Bills' Com. Report, which was read by Mr. David Waters, the clerk of the 7th Report. Committee. On motion of Mr. Waters, the Report was received, and the order of business, therein recommended, sanctioned.
standing committers.- nomination.
The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Standing nomination of Standing Committees. The Report was handed Com.Report in, and on behalf of the Convener, Mr. Lowry, was read by Mr. on, received David Waters. The Report was on motion received, and with ted. certain amendments, was adopted, with the exception of that part thereof having relation to the Board of Management and the Senate of the Montreal Presbyterian College, which was recommitted to the Committee to be brought up again in the afternoon. Mr. Waters was appointed Convener of the Nomination Committee, in the absence of Mr. Lowry, first appointed. appointed as follows :-

## KNOX COLLEGE BOARD

David Inglis, Convener ; A. Topp, M.A. ; Principal Willis ; Knox ColProf. Caven, Prof. Young, W. Reid, Dr. Burns, J. M. Gibson, lege Board. W. Moore, J. Burton, W. McLaren, D. Waters, J. McTavish, J. Gray, W. T. McMullen, J. K. Smith, John Thompson, R. Hamilton, John Ross, J. McMillan, Dr. Jennings, Dr. Ormiston, T. Lowry, W. T. Murdoch, J.'Scutt, (L.,) 'T., McPherson, J. McColl, J. Laing, Ministers ; Messrs. Alex. Fraser, M.P.P. Hon. A. Vidal, Hon. J. McMurrich, A. I. McKenzie, Lt.-Col. Haultain, J. Y. Reid, Jas. Brown, G. L. Beardmore, Elders.

## foreign mission committee.

Messrs. W. McLaren, (Convener), A. Topp, Dr. Taylor, D. Committee Waters, J. Mc'Tavish, D. H. McVicar, W. Fraser, Dr. R. F. Mi or Foretgn Burns, J. McColl, A. Young, James Black raser, Dr. R. F. Mission. James, Thos. Wardrone MeQuarrie, W. T. Murdoch, R. Hammond, A. F. Kemp, H. Smith, (B.,) D. Wishart, Geo. Riddell, W. Bennett, John Mc-

Mechan, W. Moore, Ministers ; Wm. Begg, Hon. A. Vidal, Dr. Holden, A. Fraser, M.P.P., James Campbell, James Henderson, Dr. Dawson, Warden King, J. W. Torrance, D. McKay, John Stirling, J. Court, Elders.

## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Home Mis- Mr. John Laing, Convener ; Messrs. J. M. King, D. Inglis, sion Com. Dr. Thornton, J. M. Gibson, W. Moore, J. Burton, A. Wilson, W. Cochrane, W. Doak, J. Middlemiss, John J. A. Proudfoot, A. D. McDonald, A. Tolmie, Mungo Fraser, D. Waters, James Watson, Ministers ; Hon. J. McMurrich, W. Clark, James Henderson, Elders.
widows' and orphans' fund.
Widows' \& J. Osborne, Esq., Convener ; Messrs. W. Reid, John James,
Orphans'
Pund. Dr. Jennings, John Porteous, Thos. Lowry, James Black, John G. Murray, Ministers ; J. Alexander, Knox Church, Hamilton, A. I. McKenzie, M. C. Lutz, Thos. Fotheringham, Mr. Ogg,
Dr. Clarke, Elders.

## SENATE KNOX COLLEGE

Senate
Knox Col. Principal Willis, Convener ; Dr. Burns, Prof. Caven, J. J. A. Proudfoot, R. Ure, W. Reid, J. M. King, J. McTavish, D. H. Fletcher, A. Topp, Dr. Jennings.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Board of
Examiners. Toronto Section.-Mr. W. Gregg, Convener ; Messrs. J. M. King, Dr. Thornton, D. Inglis, D. Waters, W. McLaren. Montreal Section.-J. M. Gibson, Convener ; W. Moore, Dr. Irvine, James Watson, A. Young, D. Paterson.

## HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

Racord Messrs. Wm. Gregg, Convener ; W. Fraser, J. M. King, A.
Committee. Topp, Dr, Thornton, Ministers ; Hon. J. McMurrich, J. L Blaikie, W. Kerr, Elders.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.
Sabbath
Schools.
Messrs. Wm. Cochrane, Convener ; J. Robertson, T. Lowry, W. T. McMullen, W. Donald, J. W. Mitchell, J. Porteous, R. Hamilton, W. Craigie, Ministers ; Adam Spence, J. Chisholm, John McLean, Elders.

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Hon. J. Dr. Jenning Henderson.

Messrs. Jol J. R. Scott, Smith, (B.)

Messrs. J. John Duff, Ministers; M.

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## buxton mission.

Messrs. John Scott, (L.) Convener ; Thos. McPherson, Geo. Buxton Cuthbertson, W. Doak, Wm. King, W. Walker, A. F. Kemp, Mission. Ministers ; A. McKellar, M.P.P., J. Laird, W. Clark, Elders.

## STATISTIGA.

Messrs. D. Waters, Convener ; J. Gray, W. Fraser, T. Wight- Statistics. man, R. Hamilton, W. Reid, James Brown.

FINANCE,
Hon. J. McMurrich, Convener ; Messrs. A. Topp, W. Gregg, Finance. Dr. Jennings, R. Wallace, J. L. Blaikie, James Campbell, J.

> State of religion.

Messrs. John McTavish, Convener ; R. Binnie, Dr. Thornton, State of ReJ. R. Scott, A. Kennedy, James Thom, J. M. Roger, John ligion. Smith, (B.)

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Messrs. J. Middlemiss, Convener ; R. Torrance, M. McKenzie, Sabbath John Duff, G. Smellie, Kenneth McDonald, H. McQuarrie, Observancet Ministers ; M. C. Lutz, Adam Ker, Elders.

> ST. ANNE'S MISSION.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee, to whom St. Anne's was referred the Report of the Special Committee on the Mis- Mis. Report. sion at St. Anne's, Kankakee. The Report was handed in and read by Mr. W. McLaren, the Convener, of the tenor following: The Committee appointed on the Report of the St. Anne's Mission, Kankakee, after a very full consideration of its details, beg leave to recommend that the Synod adopt the Report, express its thanks to Christian friends belonging to other denort, inations for their liberal contributions during the year, and earnestly solicit their continued liberality. They further recomCommittee, with inod leave the matter in the hands of the much economy as may be consist conduct the Mission, with as the proportion of $\mathbf{M r}$. Chiniqsistent with its efficiency, and that gregation at St. Anne's be defiy's salary to be paid by the Con-

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Appeal Miss On motion of Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Kemp,-The
Baird.
recommendations of the Committee were adopted, and the Synod decided in accordance therewith.

APPEAL, MISS BAIRD.
The Synod returned to the case of Appeal of Miss Baird, against action of the Presbytery of Ottawa. Mr. W. Baird whose reply, on behalf of his sister, was heard in part at the afternoon Sederunt yesterday, proceeded with his reply, to the hour of adjournment.
At one o'clock, the Synod rose, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## TWENTY-SECOND SEDERUNT.

Erskine Church, Montreal,
Thursday, June, 18th, 1868, 3, P. M.
The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. James Robertson, of Paris, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.
Minutes
read.
The minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## MONTREAL COLLEGE.

The Board of Management of the Montreal College, to whom was referred in the morning the question as to the amount of salary to be attached to the office of Professor in the said College, presented a Report, which was read, unanimously recommending to the Synod, that the salary of the Professor of Divinity of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, should be two thousand dollars, $(\$ 2,000$, ) per annum.
The Synod received the Repori, and ordered in accordance therewith.

## COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH MR. MCVICAR.

$\mathrm{Mr}, \mathrm{McVicar}$
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Mr. W. B. Clark, reported verbally from the Committee apfer with. ${ }^{\text {Com. }}$ pointed in the morning, to confer with Mr. D. H. McVicar, in regard to his appointment last night by the Synod, to the office of Professor of Divinity, in the Montreal Presbyterian College, with a view to his acceptance of the same, stating that Mr. McVicar required some time to give calm and prayerful consideration to the matter, before giving his decision.
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On the motion of Mr. Waters, Vicar in case event of Mr. McVicar accepting the appointment to the Proof accep.
temce. him from the charge of the Congregation of Cote Street Church, and induct him into the Professorship in the College.
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On motion of Mr. Laing, the Synod agreed that in case of Mr. In case of McVicar's declining to accept the appointment of the Synod to Mr. Mcthe Professorship, the Board of Management be empowered to vicar's nonmake such provision as they may think fit for empowered to acceptance, classes in the College during next session.
standing committees-nom. Com. report.
Mr. Waters brought up again that part of the Report of the Standing Nomination Comithittee, re-committed in the morning, in rela- Commitee. tion to the Board and Senate of the Montreal Presbyterian Nom. Com. College. The Report was received, and the appointments recom Reporl. mended therein, were made and are as follows :-

## MONTREAL College board,

Mr. Thomas Wardrope, Chairman ; Dr. Dawson, A. Topp, D. H. McVicar, A. Young, J. M. Gibson, W. B. Clark, J. Montreal bie, D. Paterson, Jas, Watson, J. Anderson, W. Moore, J. Bur- Board, ton, J. Jones, W. McKenzie, Dr. Thornton, W. McLaren, P. Gray, John Laing, S. C. Fraser, Ministers; F. W. Torrance, Peter Redpath, W. King, A. Robertson, John Stirling, W Rowan, J. Ross, (Quebec), Joseph McKay, Alex. McGibbon, D. Cattanach, Jas. Court, Dr. Edmondson, George Hay, D. McKay, W. D. McLaren, Elders.

## Montreal college senate.

D. H. McVicar, Chairman ; W. B. Clark, Dr. Dawson, J. Montrea M. Gibson, John Anderson, James Watson, A Young, John College
McKay, F. W. Torrance, George Rogers.
APPEAL, MISS BAIRD.

The Synod returned to the appeal of Miss Baird, interrupted Appeal Miss by the adjournment in the morning. Mr. W. Baird came for - Bard. ward and said that he had nothing further to add in reply.
The Synod agreed to hear Mr. Toshach, in reference to cer-
tain statements made by Mr. Baird in the course of his reply.
Questions were asked of the Presbytery, and were answered. Questions. Parties were then removed.
It was moved by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by M. W. McLaren, Parties re. as follows;-Dismiss the protest and appeal, and .W. McLaren, moved. tion of the Presbytery. It was moved in
Mr. J. Ressed in amendment, by Mr. J. Laing, seconded by ment . Amendis evident that with :-Sustain the first appeal so far ; and as it case, no satisfactory ise feelings manifested by the parties in the matter out of the hands of can be arrived at, take the whole of Synod to Ramsay, with Sy Presbytery, and send a commission the case.
It was moved in further amendment by Mr . Wir 2. Amendconded by Mr. T. McPherson, that the Sy Mr, A. Wilson, se-ment. facts in the matter, the Protest the Synod having heard all the frivolous and vexatious. Protest and Appeal be dismissed as

Votes. Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Laing was successively carried, over the amendment of Mr. Wilson, and over the main motion of Mr. Waters; and the Synod decided in te of said amendment.

Decision an-
nounced.
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Parties were called to the Bar, and the decision was announced to them from the Chair.
Mr. W. Aitken craved leave, which was granted, to have his dissent from this decision marked in the minutes of Synod.

## EXTRACTS.

Exiracts craved.

## Commission

Appcal of Miss Baird.

Mr. S. C. Fraser, on the part of the Presbytery of Ottawa, craved extracts, which were granted.
The Commission was then appointed as follows :-Messrs. J. Laing, convene: ; W. McLaren, John Burton, John Anderson, Dr. Edmondson and Dr. Holden.

## RETURNS TO REMITS.

Remits,
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Commitiee.
The Committee on the returns to remits handed in a Report on the returns to the Act for the erection of a General Assembly, which was read by Mr. J, M. Gibson, setting forth that only one return had been received, viz :-from the Presbytery of Montreal, approving sinppliciter ; and that the Presbytery of Hamilton gave as a reason for sending no return, that no communication had been received by them from the Committee of Synod thereanent.

The Report was received.
Mr. McLaren explained verbally in reference to his position, in regard to this remit.

The Report on Returns to Remits on this subject last year, were read from the printed minutes.

The Synod agreed to re-appoint the Committee with instructions to take immediate action in this matter, with a view to maturing the Act for a General Assembly, with the name of Mr. W. Reid, substituted instead of Mr. W. Aitken, on said Committee.

The Committee as re-appointed is as follows:-Messrs. W. MoLaren, convener : D. Waters, J. Turnbull, A. Wilson, W. Reid, P. Gray, T. Wardrope, Dr. Holden, A. G. Northrup.

## ACT FOR RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Reception
Act,

There was read by Mr. J. M. Gibson, from the Committee on Returns to Remits, on the Act for the Reception of Ministers, a Report, setting forth that five Presbyteries had made Returns one, that of Hamilton, approved simpliciter ; one, that of Ontario, recommended a thorough review, and three, those of Montreal,
Report on
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ed.

The Synod agreedi as follows:-Receive the Report ; re-enact the Act for the reception of ministers ad interim; again remit the Act for the consideration of Presbyteries, with instructions to report speciall on the subject, and that the Act be printed in the appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS,
On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the order of Order of business on the docket should be changed, so as to take up now business the Report of the Committtee on the Augmentation of Stipend. Monged. The Moderator here left the chair, which was taken by Mr. D. lefi Chair. Inglis.
The Report of the Committee on the Augmentation of Sti. Stipendang. pend was read for the Convener, Mr. A. Topp, by Mr. W. Coch- mentation. rane, containing many details of the plans and operations of the Report of deputations, and setting forth that though on the visit of the to increase the Stipen congregations were resolutions adopted very decided results in this dire Committee had learned that to the visits of the depnt this direction, since, might be traced mendations for the adoptions, and closing with certain recomreceived.

There was read in connection with the foregoing Report, a pa.. Elders' per agreed upon at a meeting of elders attending this meeting of Meeting, Synod, held during the intervals of the sessions of Synod list Minutes of. week, with a view to devising measures for the augmentation of ministers' salaries, -and containing recommendations for the adoption of the Synod.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Watson, it was Motion. agreed, that the Report on the Augmentation of Stipend be adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given to the Convener; further, that the attention of Presbyteries be directed to the suggestions therein contained, and that a standing Committee be appointed in terms of the recommendations.
The Recommendations of the Report are as follows;-

1. That Presbyteries should follow up this movement by mak- Recomm. ing special inquiry as to the result of the same, in every parti- dations, cular Congregation visited.
2. That Presbyteries should at some suitable time, during the year, take special cognizance of the matter of Stipend, so as to secure the regular payment of the same ; and that arrears be not allowed to accumulate.
3. That Presbyteries should see that in each Congregation within their bounds, there exists a regular organization for the collection of the various funds of the Church.
4, That if the Synod see fit, a Committee might be continued to watch over this whole subject, to aid Presbyteries in regard to any visitations that might be deemed necessary within their them

The Synod then re-appointed the Committee of last year as Stipend. follows :-Messrs. W. Gregg, J. M. King, D. Inglis, Dr. Thorn- pointed. reapton, D, H. McVicar, W. T, M. M. King, D. Inglis, Dr. Thorn- pointed. T. Lowry, R. Torrance, D. Waters A, J. Laing, W. Cochrane, J. McMurrich, Mr John Redpath Dr, Topp, Ministers ; Hon. I. McKenzie, Alex. Fraser, M, P Dr. McQuesten, Messrs. A. Joseph McKay, Elders ; Mr. Topp, Convener

Elders'
Meeting,
Motion on.

In regard to the paper adopted at the meeting of Elders, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr. W. McLaren, that the Synod having heard the memorial of the Elders, expressed their cordial approbation of its design; and remit it to the Committee on the augmentation of Ministers' Salaries, to consider its practical suggestions.

The Moderator resumed the Chair.

OVERTURE ON FRATERNAL INTERCOURSE, \&c.
Fraternal in-
tercourse
with other
Churches.
There was taken up and read an Overture, sigued by several Members of Synod, praying the Synod to take into consideration the propriety of opening up Fraternal correspondence with the Presbyterian Churches of Britain, America, and the Dominion of Canada, by sending deputations to the Supreme Courts of these Churches, in so far, as the same may be practicable ; and that a Committee be appointed to make necessary arrangements for securing this object.

The Overture was supported by Mr. Kemp, Dr. Ormiston, and Mr. J. Ross.

## LETTER FROM BELGIC SYNOD.

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Synod,
Letter from
There was read in connection with the Overture a letter from the Synod of the Missionary Church in Belgium, of last year, conveying to this Synod, the Fraternal and Christian Salutatious of that Body.
Prin, Willis Report of visit to Bel. gic Synod,

Principal Willis, who was present at the meeting of the Belgic Synod, last year, gave some interesting information respecting the Church, from which the communication had come.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, N. A.
United Pres. There was read also a letter from the General Assembly of the
byterian Church,N.A. United Presbyterian Church North-America, conveying kindly Letter from. greetings to this Synod, and entering at large into a statement of the principles, the numbers, resources, and operations, both at home and abroad of the Church, represented by the said Assembly.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded and agreed to,-That

Fraternal intercourse Overture adopted.

Committee
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Psalinody.
the Overture be received, and its recommendations adopted ; and that a Committee be appointed accordingly, to report at next Se -derunt:-That they also report a deliverance on the communications now read, from representatives of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, and from the Church in Belgium.
The Committee was then appointed as follows:-Messrs. A. F. Kemp, Dr. Taylor, D. H. McVicar, A. Wilson, J. Ross, Principal Willis.

PSALMODY.
The Synod resumed consideration of the subject of Psalmody, interrupted by the adjournment of Synod, on the afternoon of Thursday of last week.

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Mr. David Inglis, who had at the time last referred to, moved Resolution a resolution on the subject, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, asked and ${ }^{\text {on. }}$ obtained leave to make an alteration in that resolution. The motion as amended is as follows :-
That the Synod having considered the Report of the Psalmody Committee, and having had their attention directed to the Book of Psalms and Hymns, for Public Worship, sanctioned by the Synod of the English Presbyterian (Church, agree to send this Book down to Presbyteries and Sessions for their consideration, and that Presbyteries report to the next Synod.
It ;was moved in amendment, by A Wilson, seconded by Amend. Mr. John Ross, that the consideration of this subject be post- ment. poned till next year.
A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Inglis was carried by 2 Motion large majority; and the Yeas and Nays being called for on Mr. ${ }^{\text {crried, }}$ Inglis' motion, it was affirmed by a large majority.
The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with the Benediction.

## TWENTY-THIRD SEDERUNT.

> Erskine Church, Montreal, Thursday, June, 18th, 1868, 7.30 , P.M.

Tha Syuod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. W. Lochead, Sen., offering prayer.
The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.
Minutes read
telegram from congregational union.
There was presented and read a Telegram from the Congrega- Telegram, tronal Union of Canada, at present in Session, in the City of CongregaHamilton, conveying the fraternal greetings of the Union to this Synod.

## statistics.

The Report on Statistics was read by Mr. Reid, on behalf of Statistics, Mr. John Gray, the Convener, from whom a letter was read Report on, excusing his absence.

On motion of Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Laing, it was Motion on. agreed, that the Report be received, printed in the Minutes ; its recommendations and observations commended to the attention of Presbyteries, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Convener.

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Report of the Board of Examiners was taken up and Board of read, stating that examinations had been conducted at Montreal Examiners, and at Toronto, and giving details of the operations of that ${ }^{\text {Report read. }}$ Board.
On motion of Mr. A. Wilson, seconded by Mr. J. L.ing, the

Report was received, and its recommendations, that there should be two Boards of Examiners for Toronto and Montreal Collegen, respectively, adopted.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTRRG' FUND.
Aged and The Report of the Committee on the Fund for Aged and isters ${ }^{3}$ Fund. Infirm Ministers was called for, and was handed in and read. Report on. The Report was on motion received.

> WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Widows' The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Fund Rep't. Fund for the Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers. The Report was presented and read.

There was read also a lengthened Report by an Actuary, on the condition and prospects of the Fund, accompanied by certain tables exhibiting the results of his calculations.

On motion made and seconded the Report was received.
FINANCE.
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The Report of the Finance Committee was handed in and read -setting forth the receipts and disbursements connected with the various Schemes of the Church, to which there was appended a balance sheet, showing the results in one view.
On motion of Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Ure, the Report was received.

ASSISTANCE TO CHURCH AGENT.

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## Investment

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On motion of Mr. Ure, seconded by Mr. James Court, the Synod agreed to authorize Mr. Reid to employ such aid as he may require during the year, in the discharge of his duties as Agent of the Church.
A question here arose, as to the Securities, in which the moneys contributed for the endowment of Knox College, wonld be best invested. The Synod agreed to refer this matter to the Finance Committee to be dealt with at their discretion.

## MR. THOM's OVERTURF, \&C.

Overture of
Mr. Thom
gr. Thom

Appeal
Set Aside.

The Synod took up an Overture, from Mr. James Thom, Minister of Lakefield, requesting the interpretation of the action of Synod, last year, on the question of the Liquor Traffic. Mr. Thom not being present, the Overture was set aside.

There was also taken up an Appeal of Mr. James Thow, from a decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg. Mr.' Thom being absent, the appeal was laid aside.

REFERENCE-PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

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## 2ND reference-presbytery of cobourg.

There was taken up and read a Second Reference from the ${ }^{2 \mathrm{ad} \text { Refer - }}$
Presbytery of Cobourg, in regard to a complaint of oartain elders, Cence-Pres.
${ }_{\mathrm{F}} \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{m}}$ mbers of the Kirk Session of Keene and Westwood, that Mr. Mr.Andrews
Francis Andrews, the Moderator of said Session refused to
membership to sisted, notwithstanding Russell, and that he, Mr. Andrews, percontrary, in preventing the instructions of the Presbytery to the being entertained, by instantly closing granting such certificate whensoever it was proposed to enter on the meeting of Session subject.
Extracts from the Records of the Presbytery of Cobourg, Exiracts bearing upon the case were read at length.
Mr. Laing supported the Reference.

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On motion made and seconded, the Synod supported.
Sustain the reference, and instruct Synod agreed as follows: Decision, to proceed in the case according to the Presbytery of Cobourg

## application-presbytery of cobourg.

There was read an application, from the Presbytery of Application, Cobourg, for leave to receive Mr. Peter Scott as a student in the Presbytery first year in Theology, notwithstanding his literary adent in the Coboungattainments did not come up to the standard laid down in the regular curriculum.
Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery, in the case, Exiract min. were read.

Mr. David W support of the applicatio Clerk of the Preshytery, was heard in Mr. Waters moral qualifications of Mr , hearing testimony to the mental and heard. success with which he hr. \&cott, and to the great acceptance and of a Catechist within had, for some time, discharged the duties On motion, the Syno bounds of the Presbytery. of Cobourg, to receive Mr first year, in terms of their application. Theological student of the graned,

Foreign
Mission
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Waters ad-
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The Committee on Foreign Missions on leave asked, had permission to retire for business, for a short time, during this Sederunt ; and, on motion, the name of Mr. David Waters was added to the Committee.
kNoX COLLEGE.
Knox Col. On motion, Mr. J. Laing was substituted for Mr. Thomas lege Board, Kirkland, on the Board of Management of Knox College.
Mr.Laing on
APPLICATION-PRES. MONTREAL-H, SINCLAIR.
H. Sinclair

Application
for Presby, Montreal.

There was taken up and read an application from the Presby-

Application
granted. ery of Montreal, on behalf of Mr. Henry Sinclair, setting forth that the Presbytery had had before them a large number of documents bearing testimony to the character of Mr. Sinclair, as a christian and a missionary, along with a letter from himself, expressing his desire to prepare himself for the work of the ministry, but requesting, on account of the state of his eye-sight, that he might be excused from taking up certain specified subjects of study, and craving leave to dispense, in Mr. Sinclair's case, with the branches of study named.
On motion of Mr. W. B. Clark, seconded by Mr. J. Scott, (N.) the Synod agreed to grant the application as craved, leaving it with the Presbytery to deal with the matter as they might see fit.

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APPLICATION-PRES. MONTREAL-MR. D. SUTHERLAND.
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eriand - Ap. There was read an application from the Presbytery of Mon-erland-Ap-
plication- treal for leave to receive as a minister of this Church, Mr. Do${ }_{P}^{\text {Plicestion-ery }}$ nald Sutherland, formerly a minister of the Presbyterian Church Prestytery
Cettificate.
There was read, also, in connection with the application, a certificate under the hand of Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, Clerk of the Presbytery of Richmond and Victoria, Nova Scotia, bearing testimony to Mr. Sutherland's ministerial standing, and character, and labours.
Application The Synod agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Mongranted. treal to receive Mr. Sutherland, in terms of their application.

## DELIVERANCE-FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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The Report was received, and the recqmmendations thereof Reportadop. adopted, of the following tenor :-
That the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee be adopted, and that, in accordance with its recommendations, the Synod agree as follows;-

1. That the support of pupils in the school for Red Indian children, at Priuce Albert, be cordially commended to the attention and liberality of Sabbath Schools, and the youth of the Church.
2. That the Synod while keeping in view the propriety of relieving the Foreign Mission Committee of the work in British Columbia and Red River, do, in the mean time, authorize them to send missionaries to these fields:
3. That the Overture from Erskine Church, Montreal, be cordially approved, and the Committee instructed to take the neces. sary steps for initiating at an early day, an additional Mission to the Heathen.
4. That it be remitted to the Foreign Mission Committee to make such inquiries as shall enable them to select the Field to be occupied, and take such steps as may be necessary to excite a more general interest in the work throughout the Church,

## SABEATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Sabbalh Ob. Observance. No Report was presented. On motion made and seconded it was
mittee on made and seconded, it was agreed,-That the Com- Instructions as they may deem Observance be instructed to take such steps ${ }^{\text {to }}$. Sabbath by the running of necessa to prevent the desecration of the day of Holy the running of Trains on the Railroads during the day of Holy Rest, or in any other public manner; and that the Moderator be empowered to sign and forward, in the name of the Synod, any papers prepared by the Committee for the above
purpose.

## home and foreign record.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Home and Foreign Record. The Report was presented on the Home and setting forth that the circulation of the Record had considerably Recordi increased during the year,-the number now issued being 6700 Record. copies : that the receipts had he number now issued being 6700 $\$ 2218.73$; that the Committee had, for various reasons, not carried into effect the instructions of Synod last year, and submitting the whole subject anew to the judgment of the Synod.
On motion, the Report was received; and it was again remitted to the Committee to mature a plan for the future management of the Record, to be laid before the Synod.

## STATE OF RELIGION.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the State of ReState of Religion. No Report was presented.

## EVANGELIZATION OF FRENCH UANADIANS.

French The Committee to whom was referred the Overture from the Canadians,- Presbytery of Oatario, on the Evangolization of the French Cation of. nadians of Lower Canada, presented a Report. The Report was recsived, and the consideration of it deferred till next Synol.

PURITY OF WORSHIP.

Purity of Worship.
Overture set aside.

There was taken up an Overture from the Kirk-Session of Brock Street Chureh, Kingston, on Purity of Worship, delayed from last year. No person appearing to support the Overture before the Synod, it was set aside.

BUXTON MISSION.
The Report on the Finances of the Buxton Mission was presented and read, giving details of the receipts and the expenditure, and of the present financial condition of the Mission. The Report was received.

Mr. King's Salary.

On motion of Mr. McVicar, seconded by Mr. W. B. Clark, the Synod agreed to authorize the Homo Mission Committee to supplement the salary of Mr. William King, of the Buxton Mission, up to the amount of six hundred dollars ( $\$ 600$ ).

MR. GAULD'S MEMORIAL.
There was taken up a Memorial from Mr. John Gauld, minis-
Mr, Gauld's memorial delayed. ter at Meaford. Mr.' Gauld being absent, and no person appearing to support the Memorial, consideration of it was delayed till next Synod.

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Mr., Kennedy There was read a Memorial from Mr. Andrew Kennedy, agent Memorial, of the Presbyterian Board of Publication in the United States, Books. and bookseller at London, Canada, calling the attention of the Synod to the increased taxation on Booka, by the Tariff lately enacted by the Dominion Parliament, and praying the Synod toadopt measures which might lead to the taking off, or lightening, such heavy imposts, and especially the tax upon the Holy Scriptures.

The Synod agreed to authorize the Moderator and Clerk to take such steps as they may judge best, with a view to the removal of the import duty on the Holy Seriptures.

APPEAL MR. A. MCLEAN.
${ }^{\text {Appeal Mr. }}$ Me Synod took up an appeal from Mr. Andrew MoLean, minA. Melean ister at West Puslinch, from a decision of the Presbytery of Guelph. The appellant was not present, and it was understood that he desircd the case to be left over till next year. The Synod. ordered accordingly.

STATED COLLBCTION8.
The Synod ordered that in all congregations, in which there is Stated Colno organized plan, or association, for raising money for the lections, Schemes of the Church, collections be taken up for the several Schemes as follows:-

1. For the Synod Fund, on the third Sabbath of July.
2. For the Widows' Fund, on the third Sabbath of September.
3. For the Kankakee Mission Fund, on the first Sabbath of November.
4. For the Home Mission Fund, on the third Sabbath of
5. College contributions, not later than the 31st of January.
6. For Foreign Missions, on the third Sabbath of March.
7. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, at such time as may be found most convenient.

Fraternal intercourse.
The Committee to whom was referred the Overture on corres- Fraternal pondence with foreign churches handed in a Report, which was read Intercourse and received, and the recommendations thereof adopted, as fol- Report on, lows:

1. That the Moderator and joint clerks be a committee to grant commissions to ministers who may be proceeding to Europe to represent this church in the Free Church of Scotland; the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland; the Presbyterian Church in England; the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; the Free Church in France ; the Waldenses; and the Belgian Missionary Church ; and that in the event of no deputies being available for next year, they be authorized to send fraternal letters to these churches.
2. That the following deputations be sent to the specified churches:-
(1.) Mr. D. H. McVicar, Mr. J. M. Gibson, and Mr. James Court, to the French Evangelical Church of the Province of Quebec.
(2.) The Moderator, Mr. Alexander Topp, M. A., and Mr. W. B. Clark, of Quebec, to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.
(3.) Dr. Ormiston, and Mr. Thomas Wardrope, to the Presbyterian Churches (O.S., and N.S.,) of the United States.
(4.) Mr. Andrew Wilson, to the Uuited Presbyterian Church of North America, United States.
(5.) The Rev. Mr. Gregg, to the Dutch Reformed Church, in the United States.
3. The Moderator to designate a representative to the Congregational Union of Canada, and to the Church of Scotland.

THANK8.
On motion of Mr. John Thompson, of Sarnia, duly seoonded, the Thanks. Synod agreed as follows :
I. That the Synod, record their thanks to the Accommodation Committee for their kindness, and for the efficient performance of their onerous duties.
II. To the Trustees of Erskine Church, Montreal, for the use of their Church Building, during the meeting of Synod.
III. To the Members of the Church and other friends in the City of Montreal, for their generous hospitality on the present occasion.
IV. To the Managers and Directors of the Grand Trunk, the Great Western and Northern Railways, for their kindness in granting a reduction of fares to those travelling over their respective lines, to attend this meeting of Synod.
V. Also, to the editors and proprietors of the Daily Witness and the Herald Newspapers, for a supply of their papers during the meeting.

## CLOSE.

The business being finished, the Moderator after a brief address, declared the Synod closed ; and called another Synod to be held in the City of Hamilton, and within McNab Street Church, there, on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath in June, of the year one thousaind eight hundred and sixty-nine, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The Moderator, then gave out for praise, Psalm CXXII., 6-9, which being sung, the Session was closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

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## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE．

The Committee have endeavoured during the past year to carry on the Home Mission work of the Church as entrusted to them，and are happy to be able to state that a satisfactory degree of prosperity has by God＇s blessing accompanied Their work．The following results are laid before the Synod for approval， attended，also quarterly Probationers for the vacancies ans of a sub－committee for the distribution of the
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## I．Stations and Congregations．

The Table in Appendix I，exhibits every Mission Station in the Church，and that in Appendix II，every congregation receiving supplement from the Central Fund．In these lists are found the names of Stations and Congregations，which mittee＇s operations to remove；but as they were connected with the Com－ in accordance with thing the year，they fall to be reported．It is expected that， lists at their first regular resolution of last Synod，Presbyteries will revise these they see fit．From the meeting after this Synod，and making such changes as amended Lists of Stations and Con Presbyteries，as received in October next， operation for next year．The following are the will be made out as the basis of

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## APPENDIX.

From these Tables we learn that connected with the Committee's operations there are 77 mission fields, with 150 preaching stations, and 56 supplemented congregations. These represent altogether 4509 families, an adult membership of 6155 , and an average attendance of 15091. These Mission Stations and Congregations contribute locally, besides board for Missionaries, \$22,762 41, and received in aid $\$ 9,58375$.

Comparing these results with those of last year, we find a slight decrease in the number of Mission Fields, but an increase in the supply given to them, in the aid received to the amount of $\$ 1,18425$, and in the amount contributed of \$3,374 33.

Of Supplemented Congregations we have an increase in number of 11, with 610 additional communicants. It is to be regretted that arrears due by congregations exist to the amount of $\$ 1,07422$. The increase in the Supplemented Congregations compared with the decrease of Mission Stations, indicates that by means of the assistance afforded by the Committee, several stations have been so strengthened that they have been able to obtain a settled pastor, or feel themselves prepared to call. The amount paid from the Central Fund is in such cases almost necessarily increased, but the Committee, believing that the building up of congregations by settlement with liberal supplements, is the best way of advancing the Home Mission work of the Church, rejoice in this evidence of progress.

## II. Misionaries.

In Appendix IV. will be found the list of Missionaries.-It contains the names of 11 Ministers, 4 Lay Catechists, 22 Divinity Students and 14 Student Catechists The necessities of the Mission Work have led Presbyteries still to employ the last named class of valuable labourers. The demand for Missionaries by the Presbyteries this spring was however less than last year, being 49 as against 61 , and the supply was so nearly equal to the demand that Presbyteries have not seen fit to employ Students of other Theological seminaries, to the same extent as in former years. The cases in which Ordained Ministers are employed in mission districts for long periods are more numerous this year, and the Committee are of opinion that.this method of cultivating our mission fields, may be more extensively adopted by Presbyteries with success, where good men can bo obtained for work.

During the winter months some of the Presbyteries, with laudable diligence, endeavoured to give occasional supply to mission stations in sending the members of the Presbytery for one or two Sabbaths at a time. And much good would result if this plan were adopted throughout the church.

## III. Funds.

Besides the regular grants to Mission stations, the Committee has paid, in accordance with the resolutions of last Synod, for Kankakee $\$ 100$; towards the reduction of the Buxton arrears $\$ 100$, and to the payment of arrears in the Presbytery of Grey $\$ 100$; sundry expenses in addition, amount $\$ 156.70$. In all $\$ 456.70$. All the money due to Missionaries and Ministers, so far as known to the Committee, is paid.

The following is the Condensed Financial Statement：－

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From this table it appears that as compared with last year Eight Presbyteries have increased their contributions to the amount of $\$ 1313.25$, while the contributions of the other six have decreased by $\$ 607.50$. Deducting this last sum from the former, and adding $\$ 461.60$ of increase from other sources, we have a teries have increased thions from the whole Church of $\$ 1167.35$. Ten Presbyhave decreased theirs by $\$ 43952$ enditure by $\$ 1439.72$, while the remaining four in sundry expenses deducted rom $\$ 1$ last sum together with $\$ 244.30$ decrease Eight Presbyteries expend more than they contribute, amounting in all to $\$ 2547.93$, while six Preshyteries contribute $\$ 1910.89$ more than they expend. This sum with $\$ 240.90$ contributed from various sources, and in access of sundry expenses, when deducted from the above mentioned excess of expenditure, leaves $\$ 390.14$ total excess of expenditure above contributions. That is, during nearly equalled by the extraordin out of the fund than came into it ; a sum very It further appears that the Prary expenditure mentioned above. the largest Presbyteries, viz, 'fesbyteries contributing the greatest amounts are pays in $\$ 1213.38$, Montreal which pays in $\$ 053$ pays in $\$ 1491.78$, London which \$902.28. At the same time the rate of byteries is, in Toronto, 28 cents, Lond contribution per number by these Preston 22 cents; the Presbytery of Kingsi cents, Montreal 22 cents, and Hamiltions, viz., 51 cents per member Ongston shows the highest rate of contribucents, rival the larger Presbyteries Ontario with 28 cents and Cobourg with 24 ron and Brockville 11 cents, Paris 13 While Grey contributes only 9 cents, Huamount expended by any Presbytery is $\$ 2012.40$ titawa 17 cents. The largest this, however, includes $\$ 400$ for Buxton, and by the Presbytery of London, largest amount is $\$ 1652$ expended by Presbytery of Montreal. The Presbyteries which pay most into the fund, after defraying their own expenses, are Hamilton, which shews an overplus of $\$ 58975$, and Torouto, which shews $\$ 55693$. The Presbyteries receiving the largest sums over their contributions are, London, which receives $\$ 799.02$, and Montreal, which receives $\$ 698.74$. The Presbytery than two and a half timan three times what it contributes, Brockville more the amount.

The church in Ireland has not, as in former years, favoured us with a grant. The Committee, also, has considerably increased both the number of grants and their amount. The result has been that the expenditure has exceeded the inincome, as shown above, and consequently the balance on hand at the end of the year is less than last year.

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Leaving Balance on hand April 1, 1868 ............................. 2,167.03 eceiving and disbursing has during the year kept a separate treasury, tions by this Presbytery have contributions. The payments made to stagrants of the Committee, and the balance on hart in accordance wilh the Central Fund.

There is a pleasing decrease in the number of congregations which have not contributed to the fund. The following is a list of such:

Montreal.-Quebec, (2 years,) Indian Lands; St. Joseph Street, Montreal ; Richmond and Winslow, 5.
Ottawa.-Pembroke, Fitzroy and Tarbolton, 2.
Kingston.-Two vacancies.
Cobourg.-Springville and Lakevale, 1 ; with two vacancies, 2
Ontario.-One vacancy.

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Toronto.-Streatsville, Stayner, and Bowmore, 2, with nine etations.
Guelph —Doon and Hespeler; Woolwich and Berlin, 3 ; with one station.
Hamilton.-Flamboro, Dunnville and Cayuga, 2 ; with two stations.
Paris.-Two mission stations and a vacancy. 3 .
London.-St. Thomas ; Ridgetown, 2; two stations.
Stratford.-One station.
Huron. - St. Helen's, 1.
Grey -Paisley ; Rocky Saugeen, 2; two vacancies.
In all twenty settled charges, and thirty-two mission stations, or vacancies, have not contributed. (Several of the above have since contributed.)

Though there is a decrease in some, in others a gratifying increase meets us. Still, however, it is to be regretted that such cases occur as the following:

From a congregation receiving a very large supplement, and having 111 communicants, the munificent sum of $\$ 2$ is received; while another congregation receiving a little more than one-third what the furmer does as supplement, and with 116 communicants, contributes $\$ 55$. A self-sustaining congregation in one of the best districts of the Province of Ontario, having 134 communicants, sends in $\$ 2$, while another one adjoining, with 68 communicants, sends in $\$ 20$.

One of our city congregations for two years has contributed nothing; another with 563 communicants pays in $\$ 115$, or 20 c . per member; a second wealthy city congregation with 375 communicants, pays in $\$ 38.53$, or 11 c . per member. A third city congregation with 273 communicants, pays in $\$ 20$, or $7 \frac{1}{2}$ cts. per member; a fourth with 425 communicants, pays in $\$ 25$, or at the rate of $5 \frac{1}{2}$ ets. per member; while in one of our large towns a congregation with 222 commuene cants, pays in $\$ 350$, or a Dollar and a half per member; a city congregatioipays at the rate of 80 c . per member, and many of our small country congregan tions contribute at the rate of 50 c . per member. These are only illustrations of the unequal manner in which the burden of our home mission operations is borne. This inequality of contributions is a serious evil, and the attention of Presbyteries is invited to it, that it may be remedied. With an average liberality throughout the whole church, our income would be almost doubled, and a just cause of dissatisfaction would be removed.

On review of the whole state of the finances it is manifest, that unless there is an increase in contributions throughout the church, the Committee must curtail its operations, and reduce the grants which have beea made.

## IV. Grantis in aid.

As already stated, the amount of the grants have been in a great number of cases increased during the year. In a few instances they have been reduced, and in one case the congregation has by an effort become self-sustaining, and the last half-year's supplement was paid back by the minister. Such unselfish conduct, both in people and minister, forms a pleasing contrast with the tendency too often manifested by congregatioms to lean on the Central Fund, and take as much from it as possible, sparing themselves. It would aid the Committee very much, if Presbyteries before transmitting the application of congregations for supplement, would invariably make careful enquiry as to what is being done by the people. The Committee have had during the year, in a few instances to delay to make grants, as they had no evidence to satisfy them that due enquiry had been made by the Presbytery ; and in some cases when the attention of the Presbytery had been directed to the matter, the applications have not been followed up, as these courts found another course of procedure called for.
The addition to the lists during the year have been ten mission stations and sixteen supplemented congregations. While as has been already observed it is desirable that settlements should be effected in our mission stations as quickly as possible, and the Committee are disposed to do all in their power by liberal grants to accomplish this, the attention of the Synod is respectfully called to a serious drawback in the prosperity of our work, unless Presbyteries use discretion. Last Synod empowered the Committee to make, when they saw fit, the
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salary of supplemented congregation $\$ 600$, at the same time the Cominittee told the Synod that the funds scecruing would not warrant them iu promising a minimym of $\$ 500$; the Synod, however, saw fit not in connection with iue operations of this Committee, but independently, to instruct Presbyteries to endeavour to raise all the stipends of our ministers to a mininum of $\$ 600$ with a manse. The conseqnence has been that several Presbyteries have found it all make salary of in order to secure the settlement of some of our probationers to $\$ 6110$, and have asked the Congregations exceed $\$ 500$ and even come up to instances this was done, and immediately, as might have been foreseen, dissatisfaction arose among ministers and congregations, whose stipend is less than the amounts secured to these newly ordained men in supplemented charges, which at the same time contribute to that supplement. Unless a stop be put at once to this course of procedure, the Committee will find it impossible to consent to the application of Presbyteries, for nuless the income of the Fund be mum of $\$ 600$. It , we cannot raise the salary of all our ministers to a mini. the wisdom, and to disregard when the Committee appears to call in question there is the greater reagard the express wishes of a Presbytery, and therefore consequences of unduly raising the stipend in one place, even if it is desirable to secure the services of a superior man. In view of this difficulty it has been suggested that the supplemented congregations shoul I be separated from the Home Mission scheme proper, and that a separate fund be raised and separately administered for their benefit, leaving only mission stations with the Home Mission Committee
In order to work our Mission fields it has been found necessary to make the grants in some new settlements comparatively large. It is, however, believed that a liberal outlay at first will prove to be true economy, as thereby congregations will be more quickly established.

## V. Vacangies and Probationers

Another matter entrusted to the Committee by last Synod, was the distribution of the probationers of the Church among the Presbyteries, 80 that they submit submit with much satisfaction the result of their labours in this department. In tee since July will be found a list of all the vacancies reported to the Commitduring the ${ }^{\text {year, in all }} 30$, also of all the probationers who were in the list cies have been settled, and from the same paper it will be seen that fifteen vacanmer exceeds the latter is owing to three vacancies having called ministers whose names were not on the roll of probation. The large number of settlements and the fact that only five out of twenty whose names were on the roll- in Octob.r last are now unsettled, afford the best evidence possible of the practical utility of the present mode of distribution. Although there may have been cases of individual hardship or inconvenience, which no plan could prevent, the Committee have reason to believe that parties concerned are generally well satisfied, and that a solution has been found of a difficult practical question in the working of the Church. The distribution of probationers has been made quarterly, and the Committee are happy to be able to report that with the exception of two cases of sickness, and one of wilful disregard, which, however, the Presbatery concerned resolved not to prosecute, the appointments given to the propart of the wineen fulfilled. In some Presbyteries, probationers were employed perfect harmony with the wish of the Synod, this the Committee regard as in

## VI. Work Done.

The Committee are sorry to have to say that no reports of special interest have come in during the year. Presbyteries have been satisfied with giving such information as the printed forms contain.

In the Presbytery; of Montreal great efforts have been made to get the stations and congregations into better order. The success which has attended these efforts is highly gratifying. Every encouragement should be given in the endeavour made by the Presbytery to overtake and cultivate the large scattered, degtitute and difficuit field of labour before the Church in the Province of Quebec.
Two settlements have taken place during the year ; one new mission field has been opened up, and several stations have been revived.
The Presbytery of Ottawa has worked well. TThere are here four vacancies. It is most desirable to have these well filled with a view to further progress.
In the Presbytery of Brockville much labour has been expended to good effect during the last year, and much yet remains to be done. The congregations here are much weakened, and the things that remain call for strengthening and fosttering care. Four vacancies are waiting for settlement, and will be found attractive to those who desire a wide field and plenty of work for the Master.

The Presbytery of Kingston goes on satisfactorily. The northern region has engaged the attention of the Presbytery; it has been visited by a missionary with good results. There are four vacancies within the bounds.
The Presbytery of Cobourg works away quietly, and is giving supply as it can to the settlements in the northern parts. There are three vacancies looking for settlement.

The Presbytery of Ontario has made three settlements during the year. Two of them in new congregations. The work goes on steadily and well. There are still two vacarcies.
The Presbytery of Toronto has made great progress during the year. There have bzen nine settlements during the year, with three others in immediate prospect. Three of these, including Muskoka, where Mr. W. Wright labours as an ordinary missionary, are in places which have been hitherto only mission atations. Three others are in congregations receiving supplement. The largeness of the number of settlements may fairly be ascribed to the operation of our Home Mission scheme, in the liberal aid which it extends to mission stations and week congregations. In the city of Toronto, the mission work progresses favourably. The Yorkville station is building a commodions place of worship, and a missionary has been appointed to labour in the east end of the city, where a mission Sabbath School is in successful operation, In the Muskoka district steps are being taken for the erection of churches at three points; and in the Mulmur and Melancthon group it is proposed to build two churches. There are still five vacancies.
In the Presbytery of Hamilton one new mission station has been opened up. There are at present three vacancies.
The Presbytery of Guelph is diligently cultivating its mission field. There is oue vacancy. No information has been received regarding the German mission. Mr. Leutzinger's labours have been withdrawn from Berlin, and he now preaches at New Hamburgh and Preston. The Committee is not informed as the cause of the change, nor the result of his labours during the year. No other German missionary bas been procured, and no progress can be reported.
In the Presbytery of Paris, the mission stations have been supplied, but there is no special report. There is one vacancy.
In the Presbytery of Stratford there is nothing to report. It has four vacancies.
The Presbytery of London has made marked progress during the year. There have been several settlements, and a decided advance may be noticed in several congregations and mission stations. There are still three vacancies reported, two of them being in the United States. Of the Buxton mission there is no report.
In the Presbytery of Huron there has been progress. One settlement has taken place. There are two vacancies still.
The Presbytery of Grey is working its new and somewhat difficult field, and progress, though slow, is noticeable. There are four vacancies.
The Bruce Mines were visited during last summer, and partially supplied, but the Presbytery has not been able to extend to the people there that aid and en-
couragement which they require. It would be well if a suitable man could be found, to send him there for a lengthened period.
In taking a review of the whole interests committed to their care, the committee see reason to be thankful to God for the past, and hopeful for the future. quate support evidently making progress. Resignations on account of inadestrength. New congregations less frequent. Weak congregations are gathering are being overtaken. The supply of mensurate with our wants. The liberourers is becoming more nearly comdeveloped.

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The attention of the Synod is respectfully directed to a few points.

1. Something should be done at once to prevent the accumulation of arrears in supplemented congregations. What steps may be necessary Presbyteries must decide ; but no minister should be allowed to remain in a place where, for any reason, the people neglect the duty of contributing, as the Lord enables
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Respectfully submitted by
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|  | 4. St. Therese, \&e . . B. Mille Isles . . . . | Vacant | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |  | 70 | 109 68 | 120 | 30 80 | 180 819 | 10000 |  |
|  | 6. Farnham | R. Fleinin | 1 | 1 |  | 70 84 | 78 | $\cdots$ | 80 50 | 812 803 800 | 100 150 150 | $\ldots$ |
|  | 7. Metis | J. Fenwick | 1 | 1 |  | 87 | 57 | . | 200 | 15000 | 12000 | 28000 |
| 2. Ottava. | 1. Dalhousie. <br> 2. Reafrew <br> 8. Parkenham $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ 4. Cumberl'd, Lochaber | To | 8 | 6 | ... | 141 | 577 | 120 | $\cdots$ | 171818 | 87000 | 397 c0 |
|  |  | Vacant | 1 | 1 |  | 112 | 56 | 180 | 20 | 80000 | 10000 |  |
|  |  | Vacant | $\cdots$ | To | remo | ved | from | list. | 20 | 80000 | 1000 |  |
|  |  | Vacant | 1 | 1 |  | .. | 80 | 70 | 10 | 20000 | 10000 | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | Vacal | 1 |  |  | . | 60 | 170 | 16 | 40000 | 7500 |  |
| 3. Brockville. |  | Total | 4 | 8 |  | 12 | 146 | 42 |  | 90000 | 27500 |  |
|  | 1. Gower \& Gloucester. | W. Lochead | 1 |  |  | 80 | 126 | 150 | 19 |  |  |  |
|  | 2. W. Winchester | W. Bennet | 1 |  | 25000 | 60 | -66 | \|200 | 11 | 38000 | 75001 | 20000 |




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| 8．Hamilton． | 1．Dunnville | Vacant <br> W．H．S |  | $\cdots$ | \＄ $\ldots$ $\ldots$ | 69 31 | 102 40 | $\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ 100 \end{array}$ | 7 | $\begin{array}{cc} \$ & \text { c. } \\ 420 & 00 \\ 400 & 00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc}8 & \text { c．} \\ 40 & 00 \\ 100 & 00\end{array}$ | $\$ 0$ |
|  | － | Total |  | $\cdots$ | － | 100 | 142 | 220 | － | 82000 | 14000 | $\ldots$ |
| 9．Guelph． | 1．Everton \＆Mimosa． | J．Bowi |  | ． | $\ldots$ | 60 | 60 | 170 | ．． | 40000 | 5000 | $\cdots$ |
| 10．Paris． | 1．Mt．Pleasant． | W．Peattie |  | ． |  | 39 | 68 | 100 | ． | 40000 | 10000 | $\cdots$ |
| 11．Stratford． | 1．Elma \＆Monckton ．． | R．Renwick |  |  | 17000 |  | 115 | 200 | 6 | 40000 | 10000 | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | A．Waddell |  |  | 6000 | 50 | 70 | 200 | 9 |  | 10000 |  |
|  | 2．Mandaumin ．．．．．．．． | J．Chesnut | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \mathbf{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ |  | 80 | 98 | 300 | 7 | $350 \quad 00$ | 10000 | $\cdots$ |
|  | 3．Amherstburgh ．．．．． | A．McDiarmid | $1$ | $\because$ |  | $40$ | $34$ | $80$ | $18$ | $30000$ | 20000 | $\ldots$ |
|  | 4．Delaware ．．．．．．．．． | G．Grant． | $1$ | $\because$ | 7500 | $60$ | \|108 | $125$ | $9$ | 45000 | 50 50 | ．．． |
|  | 5．Strathroy ．．．．．．．．．． | W．Lundie． | $1$ |  | $70000$ | $50$ | $59$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 150 \end{aligned}\right.$ | $4$ | $400 \quad 00$ | $5000$ | ．．． |
|  | 6．Dunwich ．．．．．．．．． | J．Stewart． | $1$ | 1 |  | $55$ | $\left.\right\|_{120}$ | $150$ | $6$ | $40000$ | $5000$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | 7．Carlisle ．．．．．．．．．． | W．Fletcher | $1$ | － | $\cdots$ | $56$ | $68$ | $200$ | $6$ | $300 \quad 00$ | $10000$ | $\ldots$ |
|  | 8．Buxton ．．．．．．．．．．． | W．King ．． | 1 | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $31$ | $70$ | $100$ |  |  | $40000$ | $\ldots$ |
|  | 9．Botany\＆Thamesville | J．Becket |  | tak |  |  |  | Stat ${ }^{\prime}$ | ions． |  | 100 100 |  |
|  | 10．Parkhill ．．．．．．．．．． |  |  |  |  | ．． |  |  |  |  | 10000 |  |
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APPENDIX III
VACANCIES REPORTED-During 1867-68.

|  |  | Vacancies. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { When } \\ & \text { reported. } \end{aligned}$ | Settled. | Kemoved from list. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Still on } \\ & \text { list. } \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | Montreal. | Roxbury \& Finch. | October.dododododododoApril. | A. C. Gillies. |  | 1 |
|  |  | Vankleekhill ........... |  |  |  | 1 |
| 4 |  | St. Therese, \&c ......... |  |  | January. | $\ldots$ |
|  | Ottawa. | Cumberland ............ |  |  |  | i |
|  |  | Dalticusie.. ............. |  |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | ${ }_{\text {Pakenham }}$ Renfrew \&c |  |  | pri) | 1 |
| 5 | Ottawa. | Kamsky.................. |  | J. Burton.* |  | i |
|  |  | Prescoit ............... | October. |  | April. |  |
|  |  | Spencerville, dc......... | April. |  |  | 1 |
| 5 |  | Osnabruck, \&e ........ | do |  |  | 1 |
|  | Kingston. | Trenton, \&c................ | October. |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | St. Columba Ch......... | do |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | Camden, \&c.............. | do |  |  | 1 |
| 2 | Cobourg. | Campbeliford ............. | October. |  |  | 1 |
|  | Ontario. | Fenelon Falls | ${ }_{\text {October. }}^{\text {April. }}$ | J. Edmonstou | April. | 1 |
|  |  | Ashburn, \&c ............. | do |  |  | i |
| 4 |  | Lindsay, ................ | do | R. Binnie. | April. | 1 |
|  | Toronto. | Oakville | $\begin{gathered} \text { October. } \\ \text { do } \\ \text { do } \\ \text { do } \\ \text { do } \\ \text { do } \\ \text { do } \\ \text { do } \\ \text { do } \end{gathered}$ | W. Meikle. | January. |  |
|  |  | Orangeville ............ |  | D. H. Steele. | January, | $\ldots$ |
|  |  | Newmark et, \&c |  |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | Yorkville ................. |  |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | Tecumseh.... |  |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | Chinguacousy............. |  |  | April. | .... |
| 9 |  | Boston Ch. \&c........... |  |  |  | 1 |
|  | Hamilton. | St. Catherines. Drummondville \& $c$ | October. do | Burson.* | January. | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | Thorold ................ | January. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Dunnville | April. |  |  | 1 |
| 1 | Guelph, Paris. |  | October. |  |  | 1 |
|  | Pans. London | Warkshill, dc.............. | do |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | Eng. Settlement, \&c... | do | G. Milligan. | January. |  |
|  |  | Wallacetown, \&c ..... | do | N.MeDiarmid | Janary. | ... |
|  |  | Thamesford............. | do | A.C.M'Donald |  | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | Elmira, U. S | do |  |  |  |
|  |  | Botany, ec .. | January. | J. Becket. | April. | 1 |
| 8 | Stratford. | E.Tilbury \#........... | October. |  |  |  |
|  |  | St. Mary's, W. St ...... <br> Mornington, 2 |  |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | West's Corners, \&c ... | do |  |  | 1 |
| 4 | Huron, | Muekwor, \&c ............ | do | J. McNabb. |  | 1 |
|  |  | Seaforth ................. | do | J. McNabb. | nuary. | 1 |
| 3 |  | McKillop, 2................ | April. |  |  | 1 |
| 3 | Grey. | Egremont .............. | October. |  |  | 1 |
|  |  | Dumblane | do | Duff. | April. |  |
| 4 |  | Sydeubam, K.C̈́ ...... | April. |  |  | 1 |
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3. E. Bauld
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5. J. Carswe
6. A. Daws
7. J. Dougl
8. J. Howie
9. A. McLen
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11. W. Meikl
12. J. Pritch
13. W. Reeve
14. W. Suott.
15. R. Binnie
16. D. Duff
17. A. McNau
18. R. M. Crol
19. A. C. Gilli
20. J. Becket
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21. R. Moodie
22. J. J. Dunl
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24. D. Davidso
25. D. J. McIn
26. Troup
27. W. Troup
28. Kennie
29. M. Lowry 30. Dr. Hamilt

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APPENDIX IV.
List of Probationers, and Ministers Supplying Vacancies, for 1867-68

| Name of Probationers. | When put on Roll. | Settled. | Removed from list. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { still on } \\ & \text { list. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. F. Bates | July, 1867. |  |  |  |
| 3. E. Bauld | October, 1867. | 1 | ... |  |
| 4. J. W. Beil.................................. | October, 1865. | 1 | ... |  |
| 5. A. Carswell.................... | July, 1867. | 1 | ... | ... |
| 7. J. Douglas.......................... | July, 1867. |  | $\ldots$ | i |
| 8. J. Howie.................................... | Juy, ${ }^{\text {July, }} 1888$. | 1 |  | 1. |
| 10. G. Millizan | July, 1866. | ... | $\cdots$ | 1 |
| 11. W. Meikle ... | October, 1867. | 1 | ... | 1 |
| 13. J. Pritchard....................... | October, 1867. | 1 | ... |  |
| 14. W. Scott........................ | October, 1865. | .... | 1 | 1 |
| 15. R. Binuie | October, 1867. |  | 1 | $\ldots$ |
| 17. D. Duff ..................... | October, 1867. | 1 | ... | ... |
| 18. R. M. Croll....................... | October, 1862. |  | i | $\cdots$ |
| 19. A. C. Gillies ........................ | November, 1867. | I | ... | $\ldots$ |
| 21. P. Musgrave | October, 1867. |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| 22. R. Moodie ......................... | October, 1867. | ... | $\ldots$ | " |
| 23. J. J. Dunlop |  | $\ldots$ |  | 1 |
| 25. D. Davidson ....................... | October, 1867. | .. | 1 | $\cdots$ |
| 27. D. J. McInnes .................... | October, 1887. | ... | .. | 1 |
| ${ }^{28}$ 28. W. Troup ..................... | A pril, 1868. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 |
| 29. M. Lewry .......................... | April, 1868. | .. | $\ldots$ | 1 |
| 30. Dr. Hamilton. | April) ${ }_{\text {A }}{ }_{\text {A pril, }} 8868$. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 |
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## APPENDIX V. <br> list of missionaries.

I. Ordained Ministers.-J. McLean, J. Scott, C. Fletcher, A. T. Holmes T. Fenwick, J. MeGlashan, G. Murray, J. Hume, W. Wright, A. Lees, J. F., A. S. Fayette, -11 in number.
II. Theological Students.-J. A. F. McBain, J. P. Baikie, J. G. Croly, E. Reeve, N. Clarke, A. Milne, H. Currie, W. Mitchell. A. J. Foster, D. McDonald A. Urquhart, J. Rowat, C. C. Stewart, K. MeRae, L. Ritchie, J. Breckenridge, J. Baikie, J. Grey, W. McKay, R. McKenzie.-20.
III. Student Catechists.-D. Winters, R. R. Sutherland, D. Murray, J Fraser, J. Abraham, A. Gilray, P. Scotr, J. Gattisby, D. D. McLennan, J. McLeod, J. Calder, D. B. Camepon, J. Mupro.-14.
IV. Lay Catechists.-S. Armstrong, (Presbytery of London); W. Fergusou, (Huron); W. Clark, (London); Mr. Blythe, (Ottawa).-4.
V. Students at Princeton.-Recommended by the Presbytery of TorontoJ. Austin and G. L. McKay.-2. Total Missionaries, 51.

## REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

In presenting the annual report of the Foreign Mission work of the Church, your Committee regret that they are not able to make a more encouraging statement. The missionaries have been labouring on steadily and faithfully in their various fields; but no very brilliant results have yet been achieved. They have gone forth bearing precious seed, but the time of harvest, which faith assures us is certain, is not yet.

At the close of the last meeting of Synod, your Committee took immediate steps to carry out the instructions given them. Advertisements were inserted in the Record calling for volunteers prepared to labour in the British Columbian and Red River Missions. But while there is reason to believe that the notices were useful in calling attention to the demand for labourers, they failed to draw forth any response. In the month of October, a sub-committee was appointed to look out for, and, if possible, to secure missionaries for these fields. After frequent correspondence in various quarters by the members of this sub-committee, your Committee, were led, in April last, to call to the British Columbian Mission, Rev. Edward Graham of Woolwich and Hawksville, a gentleman whom they regarded as well qualified for the work. This call was duly prosecuted bofore the Presbytery of Guelph, but proved in the issue unsuccessful. Mr. Graham feeling unable to decide between the competing claims for his services, left the matter wholly in the hands of the Presbytery, which decided, perhaps not unnaturally, to retain him at Woolwich and Hawksville. This result your Committee deeply regret, as it cannot but discourage the faithful band of Presbyterians in New Westminister, who since Mr. Duff's return to Canada have been nobly sustaining religious services among themselves, while pleading earnestly that a minister may be sent to them.

Your Committee also regret that they have not been able to make* any appointment for the Red River. The attention of several gentlemen has been specially drawn to this field; and while it has received from most of them very favourable consideration, it has not as yet been accepted by any of thera.
The Committee has, at present, the names of several ministers before them who are disposed to regard Foreign Mission work favourably. And had not the discouraging experience of the past taught your Committee that hopes which seem well founded may readily disappoint, they would confidently expect that with the Synod's approbation clearly expressed, there need not be any further delay in supplying both British Columbia and Red River.

At Nanaimo, Rev. R. Jamieson has been labouring with fidelity and assiduity in the interesting but comparatively limited field which he occupies. The average attendence on Sabbath, is reported about thirty. In the congregation there are twenty-one families and twenty-two communicants, and a Sabbath School attended by twenty-four scholars. The amount contributed during the year is $\$ 679.78$. Of this sum $\$ 225$ was paid for the rent of the Manse for five quarters, and $\$ 231.28$ was paid to the Foreign Mission Fund of the Canada Presbyterian Church, making, in all, a sum of $\$ 456.28$ contributed towards the support of their pastor. Mr. Jamieson's congregation has suffered much from the stoppage of the coal works, on which Nanaimo is largely dependent, and also from the general commercial depression felt throughout the colony. There is reason to believe that better days are now beginning to dawn on British Columbia, generally. Mr. Jamieson says that "those best acquainted with the country have an increasing confidence in its mineral, and even in its agricultural resources." Information also received from other sources fully confirms this hopefulview. And your Committee impressed with the necessity of sustaining a work already so well begun, in what, we trust, is yet destined to form an important Province of the Dominion of Canada, are of opinion that all due effort should be made to send a second missionary to British Columbia.

Your Committee, however, being well aware that the work on the Pacific coast can only slowly reach a self-sustaining position, and considering that

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Britis $h$ Columbia, as, in the meantime, an independent colony, has claims upon the Home Churches, not less direct than it has upon ourselves, commissioned Rev. claims of this colony befor that present on a visit to Great Britain, to \#ay United Presbyterian Chuerere the proper committees of the Free Church, the Ireland, and to solicit their co in Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church in Gospel ordinances. The result of his appeals we the work of supplying it with Rev. Alex. Matheson has been labour field which he occupies at the Red Pouring on faithfully during in the important ularly on Sabbath forenoons at Little Brit During the year he has preached regin the church of Rev. John Blaterie Britain, and in the afternoon at Kildonan. on alternate Sabbaths at Fort Garry and Fairfeld whement is enabled to preach Mr. Matheson visited also the Presbyterians in Towards the end of winter Assiniboine. From two of these, viz., Portage in the rising settlements on the: former of which is about sixty miles dur, Portage La Prairie and High Bluff, the by 37 names has come asking for the services Fort Garry, a petition signed Committee trust that, while it may not be found possible Alex. Matheson. Your some other faithful minister may soon be fopossible to send Mr. Matheson, field.

The mission to the Red Indians at Prince Albert, on the Saskatchewan, has been prosecuted with zeal and success. The work done is, of course, chiefly of a preliminary kind, but it is of a highly satisfactory character, and argues well the year under Mr. Adam. Mc Aneath highest testimonials have been given, of whose qualifications for the work the benefit of the children of the officers and servant is designed chiefly for the families residing in the neighbourhood servants of the H. B. \& Co., and of the that this school has bitherto been chiefly self-ussion. It is satisfactory to know well worthy of consideration in view of the influeng. It may, however, be over the Indians in the interior, whether leave influence exerted by Europeans Nisbet to receive, at reduced rates, some of the chould not be granted to Mr. be able to meet a scale of charges which of the children of those who may not. entirely self-supporting. Your Committee are necessary to make the school of a small amount might, in this way, be are of opinion that the expenditure has also been given in the Cree language to judiciously made. Instruction period which has elapsed since Mr anguage to six Indian children. During the time has been necessarily occupied in providing at Prince Albert, much of his mission, and he has had less opportunity proving for the material wants of the work than he will have hereafter. A farm of devoting himself to purely spiritual and suitable mission buildings erected. It $i$ to be commenced and carried on has been successful, and that the latter will is pleasing to note that the former, ing of the farm it is intended to latter will soon be completed. In the workwho may be-sent to the Mission for med use, to some extent, of the Indian lads a knowledge of agriculture as will enable them whill in this way acquire such in the tilling of the soil neighbourhood of the Mission given by Mr. Nisbet to the Indians to settle in the during the present season a goodly nage in farming, and the prospects are that mode of life. This will bring them hamber will make experiment of a settled sion, and remove the great barrier to bibitually under the influence of the Misdering life and unsettled habits of missionary success presented by the wanplished, and even afterwards, it will theIndian tribes. Until this is accomvided to enable the Mission to board ery desirable that means should be protance. It is estimated that by moard and educate Indian children from a dispractising the strictest economy, one Ind their labour available on the farm, and for the sum of fifty dollars per y, one Indian child can be trained at the Mission tention of Sabbath Schools were dire. Your Committee believe that if the attion, it would have the bappiest resulte, both to those who missionary exer-

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who receive the benefit.
During the past year Mr. Nisbet has usually paid a monthly visit to Fort Carlton, and has held service among the Indians in the neighbourhood, and also among the H. B. Co. servants at that post.

In his mission work Rev. Mr. Nisbet has been ably assisted by Mr. John McKay, who acts as interpreter, and takes a general superintendence of the farming and building operations of the Mission. During the year Mr. Nisbet baptized twelve persons. Three of these were adult Indians; six were Indian children, and the remainder children of the officers and servants of the H. B. Co.

The Hon. H. B. Co. has very liberally granted the sum of $£ 25$ st., annually, towards the support of the Mission at Prince Albert. We hail this act as, at once, an expression of the interest felt by the Co. in the welfare of the aborigines, and a token of confidence in the Mission. The presence of your missionary, the Rev. James Nisbet, in the Synod renders further details unnecessary, as he will be able, personally to supply the Synod with full information respecting the Mission.
After the expression of opinion given at last Synod, your Committee did not feel warranted in taking immediate steps to break ground in any other portion of the heathen world. But fully alive to the importance of preparing the way for such an advance at the earliest moment practicable. Your Committee instructed their Convener to meet with the students of Knox College and address them on the subject of Foreign Missions. This duty was discharged by the Convener, and it is hoped, not without some resulting good. One promising young man has since intimated his intention of devoting himself to the work of Foreign Missions when his studies are completed, and others are believed to be givining the subject serious consideration.

Should the Synod see its way to enter on another heathen mission speedily, a reconsideration of the field may be desirable. While the fact that by entering on'the work in the New Hebrides, we would be co-operating with our brethren of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, strongly commends that field to us, your Committee think that it may be well worthy of consideration whether, on the whole, it would not be wiser to commence in some of the great centres of population. The attention of your Committee, and of many in the Charch, has been turned towards China, where there are districts with a population of more than two hundred millions, which seem, at the present juncture, peculiarly open to Evangelistic effort, and have never yet been occupied by Protestant missions. Your Committee would suggest that the field of any additional mission to the heathen should be left an open question, and that the Foreign Mission Committee be instructed to make such inquiries as may guide them in making a recommendation to next Synod.
Your Committee would, however, beg to call the special attention of the Synod to the receipts and disbursements for Foreign Missions during the year.

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Received during the year, as against \$4,809.50, last year $\ldots \ldots . .4$. $4,341.18$
Expenditure during the year............. . .......................... . $5,790.25$
Balance on hand. ...................................................... .... 3,360.29
From these figures which show that the balance on hand is $\$ 1,448.87$ less than last year, it is evident that this Committee is not prepared to embark on any new missionary enterprise, unless there are either (1) arrangements made by which the work in British Columbia and Red River, which in its character is more nearly allied to Home than to Foreign Mission work, can be taken in the course of a year or two out of the hands of this Committee, and otherwise provided for; or $(2$,$) there is such a large increase in the contributions of the$ Church as will enable the Committee to carry on the work which it has already on hand, and go forward also to occupy new fields for Christ. There is no reason why this latter alternative should not be that chosen. It certainly is not to the credit of a church which has nearly 300 Ministers on its Synod Roll, and about 45,000 communicants, and such a large proportion of the wealth of the
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country under its control, that it should allow its zeal for the conversion of psgan nations to be represented by a contribution of ten cents per member, and by a missionary staff of one ordained minister, in the whole heathen world.
ions should no no reason why the contributions of the Church for Foreiga Misfunds required for cther be doubled, and that too without any diminutioa in the mittee are satisfied thepartments of ecclesiastical work. Indeed your ComForeign Missions, by its reflex vigorous and earnest prosecution of the work of of strengthening the piety and infuence, throngh the Divine blessing be the means form of the work. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. MoLaren, Convener.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX COLLEGE.

The Board of Management of Knox College have to report to the Synod in reference to the various matters entrusted to their supervision.

## I. The Attendasoe or Students.

The numbers of Students in attendance on the classes in the Theological department was 20 , of whom 9 were in the senior; 4 in the second, and 7 in the junior class. Only 5 students were earolled in the preparatory department ; but this is exclusive of a large number of students who are taking a University course, with a view to the ministry of our Church.

## II. Proprssors.

In addition to the regular staff of Professors, the Rev. Robert Ure of Goderich, and the Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot of London have taught the classes in last Synod. The Board recpectively, in accordance with appointment of that the regulations in referenmend that these lectureships be continued, and the order in which the subjects se to the time when the classes shall meet, and agement. The Rev. Dr. Burns has, as in fought, be left with the Board of ManHistory, and the Rev. J. M. K, as ormer years, taught the class in Church preparatory classes.

## III. The Library.

By the kind liberality of friends, large and valuable additions have been made to the library. Three new catalogues have been made out, (I) a stock, (2) an alphabetical, and (3) a classified catalogue; bat there is still wanting a printed thousand volumes hase of the students. From the duplicates in the library a which cordial thanks have been returned. Montreal Presbyterian College ; for

## IV. The Bursarigs.

The Board desire to notice with gratitude the additions that have bsen made to the bursaries of the College during the year. G. L. Beardmore, Esq, has established two bursaries of $\$ 50$ each, having contributed the sum of $\$ 100$ for next five years signified his intention of contributing a similar sum for the Goldie, Esqu., of Ayr, has sent gentleman has also given §50 for the library. J. connection with the College buted \$40, and W. Hall, Esq. Wos Ross, Esq., of Stirling, Scotland, has contrias bursaries.

## V. Tha Employment of Students in Pafaching During tar Collige Sebsion.

It was agreed by the Board to recommend that the regulation in raference to From this Mr. Waters dissented.

## VII. Students who have Completeted their Studies in the Theologiofl Seminaries of the United States.

This matter was remitted to the Board by the last Synod ; and the Board recommend that the Synod enact the following regulations in reference to students of this Church taking their Theological course, wholly or in part, at any foreign Theological Institution, but intending to labour in the ministry, in conrection with the Church :-

1. That students of this class shall be required not to omit any part of the litarary course which this Church has prescribed, as preparatory to the entrance on Theological study.
2. (a) That in order to facilitate the admission of said class of students to the status of Preachers in the Church, they be strongly urged to present themselves on the:completion of their Theological conrse, for trials for License, before one of the Presbyteries of this Church.
(b.) That in the case of students of the class specified, who may take License in any foreign Church, previous to the termination of their theological curriculum, such curriculum must be completed before tho License so obtained shall be recognized by the Church.
(c.) That students who shall, on the completion of their course, have obtained license in a foreign Cturch, may be received as Preachers by any of the Presibytories of this Church, on the production of the necessary evidence of licensure, as well as of their having completed their theological studies; but preachers thus received shall not be employed as Probationers, nor be eligible for settlements, sooner than students of the same year who shall have been licensed by the Church.

## VII. Funds.

1. Ordinary Funds.-The amount received from congregations during the pre. sent year, for tne ordinary fund has been $\$ 5753.80$. The expenditure has been $\$ 6383.32$, leaving a balance due at the close of the year of $\$ 629.32$. There is also a further sum of $\$ 931.65$ due to professors, making the total amount due $\$ 1561.17$. The sum due at the close of last year was $\$ 1129.46$; so that the debt on this fund has been increased by $\$ 431.71$. This is a matter of deep regret to the Board, who have used every effort in their power for some years past to reduce this debt. It must, however, be borne in mind that three Presbyteries formerly contributing to Knox College have been set off by the Synod, and attached to the Theological Seminary of Montreal. The Presbyteries contributing to Knox College have contributed more than they did last year, though not enough to prevent a very serious addition to the debt. This subject is earnestly commended to the attention of the Synod.
2. Endowment.-The sum of four thousand dollars has been received from W. C. McLeod, Esq., of Woodstock, towards the endowment of a chair in Knox College. This large donation was made on the payment of the sum of $\$ 2000$ due to Mr. McLeod on account of the Beachville Chnrch; of this $\$ 2000$ only $\$ 1600$ had been specially contributed, and the balance of $\$ 100$ was advanced by the Treasurer, and in the first instance it will be necessary to apply the interest of the $\$ 4000$ in repayment of the sum thus advanced. It is hoped that the wealthy members of our church, stimulated by Mr. McLeod's example, may see the importance of placing the college upon a more satisfactory basis, by a liberal endowment of the Professors' chairs.

## VII. Preparatory Department.

The Synod have taken steps from time to time with a view to the encouragement of our students in prosecuting their studies at the University, and graduating there before entering on the Theological course in Kox College; yet it has always been found necessary to make provision for those who have not received a preparatory (ducation of so thorough a kind, as to enable them to do this with advantage. The necessity has been increasingly felt for some provision to give this class of students more efficient literary training. With this view, it was proposed by certain ministers, and other office-bearers in the Church ${ }_{r}$
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to ask the Synod to appoint the Rev. George Paxton Young, A. M., to take charge of this department of the work, and, with the cordial approval of this Bcard, they proceeded to solicit special subscriptions for the purpose of raising Mr. Young's stipend, in case of his appointment by the Synod; so that this arrangement might not impinge on the ordinary fands of the College. It is proposed that this arrangement shall be only for the next two years, thus meeting a present and pressing necessity, without pledging the Synod to the permanent maintenance of such a preparatory course. From the well known attainments and qualifications of Mr. Young, the Board have the utmost confidence in recommending his appointment to the charge of this department of the work.

> All which is respectfully submitted.

## DAVID INGLIS

Convener.

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mames cf students, 1867-68. Third or Senior Theological Class.
J. A. F. MeBain.
J. P. Baike.
J. Campbell, (Edinburgh.)
J. E. Croly.

Ed. Reere.
N. Clark.
A. Milne.
H. Currie
W. Mitchell. A. G. Forster.

Second Theological Class.
John M. Munroe.
Alexander Urquart.
Andrew Rowat.
D. MeDonald.

First or Junior Theological Class.
Thomas Ritehie.
James Breckinridge.
Geo. Bronfield.
John Baikie.
Robert Fairbairn.
John Gray
Preparatory Department,-Third or Senior Class.
John Abraham.
Alexander MeLaren.
J. R. Battisby.

First Prepuratory Class.
John Camptell.
A number of the students in the Peeparatory Department are not enrolled. Toronto, May 20th, 1868.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL

The Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, beg to submit the following Report:-
In accordance with the appointment of last Synod of the Rev. George Paxton Young, A.M., as Professor of Theology, the Board at an early date thereafter, entered into correspondence with that gentleman as to bis acceptance of the
It then result was that Mr. Young declined to accept the said appointment. stances the College should ber the Board tn consider whether in these circumAfter due consideration it was agreed that an er postponed for another year.

College, and carry out the permission granted by the Synod, viz.:-that in the event of the Rev. George Paxton Young, A.M., declining to accept the appointment, the Board be empowered, should they see fit, to make whatever provision may be thought desirable for the instruction of classes during the coming winter. In accordance with this permission it was agreed by the Board to open the College, and to invite the Rev. William Gregg, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, and the Rev. William Aitken of Smith's Falls, to undertake the work of teaching the classes for the first Session of six months, each of them to give three months to the work. The appointment having been accepted by these gentlemen, the Session was opened in Erskine Church, on the first Wednesday of October. Mr. Gregg delivering the opening lecture.

Ten students have been in attendance on the classes during the Session.
Their names and standing are given below.
Application was made to the Corporation of McGill College University for affiliation with that institution. The application was received and concurred in and in accordance therewith, the Presbyterian College of Montreal was admitted as an affiliated Theological College, nnder Chap. XIV., Sec. 3 and 10 of the Statutes of the University. The advantages of affiliation are, that students whether entered as Matriculated or Occasional, shall be subject to the regulations of the Faculty of Arts in the same manner as other students.

The Faculty shall make formal Reports to the governing body of the Theological College, to which any such student may belong, as to : (i) His conduct and attendance on the classes of the Faculty; and (2) His standing in the several examinations; such Reports to be furnished, after the Christmas and Sessional Examinations, severally, if called for.

Matriculated students shall be allowed no exemptions in the course for the degree of B.A. till they have passed the intermediate examination, but they may take Hebrew in the first, second, and third years, instead of Modern Languages.
In the third and fourth years they shall be allowed exemptions from the following subjects:-
In the third year they may omit Astronomy and Optics, Experimental Physics, and Rhetoric.
In the fourth year they may omit Experimental, Physics and English Literature.
Certificates of attendance on the full course of lectures in the Theological College must be produced by students who avail themselves of these exemptions before entering the B.A. examination.

Through the kindness of the trustees of Erskine Church, a room together with fuel and light were given free of charges for the use of classes during the Session. The thanks of the Board are due to these gentlemen for their kindness and liberality.

At the commencement of the Session, application was made to the Board of Management of Knox College for the duplicates of such books as could be spared from the library of that institution. The application was favourably received and one thousand volumes have thus been obtained as the commencement of a library. The following valuable works have been presented by the Rev. W. B. Clark, of Quebec, viz.:-A copy of the "Ecclesiastica Concilia Binii," four vols., folio; and a copy of the "Historians of the Church, Eusebius, Socrates, Sozomen, Theodoret," one vol., folio; also, by the Rev. A. C. Gillies, a copy of Morgan's Bibliotheca Canadeusis," one volume.

## finances.

1. The Endowment Fund.-The amount received in the endowment fund during the year is $\$ 8776$ 85, and has been invested as follows :-
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2. Ordinary Fund.-Towards the ordinary fund there has been reeeived the amount of $\$ 1215$ 14, and disbursed as follows :-Salaries of Messrs Gregg and Aitken $\$ 500$ each: $\$ 1000$. Contingent expenses $\$ 33895$, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of $\$ 17391$.

The amount received for scholarships last year is $\$ 24245$, and of this there has been paid to students $\$ 185$, leaving a balance in hand of $\$ 6245$. The Treasurer's report herewith submitted will give detailed information in this matter.

Through the liberality of friends in Montreal eleven bursaries have been secured and are offered for competition at the opening of next Session in Ootober, 1868.
The following are the Bursaries offered:-One of \$62, by the Sabbath School of Cote Street Church ; one of $\$ 50$, by Robert Anderson, Esq. ; one of $\$ 25$, by John Watson, Esq.; one of $\$ 50$, by Alex. Walker, Esq. ; one of $\$ 50$, by Peter Redpath, Esq.; one of $\$ 50$, by Warden King, Esq.; one of $\$ 50$, by Geo. Roger, Esq. ; one of $\$ 50$, by Alex. McGibbon, Esq. ; one of $\$ 60$, by A. Robertson, Esq.; one of $\$ 50$, P. S. Ross, Esq, and one of $\$ 50$, by Hugh MacKay, Esq. All which is respectfully submitted,
Montreal, June 12th, 1868.
W. TAYLOR, Chairman.

## PRESBYTERIAN OOLLEGE IN MONTREAL. ssssion, 1867-68. <br> Names of Students.

2nd Theological year.
C. C. Stuart,

Ist or Junior Theological year

> D. McLennan, D. M. McLellan,
J. H. Paradis,
K. McRae.
R. McKenzie, Gus. Munro.

Messrs. Thomson and Sinclair were admitted as students by special vote of the Senate.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board has to report that the examinations were conducted as during former years at Montreal and Taronto, one-half of the Board meeting in the former and the other half in the latter place, the questions used, however, being the same in both places. As the College in Montreal has now been put in operation, it is deemed expedient that a separate report be presented by each section of the Board, and they would such suggest to the Synod the propriety of considering whether it were not better that a separate Board of Examiners should be appointed for the College in Montreal.

The following is a statement of the number and standing of the Students examined at Toronto :-

1. Students in the preparatory course, fourteen.

Entering the 1st year, eight.

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\text { E. Vincent, } \\
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Entering the 2nd year, two.
D. Fraser, James Fraser.

Entering the 3rd year, four.

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\text { A. McLaren, } & \text { J. R. Battisby, } & \text { J. Abraham, } \\
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2. Students in the Theological course, twenty-one.

Entering the 1st year, seven.
Thomas Ritchie,
J. Breckenridge,
R. Fairbairn.

John Gray,
Thomas McKee,

George Burnfield, John Baikie,

Entering the 2nd year, five.

John M. Munro, A. Rowat, Entering the 3rd year, nine.

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\text { J. A. F. McBain, } & \text { J. E. Croly, } & \text { James Barron, } \\
\text { A. G. Foster, } & \text { John Campbell, } & \text { W. Mitthell, } \\
\text { J. P. Baikie, } & \text { A. Milne, } & \text { E. Reeve. }
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The Board notice with much satisfaction that the candidates generally presented themselves punctually at the time appointed, and in most cases came well prepared. To this there are a few exceptions, on account of which the Board had to make arrangements for a second examination. It is however to be hoped and desired that such a necessity will not again occur, as, so far as the Board are informed, the Students themselves now see the propriety, and perceive the advantages of such a regular review of their studies. It would greatly tend to the regularity and efficiency of the examinations by the Board, were the Senate to make a special report upon the case of each Student, who attends the classes, without having first passed the requisite examinations.

The attention of the Senate was specially called to the case of one Student, who, though in other respects highly to be commended, was deficient in classical attainments.

As several of the Students in the preparatory course seemed somewhat at a loss as to what class they could attend in Classics, and Metaphysics, at the suggestion of the Board, the Rev. Mr. King, of Toronto, met with them twice a week, and gave them instructions in Latin and Greek, in which studies Mr. King states they have made very satisfactory progress. Professor Caven also, in addition to his regular work, kindly gave such Students much aid in the study of Philosophy.

As reported at last Synod, the Board had succeeded in raising funds for the purpose of giving Scholarships to under-graduates of the Toronto University, who are preparing for the Ministry in the Canada Presbyterian Ohurch. This part of their work has been successfully carried on during the last year.
Nine candidates entered as competitors for the Scholarships offered. The following were successful.

| Students in the 4t |  |  |  |  | 1st Scholarship. |  |
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|  |  | 3rd |  | R. M. Thornton, |  |  |
| " |  | 2nd | " | W. Armstrong, | 1st | " |
|  |  |  |  | T. Ewing, | 2nd | d |
|  |  |  |  | P. T. Drummond, | 3rd | " |
|  | " | 1st | 6 | A. Hamilton, | 1st | " |

The Board awarded to each of the other condidntes, whose papers were all good, the sum of $\$ 30$, to aid them in the prosecution of their studies. The entire sum awarded by the Board amounts to $\$ 365$, an rqual amount is promised for another year by the same congregations, and doubtless others will also contribute, so that our succession will be able successfully to carry out the scheme thus happily inaugurated.
It is pleasing to notice a growing desire on the part of candidates for the Ministry, to avoid themselves of every facility of attaining a thorough liberal culture before entering the Theological classes.

Respectfully submitted by
W. ORMISTON,

Convener.

## BOARD OF EXAMINATION.

## Report for Montreal.

The following students have passed all the examinations required by the regulations for their respective years :-Messrs. Paradis and McRae as 2nd years'
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students, and Messrs R. McKenzie and F. McLeod as 1st year students. Mr. C. C. Stewart was unable from severe illness to attend the entrance examinait, they recom Board have the fullest confidence that he was prepared to pass Messrs. G. Munro and D. they purpose to present themselves anan passed only in Latin and Greek, but the opening of next Session.
J. M. GIBSON.

## REPORT OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND,

(The Receipts and Expenditure will be found in the accounts of the Church, in another part of the Appendix.)

The committee have received a report from the actuary who was selected to examine and report as to the condition and prospeets of the Fund, A. G. Ramsay, Esq., Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, England, and Secretary of the Canada will be seen tempany. His report is herewith transmitted to the Synod. It necessary, and that no opinion that the continuance of the yearly collection is committee direct attention to this should be applied to any other purpose. The for some years set apart for the point, so that, if the portion of the collection mediately withdrawn from that impor Aged and Infirm Ministers cannot be iming the congregational collections, not ultimately be injured.
All of which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed,)
report on the widows' and orphans' J. OSborne, Convener. orphans fund of the ministers of the canada
presbyterian churob.
In compliance with the desire of the managers of the Widows' Fund of the Canada Presbyterian Church to be informed, 18t, whether looking to the present
income of the to $\$ 160$ to widows with children under the anities of $\$ 120$ to widows, and $\$ 140$ be paid; 2nd, whether the annuities cond the age of 14, can be safely continued to the yearly collections from congregatienld be safely increased; and 3rd, whether them set apart for other purposes, the Reporter has given the position half of fund his careful consideration. Reporter has given the position of the
There are at present 220 Min
Of that number 10 are widowers contributing $\$ 8$ each annually to the fund. classes"are of various ages from 28 to 65 . 19 have not been married. These two culation assumed that they might each : and the reporter has as a basis of ealsumption it is true is quite an arbitrary marry wives of the age of 26 . This asunfavorable; but keeping in view thary one, and it may at first sight appear too not of that opinion.

While the Reporter is not advie the fund may be looked for, advised that a large number of new contributors to age of such new contributors may year to years, he is informed that the average marry wives of the age of 25 , the be assumed as 26 . If such new contributors secure an annuity of $\$ 120$ to his wife payment during the husband's life to children, would be $\$ 1700$, but as his wife, without considering any allowances for seen that every such additional member considerable charge upon the fund beyond the present number is a very addition to its capital, or some addition to its revenue, ing into it with him some of the existing yearly collection.
The calculations in reference to
tables of mortality; and it has been sasumed have been based upon the Carlisle the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

With these preliminary remarks the Reporter finds the following is the position of the fund.
The present capital is........................................ $\$ 51,588$ 42*
The value of the revenue from the members' contributions of $\$ 8$ per year, and the annual collection of $\$ 2,085^{\circ}$ is. .

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The value of the annuities to the 16 widows at present on the fund, is.
$\$ 19,26468$
The value of the annuities to 13 children at present on the fund, till they attain the age of 14, is

1,381 20
The value of annuities to widows of the present 220 members is.

71,178 12
And add thereto for annuities to children till they attain age, 14, say.
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Showing a surplus of.
It will be seen that the fund has been charged with the sum of $\$ 7,000$, on account of the probable temporary annuities to the children of contributors, and it is right to add that that is an arbitrary amount. While it is not based upon any exact scientific data, for the materials for enabling that to be done are not obtainable, the Reporter is of opinion that is a fairly correct and safe estimate of the value of the children's anuuities. In the valuation of the annual collection of the $\$ 2,085$, the Reporter has assumed that such collection will be continued during the +xistence of the fund, and that it is a necessary element, of its success.

While it will be seen that the position of the fund shows a surplus, and therefore at prosent fairly warrants, (1st,) a continuance of the present rates of annuities. The Reporter is not of opinion (2nd,) that the amount of the surplus is sueh as would warrart an increase of the annuities; or (3rd,) that the yearly collections from congregations could be dispensed with, or any portion of them applied to other purposes.
sppended are one or two statistical tables which may be of interest to the members of the fund.
All of which is humbly reported by,
A. G. RAMSAY,

## Hellow of the Institute of Actuaries of England.

Hamilton, 18th January, 1868.

## AC' FOR THE RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

## adopted, ad interim, and sent down to presbyterigs,

1. Ministers and licentiate of other Evangelical Presbyterian Churches, who hold and accept the Westminister Standards, in the terms of the articles of Union, and who come in the way of orderly translation, or are expressly designated, or commissioned as ministers or missionaries to this Church, shall, on application to any Presbytery, and producing proper documentary evidence, be at once admitted as Ministers or Probationers of this Chureh.
2. That in all cases in which an applicant for admission does not come in the manner poovided above, but with Presbyterial or private certificates only, he shall not be received into full standing as a minister or probationer of this Church unless with the exprese savetion of the Synod;-provided, alwaye, that if on exam
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ination of the certificates of such party, at an ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and on due consideration of the whole case, the Presbytery be unanimous, they may avail themselves of the services of such applicant in the meantime.
the Presbytery at an ordin such last mentioned applicant shall be presented to Presbytery may see fit, in the meeting thereor, and he shall be dealt with as the ing discourses, with the view way of private conference, examination, and hearpiety, knowledge, ministerial of ascertaing his soundness in the failh, personal satisfied on all these points, the Pr, prudence, and propriety of deportment, and if struct their clerk to issue circula resbyt-ry shall record their judgment, and inin the usual form, to transmit the letters, as early as possible, to the Presbyteries, ensuing Synod, and to appoint thepplication with relative doeuments the vext meeting of Syned. In the event of applicant to appear persooally at the next cant shall be received by the Presbye Synod granting permission, such applitioner, as the case may be, of this Church, and reeognized as a Minister or Proba-

## SEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee have to report that the change of the termination of the Synodical year, has enabled them to present to this court a somewhat full statement of our position, statistically considered; and it is moreover, their privilege again to exhibit progress and extension.
Out of the 278 ministers on the roll of Synod, 16 have no pastoral charge, leaving 262, who occupy this position of these 251 have rendered reports, and 1 in the Presbytery of Montreal, 2 in that of Ottawa. 3 in Guelph, 2 in London, 2 these have since been Grey, making 11 in all, have failed to report. Four of charges continue from year to year to the other hand many of the vacant brought before the respective Presbyberies in no returns. The matter is again tinue, your Committee will be conesbyteries, and, if this state of things conpurposes, to run from 1st of January to 31st recommend the year, for statistical Though three city and town chary to 31st December.
cates progress and may be stated thus:
In settled pastors, the increase is
the whole number,-in families 936 , making 30 in two years, or nearly $\ddagger$ of School children 3,065, Bible classe, communicants 1,549 , baptisms 238, Sabbath and church accemmodation 3,831 1, elders 26, and other office-bearers 163 , number of stations not forming part while there seems to be a decrease in the fact that many of these are becoming the regular charge principally from the notice a decrease of 32 in theming settled charges. It is not pleasing to volumes in Sunday School Libraries, Passing to the Financial Statem,
does not indicate that increase, whinent, the Stipend Fund it is to be regretted put forth last year to augment it. Thich might have been expected from the effort ever, to have raised to $\$ 600$ net, The average stipend has been found howmaking a general increase of about 25 cents.
The proposal made last year to macents. tended to include a manse, from the fee the minimum stipend $\$ 600$ was not inthe whole church, $\$ 100$ per annum, our people valuing it as worth, throughout rise in the yearly income of our ministers, heople are not prepared for so large a may be-and as only 123 or considerably less desirable and necessary such charges possess homes for their pastors, in less than one-half of the regular be instituted, a distinction must be made b order that a proper comparison may these useful edifices. Your committee practicable and possible, if preper believe that their proposal of last year is the minimum of stipend ought to continuous efforts be put forth, and that Such an arrangement would more especially in the country districts.
low standard, would demand continuous and persistent efforts for some years, is plainly evinced by the circumstance, that 80 charges, or nearly one third of the whole are below this standard. The grand remedy for this lamentable state of matters, is an augmented spirituality of mind on the part of our people, which would eventually be followed by an increased liberality. As a subordinate means, the advice of an able political leader seems the most effectual" Agitate, agitate, agitate."
A slight decrease of $\$ 3,260$ is observed in the arrears, but, while Paris and Stratford report none, the Presbytery of Montreal shews an alarming increase, and includes nearly one-half of the whole arrears $\$ 2290.07$ out of $\$ 5097 \cdot 11$. No remedy seems practicable for curing an evil like this. It appears to be a law of ecclesiastical finance, whose cause it is not easy to ascertain, that arrearages of stipend are part and parcel of the working of every church system. Like the sore that is caused by internal causes, when checked on one spot, it breaks out in auother. For no sooner are these blots on our good name and ecclesiastical integrity wiped out in one quarter, than they appear in another. A perpetual evil they must therefore become, unless some efficient remedy be devised ; and the returns indicate but a small proportion of the amount, as many thousands of dollars are cancelled by ministers, who will rather suffer personal loss and privations, than have their sensitive minds tortured by seeing arrears marked against their respective charges. Some mitigation of these evils might be produced by more close and constant Presbyterial visitation, and by an adjustment of claims and stipend in certain cases.
In contrast with this state of matters, it is pleasing to note an increase in the stipend and other funds, with the exception of that for widows' and orphans, and superannuated Ministers' Fund. It shows a decrease of $\$ 151 \cdot 84$, and your committee take the opportunity of urging a greater liberality towards a scheme so promotive of ministerial comfort and efficiency.
The formation of a Theological College at Montreal has largely increased the amount of the College Fund,-that for Montreal being 86,61907 , and for Knos \$6,477:36, making $\$ 13,096 \cdot 43$ in all.
The returns indicate a decrease of $\$ 675.84$ in the Home Mission Fund, a result chiefly caused by a large diminution in the contribations of the Montreal Pres. bytery-augmented by a small decrease in the Presbyteries of Kingston, Cobourg, Ontario, Hamilton, and Grey, and reduced by an increase in those of Ottawa, Brockville, Toronto, Paris, Guelph, Stratford, Huron, and London. To this fund, however, are to be added the liberal contributions of $\$ 3,551 \cdot 17$ reported for the Kankakee Mission. Still such decrease from whatever cause ensuing calls for enquiry, and demands increased exertions to remove it. The whole contributions reported amount to $\$ 346,545 \cdot 92$, or $\$ 45,336 \cdot 13$ more than last year, and shew an average contribution of $\$ 8 \cdot 22$ for each communicant, being an increase of exactly a dollar over that of last year.
It is to be regretted that so many congregations still omit making collections for one or more of the various schemes. Taking the five chief funds of our church, viz., College, Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Synod Fund, if every charge made a contribution for each, the number of collections would be 1,255 , but from the returns it is seen that only 975 were made, leaving 280 not attended to in a single year, and taking each at an average of $\$ 4$ more than $\$ 1,100$ have been lost to our schemes, though neglecting to comply with the Synod's injunctions. This lies at the root of much of the debt and difficulty, that more or less firmly attach themselves to all church undertakings. Without attempting to explain this neglect, your committee again urge on congregations the importance of Congregational Missionary Associations, as the simplest and most satisfactory plan for remedying this defect.
In conclusion, the committee would respectfully impress on ministers and office-bearers the need of more punctuality and promptitude in forwarding their returns, as, for years, delay in sending them has entailed a considerable amount of additional labor.

June, 1868.
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RECEIPTS.

Amount received from congregations, \&c.......... ... $\$ 575380$
Balance due at close of year
62950
62952

- 66,383
expenditure.
Amount due at beginning of year..................... 872146
Paid on account of salaries
to Mr. Willing.................................................. 467700000
" accounts for repairs, \&c ..................................................... 19774
"for Library........................................................ 19710219
" Insurance .......................... 7600
" Interest on mortgage....................................... 10640
" for advances for ordinary expendit...... 14655
City Improvement Rate........... 7585
3013
\$6,383 13

. 93165
Total amount due on ordinary fund
$\$ 156117$
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112946
Greater this year by
*431 71
BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
eECEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of year \$ 505
138714
- 81,39219

EXPENDITURE.
Amount invested-Goldie Scholarship. ................. $\$ 50000$
Bursaries and Scholarships paid....................... 835 C0

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COLLEGE BUIL - $\$ 1,39219$
Amoun COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.
" on Mortgage.................................................. ${ }^{537} 64$ SYNOD FUND.

REOEIPTS.
Amount received
\$2,147 88
EXPENDITURE.
Balance due at begining of year
Paid expenses connected with Synod meeting in
Toronto
"For Printing, including Synod minutes.
32305
$39+10$

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| Express charges on | 2160 |
| :---: | :---: |
| " Rev. W. Fraser, salary. | 10000 |
| " Postage account | 377 |
| " Rev. J. Gray, convener of committee on |  |
| Statistics | 6000 |
| " Advertising, \&c. |  |
| " John Lovell, Montreal, balance | 4971 |
| " Credited to arrears of Buxton Mission | 10000 |
| " Proportion of general expenses | 5885 |
| " " Salary of Gen. Agen | 70000 |
| Balance. | 10010 |

## FOREIGN MISSION.

Balance from last year................................................ 48411816
Received from congregation, \&c ............. 16

EXPENDITURE.
Paid on Acct. of Miss. to British Columbia. . . . . . . . . \$2050 00
" " 4 Red River................... 753, 55
" " 4 Saskatchewan................ 277437
" " Printing expenses of convener, \&c 8733
Proportion of general expenses.................. 4500
Salary of General Agent.......... 8000
Balance at end of year................................... . 336029
$\$ 9,15034$

## HOME MISSION.

RECEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of year.
Receipts from congregations, less expenses of deputations, \&c

980402
812,51719
EXPMNDITURE.
Paid Presbytery of Montreal (including $\$ 68875$ ra directly to treasurer in Montrea.
$\$ 165204$
Ottawa........................... 39592

|  |  | directly to treasurer in Montrea. | 652 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| " | " | Ottawa. | 39592 |
| " | " | Brockville | 65700 |
| " | " | Kingston. | 77350 |
| " | " | Cobourg. | 58600 |
| " | " | Ontario. | 53700 |
| " | " | Toronto |  |
| " | " | Guelph | 46900 |
| " | " | Hamilton. | 30853 |
| " | " | Paris. . | 16200 |
| " | " | London (including $\$ 400$ for Buxton and $\$ 100$ for Kankakee ..... |  |
| " | " | Stratford. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| " | " | Huron. | 72400 |
| " | " | Gıey............ . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| " For Printing . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 52. . 35 |  |  |  |
|  | Expenses of m | mbers of Committee last year.... | 10435 |
|  | Proportion of | general expenses. | 6500 |
| " |  | Salary of General Agent. | 10000 |
|  | Amount credi | d to arrears of Bux | 100 |

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FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION,
RECEIPTS.
Balance at beginning of year ..... \$ 33607
Received during year ..... 115279
EXPENDITURE.
Remitted to Montreal ..... \$ 90614
Paid proportion of printing, \&c ..... 420
" " General expenses ..... 2000
Balance
Salary of General Agent ..... 250053352$\$ 1,48886$ \$1,488 86
WIDOWS' FUND. RECEIPTS.
Balance from last year 8219187
Congregational collections and donations 256864
Ministers' rates 130960
Interest 342083
tavestments falling due and paid 69043 ——— $\$ 10,18137$

## EXPENDITURE.

Annuities paid to Widows and Children of Ministers $\$ 240000$
Rates repaid
2000
Iavested
468513
Printing, proportion of, and sundry incidental charges 4450
Charge of Actuary for examination of Scheme........ 5000
Amount credited to Fund for Aged and Infirm Min-
ters
Proportion of general expenses
130600
" " Salary of Anses. ........................ 8000
Balance
35000
balance............................... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1245 74
The following is the present state of Fund. $\$ 10,181 \quad 37$
Invested in Debentures
$.818,54400$
" Mortgages. 38,439 44
1,245 74

- $\$ 58,22918$
FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.
RECEIPTS.
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Receipts during year from Congregations 130600
Interest
9600
EXPENDITURE.

96800


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of general expenses
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" Salary of Agent ..... 4000
Balance ..... 189148
BUXTON MISSION.
Amount of Dr. last year.10000———\$ 20000
Amount now at Dr \$ 54577HOME AND FOREIGN RECORDRECEIPTS.
Received from subscriptions and advertisements ..... \$2,226 28
EXPENDITURE.
Balance at beginning of year. ..... * 21856
69225
Lovell \& Gibson for Printing
75000
75000
Buntin, Bro. \& Co, on account of Paper
Buntin, Bro. \& Co, on account of Paper ..... 19792
Postage and express charges. .....
8000 .....
8000
Proportion of General Expenses.
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28000
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Balance ..... 755
Balance from last year ..... 5629 ..... ———\$3,289 38

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$\$ 234429$
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Balance ..... 65261

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$$——2,226 28

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receipts.
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Amount paid W. C. McLeod, Esq., Woodstock ..... $\$ 200000$ Incidental expenses$\xrightarrow{800} \$ 2,00800$ENDOWMENT FUND.Amount received from W. O. McLeod, Esq$\$ 400000$Previously rec'd from Executors of Mr. D. Chisholm.

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.
Amount received
Remitted
8609
MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN OHURCH.
Amount received
$\$ 1700$
Remitted
1700
MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.
Amount received
" Remitted......................................................... $\$ 4101$
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In the roll of ths Presbytery of Toronto, page 5, the following omission should be supplied:
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In the roll of the Presbytery of Paris, page 6, the date of the ordination of Rev. J. James should be-Sep. 29, 1857.
Page 26, 17th line, the expression should be "Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces."
Page 40, 2nd line, for "task" read "taste."
Page 44, 9th line, the number voting nay should be 30.
On some of the pages, the figures at the top read " 1867 " instead of "1868."
It is only in some copies that the above errors occur.


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    Presbytery
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