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SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRESBYTERIAN.

JULY, 1858.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal, the 26th day of May, and concluded on the 1st day of June, 1858 years.

SESSION XXX.

DIET I.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-Sixth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, after sermon by the Rev. George Macdonnell, Minister at Fergus, their Moderator, on this text: John, ch. x., vs. 4, 5,—“And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers,”—and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. George Macdonnell.

The Synod Roll being made up from Presbytery Rolls, was read.

ROLL OF QUEBEC PRESBYTERY.

There being only a list of Elders from the Presbytery of Quebec, the Synod express dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Clerk of that Presbytery in sending up only the names of Elders, refuse to receive this list as a Roll, and appoint the Presbytery of Quebec to meet before the commencement of proceedings to-morrow and make up a Roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Revs, George Macdonnell, *Moderator*; Alexander Mackid, Joseph Anderson, Alexander Mann, William Bain, John McMorine, Alexander Spence, Duncan Morrison, George Thomson, Peter Lindsay, William White, John Machar, Robert Neill, Archibald Walker, William E. Mackay, Alexander Buchan, John Barclay, John H. Mackerras, John Campbell (Brock), John Cook, Duncan Anderson, George D. Ferguson, James Sieveright, Alexander Mathieson, William Mair, James Anderson, James C. Muir, William Simpson, Alexander Wallace, John Macdonald, Frederick P. Sym, William Snodgrass, Hugh Urquhart, Thomas Macpherson, Donald Monro, Robert Dobie, Peter Macvicar, Donald Macdonald, Peter Watson, John Davidson, George Bell, Hamilton Gibson, Kenneth MacLennan, Robert Burnet, Hugh Niveu, John Whyte, *Ministers*; and Messrs. Thomas Macdonald, George Malloch, Archibald Petrie, George Neilson, G. H. Boulter, Edward W. Thomson, James A. Thomson, John Thomson, Douglas Brymner, Alexander Morris, Thomas Allan, John Greenshields, James Fenton, Frederick S. Verity, William Kay, Alexander Robertson, James Grant, Alexander S. Cadenhead, Alexander Logie, *Elders*.

CORRESPONDENTS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Allan Pollock, Clerk of the Synod of Nova Scotia, apologising with expressions of regret for the absence of the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, the Correspondent appointed by that Synod to attend this meeting, on the ground of ill health, and for the absence of the Rev. Allan Pollock, appointed to take the place of Mr. McGillivray, on the ground of a long continued absence from his congregation. The Synod sympathise with these brethren, and deeply regret that they have not an opportunity this year of welcoming amongst them a Representative of the Church in the Lower Provinces.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The Synod, on motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Dr. Machar, unanimously elect the Rev. George Bell, B.A., Minister at Clifton, to be their Moderator for the ensuing year, and he being present, took the chair accordingly.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Mann, the Synod unanimously agree to give a vote of thanks to the ex-Moderator, Rev. George Macdonnell, for his conduct while in the chair, and for the appropriate sermon preached by him this day, and he is requested to take his own way of publishing his sermon.

HOURS OF MEETING.

It is agreed that during the present Session the Synod shall meet every morning at half-past nine, and before proceeding to any business engage in devotional exercises, continue each Diet till five o'clock P. M., with an interval between one and half-past two, and resume proceedings in the evening at seven when considered necessary.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Any Presbytery may meet and transact any competent business at any time during the Session when the Court is not sitting, but the intimation of meeting must be in writing, signed by the Moderator, or, in his absence, any two members of the Presbytery of which a meeting is requested, and must be read by the Moderator of Synod from the chair.

LONDON PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Mackid being the only member of the Presbytery of London present Messrs. Burnet and Morris are appointed Associate Members of that Presbytery, at all meetings thereof required to be held during this Session of Synod.

The following Committees are appointed:—

ON BILLS, OVERTURES, AND BUSINESS.

The Moderator, *Convener*, the Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Drs. Urquhart, Mathieson, Cook, Machar, Barclay, and Messrs. Mann, Mackerras, Burnet, Macdonnell, Niven, Mackid, Morris, Greenshields, Robertson, Petrie, Neilson and Malloch—with instructions to receive papers intended to come before this meeting, to meet this evening at seven o'clock to arrange an order of business, and report to-morrow morning.

ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Mr. Alexander Mackid, *Convener*, and Messrs. Whyte, Mackerras, Cleland, Walker, Buchan, Bain, Morrison, Macvicar, Dobie, Wallace, Anderson, Ferguson, Sieveright, Cadenhead, Edward Thomson, Boulter, Grant, Brymner.

ON SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

Mr. Robert Neill, *Convener*, and Messrs. George Thomson, Spence, and Malloch.

ON ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.

Mr. James C. Muir, *Convener*, and Messrs. McMorine and Logie.

ON ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Dr. Urquhart, *Convener*, and Messrs. Bain and Kay. These four last Committees are instructed to report on Monday next.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES OF LAST YEAR.

Dr. Barclay reported that no reply to the Synod's Address of last year to Her Majesty the Queen has been received.

The reply of His Excellency the Governor-General to the Synod's Address of last year was read.

ELECTION OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

Dr. Mathieson and Dr. Urquhart having retired from the Board of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, according to regulations of Synod, Sess. XIX. ann. 1848, the Synod unanimously re-elect them, order their names to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners, and instruct the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Dr. Machar and Dr. Urquhart having retired from the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, according to the provisions of the Royal Charter, the Synod unanimously re-elect them, order their names to

be placed at the top of the roll, and instruct the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

MINUTES OF LAST SESSION AND OF COMMISSION.

The concluding minute of Diet VI., and all the minutes of Diet VII., of last year's proceedings, were read and sustained.

Dr. Mathieson reported that the minutes of last year's proceedings were revised before being printed, by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Minutes of proceedings of the Commission of Synod at meetings held as appointed, October 7th, 1857, and February 17th, 1858, were read. The proceedings are approved of and the minutes sustained.

MISSIONARY AND DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

A Missionary and Devotional Meeting is appointed to be held in this Church, under the auspices of the Synod, on Monday next, at 7 P. M. Messrs. Simpson, Morris, and Greenshields to be a Committee for all arrangements.

SERVICES ON SABBATH.

The Synod made appointments for Divine Service on Sabbath next, viz.: St. Andrew's Church, Rev. Robert Burnet, forenoon; Rev. Alexander Mackid, afternoon. St. Paul's, Rev. Hugh Niven, forenoon; Rev. Dr. Cook, evening. Hemmingford, Rev. Peter Watson. Beauharnois, Rev. Hamilton Gibson. LaPrairie, Rev. Alexander Buchan. Longueuil, Rev. William White. Lachine, Rev. John Davidson.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-Seventh Day of May. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Mackid; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

ROLL OF QUEBEC PRESBYTERY.

The Roll of the Presbytery of Quebec, certified by the Moderator of said Presbytery, was read, and the Synod order it to be inserted in its proper place in the Synod Roll.

INACCURACIES OF LAST CENSUS.

Mr. Macdonnell reported that, in fulfilment of the Synod's instructions, he wrote W. Hutton, Esq., Secretary to the Provincial Board of Agriculture and Statistics, in reference to the inaccuracies of last Census.

LONDON CONGREGATION.

The Convener of the Committee on the interests of the London Congregation reported progress. The Committee are re-appointed, with instructions to exercise renewed diligence and watchfulness.

CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Barclay, Correspondent from this Synod to the Synods in the Lower Provinces, reported his attendance at the meetings of these Synods last summer. The Synod approve of his fidelity and diligence. It is agreed that a Correspondent for the present year be appointed to-morrow.

INCORPORATION OF TEMPORALITIES BOARD.

Dr. Cook reported that the Temporalities Board had fulfilled the instructions of Synod, and that the proposed Act of Incorporation of said Board is now before the Legislature.

SUPPLEMENTING TEMPORALITIES FUND.

There is no Report from the Committees appointed to co-operate with the Temporalities Board in appealing to the liberality of the laity for supplementing the Temporalities Fund.

COLONEL MACDOUGALL'S COMPLAINT.

The papers connected with Colonel McDougall's Complaint are referred to the following Committee, viz.: Dr. Urquhart, Convener, Edward W. Thomson, and George Neilson, for consideration, with instructions to report on Tuesday morning.

RESIGNATION OF REV. JOHN ROBB.—RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

The following are appointed a Committee to consider the Reference from the Commission of Synod on the resignation of Rev. John Robb, and at the same time the general question of allowances from the Temporalities Fund to Retiring Ministers, and report this Session, viz.: Dr. Machar, Convener, Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, Mr. McMorine, and John Thompson, Esq.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.

The Synod having ascertained that Circular Letters were duly sent to Presbyteries by the Presbytery of Bathurst, intimating the intention of that Presbytery, with leave of the Synod, to take William Clarkson Clark and Joseph Evans, M.A., Students of Divinity in Queen's College, on public trials for License, appoint the following

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Moderator, Convener, Drs. Mathieson, Urquhart, Cook, Machar, Barclay, and Messrs. Mackid, Macdonnell, Burnet, Miller, Mackerras, Neill, Spence, Morrison, Thomson, Macvicar, Muir, Geo. Ferguson; and direct the said Students to appear before this Committee, in accordance with Act of Synod, 1850.

PETITION OF MR. BORTHWICK.

The Synod heard the petition of Hugh Jameson Borthwick, Student of Divinity in Queen's College, during Sessions 1855-56, and 1857-58, stating that he was prevented much against his will from attending the Divinity Class during Session 1856-57, and praying the Synod to allow him to be taken on trials for License. It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Burnet, That in the circumstances of the case Mr. Borthwick be sent before the Examining Committee, and if found qualified, that the Presbytery of Kingston be instructed to take him on trials for License. Which motion being put the Moderator declared to be carried; whereupon Mr. Snodgrass in his own name and in the name of all who may adhere to him dissented from this judgment, and promised to give in reasons in due time.

PETITION OF MR. PROSPER L. LEGER.

The Synod heard the petition of Prosper L. Leger, Student of Divinity in Queen's College for the second year, praying the Synod for sundry reasons to allow him to be taken on trials for License. Extract Minutes of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, and Glengarry, in reference thereto, were also read. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Hugh Niven, That the petition of Mr. Leger be not acceded to, inasmuch as it seeks to shorten the curriculum of study contrary to the laws of this Church, refer Mr. Leger to the French Mission Committee for sympathy and advice, and give instruction to the Committee to aid Mr. Leger in obtaining for him teaching or employing him as a missionary under their charge. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Mann, That Dr. Barclay, Convener, Messrs. Muir, McMorine, and Burnet, be a Committee to confer with Mr. Leger, and after such conference to report to the Synod the judgment which they would recommend on Mr. Leger's Petition. The Roll was called and votes were taken when the amendment was carried by thirty-two to seventeen, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

PETITION OF MR. WILLIAM DARRACH.

The Synod next heard the petition of William Darrach, at present acting as a Catechist within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, praying the Synod to permit him to enter the Theological Classes of Queen's College at the same time that he is pursuing his studies in the Faculty of Arts in that Institution. An Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Kingston in reference to said petition was also read. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Machar, and carried *nem. con.*, That Mr. Darrach be permitted to enter the Theological Class of Queen's College next Session, and the Senatus are requested to arrange so far as they can his attendance on the Literary and Philosophical Classes, so that the Literary and Theological Course may go on together.

The Finance Committee is re-appointed.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elect Dr. Cook, Thomas Peck, and Archibald Ferguson, to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, their names are directed to be placed at the head of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board, and the Clerk is instructed to intimate their election to the Board.

Consideration of Dundas and Ancaster case is deferred till to-morrow.

STATUS OF RETIRED MINISTERS.

Returns of opinions of Presbyteries on the proposed Act anent the Status of Retired Ministers having been read, it was moved by Mr. Snodgrass seconded by Dr. Cook, and unanimously agreed. That the majority of opinions returned by Presbyteries on the Interim Act anent the Status of Retired Ministers being opposed to the said Act, it cease to have any force in the procedure of Presbyteries in reference to the retirement of Ministers.

OVERTURES ON QUEEN'S COLLEGE PROPERTY AND ROYAL CHARTER.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the subject of legally securing the property acquired by Queen's College for the education of young men for the ministry, and an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton praying the Synod to give expression to the meaning attached by members to the clause in the Royal Charter of Queen's College, beginning with the words, "each congregation," and ending, "each year," (Ed. 1841, page 5; line 129-139), were, after discussion, dismissed.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-eight day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Peter Watson; and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED.

The Synod appoint Rev. Dr. Cook, Minister, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Ruling Elder, Correspondents to the Synods of the Church in the Lower Provinces, the Rev. Thomas Macpherson being appointed Dr. Cook's Alternate.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

An understanding was come to by the Court as to the time and place of next Annual Meeting of Synod.

REASONS OF DISSENT *in re* H. J. BORTHWICK.

Mr. Snodgrass in his own name and in the name of all who might adhere to him gave in the following reasons of dissent from the deliverance of Synod given yesterday on the petition of Hugh Jameson Borthwick:—

1. Because the petition of Mr. Borthwick states that he has attended the Theological Classes in Queen's College for two Sessions only, whereas a law of this Church expressly requires three Sessions.

2. Because the petition of Mr. Borthwick declares the main ground, if not the only one, on which he submits his petition to be, that he was prevented from attending the second Session of his Course as a Divinity Student, a statement which communicates no circumstances whatever rendering his case a special one and deserving of consideration.

3. Because while the circumstances referred to in the deliverance of the Synod were not brought before the Court in a regular manner but submitted in *ex parte* statements, encouragement is given by the allusion to them in the Synod's deliverance to interpret them much more favorably for Mr. Borthwick, and unfavorably for the Vice-Principal of Queen's College, at whose instance it has been alleged in Synod Mr. Borthwick was prevented from attending the second Session of his Theological Course, than the facts of the case if properly investigated and fully known might warrant.

To which reasons of dissent Revs. Dr. Mathieson, Alexander Mackid, Hugh Niven, John Davidson, Peter Lindsay, John Campbell (Brock), Frederick P. Sym, Peter Macvicar, and Mr. Douglas Brymner gave their adherence.

PRINCIPALSHIP OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

There was read a Memorial from the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Queen's College of date May 19th, 1858, expressing their views of the qualifications of the Rev. Dr. Cook for the office of Principal of Queen's College, and their strong desire that he should

permanently retain this office which he accepted temporarily, and praying the Court to take into consideration the circumstances of Queen's College, and advise with Dr. Cook as to what may most tend to the welfare of the Church in this matter or take such measures for the good of the College as to their wisdom may seem fit. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed, That the Synod heartily concur in the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Cook to be Principal of Queen's College, and that this Court hereby express the sincere desire that Dr. Cook will accede to the united wish of the Board of Trustees, and of the Synod and continue to discharge the duties of the office, the adequate discharge of which has been so satisfactorily and strongly expressed by the Memorial on the table. Dr. Cook being absent when this resolution was passed, it is agreed that an opportunity be taken by the Moderator on Dr. Cook's return to present it to him in the presence of the Court, and that the Moderator, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Green-shields, be a Committee to confer with Dr. Cook on the subject.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

It is unanimously agreed on motion of the Clerk to adopt the following Overture:—That a Select Committee on Standing Orders be appointed and charged with the duty of considerably and deliberately forming a series of laws regarding the Annual Meeting of Synod, the appointment and duties of Committees, the preparation and presentation of papers, the conducting of debates, the adjudication of causes, the taking of votes, the duties and privileges of the Moderator and members respectively, and generally all matters affecting Synodical practice, that the same may be pursued and maintained with as much dignity, order, and edification as possible; and further that this Committee be a permanent one, though subject to such changes as the Synod may find it necessary to make, and be required to report from time to time such suggestions and recommendations as they may consider serviceable in promoting the efficiency, comfort, and success of the meetings of Synod. In terms of this Overture the following Committee is appointed:—The Clerk, Convener, the Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Morris.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.*

The Report of the Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee was read. It was moved by Mr. McMorine, seconded by Dr. Urquhart, and it is agreed, That the Synod having heard and considered the Report of the Jewish and Foreign Missions' Committee, approve and adopt the same; thank the Committee for their diligence, prudence, and judicious conduct of the important interests confided to them; express their hearty gratitude for the Providential offer of the services of so competent a Missionary; commend him and the effort to the prayers and sympathies of the Church; instruct Presbyteries to see that a collection is taken up as ordered last year in all the congregations of the bounds for the Mission; and remit the whole matter to the Committee, authorizing them to take such further steps in the institution and prosecution of the Mission as may be found necessary and desirable; instruct them also by correspondence and otherwise to mature their views as to the future conduct of the Mission, and re-appoint the Committee with the addition of the Revs. Dr. Machar, Duncan Morrison, and Mr. John Paton; and further continue Mr. Morris as Treasurer to the Scheme.

The same Committee then presented a supplementary Report setting forth that they have engaged Mr. Ephraim M. Epstein, a Licentiate of the Old School Presbytery of New York, in whose character, attainments, piety, and fitness for the work they repose confidence, and preferring their request that the Synod authorise Mr. Epstein to appear before the Examining Committee in order to his admission as a Licentiate of this Church. There was also read Mr. Epstein's Presbyterian Certificate, signed by the Rev. John M. Krebs, Clerk of the Presbytery of New York, who affectionately recommends Mr. Epstein to the care of this Synod. On motion of Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. William Bain, this Report is adopted, and Mr. Epstein is instructed to appear before the Examining Committee. The Moderator then conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Burnet, Convener, and the other members of the Committee.

DR. COOK AND THE COLLEGE PRINCIPALSHIP.

Dr. Cook being now present, the Moderator presented to him the resolution passed by the Synod in reference to his acceptance permanently of the office of Principal of Queen's College, and he agreed to take the same into his serious consideration.

SYNOD FUND.*

The Account of the Treasurer of the Synod Fund with vouchers was submitted by Mr. Mackerras; also, the Report of the Finance

Committee. The Synod having heard the same agree to adopt them; approve of the diligence of the Treasurer and Finance Committee; earnestly call the attention of Presbyteries and Ministers to the arrears due the Fund; order these arrears to be paid without delay, and the Report to be printed along with the Synod Minutes.

SYNOD PAPERS.

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the papers, books, and documents in the hands of the late Clerk was read, and the Committee were discharged after receiving the thanks of the Court.

PRESBYTERY ROLLS.

The following Overture, anent instructions to Presbytery Clerks in making up Presbytery Rolls for transmission to Synod, was introduced by the Clerk, who moved, seconded by Mr. Kay, That the Overture be adopted; and the Synod unanimously resolve,—

That Presbytery Clerks furnish full and accurate particulars under the following headings, placed in the following order, viz.: *Ministers, Dates of Appointment*, (that is, of Ministers to their first charges in this Church), *Post Office Addresses* (that is, of Ministers), *Elders, Charges*; that they fill up these columns in a clear and distinct handwriting, being careful to spell the names of persons as the persons themselves do, and the names of places as the inhabitants and Post Office authorities are accustomed to spell them, and to affix marks of degrees where they are due; that they designate as *Vacancies* only such charges as have once had Ministers regularly settled, and return as *Mission Stations* all other places receiving Presbyterial supplies with the view of being ultimately erected into distinct charges; that they furnish regularly and correctly the information conveyed along with the Synod Roll usually prefixed to the printed minutes of Synod in reference to the time and place of the stated meetings of Presbyteries, to Clerks, Retired Ministers, and Missionaries within the bounds; that they submit the Rolls to their several Presbyteries for revision previous to transmission to Synod, and attes. them as revised and ordered to be transmitted; and that they forward them so prepared to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands at least four days before the Annual Meeting of Synod; further that Presbytery Clerks be enjoined to forward the Presbyterial Reports required by Act of Synod, 1844, along with their Presbytery Rolls, so that they may be read to the Synod.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.*

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, together with the Treasurer's Statement, was read, and the following deliverance moved by Mr. Mackid, seconded by Mr. Neilson, is given unanimously: The Synod having heard the Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the past year, and also the Treasurer's Statement, record their profound gratitude to Divine Providence for the continued prosperity of this valuable Fund and their thanks to the Managers for the new profits they afford of their interest and industry; deeply regret that there is so great a deficiency in the gross revenue for the past year from congregational collections, but concur with the Managers in expressing the hope that this may be fairly attributable to the recent monetary crisis; renew their instructions to Presbyteries and Ministers to be careful to supply all information desiderated by the Board, more especially that Ministers send a statement of the number of families in their several congregations, along with the congregational collections, and that Presbyteries furnish the Secretary of the Board with intimations of all Ordinations and Inductions, and full reports of the regularity with which congregations, vacant or not vacant, make their collections for the Fund, with certification that if they neglect this duty they incur the censure of this Court; remit to the Board to continue their negotiations on the subject of extending the benefits of the Fund to Ministers of the Church in the Lower Provinces; confirm the election by the Board of Mr. Joseph M. Ross, in room of the late Hew Ramsay, Esq.; in reference to the two points submitted to the consideration of the Synod towards the conclusion of the Report, find that they are very important, but inasmuch as at present no actual cases of the kind alluded to exist, solicit the Board to take them into their mature deliberation, and report their views to the next meeting of Synod; and order the Report and Statement to be printed along with the Synod Minutes. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Mathieson, Chairman, and the other members of the Board.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.

The Report of the Temporalities Board, together with their finan-

cial statement and memorandum of Funds and Investments, was read. It was moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Mr. George Ferguson, and it is agreed *nem. con.*—That the Reports submitted to the Synod be received; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Board for their administration of the trust; that the Synod desires to express its gratification at the remunerative rate of the Investments; and that Messrs. John Greenshields and James Mitchell be requested to audit the accounts of the Board, and report thereon to the next meeting of Synod. The thanks of the Synod were then conveyed by the Moderator to Dr. Cook, Chairman, and the other Members of the Board.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Twenty-ninth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years;—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Wm. E. Mackay; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

MR. PROSPER L. LEGER.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Prosper L. Leger reported favourably, expressing their entire satisfaction, and recommending that his request to be permitted to appear before the Examining Committee be granted. The Synod approve of the Report, and instruct Mr. Leger to appear before the Examining Committee.

DUNDAS AND ANCASTER CASE.

The Synod heard the Report of the Special Committee to whom the papers in the Dundas and Ancaster Case were remitted last year for consideration. The Committee stated reasons for their taking no action in the matter, and the Synod took up the reference made to last Synod by the Presbytery of Hamilton on the disjunction of the congregations of Dundas and Ancaster, the papers connected therewith being laid upon the table. The Moderator having left the chair, which was temporarily taken by Mr. Mann, appeared in behalf of the Dundas congregation by written commission, and was heard. Mr. Macdonnell was also heard on the case generally but, more especially on the position and views of the Ancaster congregation. The following deliverance is given:—That it is expedient that the congregation of Dundas be separated, and it is hereby separated, from the congregation of Ancaster; that the congregation of Ancaster be affectionately recommended to the special care of the Presbytery of Hamilton; and that that Presbytery be enjoined to give as ample supply to the congregation of Ancaster as circumstances permit.

RESIGNATION OF REV. JOHN ROBB.—RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

The Committee appointed on the general question of allowances to Retiring Ministers and the particular case of the Rev. John Robb's resignation recommended, in reference to the former, that in every case in which a Minister, not provided for by deliverance of Synod 1856, craves to retire from the active discharge of his duties as a Minister, on the ground of bad health or any other cause, on condition of receiving his allowance from the Temporalities Fund, in whole or in part, shall be reported to the Synod with the opinion of the Presbytery thereon, and that the Synod only shall decide thereon; and in reference to the latter, that the Rev. John Robb be permitted to resign his charge on his full allowance from the Temporalities Fund. The Synod unanimously adopt both recommendations, and remit to the Presbytery of London to proceed in giving effect to the latter according to the laws of the Church.

LAY ASSOCIATION.

The Synod heard an Address from the Lay Association of Montreal. The Synod agree to record their satisfaction with the efforts made by the Lay Association in behalf of the interests of this Church and the success attending them, as also their gratitude to the members of that useful Association, and recommend the members of Synod to use their endeavours to increase the circulation of *The Presbyterian* and *The Juvenile Presbyterian*.

CHURCH PROPERTY.*

The Synod heard the Report of the Central Committee on Church Property. It was moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed,—That the Synod adopt the Report of the Committee, and order it to be appended to the printed Synod Minutes; thank the Committee for their exertions; enjoin Ministers who have not yet made returns of the Church Property with which they are connected to do so without delay; instruct Presbyteries to see that this injunction is attended to; associate Judge Logie, Messrs. John Young, and Thomas C. Kerr, Hamilton, with the Committee; and appoint Judge Logie, Convener, in place of Mr. Morris, who asks to be relieved of that duty which he has discharged with fidelity for three years past.

TEMPORALITIES FUND—AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors of the Accounts of the Temporalities Board submitted a Report recommending a change in the mode of keeping the Books of the Board. It is unanimously agreed, that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Auditors for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duty, and that the Report now presented be adopted and transmitted to the Temporalities Board, with instructions to follow out the suggestions therein made. Mr. Green-shields being present, the Moderator conveyed to him the thanks of the Synod.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.*

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their Report which was read by Mr. Burnet, Convener. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Neilson, and it is unanimously agreed,—That the Synod adopt the Report; order it to be printed as an Appendix to the Synod minutes; thank the Committee for their faithful and judicious gestion of the important trust confided to them; and re-appoint the Committee, nominating Mr. Macdonnell as Convener in room of Mr. Burnet whose resignation is accepted.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY.

The Synod heard an Overture from the Presbytery of London on the subject of Associate Members of Presbyteries. The following deliverance is given:—That Ministers of this Church or the Parent Church who may be present at Meetings of any Presbytery on whose Roll their names do not appear, have by right no status as members thereof, but may by consent of the Court enjoy the privilege of sitting and consulting, but not voting.

ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

There was read a notification from the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, that the Hon. Justice McLean, Hon. Peter McGill, and Alexander McLean, Esq., having retired from the Board, were re-elected on the first day of this meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Examining Committee reported that they examined Mr. Hugh Jameson Borthwick, Mr. William Clarkson Clark, Mr. Joseph Evans, and Mr. Prosper L. Leger, Students of Divinity, on the subjects prescribed by Act of Synod, 1850, as also the Rev. Ephraim, M. Epstein, a Probationer of the Old School Presbytery of New York, and that they are satisfied with the appearance they made. The Synod authorize Presbyteries to proceed with the trials of these Students according to the laws of the Church, and instruct the Presbytery of Kingston to meet during this Session of Synod and receive Mr. Epstein as a Probationer.

Dr. Mathieson dissented in his own name, and in the name of all who may adhere to him, from the adoption of this Report, in so far as it recommends that Mr. Leger be taken on trials, because said decision is in the face of, and contrary to, a standing law of this Church entitled, "Act anent the Course of Study for the Holy Ministry," (Act. XXXV, Toronto, 9th July, 1850,) and promised to give in additional reasons in due time.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS, OVERTURES AND BUSINESS.

The following Overture introduced by the Clerk is, on motion, adopted:—That the Synod at their Annual Meeting appoint the Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business for the following year; instruct the Committee so appointed to meet at 7 P. M. of the day immediately previous to the meeting of that year, at the place where the Synod may be appointed to be held, to arrange as far as possible the whole business of the meeting, and prepare a printed docket in a sufficient number of copies for the use of members; and ordain

that the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, the Presbytery Clerks, and nine other members of Synod the best qualified for this purpose that the Synod can select, shall compose this Committee, and that papers of every description without exception intended to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Synod, be forwarded to the Synod Clerk, so as to be in his hands at least five clear days previous to the meeting before which they are to be laid, and be by him or his instructions placed upon the table of the Committee: nevertheless this order shall not be held as preventing any papers from being presented and received by permission of the Synod at any time in the course of the meeting when they refer to matters arising out of the proceedings of the meeting to which they are presented. The following Committee is appointed for the ensuing year in terms of this Overture, viz:—The Moderator, the Synod Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Machar, Dr. Cook, Dr. Urquhart, and Messrs. A. Mackid, A. Spence, J. Mackerras, Jas. Bain, R. Burnet

FORM OF WRITTEN PAPERS.

The following Overture introduced by the Clerk is, on motion, adopted:—That, whereas it is extremely desirable to preserve all documents coming before the Synod in a form easy of access and convenient for reference, the following standing order be observed, That Reports, Overtures, References, Complaints, Appeals, Extract Minutes, and all other matters whatsoever intended to be submitted to the Synod or Commission of Synod be written on foolscap paper, with sufficient margins, so as to admit of their being bound in volume; and for the sake of securing fully the ends of justice, the Synod strongly recommend parties having causes or questions which they deem it important to bring before the Synod for consideration and disposal to print copies of the same in sufficient numbers for the use of members and in a shape suitable for binding along with the printed minutes of Synod.

CIRCULAR LETTERS—TRIALS FOR LICENSE.

In compliance with an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, the Clerk is instructed to supply Presbytery Clerks with printed copies of the form of Circular Letter in Cook's Practice, to be used by Presbyteries when intimation is made to other Presbyteries of their intention to apply to the Synod for leave to take Students on trials for License.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the subject of Presbyterial Reports is dismissed.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Snodgrass reported verbally for the Committee appointed last year to address the Colonial Committee on the spiritual destitution within the bounds of the Synod, mentioning the action taken by the Committee and the results of endeavours to fulfil the duty intrusted to them. The Committee are re-appointed, and Presbyteries are anew enjoined to transmit to Dr. Mathieson without delay a full and particular account of all vacancies, and localities where new congregations may be formed.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the appointment of a Standing Committee of correspondence with the Parent Church was then considered. The Synod agree to comply so far with the prayer of the Overture at present as to appoint Dr. Mathieson and Mr. Morris to prepare a letter, by the authority and in the name of this Court, to be addressed to the Convener of the Colonial Committee, expressive of the gratitude of the Synod for the numerous and substantial proofs of the warm interest taken by the said Committee in the affairs and prosperity of this Church.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, Monday, the Thirty-first day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years;—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Ephraim M. Epstein; and the minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read, and after corrections sustained.

REASONS OF DISSENT *in re* PROSPER L. LEGER.

Dr. Mathieson gave in additional reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod authorizing Mr. Prosper L. Leger to be taken on

trials for License by a Presbytery of this Church, and the following members adhered to the dissent for the reason stated in the minutes of the previous Diet, viz.:—Alex. Mackid, Peter Macvicar, Thomas Macpherson, George Thomson, Peter Watson, Donald McDonald, William E. McKay, Frederick P. Sym, W. Simpson, W. Snodgrass, and John Davidson.

BURSARY FUND.

Dr. Cook laid upon the table a statement by Andrew Drummond, Esq., Kingston, the Treasurer of the Bursary Fund, showing the receipts and disbursements from Dec. 24th, 1857, to May 22nd, 1858, and made some observations upon the importance of the object. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Barclay,—That the Synod, recognizing the importance and the duty of enabling the Senatus of Queen's College to award Bursaries of a sufficient amount to deserving students pursuing their studies with a view to the Ministry in that Institution, earnestly recommend the Bursary Fund to the attention of congregations, and express their confident trust that they will liberally support the effort;—which motion being put is unanimously agreed to.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

The Clerk read a statement by Mr. John Mowat, showing that the sum of £40 7s. 3d., belonging to the Synod's Jewish and Foreign Mission Fund, is in his hands. Mr. Mowat is requested to expend the same for the purposes of the Jewish and Foreign Mission of the Synod, under the direction of the Convener of that Committee.

SYNOD RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to revise the Synod Records reported, that they found those of Synods 1856, and 1857, and of the Commission of Synod for 1856-57, carefully and correctly kept, but the minutes of Synod 1856 not signed in consequence of the death of the late Clerk. The Moderator is instructed to attest the said minutes, and the Clerk to sign those of 1856, with a note of the cause.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

The Committee appointed to revise Presbytery Records reported that the Records of all the Presbyteries, except the Presbytery of London, were examined and found to be carefully and correctly kept; that the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengarry, Kingston, Toronto and Quebec bear no evidence of the revision of Session Records; that the Roll of the Presbytery of Montreal is not inserted at length in the minutes of the meeting of that Presbytery immediately previous to Synod 1857, and that in page 271 of the Records of Hamilton Presbytery it is stated that Paisley is within the bounds of the Presbytery of London, and yet it appears that the Induction of Mr. McLennan to that charge was conducted by the Presbytery of Hamilton. Members of the several Presbyteries were heard in reference to the matters noted in the Report, and the Moderator having inquired if any other member had any remarks to make upon any of the records, the records of the several Presbyteries are ordered to be attested in accordance with the Report of the Committee, and Mr. Mackerras and Mr. Neilson are appointed a Committee to report on the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Hamilton and London.

REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERSHIP IN SYNOD.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Quebec was introduced by Dr. Cook:—Whereas, the Synod is in this Church, the Superior Court, Legislative and Judicial, corresponding in its powers to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and it is in the highest degree desirable that the Eldership should be justly represented in it, not only theoretically and in point of right, but really and in point of fact, both in regard of number and in respect of opinion on any matter occupying the attention, or affecting the interests of the Church; and whereas a larger and more influential representation of the Eldership would be secured, if Sessions were permitted to choose Representative Elders not merely from their own body but from the general Eldership of the Church; and whereas a more just representation of the mind of the Eldership on any matter of interest in the Church, would be better obtained if the Representative Elder for the Synod were chosen as in Scotland is the case with the Representatives of Presbyteries for the General Assembly, a short period before the meeting of Synod, it is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Quebec that the Synod do ordain each Session, at or within some certain time in each year to be fixed by the Synod, to appoint an Elder to represent it for that year in all meetings of Presbytery; and within a certain time not more than two months, or

less than one month, from the meeting of Synod, to appoint an Elder to represent it in Synod, and in all meetings of the Commission of Synod, throughout the year; and that in the choice of such Representative Elder for the Synod and the Commission, the Session shall not be restricted to choose from their own body, but may select from the Eldership of the Church generally; and further that Sessions be enjoined in the selection of Representative Elders for the Synod to be at pains to appoint such only, either from their own body, or from other Sessions as will consider it their duty to attend the meetings of Synod.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Mair,—That this Overture be transmitted to Presbyteries for consideration, but be not in force as an Interim Act. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Mann,—That the Overture be rejected. The question was put and votes were taken, when twenty-six appeared for the motion and fourteen for the amendment, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

According to appointment, a Devotional and Missionary Meeting was held this evening under the auspices of the Synod.

DIET VI.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the First Day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to adjournment, and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John Campbell of Brock; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

NATURE AND POWERS OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

There was read a Report from the Committee appointed to inquire into the nature and powers of the Commission of Synod. It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and it is agreed,—That the Report be received and transmitted to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report thereon to next Synod, and the Synod re-appoint the Committee to prepare a draft of instructions for the Commission of Synod according to the recommendation in the Report.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

There was read by Dr. Mathieson a Report from the Committee on the formation of a General Assembly. It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and it is unanimously resolved,—That the Synod receive the Report; order it to be printed with the Synod Minutes; re-appoint the Committee with instructions to mature their views as to the formation of a General Assembly of the Church in this Province as proposed in the Report, and to report a plan for the formation and constitution thereof, to be submitted to next Session of the Court for consideration.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Rev. William Bain, Convener of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath Observance, read the Report of the Committee for the past year. On motion of Mr. McMorine, seconded by Mr. Burnet, the Synod unanimously resolve as follows:—Adopt the Report; order its suggestions to be carried out; and continue the Committee, instructing them to give their best attention to the important matter intrusted to them. There was also read a Bill for the better observance of the Sabbath at present before the Legislative Council, and the Synod agree to petition the Legislature to pass this Bill. Mr. Bain is instructed to prepare a petition for this purpose.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.

Dr. Cook reported on behalf of the Temporalities Board that the estimated revenue of the year is £9006, and the charges on it £8805, leaving a balance in favour of the Fund of £201; but that as it is probable that during the current year sixteen ministers will be added to the Church, the Board would require an addition of £600 to their Funds to enable it to pay £50 a-year to each. It was moved by Alexander Logie, seconded by George Neilson, and it is agreed, That the matter be remitted to the Temporalities Board, with instructions to call in the assistance of the members and friends of the

Church in the different localities, and for that purpose the Board are authorized to appoint Committees in each Presbytery or congregation to obtain annual subscriptions to be placed at the disposal of the Board, to enable them to grant to every minister who may be placed on the Roll of the Synod, at least £50 a-year, and if possible to increase the allowance to £100 a-year; and all ministers are hereby enjoined to render all the assistance in their power to enable the Board to carry out this object.

PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

It was then moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded, That the Synod re-consider the place of meeting for next year. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Snodgrass, and seconded, That the Synod do adjourn. The question was put, and the amendment carried by a vote of eighteen to seven.

BOUNDARY OF HAMILTON AND LONDON PRESBYTERIES.

After an interval the Synod resumed business.

The Committee on the Boundaries of the Hamilton and London Presbyteries reported, recommending that the Presbytery of London should include the Counties of Huron, Perth, Oxford (except the Township of Blenheim), Elgin, and all Counties westward of these. The recommendation of the Committee is adopted.

ERECTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton is adopted:—That the Synod order the erection of a Western Presbytery, to be called "The Presbytery of Huron," whenever three Ministers are settled in the Townships North and West of, and including, Huron, Kinloss, Culross, Carrick, Normanby, Egremont, Proton, Melancthon, Osprey, and Collingwood.

MISSIONARIES FOR THE HURON PENINSULA.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, amended by leaving out the word "itinerating," is adopted:—That application be made to the Colonial Committee for itinerating Missionaries for the West and North-west of the Huron Peninsula. The Presbytery of Hamilton are instructed to bring before the notice of the Colonial Committee, without delay, the great want of Missionaries in the said territory.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the publication of financial information is dismissed.

LAY ASSOCIATIONS.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the formation of Lay Associations is dismissed, the Synod declaring that Presbyteries have full power to institute Lay Associations within their bounds.

AMALGAMATION OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGERS.

An Overture from Hamilton Presbytery on the amalgamation of Congregational Trustees and Managers into one body is dismissed, the Synod calling the attention of the Convener of the Committee on Church Property to the matter.

An Overture from the London Presbytery on the power of Kirk-sessions and Presbyteries over the secular and financial affairs of a congregation is dismissed.

NEW VERSIONS OF PSALMS.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, praying the appointment of a Synodical Committee to make a selection of Hymns for the use of the Church, was discussed, and the Synod appoint the Revds. Dr. Cook, Dr. George, and Robert Burnet, a Committee to select a few metrical versions of Psalms in different measures from those in use in the Church, and to report next Session.

FRENCH MISSION.*

The Synod heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal on the French Mission. The Treasurer's accounts were submitted. There was also read an Overture from the Hamilton Presbytery,—That the French Mission be placed on a more satisfactory footing, and that a Committee be appointed from the Church at large to further the object. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. A. S. Cadenhead, and it is agreed, That the Synod having heard the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Montreal Presbytery on the French Mission, as transmitted by the Presbytery, receive and adopt the same, and approving of the suggestion therein contained, appoint Revds. W. Snodgrass, W. Simpson, Geo.

Ferguson, James C. Muir, and Messrs. Alex. Morris, John Green-shields, Arch. Ferguson, a Standing Committee on the French Mission, authorizing them to take such steps in its revival, maintenance and prosecution as may be necessary, reporting their action to the Synod from time to time, and appoint the Rev. W. Snodgrass, Convener; and the Synod further recommend the Mission to the continued countenance and active co-operation and sympathy of the congregations of the Church.

INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.†

The Third Annual Report of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme was read. It was moved by Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Judge Logie, and it is agreed, That the Synod express their gratification at the lively interest taken by the children of the Church in the Indian Orphanage Scheme of the Edinburgh Ladies' Association; recognize therein the good hand of the Head of the Church; agree to renew their cordial approval of the Scheme; thank Mr. Paton for his diligence and zeal in enlisting the sympathies and contributions of the youth of our congregations in this missionary effort, and re-appoint him Treasurer.

PETITION OF WILLIAM FERGUSON, M. A.

There was read a petition from William Ferguson, M.A., praying for restoration to the status of a Licentiate; also a petition from members and office-bearers of the Church, dated Williamstown, May 26th, 1858, in support of the same; and an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Glengarry of date May 26th, 1858, recommending the Synod to grant petitioner's prayer. The application was dismissed, but the Synod considered a recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, that permission be granted for the employment of Mr. Ferguson as a Catechist. It was moved by Mr. Mann, and seconded by Dr. Mathieson, That the recommendation of said Committee be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Burnet, and seconded by Mr. Morrison, That the recommendation be not adopted. A vote was taken, and the amendment carried by a majority. The Moderator declared accordingly.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.*

A draft Address to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved of.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.†

A draft Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, from the Committee appointed to prepare the same, being read, is approved of.

The Moderator is instructed to sign the aforesaid Addresses in name and by appointment of the Synod, and Dr. Barclay, John Cameron, Esq., and such other members of the Court or the Church as can conveniently accompany them are appointed to present the Addresses.

COL. MACDOUGALL'S COMPLAINT.

The Committee on Col. Macdougall's Complaint submitted a Report which was read. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. Whyte,—That the Synod receive the Report, but inasmuch as irregularities appear in the proceedings remit the matter to the Presbytery of Hamilton, enjoin said Presbytery to take steps to expunge all reference to the matters in question, if any such there be, from their minutes and the minutes of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, and enjoin all parties to cultivate a spirit of Christian charity and mutual forbearance;—which motion on being put was carried, Mr. Burnet dissenting on the ground that the case on its merits is not before the Court.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.*

The Report of the Presbytery of Montreal on Statistics, submitting a plan for the annual collection of the same was read. Forms of blank returns from Kirk Sessions and Managers, and a general sheet for the entry of returns were laid upon the table. On motion of Mr. Morris, which was seconded, the Synod resolved, That inasmuch as a former enactment on the subject has not been acted on, the Synod adopt the Report and remit it to a Committee composed of the Rev. Robert Dobie, Convener, Dr. Urquhart, and Revds. Peter Macvicar, Peter Watson, and Donald Macdonald, authorizing them to take steps to carry out the same as an Interim Act.

MEMORIALS FOR AID IN BUILDING CHURCHES.

Memorials for aid from the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, and the Trustees of the Church at Point Levi, to the Colo-

nial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland were read and passed. The Presbyteries of Hamilton and Quebec are instructed to forward to the said Committee extracts of their procedure in reference to these Memorials, attested copies of the Title Deeds of the Properties, and an extract of this Minute.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Quebec, sanctioning an application to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for Aid to finish Churches which are in course of erection at Windsor and Brompton Gore, in the Eastern Townships. It is remitted to the Presbytery of Quebec to obtain fuller particulars in regard to the said Churches, and otherwise mature the case for the consideration of the Commission of Synod.

COMMISSION TO REV. DONALD MACDONALD.

The Synod being informed that the Rev. Donald Macdonald, Minister at Lochiel, is about to proceed to Scotland, authorize him to seek out young men of suitable qualifications who might be willing to come to this country and study for the ministry in this Church, at Queen's College, Kingston.

PETITION ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Rev. William Bain submitted a draft of Petition to the Legislature for the passage of the Bill now before the Legislative Council to secure the better observance of the Sabbath. The same is approved of and ordered to be signed by the Moderator in the name and by the appointment of the Synod.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod appoint their Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the first Wednesday in October next at noon, and oftener by adjournment when and where the Commissioners may choose, ordain the Roll of this Synod to be the Roll of the Commission, and invest the Commissioners with the same powers for the same purposes as the Synod's Commission of last year—that is to say, to transact all business referred to them, and determine therein as they shall see fit; attend to such emergent causes as may require immediate action on the part of the Church; watch over the general interests of the Church; receive any References and Appeals that may be made to them by Presbyteries and ripen such affairs for next Synod; and give all needful advice to Presbyteries upon application

to them for that end. In all their actings they are to proceed according to the laws of the Church, and they are accountable for the same to the next meeting of Synod. Nine Commissioners shall be a quorum, and five of them must be ministers.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE MINUTES OF THIS SESSION.

The Synod appoint Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Simpson, Morris, and Greenshields, a Committee to revise the Minutes of this Session previous to their being engrossed and printed.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Montreal is permitted to meet this evening after the rising of the Synod to make Missionary appointments and to receive and dispose of an application from Mr. Leger, Student of Divinity, for transference to the Presbytery of Quebec, that he may by that Presbytery be taken on trials for License; and the Presbytery of Hamilton to meet to-morrow morning to expedite a Call from the congregation of Dundas, and to make missionary appointments.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF KINDNESS AND LIBERALITY TO MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

It was moved by Mr. Macvicar, seconded by Mr. Mann, and is carried, That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Office-bearers and Members of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches in this city for their courtesy to the Members of the Synod throughout this Session; to Messrs. Morris, Greenshields and Ferguson for their assistance in securing permanent travelling passes at reduced rates, and to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for their liberality.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and after prayer and praise said,—

In the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the KING and ONLY HEAD of this Church, and in the Name of this Synod I appoint the next Annual Meeting of Synod to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa City, on the last Wednesday in May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine Years, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon;—

Of which public intimation was made, and the Moderator closed the present Session by pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION.

J. McMartin, Beauharnois.....	1858,	0	2	6
A. Petrie, Cumberland.....	"	0	2	6
A. McCallum, ".....	"	0	2	6
W. Wilson, ".....	"	0	2	6
H. Chisholm, Buckingham,....	'55,	0	2	6
Andrew Thompson, ".....	'58,	0	2	6
James Henry, ".....	"	0	2	6
D. McEchern, Lochaber,.....	"	0	2	6
Donald McQuaig, Lochiel,.....	"	0	2	6
Rodr. McLennan, ".....	"	0	2	6
John Morrison, ".....	"	0	2	6
Neil McCrimmons, ".....	"	0	2	6
Duncan McPhee, ".....	"	0	2	6
Duncan McNicol, Pakenham,....	"	0	2	6
Rev. Wm. Whyte, Richmond,...	"	0	2	6
John Richmond, Perth,.....	"	0	2	6
Wm. Allan, Hamilton,.....	"	0	2	6
Arc'd. McDonnell, ".....	"	0	2	6
Rev. Dr. Skinner, Waterdown, ..	"	0	2	6
Mrs. Brown, ".....	"	0	2	6
G. Neilson, Belleville,.....	"	0	2	6
Wm. Tennant, ".....	"	0	2	6
O. Smith, Glanworth,.....	"	0	2	6
H. Cameron ".....	"	0	2	6
J. Curry, Kingston,.....	57-8,	0	5	0
Hon. P. McGill, Montreal,.....	'58,	0	2	6
W. D. McLaren, ".....	"	0	2	6
W. R. Clarke, ".....	"	0	2	6
Mrs. Bernie, ".....	"	0	2	6
A. Fleck, ".....	"	0	2	6
R. Mitchell, Quebec,.....	"	0	2	6
H. Symons, St. Louis de Gonzague57-58,	0	5	0

Miss Gunn, Kingston,.....	0	2	6	
J. Bertram, Dundas,.....	55-6-7-8,	0	10	0
J. Fraser, Gananoque,.....	'58,	0	2	6
J. McMurphy, Nottawasaga,...	57-8,	0	5	0

CIRCULAR TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS, MILLERS, MANUFACTURERS OF POT & PEARL ASHES, PACKERS OF BUTTER, &c.

{ 225 ST. PAUL STREET,
{ MONTREAL, June, 1858.

Permit me, as a Commission Merchant of long standing in this city, to tender my services for the sale of produce.

I give my special attention to Ashes, Flour, Pork, Butter, and other Provisions, for the disposal of which to advantage I have the best facilities.

Unless otherwise directed, I sell on arrival at the highest price of the market, to obtain which no pains are spared, and remit the proceeds by mail immediately, at the risk of the Consigner, or pay over the amount in any way he may direct. Consignments should be distinctly marked with owner's initials and addressed "JOHN DOUGALL" in full in the Bill of Lading or Forwarder's receipt, as also in letter of advice.

Insurances will only be effected when ordered.

I shall have much pleasure in taking charge of any Consignments you or your friends may wish to send to this market, and you may rely on my best exertions for your interest, and that all charges will be kept as low as possible.

The Commission on Ashes is 1 1/2 per cent., including brokerage; on Flour and Wheat 1 1/2 per cent., exclusive of brokerage; on Pork and Butter 2 1/2 per cent., including brokerage.

When specially agreed on, advances may be made by short acceptances against Bills of Lading for a small additional Commission.

Debentures or other Securities will be bought or sold for 1 per cent, including brokerage.

Referring you to my Prices Current, which appears twice a-week in the Montreal Witness, published at \$3 per annum in advance, for full information concerning this matter,

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN DOUGALL.

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ROBERT CAMPBELL, M.A.,
Head-Master.

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