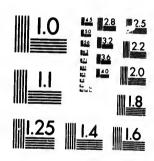


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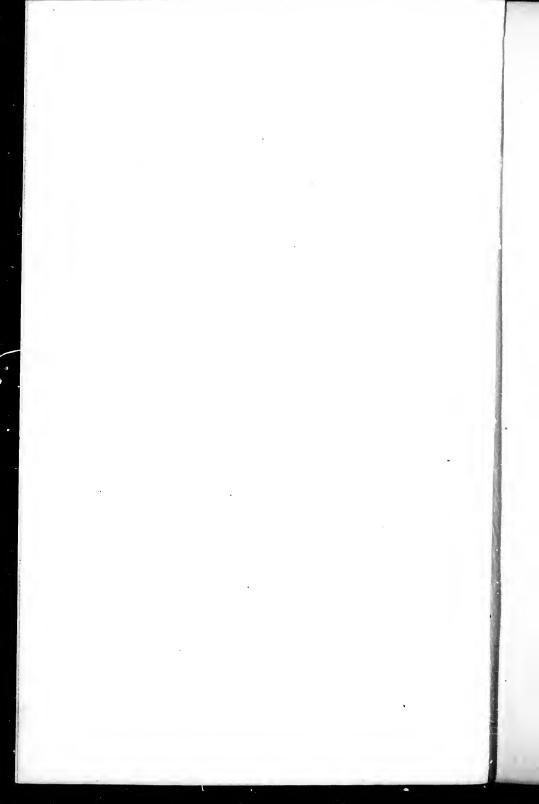
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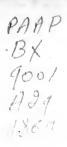
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#### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

ICES.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
	CADINATION.			
A. Henderson, A.M.	.Oct. 10, 1810		St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's, Q.
Wm. Taylor, D.D	Mar. 29, 1831	David McKay	Erskine Ch. Montreal.	Montreal.
*Wm. I. Clark	.Sept. 1839	Philip Peebles	Chalmers' Ch. Quebec. Knox Ch., Montreal	.Quebec.
*R. Irvine, D.D	. Nov. 13, 1840*	David Alkman	.Knox Ch., Montreal	. Montreal.
*John Irvine			Mille Isles Huntingdon, Athelstane	Mille Isles, Q.
*Jas. Watson, A.M.	. Aug. 29, 1849	Wm. McIntosh	Huntingdon, Athelstane	. Huntingdon, Q.
*Daniel Gordon	.Oct. 1849		Indian Lands	Athol, O,
William Scott	. Feb. 23, 1853		New Carlisle, &c	New Carlisle, Q.
*Duncan Cameroa	. Mar. 3, 1854		Lochiel	Kirkhill, O.
*James McConechy.	. Mar. 1854		Leeds	. Kinuerr's Mills,Q.
*John Anderson	.Oct. 11, 1854	Thos. Hill	Lancaster	.Lancaster, O.
Alexander Young	Jan. 28, 1857	James Davidson	St. Joseph St., Montreal	. Montreal.
*Alexander Allan	Feb. 26, 1858	Hugh McColl	St. Eustache, &c Kenyon	.Ft. Eustache, Q.
*Adam McQueen	. Pec. 15, 1858*	Donald Cattanach	Kenyon	Dunvegan, O.
John Millov	. Feb. 2, 1859		. Lingwick	, Gould, Q.
*John Mackie	. May 18, 1859		. First Ch. Lachute	. Lachute, Q.
John Mackay	. May 26, 1859		Richmond	. Richmond. Q.
*Nathanlel Paterson	July 19, 1859	Duncan Ross	.Martintown, &c	Martintown, O.
*Don. H. McVicar	.Oct. 19, 1859		.Prof. Mont. Pres. Coll .	. Montreal.
D. Paterson, A.M.,	Oct. 24, 1860		St. Andrew's(Collegiate	St. Andrew's, Q.
*Walter Coulthard	Nov. 22, 1860	James Brodle	.St. Louis & Valleyfield	Vallevfield, O.
James Hai.	July 4 1861		St. Sylvestre, &c	St. Sylvestre, O.
C. M. Mackeracher	Aug. 22, 1861		English River, Howick	Howick O
*John Eadle	Mar 19, 1862		Henry's Ch., Lachute.	Lachute Q.
John McDonald	Feb 26 1864		.Winslow	Stornaway O
*J M Glhson M A	Dec 16 1864		. Erskine Ch., Montreal.	Montreal
*Arch'd C Gillion	May 26 1868	Andrew Ros	.Côte des Neiges	Côte des Nelges O
*T Fenwick Miss'v	Oct 31 1861	Madren Douline.	Metia.	Metis O
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			.La Guerre	. La Guerre, Q.
**			. Harrington	

JAMES WATSON, M.A., Presbytery Clerk.

# PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

MINISTERS.	DATE	OF	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
	ORDINA	TION.			
Wm. Aitken	Oct.,	1839		Miss'y, Brit, Columbia,	
*Thomas Wardrope.	Aug.	1845	*George Hay	Knox Ch., Ottawa	.Ottawa.
John Crombie, A.M.	Aug. 8,	1855	*Plummer Dewar	Smith's Falls	.Smith's Falls.
				Ramsay	
*James Whyte				Osgoode	
William McKenzie.	Dec.	1858	James Yull	Almonte	Almonte
*John McEwan	Sep.	1859		Calvin Ch., Pembroke,	. Pembroke
*Joseph White, B. A.	Aug.	1862	*John Pritchard	Wakefield	Wakefield, O
	Apl. 24.	1864		Cumberland & Bearbr'l	kCumberland
* William Moore				Bank St., Ottawa	
James Talt				Fitzrov and Torbolton.	
*James Carswell				Beckwith, & Carlton P	
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JAMES CARSWELL, Presbytery Clerk.

# PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

		Without ChargePrescott. Waddington, N. YGrass Riv, St, Law.
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*William Lochead Dec. 10,	1830	Gloucester & N. Gower Kars,
*Wm. Hew de Bourck	Robert Craig	CornwallCornwall,
*Andrew Melville Feb. 26.	1846	Without Charge
*Robt. McKenzieSep.	1853	S. Gower & Mountain S. Gower,
William Bennett Sep.	1855. S. Martin	KemptvilleKemptville.
		Osnabruck & Colquhoun Lunenburgh.
*John Burton Nov. 17, 1	1864	PrescottPrescott.
*John JonesJuly,	1865*J. Breckluridge	Brockville Brockville,
Vacant		
		Winchester
		Spencerville & Edw'b'rg
		Westport & Newboro'

JOHN BUFTON, Presbytery Clerk.

# PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

William Smart April 11,1811	.Without Charge Gananoque.
*James McIntoshJuly 30, 1828	. Amherst Island Amherst Island,
Henry Gordon July 15, 1833	. Without Charge Gananoque.
Patrick Gray Sep. 21, 1846	.Chalmers' Ch. KingstonKingston.
*Andrew WilsonJan. 29,1851*Samuel Gaw	Brock St. Ch. KingstonKingston.
*William McLaren June, 1853 *Dr. Holden	
*John ScottJune 29, 1853*John Getty	
*Thos. S. Chambers May 23,1855	Storrington & PittsburgSunbury
*David WishartApril 6, 1857*A. F. Wood	. Madoc Madoc
*John McMechanMay, 1857*Andrew Patterso	
*John TurnbullJune 24,1862	Melrose & Lonsdale . Melrose
*James PritchardOct. 27, 1868James Wilson	.Camden & Sheffiel i . Newburgh
Vacant	
44	St. Columba Ch. Madoc.
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THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

MINISTERS	DATE OF	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST 'FFICES.
	ORDINATION.			
James Douglass			Without Charge	Millbrook.
*J. M. Roger, M.A.	March, 1833 "	Lt. Col. Haults	inPeterboro'	. Peterboro'.
*T. Alexander, A. M.	March. 1835		Percy	. Norham,
*John Paterson	1810		Verulam & Bobcaygeo	n Dunsford
*John Ewing	Jan. 1843*	William Hunter	Emily	. Mt. Pleasant.
*John W. Smith	. March. 1849 *	Wm. Johnston	Grafton & Vernonville.	. Grafton.
Francis Andrews			Keene & Westwood	. Keene
*John Laing	June. 1854*.	Alex. Pringle	Cobourg	.Cobourg.
*Wm. Blain	July 4. 1854*.	Alex. Robertson	Springville & Lakeva	leSpringville.
*W. C. Young	Sep. 6, 1854		Norwood & Hastings .	Norwood.
David Beattle	April 4. 1857		Campbellford	.Campbellford.
*Peter Duncan	Oct. 27, 1857	James Scougall.	Colborne & Brighton .	. Colborne.
Wm. Lochead	Sep. 21, 1859		Fenelon F. & Somervil	leFenelon Falls.
*James Thom. B.A.	. Oct. 25, 1859	Hugh Davidson	Lakefield & N. Smith.	. North Douro.
			Port Hope	
			Bethesda & Alnwick .	
			Baltlimore & Cold Spr	
Wm. Mitchell	. Ap'l 22, 1869 *.	James Kerr	Centreville & Millbroo	kCentreville.
Vacant	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Wm. Seaton	Perrytown & Oakhills	Perrytown
44			Warsaw	Warsaw
			. Minden, &c	
			Haliburton	
			Kinmount	
44			Chandos, Burleigh, &	C.

James Thom, B.A., Presbytery Clerk.

# PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

*George LawrenceAp. 28, 1837 Puncan BrownClarke
Alex. KennedySep. 30, 1835*John ParkerDunbartonDunbarton.
*John McTavish
John McLachlanOct. 26, 1846 *Angus Grant Without Charge Beaverton.
W. C. Windell Nov. 2, 1847 John Hovey Cartwright & Ballyduft, Burton.
J. R. Scott June 6, 1849 Robt. Irwin Cambray Cambray.
*John SmithSept. 2, 1851. Peter Murdoch Bowmanville Bowmanville.
Hugh CampbellSep. 24, 1854 Geo, A. Pyper Manilla
*Robt. McArthur Nov. 29, 1854. Alex. Leask Wlck and Greenback . Wick.
*R. Binnl*
*Geo. Jamieson Mar. 24, 1866. *Thos. C. Foreman Prince Albert Princo Albert
*Alex, Dawson*Wm, Heron,Ashburn and UticaAshburn.
*Jno. B. Edmondson1867*James BurnsColumbus & BrooklinColumbus.
*James Douglas Oct. 16, 1867. Alex, Mustard Uxbridge & Leaskdale Uxbridge,
Vacant Adam Harrison , Newton & Newcastle, Newcastle,
" Wm, Leask Enniskillen Enniskillen.
" Wm. Young Erskine Ch. & Clarem'tClaremont,
" Whitby Whitby.

R. H. THORNTON, D.D., Presbytery Clerk.

# PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Robt, Burns, D.D . July,	1811	. Emer. Prof. Knox Coll, Toronto,
*M. Wills, D.D., LL.D	1821	.Principal Knox College.Toronto.
*Geo. P. Young		.Knox College Toronto.
		. Without Charge Eglington.
*Alex. Topp, A.MJan, 25,	1838 * Jno. McBean	.Knox Ch., Toronto Toronto,
*Jno. Jennings, D.D.Jul, 12,	1838 * Wm. Monro	. Bay St., Toronto Toronto.
*Peter GlassfordOct. 10,	1838 {*D. McKinnon . Wm, Rogers	Vaughan, Alblon Coleraine.

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*Root, Monteath	. Ap. 29, 1841 W	m, Miller	. York Mills & Fisherville	FOR MINS,
James Dick	. Dec. 22, 1842J	onn Hamilton.,	Richm'nd H'l, Thornh'	ikienmona Hill.
			West Church, Toronto.	
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			Ist Brampton, &c	
*Wm. Melkle	.Sep. 25, 1848*J	no, Parclay	.Oakville	,Oakville,
*Wm. M. Christie .	.Oct. 3, 1849 T	homas Turnbull	l. Mono Centre, &c	. Mono Centre.
James Nisbet	.January 1850		. Missionary to Indians .	•
*J. Alexander, M.A.	.May: 0, 1851*D	avid Henderson	.Norval and Union	Norval.
John Black	.Jul. 31, 1851		. Missionary Red River.	Red River.
			.King	
			.Prof. Knox College	
Robort Jamieson	Jan. 29, 1854		. Miss'v British Columbi	11
*Alex. W. McKay	1857		.Miss'y British Columbi .Streetsville	Streetsville.
*J. M. King, A.M	.Oct 1857*W	m Kerr	Gould St., Toronto	Toronto.
Alex McEaul	Mar 17 1858		.Caledon	Culedon
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# PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Thomas Christie
*George CheyneJuly 6, 1831 '. Davidson Salttleet, Binbr'k, Cuist'r Tapleytown,
*John Porteous
Alex, McLean, M.A. Feb. 4. 1843. *James Nichol Nairn Ch., Flamboro W. Strabane.
*David InglisJan. 17, 1846*Peter BudgeMcNab St. Ch , Hamilton.
*W. Ormiston, D.D. Oct. 25, 1847*Hugh YoungCeutral Ch., Hamilton,
*James BlackNov. 9, 1853*A. U. BuckArgyle St., Caledonia. Scneca.
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*Wm. CraigleJune 5, 1856. *John ScottPort Dover and Simcoe Port Dover.
*Robert Flemingfune 5, 1856 J. Bowman Dunnville & N. Cayuga Dunnville.
*John McRobie Oct. 21, 1857. S. Hunter Jarvis and Walpole Jarvis.
*John G. Murray July 7, 1858. John Golan Grimsby & Muir Set Grimsby.
*Thomas Wilson Ap. 28, 1863. James Murray SutherlandSt., Caledon'aSeneca.
*Alex. GrantJan. 27, 4864On'da, Ind'na & E. Seneca Dufferin.
*George BursonJune 6, 1864 *Robt. Lawrie St. Cath's & Pt. Dalh'sieSt. Catherines.
*A. B. Simpson Sep. 12, 1865 *Thos. White Knox Ch., Hamilton Hamilton.
Jno. McColl Sep. 12, 1865. Alex. Ogg Dundas Dundas.
*James MalcolmDec. 21, 1865 Jesse HenrySt. Ann's & WellandportSt Ann's Gainsb'ro
*R. N. GrantJan. 23, 1866 J. ForbesWaterdown & Wel. Sq. Waterdown.
*W. H. SimpsonMay 31, 1867 W. WilsonKilbrideKilbride.
*J. A. F. McBain Mar. 18, 1869. R. Aberdein, M.D. Drummondv. & Chip'wa Drummondville.
*A. MilneMay 20, 1869 W. F. Comfort Beamsville and Clinton Beamsville.
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#### PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

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*Wm. Hamilton, D. I	). Oct. 28, 1844		. Ersk. Ch. Woodstock,&	cWoodstock.
*Duncon McRuer .	Nov 25 1851	Walter Bryden .	.Knox Ch., Ayr	Avr
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*John Dunbar	. May 18; 1893	"Robt, Sloane	Glen Morris	.Glen Morris
*Wm. T. McMulien.	Nov. 5, 1856	"Wm. Chambers	Knox Ch., Woodstock.	. Woodstock.
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*Wm. Peattle	Juno 24, 1860	*George Bryce	. Mount Pleasant	Mohawk.
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James Robertson .	July 23, 1862	*David Ballingali.	.River St., Paris	. Paris,
*William Richardson	May 3 1863		. Tilsonburgh & Culloden	Deroham.
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THOMAS LOWRY, Presbytery Clerk, pro tem.

# PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

*George SmellieMar. 1826 .*Alex. TaylorMelville Ch., Ferguslergus.
*Wm, BarrieJan. 4, 1843. Joseph Wood1st EramosaGuelph.
*Robert TorranceNov. 11, 1846*Thos McCrae1st GuelphGuelph.
"Wm. S. EailFeb. 28, 1849*Thos. AndersonKnox Ch., GuelphGuelph.
*Jas. K. SmithJan. 13, 1853 *James CowanKnox Ch., GaltGalt.
Jas. Bowie May 15, 1855 George Mitchell Everton & Mimosa Everton.
*Jas. A. ThomsonJuly 25, 1855*William FosterErin & Caledon WErin.
"James MiddlemlssJune 3, 1856 'George Barron Chalmers' Ch., Elora Elora.
*Andrew McLeanMar. 10, 1857
*Daniel Anderson Pec. 23, 1857 Richard Fair Rothsay & Wallace Rothsay.
*Wm, MillicanSep. 20, 1857*John EssonGarafraxaGarafraxa.
*Malcolm McKenzle, Feb. 12, 1862. James Shaw Doon & Hespeler Preston.
*Wm, T. MurdochSep. 10, 1862*Adam KerMelville Ch., GaltGalt,
*Lachlan Cameron Nov. 5, 1862 Archd. Campbell. Knox Ch., Acton Acton.
*Thos. McGuire Mar 8, 1864 James Robb Glenailan & Hollin Glenailan
*Edward Graham Sep. 28, 1864 James Adams Woolwich & Hawksville, Conestoga.
*Geo. McLennan Nov. 9, 1864
*Kenneth McDonald Oct. 25, 1865 John McDermid. East Puslinch Morriston.
*John DavidsonFeb. 4, 1866*Wm, KeithAlma & CumnockAlma,
*James LittleOct. 31, 1866*Richd. MoffattNassagaweyaNassagaweya.
Henry : Leutzinger Jan. 2, 1867
Albert J. TraverApl. 24, 1867 A. MuriaySt Andrew's, BerlinBerlin.
*Edward Reeve Dec. 16, 1868. *Geo, Barnett Eden Mills & Rockwood. Rockwood.
Vacant*Moses Donglas, Knox Ch., Elora.
"J.M. McCorkindale, Chalmers' Ch., Guelph.
" Geo HunterArthur.
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# PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Duncan McMillan May 26,	1831 *John	McNell Lobo	& Caradoc	T.obo
*Charles ChiniquyOct. 7,	1833	St. At	nno's Kankakae.	St. Ann's Kan. Ill.
Don. McKenzie May,	1834*H. S.	McKay Zorra		Embro.
R. F. Burns, D.DJuly 17,	1847. Alex.	Barnett 1st Sc	. C., Chicago	Chicago.
*Alex. W. Waddell Nov. 30	1847		lch	Ridgetown
*W. R. Sutherland Feb. 16,	1848 *Alex.	Eadie Ekfrle	d	Strathburn.
*Angus McCollFeb.	1848 Willia	am Coitart Adela	lde St., Chatham.	Chatham.
J. J. A. Proudfoot July 16.	1848 * Alex.	Smith 1st Ch	London	London.

# PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—(Continued.)

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
MaDhargan		Donald Waters	Williams	Williams
L. Mcl'herson	. reb. 1, 1849	Donald Waters	Williams	Williams.
John Scott	.Uct. 1850	Win, Clark	St. Andrew's, London	London,
*A. F. Kemp, M.A.	Jan. 20, 1851	Alex. Bartlett	Windsor	Windsor,
*William King	. Миу, 1851	R. Vanvranken	Buxton	Buxton.
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William Walker	.Oct. 25, 1853		Wellington St., Chatham	Chatham.
*John Stawert	. Mar. 8, 1855	Thos, Gordon	Chaimers' Ch. Dunwich.	Cowai.
Peter Currie	.Feb. 10, 1856	Robert Mobray	New Glasgow, &c	Aldboro'
			Cariisle & Ailsa Craig	
*Geo. Cuthbertson	Oct. 7, 1857	*Aiex. McColl	St. Thomas	St. Thomas.
William Fletcher	Feb 17, 1859		Miss'y, Red River	Red River
*Arch'd McDiarmid	Sen 21 1850		Amherstburgh	Ambersthurgh
			Belmont & Yarmouth.	
			N. & S. Plympton	
			Wardsville	
"Nen McKinnon	. reo. 21, 1801	reter Johnston	Warusville	Tri-lab all
Peter McDiarmia.	. Mar. 0, 1801	riniay McKenzie.	Moore	Kirknan.
"Peter Goodiellow	Jan. 29, 1862	David Smith	Widder	Widder.
Alex. McKay	Api. 25, 1862	James Armstrong.	Elmira	Eimira, Stark Co. III
			Westminster	
*Arch'd Stowart	. Nov. 26, 1862	*Wm, Leitch	Mosa	Glencce. •
"James Donaldson	June 3, 1862	Wm. Ireland	E. & W. Adelaide	Adelaide,
*Geo. Grant, B.A	.Jan. 20, 1865	*Thos. Beveridge	Delaware	Delaware.
*William Caven	. UCL, 26, 1865		Ridgetown	Ridgetown.
*John Thompson	.Apr. 25, 1866	*Hon. A. Vidai	St. Andrew's, Sarnia	Sarnia.
			Fingal	
*R. H. Warden	Nov. 15, 1866	Wm. Webster	Bothwell & Florenco	Bothwell.
W. M Roger M A	Nov 29 1866.		Petrolia & Wyoming	Petrolia.
*Wm Lundy	July 17, 1867	Jas M Thomson	Strathroy	Strathrov.
*E H Rauld	Nov 97 1867	Saml Anderson	Warwick	Watford
*A C. McDonaid	Dec 21 1887	John Ponton	Thamesford	Thomasford
	•	( Jas Beil		
*Geo. M. Milligan	.Feb. 4, 1868	*D. Carmichael	Eng. Set. & Proof Line.	Telfer.
*Neil McDiarmid	.Feb. 6, 1868	*D. McArthur	Wallacct'n & Duff's Ch	. Wallacetown.
*John Becket	.May 27, 1868	*Wm. Staniforth	Thamesville, &c	Thamesviile.
Vacant		Andrew Downle.	Detroit	
			E. & W. Tilbury	
			Napier	
"			Parkhili & McGillivray	,

Mission Stations.—Forrest and McKay's Settlement, Wallaceburgh, Po.: Burwell and Vienna, Dorchester, Corunna and Mooretown, Biddulph and Lucan, Brooke and Euphemia, Port Stanley and Stations.

GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, Presbytery Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

*Ihomas McPhersonOct, 10, 1836*Adam ArgoStratford Stratford.
Daniel Allan Nov. 21, 1838. Saml. Rutherford North Easthope Stratford.
*William MeldrumMarch, 1840*Hugh H. Ross Harrington
*James BoydJuly 7, 1847*Wm. ChalmersWellesleyCrosshiil.
*A. A. DrummondOct. 20, 1847*Peter Stewart Shakspeare & Hampst'd Shakspeare.
*Wm. Doak, B.AFeb. 14, 1855*Alex. RobertsonAvonton & Carlingford. Avonton.
*John FotheringhamFeb. 22, 1856. Alex. DuncanHibbert
*Robert HamiitonJun. 30, 1858*James GilliesAvonbank & Fullarton. Motherwell.
Robert HallApr. 17, 1860 Alex. Bannerman. Nissouri N. & SThorndale.
*D. Waters, MA. LL, B. July 16, 1861 *Mal. LaughtonSt. Mary'sSt. Mary's B.
*Robert RenwickJan. 28, 1863 *William DunnEima C. & W., Monkton. Newry.
*Alian FindlayJan. 30, 1867*James SpenccBiddulph & Fish Creek, Granton.
*J. W. Mitchell, M. A. May 23, 1867*Charles GordonMitchellMitchell.
*Peter Musgrave May 20, 1868 *Jumes Gamble West's Cor. & Gam, Sett. West's Corners.
*J. E. Croly, B.ANov. 25, 1868*Andrew MundelMillbankMillbank.
*J. W. Bell, M.ADec 22, 1868*And. Mitchell Molesworth & Listowel, Listowel.
Vacant Joseph McCully East Zorra Tavistock.

WILLIAM DOAK, B.A., Presbytery Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS,	POST OFFICES.
	ORDINATION,			
James Duncan	June, 1830	James Pollock	. Bayfield	Bay field
Charles Fletcher	May 31, 1842		. Without Charge	. Goderich.
*John Fraser	1845	James Rowan	. Without Charge Knox Ch. , Kincardine	. Kincardine. *
William Graham	Jan. 15, 1845	Andrew McAa	. Egmondville	. Egmondville
John Logie			. Warrensville, &c	
*Robert Ure			. Knox Ch., Goderich .	
"John Ross			.Brucefield	
*Samuel Jones			.Knox Ch., Alnleyville	
Matthew Barr	.ren, 14, 1004	James Scott	. McKillop& Tuckersmi	inseniorin,
George Brown	. Aug. 1808	John McIavish.	. Wroxeter & Howick .	Wroxeter
*Alexander Grant	Aug. 4, 1858		Ashfield & Huron	Kingsbridge:
A. D. McDonald	Apl. 28, 1859	Wm. Murray	.Clinton	Clinton.
William Mathleson.	.May 10, 1862	Edward Brown.	. N. & C. Bruce	North Bruce.
Adam McKay	July 24, 1862	Wm. Pringle	Culross	feeswater,
Adam G. Forbes	. Dec. 6, 1862	James Waddell	. Riversdale, &c	Riversdale.
*John Ferguson	.Jan. 31, 1865	James Smellie	. Melville Ch., Ainleyvill	o. Dingle.
			.Thames Rd. & Kirkto	
*Robert Leask	Nov. 21 1865	*Adam McKay	St Helen's & Kinloss	St Helen's
*Stephen Young	S. D. 10 1866	*James Elliott	Hullet & Manchester	Anhum
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			.Lucknow & Langside	
			.Seaforth	
		John Kerr	McKillop, 2nd	Seaforth.
			Tiverton	
		Donald Blue	.W. Ch., Kincardine	Kincardine.
"			.Greenock, &c	Glammis.
44			. Bethany Church	Porter's Hill.

ARCHIBALD McLEAN, Presbyte y Clerk.

#### PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

*Thomas StevensonJune 2, 1840 David DurioOwen SoundOwen Sounds
*Andrew TolmieJan. 2, 1853 Wm. BurgessSouthampton, &cSaugeen,
*Patrick Greig 1854. James Milligan Normanby Orchardville.
*Robert DewarOct. 17, 1855 Wm. BrownLake ShoreSpeedic.
*John Gauld, A.MJuno 3, 1856 . Wm. MitchellMeaford, &cMeaford,
*John McMillanJune 29, 1857 . *Wm. JamlesonMount ForestMount Forest
D. M. M. O. 10, 1077 I am at Michael Mailteather Williams M. M. W.
R. C. MoffatOct. 10, 1857 James Nisbett, Walkerton
*James CameronFeb. 16, 1859 John DobbleSullivan, &c
*Wm. Park May 8, 1859 Wm. Bell Durham Durham.
*George BremnerFeb. 15, 1860 David PorterPaisleyPaistey.
*Charles CameronMay 1, 1861 Alex TurnbullRocky Saugeen, &cPriceville.
*Alex. FrazerOct. 22, 1861. John McCulloch, Port Elgin Normanton.
Wm. Hay Sep. 24, 1863 Carrick Glenlyon.
*Arch. BrownJan. 27, 1864 Wm. McQuaker St. Vinceut, &c Blantyre.
*Daulel Duff Ap. 19, 1864. Geo. McNally North Brant Malcom.
*John Morrison Jan. 9, 1866. Duncan McMillan Proton
*Hugh Crozler Mar. 24, 1869 Egremont Holstein.
A. McLennan May 25, 1869 John Smith Sydenham Speedie.
VacantDunblaneDunblane
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" North Keppel
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" Alex Doble Chesley Chesley

ALEXANDER FRAZER, Presbytery Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.

*Wm. FraserSep. 2, 18	334. Jno. Carswell 1st W. Gwillimbury, Jas. Dickson 1st Essa Bond Head.
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# PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE—Continued.

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*John G	ray	May 20,	1851	*C. McKinlay	Orillia & E-son	Ch, Oro,Orillia.
James	Ferguson	Nov. 21.	1855	P. Smith	Knox Ch., Oro	Nevis.
James	Greenfield	Nov. 24.	1859		Stayner and B	ownore, Duntroon.
George	Craw	Dec,	1859	J. Johnston	Medonte and Fl	os Hillsdale,
*John K	Hislop	Nov. 19.	1862	James Spelrs .	Alliston Town!	ne, &c., Alliston.
Robert	Moodie	March,	1863	John Austin	1 and 2 Tecums	ethTottenham.
					Osprey	
*Wm. A	. Johnston	Sep. 25.	1867	Arch. Reid	Willis Church, C	DroJarratt's Corners.
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# NINTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD

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# CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

#### FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Hamilton, and within McNab St. Church, there, Hamilton, Tuesday, the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and 1869, 7.30, sixty-nine years, at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the P. M. evening, at which time and place the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met; and, after Sermon by the Moderator, Mr. Alexander Topp, M.A., from Isaiah Ixii. 6, 7:—"I have set Sermon watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace, day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth"—was constituted with prayer.

The Synod Roll, 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 the changes affecting the Synod Roll, and the list of Probationers, changes which had occurred since the last meeting, as set forth in the in, &c. reports of the several Presbyteries. The statement was taken as read, and was ordered to be engrossed in the Minutes, to the following purport:—

#### DEATH OF MINISTERS.

The following ministers were removed by death, namely: 3 deaths. Thomas Henry, of Henry's Church, Lachute, in the Presbytery of Montreal, on the 15th of July; George Riddell, of Newton and G. Riddell Newcastle, in the Presbytery of Ontario, on the 22nd of October, last year; and George Murray, (without Charge) Princeton, G. Murray. April 26, 1869.

#### DEMISSIONS.

The following ministers gave in their demission, in whole, or 17 Demission part, and the pastoral relation between them and the several sions,—lu whole or congregations named was dissolved:—

The following ministers gave in their demission, in whole, or 17 Demission, and the several sions,—lu whole or congregations named was dissolved:—

- J. Douglass. In the Presbytery of Cobourg—James Douglass, of Centreville and Millbrook.
- A. Cross. In the Presbytery of Paris—Archibald Cross, of Erskine W.Peattie. Church, Ingersoll, on the 23rd day of February; and William Peattie, of Mount Pleasant, on the 18th day of May, in the present year.
- W. Ben- In the Presbytery of Brockville—William Bennett, of Winnett, chester, on the 1st day of July, last year.
- chester, on the 1st day of July, last year.

  W. Inglis. In the Presbytery of Huron—Walter Inglis, of West Church,
  A. D. Mc. Kincardine, and Pine River, on the 4th day of May; and A. D.

  Donald. McDonald, of Clinton, on the 11th day of May, in the current
- H.Gordon. In the Presbytery of Kingston—Henry Gordon, of Gananoque, on the 18th of April, this year.
- J. Ander- In the Presbytery of Montreal—John Anderson, Dalhousie Mills—part of charge,—on the 1st day of April, of the present
- W. Aiken In the Presbytery of Ottawa—William Aitkea, of Smith's S. C. Fra Falls, on the 20th day of June; Simon C. Fraser, of McNab, on J. L. Gour the 5th day of August; John L. Gourlay, of Aylmer and Napean, lay. Ward on the 16th day of November; and David Wardrope, of Bristol,
- rope. also on the 16th day of November, last year.

  J. G. MurIn the Presbytery of Hamilton—J. G. Murray, Beamsville
  and Clinton—part of charge—November 10th, last year.
- H. D. Steele. In the Presbytery of Toronto—Howard D. Steele, of Orange-ville and Mono Mills, on the 1st day of October, last year.
- J. Smith. In the Presbytery of Ontario—John Smith, Enniskillen—part of charge—on the 5th day of April in the current year.

  J. Dmff of Know Church.
- J. Duff. In the Presbytery of Guelph—John Duff, of Knox Church, Elora, on the 23rd of February in the present year.
- J.McLachlan, of Beaverton, on the 25th day of May of the current year.

#### SUSPENSION-DEPOSITION.

- s. Balmer. Stephen Balmer, of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, was suspended from the office of the Ministry, sine die, by the Presbytery of Paris, on the 30th day of June, last year.
- A, Thompson. Alexander Thompson, an ordained Missionary, at Kennebec, was deposed from the Ministry, by the Presbytery of Montreal, on the 20th day of October, last year.

#### TRANSLATIONS.

- 12 Translations. The following Ministers, having accepted Calls, were loosed from their respective congregations, and were inducted into new charges, as under-mentioned:—
- D. H. Me-Viear.

  Donald Harvey Macvicar, of Cote Street Church, Montreal, in the Presbytery of Montreal, was, by the appointment and order of the Synod, loosed from his Charge, on the 17th of September last, and was, by the said Presbytery, on the 8th day of October, inducted as Professor of Theology in the Montreal Presbyterian College.

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ntreal, in lorder of mber last, October, sbyterian Robert Fleming, of Farnham, in the Presbytery of Montreal, R. Flemon the 26th of October, to Dunnville and North Cayuga, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the 26th of November, last year. John Crombie, A.M., of Inverness, in the Presbytery of Montreal, J.Crombie on the 1st day of March, to Smith's Falls, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the 4th day of the same month, in the present year.

David Waters, M.A., LL.B., of Port Hope, in the Presbytery D. Waters of Cobourg, on the 10th day of December, last year, to Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, in the Presbytery of Stratford, on the

14th day of January, of the current year.

William Lochead, of Perrytown and Oakhills, in the Presby-W. Loctery of Cobourg, on the 9th day of February, to Fencion Falls and head. Somerville, in the same Presbytery, on the 2nd day of March, in the present year.

William Donald, of Norwichville, in the Presbytery of Paris, W. Donald to Port Hope, in the Presbytery of Cobourg, on the 23rd of Febru-

ary, this year.

John James, of Paris, in the Presbytery of Paris, to Wolver-J. James.

hampton, England, on the 16th day of March of the present year.

William Fletcher, of Carlisle and Ailsa Craig, in the Presby-W. Flettery of London, to Red River, on the 23rd day of July, last year.

Alexander McKay, of Tiverton and Greenock, in the Pres-A. McKay. bytery of Huron, on the 6th day of May, to Elmira, Illinois, in the

Presbytery of London, on the 2nd day of July, last year.

Alexander Matheson, Missionary, Red River, in the Presbytery A. Matheof Toronto, on the 6th day of October, to Osnabruck and Colquson.

houn Settlement, in the Presbytery of Brockville, on the 26th day of November, last year.

Donald Stewart, late of Acadia, Nova Scotia, to Boston Church, D. Stewart Esquesing, and Knox Church, Milton, in the Presbytery of Toronto, on the 23rd day of March, in the current year.

J. R. Scott, of Whitby, in the Presbytery of Ontario, on the J. R. Scott 20th day of September, to Cambray, in the same Presbytery, on

the 27th day of the same month, last year.

Walter M. Rooer, M.A., of Perth, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, W. M. Roaccepted a Call from the congregation of Drummondville and Chip-ger. pawa, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, and was loosed from the congregation of Perth, on the 1st day of October last. Special circumstances prevented the Translation from being carried into effect, and Mr. Roger was subsequently inducted into a Charge in another Presbytery.

#### INDUCTIONS.

The following Ministers, on the Call of the respective congre-10 inducgations named, were inducted into the Charges undermentioned, at tions. the dates annexed to each:—

In the Presbytery of Cobourg, David Beattie, Campbellford, D. Beattie

on the 9th day of February, in the present year.

In the Presbytery of Paris, William Hamilton, D.D., Erskine W. Hamil-Church, Woodstock, and Beachville, on the 9th of September, last ton. year.

In the Presbytery of Brockville, William H. Hew de Bourck, W.H. Hew Cornwall, on the 25th day of August, last year; and William de Bourck.

Ben Bennett, Kemptville and Oxford, on the 20th day of May, in the nett. enrrent year.

In the Presbytery of Grey, John Morrison, Proton, on the 7th J. Morrison. day of January, in the present year.

In the Presbytery of Ottawa, Martin Lowry, Cumberland and M. Lowry. H. D. Bear Brook, June the 30th, last year; and Howard D. Steele, Steele. Ramsay, on the 20th of May, this year.

In the Presbytery of Ontario, Alexander Dawson, Ashburn A. Dawson and Utica, on the 17th of November, last year.

W.M. Ro-In the Presbytery of London, Walter M. Roger, M.A., Wyoger. J. Rennie, ming and Petrolia, on the 28th of April; and John Rennie, Carlisle and Ailsa Craig, on the 5th day of May, in the present year.

#### ORDINATIONS.

The following Probationers were ordained, and at the same Eleven Ordinations. time inducted into the respective charges named below :-

In the Presbytery of Cobourg, J. L. Murray, Baltimore and J. L. Murw. Mit Cold Springs, on the 28th of October last; and William Mitchell, chell. Centreville and Millbrook, on the 22nd day April, in the present chell.

H. Crozier. In the Presbytery of Grey, Hugh Crozier, Egremont, on the 25th of March, in the current year.

Prit-In the Presbytery of Kingston, James Pritchard, Camden and chard. Sheffield, on the 27th of October, last year.

W. Burns. In the Presbytery of Ottawa, William Burns, Perth, on the 19th of May, in the current year.

In the Presbytery of Hamilton, James A. F. McBain, Drum-A. F. McBain. mondville and Chippawa, on the 18th of March; and A. Milne, A. Milne. Beamsville and Clinton, on the 20th of May, in the present year.

J. E. Croly. In the Presbytery of Stratford, John Edgar Croly, B.A., Mill-B. A. J. W. Bell, bank, on the 25th of November; and John W. Bell, A.M., Moles-

worth and Listowell, on the 22nd of December, last year.
In the Presbytery of Toronto, John Campbell, A.M., Charles J. Campbell, A.M. Street Church, Toronto, on the 22nd of December last.

E. Reeve. In the Presbytery of Guelph, Edward Reeve, Eden Mills and Rockwood, on the 16th of December last.

#### LICENSURE.

Eleven The following students of Divinity were licensed as Pro-Students bationers :-licensed.

By the Presbytery of Cobourg, on the 11th day of August last, J.E. Croly. John Edgar Croly, B. A.

A. F. By the Presbytery of London, on the 7th day of July last, J. McBain. A. F. McBain; and, on the 27th day of September last, D. B. D. B. Cameron. Cameron.

A. Milue, By the Presbytery of Montreal, Andrew Milne, on the 8th day W. Grant of October, last year; and, on the 27th day of January, in the

W. Grant of October, last year, and, on the 2.55 and the present year, William Grant.

N. Clarke. By the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the 13th day of October, Blakke. last year, N. Clarke, and J. P. Baikie.

By the Presbytery of Toronto, on the 4th of August last, John bell. H. Chrric. Campbell, A. M.; and Hugh Currie: on the 7th of October last, E. Reeve. Edward Reeve; and, on the 6th of April, of the current year, W. Mit-William Mitchell.

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#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

The following Ministers of other Churches were received as 7 Ministers and Probaministers of this Church, namely:—

Ministers of this Church, namely:—

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By the Presbytery of Brockville, William H. Hew de Bourel, eerwellate of the Congregational Church, on the 11th day of June, last W.H. How

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By the Presbytery of Montreal, on the 16th of June, last year, William Forlong, late of the Presbyte ian Church of the Lower W. For-Provinces; and on the 5th day of August last, Donald Suther-land, also of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

By the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the 16th of June, last year, Hugh Crozier, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, H. Crozier

(O. S.), United States, as a Probationer.

By the Presbytery of Stratford, as a Probationer, John L. J. L. Mur-Murray, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, (O. S.), ray. United States, on the 7th day of July last; and, on the 11th day of May in the present year, Hugh Blair, M. A., a Minister late in H. Blair, connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church M. A. in Ireland.

By the Presbytery of Ottawa, on the 8th of February last, Dr. Dr. Free-Freeland, from the Associate Reform Church in the United land.

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#### CONGREGATIONS ERECTED.

The following congregations were newly organized, or, being <sup>13</sup> Congredisjoined from other congregations, were erected into separate gations erected. Charges, namely:—

South Keppel, in the Presbytery of Grey, on the 29th of South Keppel.

December last.

In the Presbytery of Simcoe, Tiny and Tay, on the 20th of Tiny, Tay. September, last year; Ivy, on the 6th of March; and Angus, on Ivy, Angus the 13th of the same month, in the current year.

In the Presbytery of Mcntreal, Vankleekhill and Hawkesbury, hill. formed into a pastoral Charge, on the 8th of December, last year: Hawkesbury, hill. formed into a pastoral Charge, on the 8th of December, last year: Hawkesbury, balhousie Mills, disjoined from Lancaster, and made a separate Charge; and, on the 12th day of Mills. May of the current year, New Glasgow, disjoined from St. Therese, and erected into a distinct Charge.

In the Presbytery of Hamilton, Beamsville and Clinton, disville and joined from Grimsby, and erected into a separate Charge; and Barton also Barton Stone Church, on the 10th day November, last year; Stone Ch. and, on the 20th day of May, of the present year, North Pelham, Crowland Crowland and Port Colborne.

In the Presbytery of Toronto, Cheltenham, on the 20th of September, last year.

In the Presbytery of Guelph, Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on Chalmers' the 27th day of July of the past year.

#### MISSIONARIES. -- ECCLESIASTICAL POSITION.

A question was here raised by Mr. Cuthbertson, as to the posi- Missiontion of Mr. William Fletcher, sent out to the Red River by sitton as to the Foreign Mission Committee, but whose name was retained on Presbyteries. the Roll of the Presbytery of London. It was also suggested that the relation of Mr. William Aitken, Missionary to British Columbia, to the Presbytery to which he formerly belonged, or to whatever other Presbytery, ought to be defined.

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After reasoning, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to take to assign the subject of the relation of our Foreign Missionaries to the Prespection. byteries into consideration, and report to the Synod. The Committee was appointed as follows :- Messrs. D. Inglis, George Cuthbertson, W. T. McMullen, John McTavish.

#### RETIRING MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

Address retiring Moderator

The retiring Moderator addressed the Synod, thanking them for the honour which had last year been conferred upon him by putting him in the Chair, and for all the consideration and kindness which had been extended to him in the discharge of its duties, and closing with the intimation that the time had arrived for the choosing of a new Moderator.

#### MODERATOR ELECTED.

Moderator relected.

The Synod proceeded to make choice of a new Moderator. The nominations for the office by the Presbyteries were read, when it appeared that Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, had been nominated by twelve Presbyteries, and Mr. George Smellie, of Fergus, by one Presbytery. From two of the Presbyteries no return had been received. Dr. Ormiston was then unanimously elected to the office of Moderator, and, having taken the chair, addressed the Synod.

#### THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Mr. John McTavish, duly seconded, the Synod tendered thanks to Mr. Topp, the retiring Moderator, for his able and efficient discharge of the duties of the Moderatorship, during the past year, and for the excellent sermon delivered by him this evening.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Report-Business Com.

The Business Committee gave in a Report, which was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Inglis. The Report was received, and, in accordance with its recommendations, the

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following appointments were made.

First—To be members of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, for the Presbytery of Brockville, Mr. Alexander Matheson, Minister, and Mr. James Breckinridge, Elder; for the Presbytery of Kingston, Mr. A. F. Wood, Elder; and for the Presbytery of Huron, Mr. A. D. McDonald, Minister, and Mr. George Bissett, Elder; the said Presbyteries having omitted to make the requisite appointments according to the Standing Orders.

Eiders Secondly,—To be a Committee on the Commissions of Elders, Commis--Messrs. Thomas Lowry, (Convener,) T. Wightman, J. Laing, sions Commit-Ministers, and Mr. James Court, and Mr. James Brown, Elders. tee on.

Thirdly,—To be Committees for examining the Records of the Presbyt'ry several Presbyteries, as follows:—namely, of the Presbytery of Records-Montreal,-Messrs. G. Cuthbertson, D. McRuer, and Hugh \*Commit-Young.

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Brockville—Messrs. J. Middlemiss, T. McPherson, and Alex. McColl.

Kingston—Messrs, T. Lowry, T. Wightman, and J. McBean. Colovrg—Messrs, J. Gray, T. Wardrope, and David Hamilton. Ontario—Messrs, James Thom, A. Young, and W. Clark.

Toronto—Messrs, Dr. Thornton, J. W. Chesnut, and Peter Budge.

Hamilton—Messrs. T. S. Chambers, P. Goodfellow, and Wm. Dickson.

Paris—Messrs. R. Torrance, John Smith, and A. F. Wood. Guelph—Messrs. W. Doak, A. B. Simpson, and Colin McKinlay.

London—Messrs. R. Monteath, G. Smellie, and Thos. White. Stratford—Messrs. W. McLaren, J. B. Edmondson, and D. Turnbull.

Huron—Messrs. W. Gregg, J. W. Mitchell, and Malcolm Laughton.

Grey—Messrs. J. J. A. Proudfoot, Peter Duncan, and Alex. Ogg.

Simcoe—Messrs. J. Burton, A. A. Drummond, and Lt.-Col. Haultain.

The names placed first on the lists foregoing to be the Con-

veners of the respective Committees.

Fourthly,—To be a Committee to examine the Record Book Synod of the Synod, Mr. John Scott, London, Convener, Prof. McVicar, Committee on.

Fifthly,—The Synod Diets for Business to be the same as formerly, that is to say:—To meet in the morning at ten o'clock, and continue in Session till one, meet, again at three, 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 arrangement that tomorrow morning the Synod shall meet at eleven o'clock, and occupy the first hour in devotional exercises.

Sixthly,—To be a Committee on the Returns to Remits, sent Remits—down last year to Presbyteries and Sessions. Prof. Caven, Con-Commitvener, Messrs. R. N. Grant, M. Fraser, W. T. McMullen, Minis-tee on ters, John Rogers and W. F. Comfort, Elders.

Seventhly,—The several Presbyteries to have leave to meet, Presbyt's for competent business, during the intervals between the Sederunts Leave to of Synod, on the call of their respective Moderators or Clerks.

Eighthly,—The Committee on Bills and Overtures to hold their Com. on first meeting in the Basement of this Church, at nine o'clock to- Bills. Ist Meeting.

morrow morning.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, and the Diet was closed with prayer.

#### SECOND SEDERUNT.

## McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Wednesday, June 9, 1869, 11 A. M.

The Synod met and was opened with praise, the reading of the

Scriptures and prayer, by the Moderator, Dr. Ormiston.

As arranged last night, the first hour was spent in devotional exercises, Principal Willis, Messrs. Thomas Wardrope, and Thos.

McPherson, succeeding the Moderator in prayer, with the singing of Psalms and the reading of the Scriptures, in the intervals.

Synodeon- The Moderator then declared the Synod constituted and ready stituted, to proceed to business.

Minutes read. The Minutes of the first Sederunt were read.

Wr. S. C. On notion of Mr. Thomas Wardrope, Mr. S. C. Fraser, late Fraser in of the Presbytery of Ottawa, was invited to take a seat in the str. Synod.

Question. Mr. S. C. Fraser asked a question regarding the Report from the Presbytery of Ottawa, recorded in the Minutes. The question sustained, was answered, and the Minutes were then sustained.

#### ELDERS' COMMISSIONS-FIRST REPORT.

Elders' Commissions
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of Elders, gave in a Report, setting forth that they had examined
several Commissions, and recommending that the names of the
Elders named in such Commissions be entered on the Synod Roll;
as also that the names of certain others be substituted for those
of Elders now on the Roll. The Report was received, and its
recommendations were adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON BILLS .- REPORT.

1st Report The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in their first Com. on Bills.

Report, which was read by Mr. David Waters, the Clerk of the Committee. The Report was received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned.

#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS-COMMITTEE ON.

Reception of Ministers—Committee.

The Synod agreed to appoint a Committee to whom should be referred all applications from Presbyteries for the reception of Ministers or Probationers from other Churches, with the testimonials furnished by the parties on whose behalf such applications are made, to examine the same, and report to the Synod. The Committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs. J. McTavish, Convener; Dr. Thornton, John Gray, R. H. Warden, Ministers; and Messrs. Plummer Dewar, and James Court, Elders.

#### MINISTERS ON ROLL-APPLICATION TO RETAIN.

on roll— An application was received from the Presbytery of Cobourg applict'ns for leave to retain on the Roll of the said Presbytery the name of ministers Mr. James Douglass, late Minister of Centreville.

An application was received from the Presbytery of Toronto for leave to place on their Roll the name of Professor George Paxton Young.

Also, an application from the Presbytery of Ontario for leave to retain on their Roll the name of Mr. John McLachlan, late Minister of Beaverton.

The Synod granted the leave asked in these several cases, and Leave ordered accordingly.

#### REMITS-RETURNS TO.

There were handed in certain Returns to Remits to Presby-Returns teries and Sessions, sent down lust year. These Returns were referred to the Committee appointed on this subject, last night, to collate the same, and report to the Synod.

#### PROTEST-W. SILVER.

The Synod took up a protest and appeal of Mr. William Silver, W. Silver, against a decision of the Presbytery of Paris. On motion made referred to and seconded, it was agreed to refer the whole case, with all rela-committive documents, to a special Committee, to be named by the tee. Moderator.

The Moderator stated that he would be prepared to name the Committee at the afternoon Sederunt.

#### MUSKEGON-MEMORIAL OF FRENCH CANADIANS.

There was taken up and read a Memorial from certain families French of French Canadians, at Musbogon, in the State of Michigan, Canadians United States. The Synod agreed to refer the Memorial to the rial of. Standing Committee on the Kankakee Mission.

#### SESSIONS-REPRESENTATION OF.

There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery Sessions. of Hamilton anent the representation of Kirk Sessions,—setting Representation of that by deed of Synod, in 1867, the privilege of representation of forth that by deed of Synod, in 1867, the privilege of representation of tions in the Church Courts, in cases where two or more congregations under one Minister have separate Sessions, was accorded to each of such congregations as enjoyed the same before the Union; that certain of the Sessions referred to avail themselves of this privilege, as well in appointing Elders to the Church Courts as in making Returns to Remits, while others do not; and praying that, in order to a fair representation in the Courts of the Church, such steps be taken by the Synod as may be necessary to bring the congregations now enjoying such special privileges as aforementioned into conformity with the general law and practice of the Church.

#### MODERATOR LEFT CHAIR.

The Moderator here left the Chair, which, at his request, was Moderator taken by Mr. Topp, the last Moderator.

#### OVERTURE.

The Overture, as above, was supported on behalf of the Presby-Mr. Inglis tery of Hamilton by Mr. David Inglis and Dr. Ormiston.

After reasoning, it was moved, verbally, by Mr. A. F. Kemp, heard. seconded by Mr. James Pringle,—That a small Committee be ap-Motion.

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Moderator resumed the Chair, and the Diet was closed with the Benediction.

#### THIRD SEDERUNT.

## McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Wednesday, June, 9, 1869, 3, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, by the Moderator, with prayer and praise.

Minutes The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### SILVER CASE-COMMITTEE ON.

Silver case committee The Moderator now named the Committee to whom should be referred the case of appeal of Mr. William Silver, against a decision of the Presbytery of Paris, as follows:—Mr. A. F. Kemp, Convener; Messrs. John Scott, (London), David Inglis, Dr. Thornton, J. Pringle, J. M. King, Ministers; Messrs. Hon. A. Vidal, A. F. Wood, Thomas McCrae, Elders.

#### COMMITTEE ON BILLS-SECOND REPORT.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a second Report, which was read by Mr. David Waters, the Clerk of the Committee.

The Report was received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned.

#### SESSIONS-REPRESENTATION.

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The Synod resumed consideration of the question of the representation of Sessions in the Judicatories of the Church, as set forth in the Overture from Hamilton Presbytery.

#### MODERATOR LEFT CHAIR.

Moderator The Moderator left the Chair, which, at his request, was taken left Chair. by Mr. Alexander Topp, the former Moderator.

Mr. Kemp submitted a written motion, instead of that proposed verbally, in the morning, in terms following:—That a Committee be appointed to prepare a decision extending the privilege of representation to every separate congregation having a Session.

It was moved in amendment, by Mr. Thomas Wardrope, ment. seconded by Mr. James Dick,—That, where there are two or more congregations under the pastoral charge of one Minister, having bona fide distinct Sessions and distinct Session Records, and when it is admitted by the Presbytery of the bounds that, from territorial or other causes, such Churches should remain thus distinct, each Church be entitled to send a representative Elder to Presbyteries and Synods.

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After reasoning, votes were taken, first between the amendments Votes. of Dr. Jennings and Mr. Drummond, when that of Mr. Drummond was carried. A second vote was taken between the amendment of Mr. Drummond and that of Mr. Wardrope, when that of Mr. Drummond was again carried. On a third vote, between the amendment of Mr. Drummond and the main motion of Mr. Kemp, the amendment vas again carried, by a large majority, and the Synod decided in accordance therewith, as follows:—Dismiss the Decision. Overture, and leave the present arrangement to remain unaltered.

The Moderator now resumed the Chair.

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At the request of different members of Synod, and at the sug-Correspestion of the Moderator, the following Ministers of other Churches pendents. being present, were invited to sit in the Synod as corresponding members, namely:—Mr. Donald McMillan, of La Have, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces; Mr. Campbell, of the Presbytery of Utica, (N. S.) United States; Mr. Mylne, Smith's Falls, and Mr. William Anderson, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland; Dr. Blaikie of Boston, of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, and M. Coussirat, Professor of Divinity of the French Evangelical Church in Canada.

#### OATHS OF TESTIMONY-OVERTURE.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Mon-Oaths of treal, anent oaths of testimony. The overture was read, to the Overture, effect that is necessary, in judicial cases before the Church Courts, to examine witnesses on oath; that hitherto the right of proceeding in this way had been taken for granted, and that it is so embodied in the Book of Forms of Precess; that doubts had arisen as to the practice being in accordance with the laws of the land, and that eminent Counsel had expressed the opinion that the practice is doubtful, if not illegal; and praying the Synod to take the necessary steps to have the question set at rest.

It was moved by Mr. James Watson, seconded by Mr. W. B. Motion. Clark, as follows:—An Overture having been presented by the Presbytery of Montreal respecting doubts alleged to have arisen with reference to the right claimed by this Church to examine witnesses upon oath, particularly concerning the legality of said right in relation to the law of the country, therefore be it resolved—

Ist. That this Church, deriving her jurisdiction from the Lord Jesus Christ, humbly, yet firmly and unalterably, maintains her right to administer an Oath of Testimony in ecclesiastical cases, to such witnesses as acknowledge her spiritual authority.

2nd. That the legality of the said right, in relation to the law of the country, being a matter for the consideration rather of the Civil Courts than this Synod; there being no immediate danger of conflict in practice between the exercise of discipline in this

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Church and the administration of the civil law in the country; and it being quite unlikely that the civil authorities of Canada, or even of the British Empire, are prepared fairly to consider and to adopt the views of this Church on the question of the relative jurisdiction of the Church and State, therefore, the Synod deems it inadvisable to take any further action at present in regard to the Overture now on the table.

Istamend. It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. McTa econded by

Mr. T. Lowry,—That the Synod dismiss the Overtme.

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It was moved in further amendment by Professor. McVicar, seconded by Mr. J. Ross,—That the Over a referred to a Committee, to take the matter into consider and report, said Committee to consist of the following:—Praccipal Willis, Mr. Topp, Dr. Jennings, Mes.rs. D. Inglis, J. Watson, J. M. Gibson,

W. Gregg, Hon. A. Vidal, and the mover.

Vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. McTavish was, successively, carried by large majorities over the amendment of Professor McVicar and the motion of Mr. Watson, and the Synod decided accordingly to dismiss the Overture.

#### PREACHING BEFORE SYNOD-COMMITTEE.

Preaching before Synod-Conn.

The Synod appointed the Ministers of the City of Hamilton a
before Synod-Conn.

Street Church on the ensuing Lord's Day.—Mr. D. Inglis, Convener.

#### PRESENTERY OF GREY-DIVISION OF.

Division—Pres. of Grey, praying for the division of said Presbytery, and for constituting certain Ministers and congregations thereof a new Presbytery.

Mr. Ste- Mr. Thomas Stevenson and Mr. John McMillan, appointed by venson & the Presbytery to support the Overture before the Synod, were Mr. Me heard.

It was moved by Mr. Monteath, and agreed to—That a Committee be appointed to consider the Overture, to confer, if deemed expedient, with the Presbyteries, and the parties immediately concerned, and to report at a future diet.

The Committee was then named by the Moderator as follows: Messrs. J. Middlemiss, Convener; W. Doak, R. Torrance, J. K. Smith, G. Smellie, T. Lowry, Ministers; G. Walker, T. McCrae,

H. Young, Elders.

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

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT.

#### McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Wednesday, June 9, 1869, 7.30, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with praise, the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, Dr. Thornton, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

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#### CORRESPONDENTS.

At the request of several members of Synod, the following Corres-Ministers were invited to take their seats in the Synod as corres-ponding members, namely:—Principal Snodgrass, and Professor McKerras, of the University of Queen's College, Kingston, and Mr. Fraser, of Priceville, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

#### LICENSE-APPLICATION FOR LEAVE.

There was taken up and read an application from the Presby-Licensetry of Toronto for leave to take on public probationary trials for Applicationes the students of Divinity following, viz:—John M. Munroe, George Chrystal, J. G. Calder, Donald McDonald. It was stated beave, Press, Torin the application that there were peculiarities in connection with onto. the position of one of the cancidates named which required to be considered by the Synod.

It was agreed to refer the application, with all Papers relative, Application a Committee, to consider and report at a future Sederunt.

There was read an application from the Presbytery of Montreal ed to Com.

for leave to take Mr. C. C. Stewart, B.A., on probationary trials application—for license. Extracts from the records of the Presbytery setting Pres. Monforth the standing and attainments of Mr. Stewart were read. Granted. Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Montreal as craved.

There was read, further, an application from the Presbytery of London for leave to take on trials for license Mr. Peter McLaren. Application—
It was agreed to refer the application to the same Committee to Pres. Lonwhom should be referred the application from the Presbytery of don.

Toronto, as in a previous Minute.

The Committee on the foregoing applications was appointed as License-follows:—Principal Willis, Professor Caven, Dr. Irvine, Mr. J. Committee on McTavish, Lt. Col. Haultain, Mr. A. F. Wood.

# DEPUTATION—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Moderator here left the chair, which, at his request, was Deputataken by Mr. Topp, the former Moderator.

There was taken up and read an extract from the Minutes of Scotland, the Synod of the Preslyterian Church of Canada in connection Canada.

There was taken up and read an extract from the Almutes of Scotland, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection Canada. with the Church of Scotland, setting forth that Dr. Ormiston had Extracts. appeared as a Delegate from this Church before the said Synod, and had conveyed in an eloquent manner to the Court the Christian and fraternal greetings of this Church; stating the cordial welcome which they had extended to Dr. Ormiston, and expressing thanks for the able manner in which he had performed the duty laid upon him by this Synod.

There was read also an extract from the Minutes of the Synod above mentioned, appointing Messrs. Kenneth, MacLennan, and D. J. MacDonnell, Ministers, and Mr. James Croil, a Deputation, to convey to this Church the Christian and brotherly greetings of that Synod, and to assure this Synod of their desire and prayer

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ise, the reading request of the that the Head of the Church may bless this Church in its "work of faith and labor of love."

The members of the Deputation were introduced to the Synod

by Dr. Ormiston. Mr. MacLennan addressed the Synod at length, conveying in. very cordial terms the Christian and brotherly salutations of the Church represented by the Deputation. Mr. MacDonell and Mr.

Croil severally addressed the Synod.

On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, duly seconded, the Synod adopted the following Deliverance: - That this Synod has heard with great satisfaction the addresses of our respected brethren of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland, in regard to the position and prospects and labours of that Church; reciprocates, in the most cordial and brotherly spirit, the sentiments of esteem and regard which they have expressed towards this Church, and rejoices in the visit of the Deputation, as not only pleasant in the meantime, and affording an opportunity of manifesting mutual affection in the Lord, but as the evidence of a desire on both sides to draw more closely those bonds of union and co-operation which, it is hoped, may very soon beconsummated by the formation of a British American Presbyterian Church in this large and extensive Dominion.

The Moderator then conveyed to the Deputation, in terms of great cordiality, the expression of the gratification which their

presence and addresses had afforded to this Synod.

Dr. Ormiston, the Moderator, now resumed the chair. Moderator resumed The members of the above named Deputation—Messrs, McLen-

Deputat'n nan, MacDonnell and Croil, were invited to take their seats in invited to Synod as corresponding members. sit in Synod.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

The Synod called for the Report of the Standing Committee State of religion on the State of Religion. The Report was handed in and read by report on. Mr. J. McTavish, the Convener.

After long reasoning, the hour of adjournment arrived, when Hour of it was agreed to sit until the matter before the Synod be disposed adjournment.

On motion, the Report on the state of religion was received, Report and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Committee for received. their diligence.

On motion of Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Doak, it sas Resolut'n. agreed,—That, inasmuch as sufficient material has not been furnished to the Committee on the State of Religion to enable them properly to present the subject, it be an instruction to the Committee of Bills and Overtures to appoint, in the order of business, some suitable time for a consideration of the Report, and a Conference on the State of Religion.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet at ten o'clock te-morrow Adjourn'd morning, and the Diet was closed with the Benediction.

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#### FIFTH SEDERUNT.

## McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Thursday, June 10, 1869, 10, a. m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. J. M. Roger, of Peterborough, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Minutes read.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY-REQUEST TO AMEND REPORT.

A request was handed in and read, on behalf of the Presbytery Ottawa of Ottawa, for leave to supply an omission in the Report of the Presbyt's said Presbytery in failing to state that Dr. Freeland, a Minister of request to the Associate Reformed Church, in the United States, had been amend. received by said Presbytery as a Minister of this Church. Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Ottawa in the case, as craved.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

At the request of members of Synod, Mr. Acheson, of Galt, a Corres-Minister of the United Prosbyterian Church, in the United States, pondents. and Mr. William Inglis, formerly of Woodstock, were invited to take seats in Synod.

#### COMMITTEE ON BILLS-THIRD REPORT.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures handed in a third Re-Com. on port, which was read by Mr. David Waters, the Clerk of the Bills-Committee. The Report stated, among other things, that the report. Committee had had before them an appeal of Mr. Andrew McLean against a decision of the Presbytery of Guelph, delayed from last year, and recommending that, in accordance with Mr. McLean's own request, he Le allowed to fall from his appeal.

The Report was received, and the order of business therein Received

recommended sanctioned.

#### ELDERS' COMMISSIONS.

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

#### RAMSAY CASE-REPORT OF COMMISSION.

The Synod took up the Report of the Commission of Synod Appeal, appointed last year, with Synodical powers, to consider and to Miss Baira issue, finally, the appeal of Miss Baird against a decision of the of Com-Kirk Session of Ramsay.

The Report was held as read, and is as follows:—

"At Ramsay, in the Church there, the twenty-fifth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, at half-past twelve of the clock in the afternoon, the Commission appointed by the Synod to issue an appeal of Miss Baird against the decision of the Session of the Congregation of Ramsay, met at the call of the Convener, and was constituted by prayer.

Sederunt.—Rev. John Laing, Convener, Rev. Wm. McLaren, and Rev. John Burton, Ministers, and R. Edmundson, M.D., Rev. John Laing was appointed Moderator, and Rev. J. Burton, Clerk. The Minute of Synod appointing the Commission was then read. A letter from Dr. Holden was also read, excusing his absence.

The parties in the case were called to the bar.

Miss Baird appeared with her brother, William Baird, who was permitted to appear along with his sister before the Commission. Mr. Andrew Toshach and his wife appeared. Also, the Session of Ramsay, represented by Rev. William McKenzie, Moderator, Messrs, James Killough, James Yule, David Wylie, and John Graham, Elders.

The Commission proceeded to consider the case, de novo. Miss Baird then entered her complaint, that a document had been laid before the Session of Ramsay, containing anonymous charges against her character:—She laid before the Commission a copy of her original complaint, which on being compared with the copy engrossed upon the Ramsay Session Book, was found to contain an additional paragraph. Mr. McKenzie explained that he had not professed to enter a copy of the complaint, but simply the substance thereof. Miss Baird proceeded to narrate at length the varied steps in the case as it appeared before the Session, stating her several objections to the proceedings, and laid several documents before the Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Toshach were also heard at : ngth.

A. " McKenzie and Mr. Graham were also heard on behalf of the Session; after which, it being six o'clock, the Commission

adjourned, to meet again at half-past seven.

At half-past seven on the evening of the same day, and in the same place, the Commission met, as adjourned, and was constituted by prayer.

Miss Baird then entered a formal complaint in the following

terms:

I, Jane Baird, charge Andrew Toshach with malicious falsehood, inasmuch as he did, in the month of November, 1866, and in his own house, assert that it was on the recommendation of a certain Mrs. Wyatt that two children named James and Mary Ann Rivet were sent to us from the Ladies' Benevolent Institution, Montreal, which statement is untrue, because the children were sent to us in consequence of a certificate in our favour, furnished by the Rev. Thos. Wardrope of Ottawa.

JANE BAIRD. (Signed),

JUNE 25, 1868.

The following witnesses were then sworn, their evidence taken down and read over to them, and by them subscribed.

For the complainant-Mr. John Baird, Mary Ann Rivet, and Mr. William Baird.

For the defence-Mrs. Jane Wyatt.

For the complainant in reply—Mr. John Baird and Mary Ann Rivet re-called, and Robert Yule.

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Miss Baird here stated that to complete her case it was necessary to have the evidence of the Rev. Messrs. Gourlay and Moore, who were not present. Mr McLaren inquired—"What do you wish them to prove?" Miss Baird replied,—"To prove that Mrs. Wyatt said, that the children could have been obtained on Mr. Wardrope's certificate alone, and could not have been obtained on Mrs. Wyatt's recommendation alone."

The Commission were unanimous in the opinion that the evidence on the points in question was sufficient to warrant them to

proceed to judgment, and resolved to do so.

The parties were removed from the Bar.

After consultation the Commission unanimously adopted the

following finding:-

1st. That the matter of complaint originally was trivial in itself, and ought not to have been made the subject of Church discipline.

2nd. That when once taken up by the Session, and entered on the Record, the charge should not have been disposed of in the absence of the complainant, and without due citation of parties, as it appears was done.

3rd. That there have been irregularities in the proceedings of the Session, both when acting without and with the Assessors from the Presbytery, which have increased the difficulties.

4th. That much matter wholly irrelevant has been introduced by the parties interested, from time to time, by which feelings of an uncharitable character have been engendered and inflamed.

5th. That though the evidence in the case is in some measure contradictory, those contradictions affect only minor points, and

do not at all bear against the veracity of Mr. Toshach.

6th. That the charge of malicious falsehood made against Mr. Toshach had not been substantiated by the evidence, inasmuch as it is manifest that he had been informed by Mrs. Wyatt that she had used her influence to have the children sent to Miss Baird's care, and tlat it does not appear that, at the time when he made the statement complained of, he was aware that Mr. Wardrope had given a certificate to Mr. Baird; and further, there is no evidence that Mr. Toshach ever denied that Mr. Wardrope's certificate was the principal ground of the children having been sent, but only affirmed that Mrs. Wyatt's influence had been exerted in obtaining the children, which statement is borne out by the evidence.

7th. That, nevertheless, in view of the variations in statement which Miss Baird met with, and the reticence of parties, there appears to be such colour for the charge as goes far to justify Miss

Baird in seeking an explanation.

In view of these facts the Commission, therefore, instructs the Session of Ramsay, in justice to Miss Baird, to cancel from the

Record all reference to this case.

At the same time, the Commission cannot refrain from expressing its most unqualified condemnation of the manner in which charges of falsehood have been rashly uttered, and discrepancies in statement have been unduly magnified, to the great prejudice of Christian charity.

In conclusion, the Committee enjoins on all parties the duty of forgiveness towards each other, even as they hope to be forgiven, and as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.

The Commission further order this Deliverance to be read from the Ramsay pulpit, on the forenoon of Sabbath, the fifth day of July next, by the officiating Minister, the Rev. Mr. Dawson.

The parties were again called to the Bar, and the Deliverance

was read to them by the Moderator.

The Session of Ramsay and Mr. Toshach signified their acquiescence with the Finding.

Miss Baird said, "I leave it as it is."

Mr. McKenzie craved extracts on behalf of the Session.

Mr. Toshach and Miss Baird also craved extracts. The extracts were granted.

Miss Baird being questioned by Mr. McLaren, said, that she fell from the charge against Mrs. Toshach.

The Minutes were then read and approved, and the Commission closed at half past one of the clock, on Friday Morning,—the Moderator leading in prayer.

(Signed),

JOHN LAING, Moderator, JOHN BURTON, Clerk.

#### MR. J. GAULD-MEMORIAL.

Mr. Gauld's Gauld, Minister at Meaford, in relation to arrears of stipend due to him from the congregation of Moore, in the Presbytery of London, consideration of which Memorial was delayed last year.

The Presbytery of London was declared to be a party in this case, and by request, was permitted to meet during this Sederunt of the Synod, in order to determine the course to be taken by the Presbytery in relation to Mr. Gauld's Memorial.

#### LICENSE-APPLICATION-MR. ROWAT.

License— There was taken up and read an application from the Presby-application for— tery of London for leave to take Mr. Andrew Rowat on public A. Rowat, probationary trials for license.

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of London as craved.

#### APPEAL-A, McLEAN.

Appeal—
A. McLean a decision of the Presbytery of Guelph, delayed last year. In accordance with his own request, and with the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the Synod granted leave to Mr. McLean to fall from his appeal.

Protestation was taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Guelph, and extracts craved.

#### PASTORAL RELATION-OVERTURE.

Pastoral There was taken up and read an Overture from the Presbytery relation—of Ontario, setting forth, in substance, that it was the right and Overture duty of Presbyteries, in certain circumstances, to interpose authoritatively for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between a

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Mr. John Smith, and Mr. John McTavish, were heard in sup-

port of the Overture.

After long reasoning, it was moved by Mr. Topp, seconded by Motion. Dr. Irvine:—That the Synod having heard this Overture, and having heard the Presbytery of Ontario on the subject, declare that there is no necessity for legislation on this matter, inasmuch as there can be no doubt as to the power of the Church, to which reference is made in the Overture.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. Doak, seconded by lstamend-Mr. A. Wilson, as follows:—Receive the Overture, and refer the Presbytery to the Book of Forms of Procedure in the Church

Courts.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. David MacKay, 2d amend-seconded by Mr. D. Inglis:—That this Overture be received and ment. referred to a deliberative Committee to report at an early Sederunt of this Court.

It was moved in further amendment by Professor Young, ment. seconded by Principal Willis:—That the Synod dismiss the Overture, and declare that no legislation on the subject is necessary.

Votes were then taken, when the amendment of Professor votes. Young was, successively, carried by large majorities over the amendments of Mr. McKay and Mr. Doak, and over the original Decision. motion of Mr. Topp, and the Synod decided in terms of said amendment.

#### MR. GAULD'S MEMORIAL.

The Presbytery of London having returned, the Synod took Mr. up again the matter of the Memorial of Mr. John Gauld. After Memorial reasoning, and it appearing that ertain difficulties stood in the way of the orderly proceeding with this case, it was referred back to the Committee on Bills, to consider the same, and report.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed

with prayer and the Benediction.

# SIXTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Thursday, June 10, 1869, 3, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted, Dr. Hamilton, of Woodstock, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

## LONDON PRESBYTERY—DIVISION OF. .

There was taken up and read an application from the Pres-Pres. of London—bytery of London anent the division of the said Presbytery, and Division the erection of a new Presbytery, setting forth in substance, that of they had received Returns from Sessions within their bounds, to whom the proposed division, and the erection of a Western Pres-

bytery had been submitted, and finding that the majority of such Returns were in favor of constituting such Presbytery, they had agreed to request the Synod to constitute the same, to be called the Presbytery of Chathan, and, ordinarily, to meet in the town of Chatham; and that the boundaries of said Presbytery be the Counties of Kent and Essex, with the new County of Bothwell, together with the congregations in the United States, and praying the Synod to give effect to this application on an early day.

Mr. Proudfoot heard. Granted.

Mr. Proudfoot was heard in support of the application.

The Synod agreed to grant the request of the Presbytery of
London, and to erect a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery

of Chatham, in terms of the application.

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It was further agreed, on motion of Mr. G. Cuthbertson:— That the Presbytery of Chatham hold it first meeting in Detroit, and within the Scotch Church there, on the 29th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and that Mr. Alexander W. Waddell, the senior Minister, be the first Moderator.

#### COMPLAINT-W. T. MURDOCH, ET AL.

Complaint — W. T. Murdoch, and others, against a decision of the Presby-and others tery of Guelph, in relation to the religious movement in the town of Galt.

Parties called.

The parties, namely, the Complainants and the Presbytery of Guelph, were called to the Bar, and appeared.

Papers read.

The decision of the Presbytery complained against was read.
There were read, also, the reasons of dissent, and the answers of

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There were read, further, extracts from the Minutes of the

Presbytery, appointing Mr. George Smellie, James Middlemiss, and William S. Ball, to defend the decision of the Presbytery at the Bar of the Synod.

Complainants heard Malcolm McKenzie, Ministers, were heard in support of their Dissent and Complaint.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Moderator closed the diet with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

#### SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

## · McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

# Thursday, June 10, 1869, 7:30, p. 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 The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. T. McPherson, seconded by Mr. R. Ure:
That instead of taking up the business recommended by the-

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Committee on Bills, for this evening, the Synod proceed with the consideration of the subject before the Court in the afternoon.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. D. Waters, and duly Amend-seconded, That the Synod adhere to the order already adopted, and ment. that it be an instruction to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, to bring up the unfinished business of this afternoon as the first item of business to-morrow morning.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. McPherson was carried, and the Synod agreed to resume the unfinished business of the business afternoon.

#### CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Donald Fraser, of Inverness, a Minister of the Free Church Mr. D. Fraof Scotland, and formerly in connection with the Church in this ser invited country, being present, was, on the motion of Mr. J. M. Roger, inpond. vited to take a seat in Synod as a corresponding member.

#### COMPLAINT-W. T. MURDOCH ET AL.

The Synod proceeded with the case of Dissent and Complaint,  $\frac{\text{Complaint}}{-W\cdot T\cdot}$  consideration of which was interrupted by the adjournment in the Murdoch, afternoon.

Mr. Adam Ker, Mr. Thomas McCrae, and Mr. John McCor-Complets kindale, the remaining Complainants, were heard in support of heard. their Dissent and Complaint.

Messrs. George Smellie, James Middlemiss, and William S. Guelph Ball, were heard, at length, in defence of the decision of the Pres-Presbytry bytery of Guelph.

#### HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of adjournment being at hand, the Synod agreed to synod to suspend the rule, to close at ten o'clock, and sit until this case sit beyond shall have been brought to the stage of the removal of the parties journment from the Bar.

Mr. W. T. Murdoch, was heard in reply, on behalf of himself Reply of and the other Complainants.

Questions were asked of the parties, and were answered.

The parties were then removed from the Bar.

On motion of Dr. Jennings, duly seconded, the Synod agreed moved to resume consideration of the subject to be interrupted by the adjournment to-night, as the first business to-morrow morning.

Mr. David Inglis gave notice that, when the subject was taken Notice of up in the morning, he should move,—That the Synod dismiss the motion.

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Mr. Robert Ure gave notice of an amendment to the effect,—

That the case be referred to a Committee to frame a Deliverance.

## MECHANICS' INSTITUTE-INVITATION.

There was read a communication from the President and Di-Mechanics rectors of the Mechanics' Institute, in this city, cordially inviting invitation. the members of Synod to make use of the Reading Room and Library of the Institute during their stay in the City.

### ROLL TO BE CALLED.

Roll to be called.

It was agreed that the roll of Synod be called to-morrow, at a quarter of an hour before one o'clock.

The Synod adjourned—the diet being closed with the Bene-

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### EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton,

Friday, June 11th, 1869, 10, a.m.

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

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### COMMITTEE ON BILLS-REPORT.

4th Recommittee on Bills.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a fourth Report, which was read by Mr. D. Waters, the Clerk of the Committee, arranging the order in which the business of this day should be taken up, and stating that Mr. Gauld, after consultation with the Committee, requested leave to withdraw his papers, in order to present the matter again to the Presbytery or London, and recommending that Mr. Gould be permitted to withdraw his papers as requested.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Waters, duly seconded,—That the Report

be received and its recommendation adopted.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment, by Mr. A. F. Kemp, duly seconded,—That the order of business recommended in the Report of the Committee on Bills, be so far departed from as that the consideration of the business of the Kankakee Mission be taken up as the first matter on Monday evening.

Vote-decision.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Waters was carried, and the Report of the Committee on Bills was adopted.

#### CORRESPONDENT.

On motion made and seconded, the Rev. Mr. Gilray, a Minister Mr. Gilray to sit in of this City, was invited to take a seat in the Synod. Synod.

### ELDERS' COMMISSIONS -3RD REPORT.

Elders' Commis-Report.

Mr. Thomas Lowry, from the Committee on the Commissions sions, 3rd of Elders, gave in and read a third Report, recommending certain names of Elders, contained therein, to be inserted in the roll of Synod.

The Report was received and its recommendation sanctioned.

### PREACHING BEFORE SYNOD.

Mr. D. Inglis, from the Committee to make arrangements for Preaching before Sy- the supply of the pulpit of McNab Street Church, on the en-McNab St. suing Lord's Day, gave in a Report recommending that Mr. Donald Church. Fraser, of Inverness, Scotland, be appointed to preach at 11 o'clock a.m., Mr. W. R. Sutherland, of Ekfrid, in Gælic, at 4 o'clock, p.m., and Mr. John Thompson, of Sarnia, at 6.30, p.m. The Report was received and adopted, and the Synod ordered accordingly.

### APPEAL-MR. GOURLAY FALLEN FROM.

There was taken up an Appeal of Mr. H. Gourlay, against action of the Presbytery of Ottawa in granting Moderation in a Call to said congregation while a debt due to their former Minister remained unpaid. The Committee on Bills, in their Report read at the opening of this Sederunt, stated that Mr. Gourlay requested to be allowed to fall from his appeal, and recommended that the request be granted. The Synod adopted the recommendation, and granted leave to Mr. Gourlay as craved.

# COMPLAINT-MR. MURDOCH, ET AL.

The Synod, as agreed upon last night, resumed consideration of Mr, Mur. the case of Dissent and Complaint of Mr. W. T. Murdoch and doch, et al. others.

According to notice given last night, it was moved by Mr. D. Motion. Inglis, seconded by A. F. Kenip,—That the Synod dismiss the Dissent and Complaint, and sustain the decision of the Presbytery.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by 1stamend-Mr. D. Waters,—That the Synod having read the papers, and ment. heard the parties in the case, dismiss the Complaint and Appeal.

But, whereas it has appeared from the papers read and from the pleadings at the Bar, that there is a considerable measure of uncertainty in the minds of some of the brethren within the bounds of the Presbytery of Guelph in regard to points of great practical importance, the Synod further declares, for the general guidance of the Church:—

1. That Ministers and Kirk Session are responsible for the

teachings given at meetings convened by them.

2. That while the ordinary Ministers of the Word must be "sufficiently gifted, and duly approved and called by the Church," as is declared by the Standards of the Canada Presbyterian Church, there is liberty for the exercise of the gifts of teaching and exhortation which may be possessed by any of Christ's people, under the general supervision of Ministers and Kirk Sessions, subject to the ordinary review of the Courts of the Church.

3. That wherever brethren believe that unsound doctrines have been taught, or irregularities affecting the Cause of Christ tolerated in meetings held under the auspices of any Minister or Kirk Session, it is the duty of those cognizant of the facts to proceed against said Minister or Kirk Session according to the laws of the

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It was moved in further amendment by Principal Willis, <sup>2d</sup> amend-seconded by Dr. Jennings, as follows:—Dismiss the Appeal, not as frivolous or vexatious, but on the ground that the Presbytery of Guelph has not given a final Deliverance on the Report of the Deputation to inquire "into the origin, progress, and present state of the religious movement at Galt":—

Nevertheless, the Synod declares and decerns that all lay agency employed in, or in connection with, any congregation of

his Church, shall be under the direct control of the Minister and Kirk Session thereof, and under responsibility to the Presbytery; and further, in view of the state of matters known to the Synod as existing within the bounds of the Presbytery of Guelph, resolve that a body of ten Assessors be appointed by this Court to sit with the Presbytery of Guelph, at one of their earliest meetings, to consider all matters relating to this Appeal, and endeavour to bring all such matters to a conclusion in accordance with the understood policy of the Church, and in a spirit and manner fitted to promote the interests of vital religion and the glory of God.

Mr. Mc-Kelvie in-vited to a seat in the Synod. The Rev. Mr. McKelvie being present, was invited to take a

The hour of a quarter of an hour before one o'clock having seat. arrived, the Moderator left the chair, which, at his request, was Roll called taken by Mr. Proudfoot, a former Moderator; and, as agreed upon last night, the Roll of Synod was called and marked.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at three o'clock, and the

diet was closed with the Benediction.

### NINTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Friday, June 11, 1869, 3 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted, Mr. Donald Fraser, of Inverness, Scotland, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. Min. read.

# COMPLAINT-W. T. MURDOCH, ET AL.

The Synod returned to the consideration of the case of Dissent Compt., and Complaint, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

Principal Willis asked, and obtained leave to make certain &c., re-sumed. Motion alterations, noted, in the motion submitted by him, in this case, altered. in the morning.

Reasoning on the motions before the Court, in the case, was Reasoning thro'whole proceeded with through the whole time allotted to the Sederunt, sitting. without coming to a vote.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the diet was closed with the Benediction.

# TENTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

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#### COM. ON BILLS .- REPORT.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures handed in a fifth Com. on Report, recommending certain items of business to be taken up in 5th report. a specified order. The Report was received, and its recommendations sanctioned.

### DEPUTATIONS.

The Synod agreed to proceed to receive the Deputations from Deputathe General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of tion U. P. North America; and from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.), in the United States.

Mr. Andrew Wilson, who had been appointed last year to report—convey to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Mr Church of North America the Christian salutation of this Synod, wilson, gave a brief statement of his discharge of the duty intrusted to him, speaking in warm terms of the great satisfaction which it had given him to be present at that Assembly, and of the cordial manner in which he had been received; and introducing to the Synod the Rev. Mr. Goodwillie, as the Delegate from that Assembly to this Synod.

There was presented and read a Commission under the hand Commissof the Moderator and Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of sion-Rev. the United Presbyterian Church of North America, appointing D.H.Goodthe Rev. D. M. Ure, Principal, and the Rev. D. H. Goodwillie, Alternate, to represent them before this Synod, and to express to the Synod their fraternal regards.

Mr. Goodwillie then addressed the Synod, conveying the Address—Christian and brotherly salutations of the Body represented by Mr. Goodhim, and giving interesting information respecting the numbers, willie. organization, and Missionary operations, at home and abroad, of that Church.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY (N. S.) DEPUTATION.

There was presented and read a Commission under the hand Commissof the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian sion—Dr. Church (N. S.) in the United States of America, appointing the Gen. Ass. Rev. Grosvenor W. Heacock, D.D., Principal, and the Rev. Albert Pres. Ch. T. Chester, D.D., Alternate, to represent the said Assembly before (N.S.)U.S. this Synod.

The Moderator, Dr. Ormiston, here gave a brief account of his Report—discharge of the duty intrusted to him by the Synod last year, as ton. a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.) in the United States,—stating that he had waited on that Assembly, in May last, in the City of New York,—that he had received the most cordial welcome, and the kindest reciprocations of the sentiments of Christian and brotherly regard which he had conveyed to them on behalf of this Synod.

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It was moved by Mr. A. F. Kemp, seconded by Dr. Jennings, and agreed to,-That this Synod having received Commissions from the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) in the United States, and from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, delegating to us, as their representatives, the Rev. Dr. Chester, and the Rev. Mr. Goodwillie, to convey to us the cordial and brotherly salutations of these Churches, do hereby welcome these brethren, with all Christian affection,—thank them for the kind words which they have spoken, instruct the Moderator to convey to them the expression of our pleasure at this fraternal intercourse with Churches occupying so large a field in the vineyard of the Lord, both at home and abroad, and our desire to cultivate lasting and intimate fellowship.

Moderator The Moderator, in the sense of the foregoing resolution, conaddresses Delegates, veyed to the Delegates, severally, the expression of the gratification which their presence and addresses had given to the Synod.

Delegates The Delegates were invited to take their seats in the Synod as invited to corresponding members. The Synod engaged in praise, singing the 133d Psalm. Praise.

#### COMPLAINT-RESUMED.

Complaint The Synod returned to the consideration of the case of Dissent resumed. and Complaint, interrupted by the adjournment in the afternoon.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Professor Young, seconded by Mr. R. Ure,—"That the Synod dismiss the Dissent 3d Amendand Complaint: and, while ready to acknowledge with thankfulness to God, indications of spiritual good in any of the congregations of the Church, through whatever instrumentality it may have been produced, think it not unseasonable, without casting the least reflection on the course which has been adopted by the members of the Presbytery of Guelph, to call the attention of Ministers and Sessions to the great importance of exercising due caution in regard to the qualifications of any labourers, not formally recognized by this Church, but of whose occasional co-operation, in public religious services, they may desire to avail themselves."

After lengthened reasoning, the Previous Question was moved, and being carried in the affirmative, the Synod proceeded to decide.

Before taking the vote, the Synod engaged in prayer, led by Mr. Thomas Lowry.

Votes being taken, the amendment of Professor Young was, successively, carried, by large majorities, over the amendments, respectively, of Principal Willis and Mr. McLaren, and over the original motion of Mr. Inglis, and the Synod decided in terms of the said amendment.

The parties were again called to the Bar, and the decision of the Synod was announced to them by the Moderator.

Extracts were craved on behalf of the Presbytery of Guelph, Extracts. and also on behalf of the Complainants, and these were granted to both parties.

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### NOMINATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee to nominate the Standing Committees was Standing now appointed by the Moderator, as follows:—Messrs. D. Waters, tees-Com(Convener,) Prof. McVicar, J. M. Gibson, T. Wardrope, J. Laing, mittee to W. Gregg, Dr. Thornton, D. Inglis, J. Middlemiss, T. Lowry, G. nominate. Cuthbertson, A. F. Kemp, A. McLean, W. Doak, A. Tolmie, J. Gray, Prof. Caven, Ministers; Messrs. A. I. McKenzie, J. Brown, W. Clark, H. Young, Hon. A. Vidal, A. F. Wood, D. McKay, Elders.

The Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and the Diet was closed with the Benediction.

### ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton,

Saturday, June 12, 1869, 10, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises,

Mr. W. B. Clark leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read, and being revised, Minutes were sustained.

### COM. ON BILLS-6TH REPORT.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a sixth Report, Com. on which was read by Mr. D. Waters, the Clerk of the Committee. Bills—The Report, on motion, was received, and the order of business, therein recommended, sanctioned.

#### APPEAL-MR. DUNCAN ET AL., PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

There was taken up an Appeal of Mr. Duncan, and others, Mr. Duncansta decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the case of Mr. Can, &c., Russell.

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It was moved and seconded that, as recommended by the Com-bourg. mittee on Bills, this Appeal be referred to a Committee to consider the same and report.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. A. Wilson, and seconded, Amendthat before referring the case to a Committee, the papers be read. ment.

A vote being taken, it was decided by a large majority to refer vote. the case, with all papers relative, to a Committee.

# CASE OF MR. W. SILVER.

Mr. A. F. Kemp, from the Committee to whom was referred Petition—the petition of Mr. William Silver, gave in and read a Report, in ver. terms following:—The Committee on the petition of Mr. Silver report that they have met with the parties, and that the Presbytery of Paris agrees to grant Mr. Silver a certificate of membership, in due form, with which he is satisfied, and craves leave to withdraw his petition. The Report was received and adopted, and leave granted to Mr. Silver, as craved.

#### MONTREAL COLLEGE.

Montreal College.

The Synod called for the Report of the Board of Management of the Montreal Presbyterian College. Mr. Thomas Wardrope, the Chairman of the Board, handed in and read the Report,—setting forth, in substance, that at the opening of the Session there were 23 Students, of whom 18 had given stated attendance: that Professor McVicar, as ordered by the Synod, had been inducted into office by the Presbytery of Montreal:—that to supplement the services of Professor McVicar, the Board had appointed Mr. J. M. Gibson, to lecture in the department of Exegetical Theology:—and that the Board were highly satisfied with the thoroughness and efficiency of the services both of Professor McVicar and of Mr. Gibson:—that valuable contributions had been made to the Library from various quarters, and that further contributions, especially of Theological Works, were desirable :- giving a list of the names of successful candidates for Bursaries and Scholarships: stating that the Endowment Fund now amounted to \$27,734, of which \$16,754 were paid: suggesting that thanks be tendered to the Trustees of Erskine Church for the use of rooms for the College, and for light and fuel; -and closing with a recommendation to the Synod to appoint two Lecturers, to co-operate with the Professor, and also, to instruct the Board to engage a French Lecturer, or the Synod itself to appoint such Lecturer.

On motion of Mr. J. Laing, seconded by Mr. W. Gregg, the Synod adopted the following Deliverance on the Report.

Deliverance, Montreal College.

1. That the Report be received, and the satisfaction of the Synod recorded with the manner in which the affairs of the College have been managed during the past year, and also with the prosperous state of the College, and especially of the Finances.

2. That the request of the Board, to the effect that two Lectureships be established in the College, be granted; that the Rev. J. M. Gibson be requested to continue his valuable services, and that the Board be empowered to engage the services of another Minister, or of two Ministers, in such manner as they may deem to be most conducive to the interests of the College.

3. That consideration of the recommendation of the Board as to the employment of a French Lecturer in Theology, be deferred until the Memorial from the Presbytery of Montreal be laid before the Synod.

#### CORRESPONDENT.

Correspondent-Rev. Mr. Potts. On the motion of Mr. David Inglis, the Rev. Mr. Potts, of the City of Hamilton, was invited to take his seat in Synod, as a corresponding member.

#### MEMORIAL-PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Memorial —Pres. Montreal, Fr. Can. There was taken up and read, a Memorial from the Presbytery of Montreal on the necessity and means of finding Ministers and Missionaries possessing a knowledge of the English and French languages, especially the latter, in order to the maintenance of ordinances and the extension of the work of God within the bounds of the Presbytery, indicating the way in which the exigency might be met, and praying the Synod to take order accordingly.

There was read, also, in connection with the Memorial, the Evangelireport of the Committee on the Evangelization of Lower Canada, Low. Can', delayed last year, containing certain recommendations for the Report. adoption of Synod.

Prof. Mc-Professor McVicar was heard at length in support of the Mem-vicar & Mr Mr. James Court, of the French Canadian Missionary Court-

Society, also briefly supported the Memorial.

It was moved by Professor McVicar, seconded by Principal Motion. Willis,-"That the Board of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, be authorized to engage a qualified French Lecturer in Theology for three years, and that French students be directed to attend his lectures, and such other classes as the College Senate may deem

proper :-

That an annual collection be taken up in all the Congregations of the Church, for the work of Evangelization among the Roman Catholic population, specially in the Province of Quebec, and that the persons hereinafter named be a Committee to administer the money thus obtained, with instructions to make the payment of the French Lecturer's salary, and, if necessary, aid to the students, a first charge upon the fund—the balance being applied to the work of Colportage as carried on by the French Canadian Missionary Society.

That, in view of the outlay necessarily involved in the training of French students for the Ministry, and also in view of the increasing opportunities for the circulation of the Word of God, and the enlightenment of the people, reported by the French Canadian Missionary Society, the Synod urges increased prayerfulness, and large Christian liberality on the part of the Church in support

of this work.

The Committee mentioned in a former part of the motion to be as follows:—Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. A. Topp, J. Scott, W. King, James Whyte, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Irvine, W. B. Clark, D. Paterson, D. H. McVicar, A. Young, J. M. Gibson, J. Watson, J. Anderson, J. Laing, J. McConechy, J. McTavish, T. Wardrope, Jas. Court, Warden King, W. Rowan, A. C. Hutchinson, Robert Anderson, Joseph McKay, L. Paton, James Ross, (Que.), James Hossack, (Que.), J. Burton, Jos. White, D. Waters, and the Convener of the Kankakee Mission.

It was moved in amendment by D. Waters, seconded by Prof. Amend-Caven, as follows:—1. That the Memorial and the report of the ment. Committee on the evangelization of the French Candians be

received.

2. That the following Committee be appointed to consider the suggestions of the Memorial and Report, and Professor McVicar's motion, and report at an early diet of the Synod. Committee,—Messrs. D. Inglis, (Convener), John Laing, Wm. McLaren, Wm. Gregg, A. F. Kemp, Prof. McVicar, J. McTavish, John Thompson, Principal Willis, Professor Young, A. Topp, T. Ward-rope, W. B. Clark, Ministers Mr. Court, Dr. Holden, Lt. Col. rope, W. B. Clark, Ministers; Mr. Court, Dr. Holden, Lt. Col. Haultain, Mr. Breckenridge, Elders.

The amendment of Mr. Waters was accepted by Prof. McVicar, Agreed to.

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### COMMITTEE-APPEAL-MR. DUNCAN, ET AL.

Appeal—Mr. Duncan-Com. agreed to refer the Appeal of Mr. Duncan and others, against a
decision of the Presbytery of Cobourg, in the case of Mr. Russell,
as follows:—Messrs. W. Doak, (Convener), A. B. Simpson, J. M.
Gibson, W. Gregg, J. Middlemiss, Ministers; Hon. A. Vidal, Mr.
P. Dewar, Dr. Holden, Elders.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with praise and prayer, Principal Willis leading the devotional exercises, after which the Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

# TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Monday, June 14, 1869, 10, a. m.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. R. Monteath and Mr. W. T. McMullen offering prayer.

Min. read. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

### COM. ON BILLS-7TH REPORT.

Com. on Bills—7th report. Report, which was read by Mr. D. Waters, the clerk of the Committee. On motion, the Report was received, and the order of business recommended sanctioned.

#### APPEAL-MR. DUNCAN, &C., -DELIVERANCE.

Appeal—Mr. Duncan—Deliverance.

The Committee to whom was referred the Dissent and Complaint of Mr. Peter Duncan, and others, against a decision of the
Presbytery of Cobourg, in the Complaint of Mr. J. S. Russell
against the Church Session of Keene, gave in a report, which was
read, to the effect, that having read the papers, and heard the
parties dissenting and complaining, and also the Presbytery, the
Committee unanimously agreed, in view of all the circumstances
connected with the case, to recommend that the Dissent and Complaint be sustained, and the decision of the Presbytery reversed;
and that the Presbytery be instructed to grant a certificate of
Church Membership to Mr. Russell, should the Session lodge no
valid objection to the same, after receiving thirty days' notice.

Report adopted. The Report, on motion made and duly seconded, was received and adopted, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Extracts Extracts were craved on behalf of the Presbytery of Cobourg by Mr. Thom, the Presbytery Clerk.

### LICENSURE-APPLICATIONS-LONDON AND TORONTO.

Licensure, application of the Presbytery of London, applications, London, for leave to take Mr. Peter McLaren on trials for License, gave in don & To-a Report which was read by Principal Willis, the Convener, rerontoPres. commending the application to the favourable consideration of the Synod. The Report further recommended, on the attestation of Principal Willis, that the application from the Presbytery of

Toronto, on behalf of Messrs, John M. Munroe, Geo. Chrystal, J.

G. Calder, and Donald McDonald, be granted.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Dr. Thornton, the Report Report rewas received, and leave was granted to the Presbytery of London ceived and to take Mr. Peter McLaren, and to the Presbytery of Toronto to take the students of Theology named in the Report, on probationary trials for Licence, as craved.

### MEMORIAL-MONTREAL PRESBYTERY, ETC.

The Committee appointed on Saturday to take into considera-Memorial, the Memorial of the Presbytery of Montreal in reference to tion the Memorial of the Presbytery of Montreal, in reference to Pres. &c. the procuring of Ministers acquainted with the French language, Deliveand also the Report of the Committee on the Evangelization of rance. the French Canadians, as also the Report of the Board of Montreal College on the same subject, gave in a Report, which was read by Mr. David Inglis, the Convener of the Committee.

On motion of Professor McVicar, seconded by Mr. Topp, the Report re-

Report was received and adopted, and is as follows:-That the Board of the Presbyterian College of Montreal be adopted authorized to make arrangements, as they may see fit, whereby the services of a duly qualified Lecturer in French may be secured, in connection with the College, and that French students of this Church be directed to attend his lectures, and such other classes as the Senate may deem proper.

That the expenses of such arrangements, including aid to French students, shall be made a first charge upon the fund realized from the annual Collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society.

That in view of the distinctive work thus to be undertaken in training French students for the Ministry, the Synod urges upon congregations the importance of increasing the Collection above mentioned.

### KNOX COLLEGE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College. Mr. David Inglis, the Chairman of the Board Knox Colgave in and read the Report; -- setting forth, in substance, port of that the number of students in attendance on the Theological Board. classes was 29, of whom 5 were in the senior, 9 in the second year, and 15 in the junior class:—that 40 students had been enrolled in the preparatory department, showing an increase, in this department, over the previous year of 35 :- that the classes formerly under the direction of Dr. Burns, had been conducted by Principal Willis:—that Mr. Proudfoot had taught the classes in Homiletics during the first part of the session:—that Mr. Ure had, on account of ill health, been obliged to discontinue his services in the department of Apologetics, shortly after his entrance on the work, after the Christmas holidays, and that Principal Willis, Professor Caven and Mr. Young had, together, taken charge of this department :- that Professor Young, having accepted the appointment of last Synod, had conducted classes in Philosophy and in elementary Greek and Latin, with his usual efficiency :- that the boarding house had been conducted by Mr. Willing, as usual, and

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that the Board had granted him a subsidy, to enable him to board the students at a certain rate :- that several additions had been made to the Bursaries and Schalarships:—that the ordinary Fund amounted to \$5,663 85, and the expenditure to \$6,227 77, showing a balance of expenditure over income of \$563 92, and that there are \$1,444 83 due to Professors, making the total indebtedness of this Fund \$2008 75 :- that 33 congregations had contributed \$1,274 46 to the special fund for Mr. Young's salary :—that the Board had considered the matter of Endowment of the College, but had come to no definite conclusion, but commended the whole subject to the consideration of the Synod,—and closing with the expression of the high sense which the Board entertained of the services of Messrs. Proudfoot and Ure in the departments to which they had been appointed.

#### SENATE REPORT.

Senate Re-The Report of the College Senate was read by Principal Willis, port. giving extended details of the work of the classes under his direction, and of the examination of the classes at the close of the Session. Reports of class-work and examinations were read at length by Professor Caven and Mr. Young; and Principal Willis read a Report of the classes taught by Messrs. Proudfoot and Ure.

### EXAMINERS' REPORT.

Examin'rs' The Report of the Board of Examiners was read by Mr. W. Report. Gregg, the Chairman of the Board.

#### ENDOWMENT-OVERTURE.

There was read, further, in connection with these Reports, an Endow-Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario on the endowment of Overture. Knox College; and also, an Overture on the same subject from the Presbytery of Toronto.

On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed,—That the Report of Board, &c. Reports of the Board of Management of Knox College, and of the and over-Senate, and Board of Examiners, as also the Overtures on the entures received and dowment of the College, be received, and that the Report of the referred to Board and the Overtures be referred to a Committee to consider committee the same, and frame a Deliverance for the adoption of the Synod.

### LETTER FROM DR. BURNS.

Dr. Burns, There was read a letter from Dr. Burns, intimating his inten--letter tion of returning from Europe, and his hope of being able to do more work in the College than it had latterly been in his power to perform.

### DR. BURNS-CHICAGO.

Mr. Gregg here stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Letter, Dr. Burns-Burns, of Chicago, excusing his absence from this Session of Chicago. Synod, on account of his great distance from the place of meeting.

#### EXAMINERS-MONTREAL-REPORT.

Examin'rs' The Report of the Eastern Section of the Board of Examiners Montreal connected with the Montreal College was read by Mr. John M. Gibson, the Chairman of the Board.

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### BOARDS OF EXAMINERS-OVERTURES ON

There was read an Overture from the Presbytery of London Examiners on the subject of Boards of Examiners, setting forth in substance, Overthat their constitution and functions were such as to deprive tures on. Presbyteries of their long established rights in regard to students in Theology, and praying the action of the Synod in the premises. There was read, also, an Overture from the Presbytery of Huron

on the same subject, and for the same purpose.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbyteries of London and Kemp, Mr. Huron were read, appointing Mr. A. F. Kemp, and Mr. J. Scott, Messrs. to support the Overture of the former Presbytery, and Mr. J. Ross, Ross and Mr. R. Ure, that of the latter, before the Synod.

The hour of adjournment being at hand, there was read a Overtures. letter from the Young Men's Christian Association of the City of Young Hamilton, inviting the members of Synod to make use of the Christian Rooms of the Association, corner of King and Hughson streets, Associatin during their stay in the city.

The Diet was then closed with prayer and the Benediction by from the Moderator.

# THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Monday, June 14, 1869, 3 p.m.

The Synod met, and was constituted with praise and prayer, Mr. James Dick, at the request of the Moderator, leading the devotions.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Minutes read.

KNOX COLLEGE—COMMITTEE ON BOARD REPORT, &C.

The Moderator here named the Committee, as agreed upon in Roc-College, and the Report of the Board of Management of Knox mittee on College, and the Overtures from the Presbyteries of Ontario and Rep'rt,&c. Toronto, in regard to the Endowment of the College, as follows:—Messrs. A. Topp, (Convener,) J. M. King, W. Gregg, Dr. Thornton, Dr. Ormiston, D. McRuer, J. M. Roger, A. B. Simpson, G. Smellie, J. Thompson, D. Waters, James Cameron, Ministers; Messrs. J. McBean, Hon. A. Vidal, Dr. Holden, P. Dewar, James Cowan, T. McCrae, Elders.

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL TO MEET.

The Presbytery of Montreal was, on request, permitted to "it Montreal for ten minutes, during this Sederunt of Synod."

### BOARDS OF EXAMINERS, &C.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Overtures from the Exam. Presbyteries of London and Huron in regard to Boards of Exam. ac. iners, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

Mr. A. F. Kemp, and Mr. J. Scott, were heard in support of Scott, the Overture from the Presbytery of London, and Mr. J. Ross, Ross and and Mr. R. Ure, in support of that from the Presbytery of Huron. Motion.

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It was moved by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Mr. Gregg, That the Synod, still believing that the examination of students in the literary and theological departments can be most efficiently conducted by a Board chosen by this Synod, and not finding that any evils have resulted from the action of such a Board as has been in existence for four years, dismiss the Overtures and continue the Boards in operation.

1st Am'ndment.

It was moved in amendment by Professor McVicar, seconded by Mr. George Cuthbertson—That the examination of persons desiring to enter upon the study of theology, with a view to the office of the ministry, be intrusted to the Presbyteries of the Church:—that Presbyteries be directed to conduct such examinations with the utmost care; and that a Committee be appointed to prepare regulations to be observed by Presbyteries in this matter:—that the standing of students shall be determined at the close of each Session of the Colleges, and that five members of Synod be associated with the Senate of Knox College, Toronto, and five with the Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, respectively, in conducting said Sessional examinations.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents.

On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, the Rev. T. Goldsmith, Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and the Rev. Mr. Richardson, Pastor of the Baptist Church, in this city, were invited to take their seats in the Synod as corresponding members.

# OVERTURES &C., CONTINUED.

2d Amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, on the Overtures before the Synod, by Mr. R. Monteath, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, -That the Board of Examiners be continued in the meantime:that the matter brought up in the Overtures now submitted be sent down to the Presbyteries for renewed consideration, and that they report thereon at next meeting of Synod.

3d Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. W. Doak, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson,—That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Remit on the whole subject, to be sent down to Presbyteries,the Committee to report at an early Sederunt.

### MODERATOR LEFT CHAIR.

The Moderator desiring to address the Synod on the subject Moderator before the house, left the chair, which, at his request, was taken by Mr. Topp, the former Moderator.

Moderator returned

The Moderator, having expressed his opinion, again took the chair. to chair. Votes were then taken on the motion and amendments before Votes.

Decision. the Synod, when the last amendment, namely, that of Mr. Doak, was, successively, carried by majorities over the amendments, respectively, of Mr. Monteath and Professor McVicar, and over the original motion by Mr. King, and the Synod decided in terms of the said amendment.

It was agreed, on motion, that the Moderator appoint the Committe to prepare the Remit in accordance with the foregoing Deliverance.

The diet was closed with the Benediction.

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# FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

# Monday, June 14, 1869, 7.30, p. m.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Alexander Topp, the last Moderator, in the absence of the Moderator, and at his request, in the chair, and Mr. John McMechan offering prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained. Min. read.

### HOME MISSIONS-REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Home Missions—Missions. The Report was given in and read by Mr. J. Laing, the Report of Convener of the Committee.

The Moderator took the claim during the reading of the Home Moderator

The Moderator took the chair during the reading of the Home took chair. Mission Report.

On motion of Prof. Caven, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Vidal, it Report received, was resolved,—

Referred

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

tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Convener.

2. That the Report be referred to a Committee to consider the various matters therein contained, and to report to the Synod to-morrow, the Committee to be as follows:—Messrs. J. Laing, J. M. Gibson, J. Anderson, W. McLaren, W. T. McMullen, T. McPherson, W. Gregg, Dr. Jennings, Ministers; Messrs. A. F. Wood, Plummer Dewar, Hon. A. Vidal, Elders.

### EVANGELISTIC LABOUR-OVERTURE.

There was taken up, in connection with the Report on Evangel. Home Missions, an Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario on istic labor, the subject of Evangelistic labour.

### BUXTON MISSION.

There was also taken up the Report of the Committe on the Buxton Buxton Mission; as also the Report of the Presbytery of London on the arrears of that Mission.

These papers were held as read, and were referred to the same Papers Committee to whom was sent the Report of the Home Mission read, and Referred.

### KANKAKEE MISSION.

The time allotted to the Sederunt being far advanced, the Kankakee Synod agreed to sit an additional half-hour, to give opportunity to Mission—the Committee on the Kankakee Mission to read their Report, and sit 1 hour. to hear Mr. Chiniquy.

The Report was given in and read by Mr. A. F. Kemp, the Report Convener of the Committee, giving interesting details of the state read. and progress of the Mission, and closing with certain recommendations for the adoption of the Synod.

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### REMIT-BOARD OF EXAMINERS-COMMITTEE ON.

Remit on The Committee agreed upon at the afternoon Sederunt to pre-Bo, of Expare a Remit, to be sent down to Presbyteries, on the whole subaminersject of Boards of Examiners, was now appointed by the Moderator, as follows:—Messrs. W. Doak, (Convener), A. Wilson, J. M. King, Principal Willis, J. M. Gibson, R. Monteath, J. Campbell, Ministers; Messrs. D. McKay, W. Clark, Dr. Holden, Elders.

### KANKAKEE MISSION.

Mr. Chini-Mr. Chiniquy then addressed the Synod at length on the subquy's ad-dress. ject of the Mission at St. Anne's, Kankakee, under his direction. On motion of Mr. D. Inglis the Report on the Kankakee

Report re- Mission was received.

The time, beyond the regular hour of adjournment, to which Adjourned the Synod had agreed to sit, having arrived, the diet was closed with prayer by Mr. David Inglis, and the Benediction by the Moderator.

# FIFTEENTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Tuesday, June 15, 1869, 10, a. m.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Alexander W. Waddell, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

Min. read. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

# COMMITTEE ON BILLS-REPORT READ.

Com. on The Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, given in Billsyesterday, and agreed to, was now again read. Report. Motion.

It was moved and seconded,—That, instead of taking up the business as arranged for the day by the Committee on Bills, the unfinished business of yesterday be now proceeded with.

It was moved in amendment and seconded,—That the order of Amendbusiness, as recommended by the Committee on Bills, be adhered to. ment. Decision. A vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod ordered in accordance therewith.

PRIVILEGE-QUESTION OF.

Mr. W. T. Murdoch brought before the Synod, as a question of Question of priviprivilege, a certain Telegram, said to have been sent to Galt by a member of this Court, respecting the decision of the Synod in the matter of Mr. Murdoch's Dissent and Complaint. The Telegram was read.

It was agreed to refer the question submitted by Mr. Murdoch to a Committee of three, to consider the same and report. The Committee to consist of the following Ministers: - Messrs. W. McLaren, A. Topp, J. McTavish.

### FRENCH EVANGELICAL CHURCH-DELEGATE FROM.

There was read a Commission in favour of M. Coussirat, Pro-M. Coussifessor of Divinity of the French Evangelical Church in Canada, rat from appointing him to represent that Church, to convey to this Synod Church. the Christian and fraternal salutations of the Body whose commission he held.

M. Coussirat addressed the Synod in French, interpreted by M. Coussi-Mr. Chiniquy.

It was moved by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. A. F. Resolu-Kemp, and agreed to as follows:—The Synod having listened with tion. deep interest to the fraternal address of the Rev. Professor Coussirat, Deputy of the French Evangelical Church; rejoice in the report which he gives of the progress of the Church which he represents, pray that God may greatly bless their Missionary labours among the French people, and request him to convey to his Church the cordial greetings of the Synod, and the assurance of their prayers for its welfare and progress.

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The Moderator addressed Mr. Coussirat, in the sense of the Moderatoregoing resolution, reciprocating the brotherly greetings to which tor's adhe had given expression.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, the Rev. Samuel J. Rogers, Delegate Corresto this Synod from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in Pondents. America, and Robert Carter, Esq., Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.) in the United States of America, were invited to take their seats in the Synod as corresponding members.

### RECEPTION ACT-RETURNS TO REMIT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Returns Reception to Remits on the Act for the Reception of Ministers. The Report Act—Reverse as given in and read, setting forth that but five Presbyteries had Remit. sent in Returns, namely, those of Montreal, Cobourg, Toronto, Paris, and Stratford:—that the Presbytery of Cobourg approved Simpliciter:—that the Presbytery of Paris rejects the Act, on the ground that those who have the right to designate Ministers to this Church are not specified, and that the Presbyteries of Montreal, Toronto and Stratford suggest certain modifications.

It was moved by Mr. Lowry, seconded by Mr. W. B. Clark, Motion and agreed to,—That the answers to the Remit be sent to a Com-agreed to. mittee, with a view of preparing a new Act on the Reception of Ministers from other Churches, and to report at an early Sederunt.

# HYMN BOOK-RETURNS TO REMIT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Re-Hymn turns to the Remit on the Hymn Book, sent down last year. The turns to Report was given in and read, to the effect that seven Presbyteries Remit. approve of the book, and wish to grant liberty for its use, viz. — those of Ottawa, Cobourg, Paris, Simcoe, Kingston, Montreal, and Hamilton:—that three Presbyteries, namely, those of London, Huron and Grey, are, for various reasons, against the use of a

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Hymn Book:—that one Presbytery, namely, that of Stratford, wishes the subject postponed for a year; -- and that two Presbyteries, namely, those of Ontario and Toronto wish the Church to compile a Hymn Book for itself.

It appearing from the Returns read, that there was not a ma-Book not jority of Presbyteries in favour of the use of the Hymn Book, sent sanction'd down last year, the Synod declared, in terms of said Returns, that the use of the said Hymn Book, not being sanctioned by a majority of Presbyteries, is not sanctioned by this Synod.

#### ORGAN-KNOX CHURCH-MONTREAL.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Mon-Organ-Knox Ch. treal, anent the use of Instrumental Music in Knox Church, Mon-Montreal.

Messrs. The Minutes of the Presbytery, stating and transmitting the Anderson Reference, set forth, along with other things, that Messrs. John to support Anderson and Daniel Gordon were appointed to support the Re-Reference, ference before the Synod. Messrs. Gordon and Anderson were heard. heard in support of the Reference.

Dr. Irvine was heard, on behalf of the Session and congregation

of Knox Church, Montreal. It was moved by Principal Willis, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, as follows:-Receive the Reference; approve the conduct of the Presbytery; and, while unwilling to impute intentional contumacy to the congregation of Knox Church, Montreal, regret that they should have taken a position having some appearance of a disregard of the Synod's authority;—declare, in case of misunder-standing on this point, that the decision of last year leaves the constitutional law as it existed before the late discussions; and that the Presbytery was warranted to expect of all sessions and congregations, conformity to the existing order, until it should be modified or altered in due course.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, as follows :- Sustain the Reference, and order that it be laid on the Table till next meeting of Synod.

The hour of adjournment having come, a motion was made to continue in session till a vote was taken on the question before the House. A vote being taken, the adjournment was carried.

Before closing, the Moderator named the Committee to whom. Act Com. it was agreed to refer the Returns of Presbyteries, and all other papers relating to the Act for the reception of Ministers, as resolved at an early period of this Sederunt, as follows: -Messrs. W. McLaren, (Convener), W. Gregg, Professor Caven, J. J. A. Proudfoot, J. Laing, J. McTavish, T. Lowry, Ministers; the Hon. A. Vidal, Mr. D. McKay, Lt. Col. Haultain, Elders.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at 3 o'clock, and the diet was closed with the Benediction.

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### SIXTEENTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Tuesday, June 15, 1869, 3, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted, Mr. Thomas Lowry, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read, and being revised, Min. read. were sustained.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

It was moved by Mr. Cuthbertson, and seconded,—That the Order of unfinished business of the morning be now proceeded with.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Waters, duly seconded,— That the business be taken up in the order recommended by the Committee on Bills.

The motion was carried, and the Synod agreed to proceed with the unfinished business of the morning Sederunt.

# ORGAN-REFERENCE, &C.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the Reference from Organ—the Presbytery of Montreal on Instrumental Music.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. D. Waters, 2d amend-seconded by Mr. J. Laing, as follows:—Sustain the Reference: and ment. declare that the decision of last Synod, "that the Overture on the use of Instrumental Music in Public Worship be laid on the Table," gave no sanction to the use of Instrumental Music.

It was moved in further amendment by Dr. Jennings, seconded ment. by Mr. T. Stevenson,—That the Reference be respectfully sent back to the Presbytery of Montreal to come to a decision on the subject, if the said Presbytery shall deem it proper.

It was moved in further amendment by Prof. Young, seconded 4th amend-by Dr. Thornton,—That the Synod sustain the Reference; and ment. declare that, inasmuch, as the Deliverance of the Synod last year was somewhat indefinite, no censure for what is past be pronounced upon the Kirk Session of Knox Church. Further, inasmuch as the general subject of Instrumental Music is to come up before the present meeting, it is not necessary that any special directions be given to the Session of that Church.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Professor Young votes. was carried over the amendments, respectively, of Dr. Jennings, Mr. Waters, and Mr. McMullen. On a final vote the motion of Principal Willis was carried over the amendment of Professor

Young.

The Yeas and Nays were then taken on the motion of Princi-Yeas and pal Willis, when 144 voted Yea and 44 Nay, and the Synod Nays. decided in terms of the said motion, as follows:—Receive the Reference: approve the conduct of the Presbytery: and while unwilling to impute intentional contumacy to the congregation of Knox Church, Montreal, regret that they should have taken a position having some appearance of a disregard of the Synod's authority:—declare, in case of misunderstanding on this point,

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### DISSENT.

Dr. Irvine craved leave to have his dissent from this decision Dissent. marked in the Minutes. Mr. A. F. Kemp and Mr. Walter Coulthard also craved leave to have their dissent recorded.

Dr. Irvine craved extracts. Mr. James Watson, Clerk of the Presbytery of Montreal, craved extracts on behalf of the Presbytery.

### STATISTICS.

Statistics The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statis-Report. tics. The Report was given in and read by Mr. David Waters, the Convener of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Monteath, it was agreed,—That the Report Report received and adopted; the thanks of the Synod be given to the adopted. Convener of the Committee, and that the Report be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

# STATE OF RELIGION-CONFERENCE.

The Synod resolved itself into a Conference on the State of Religion-Religion. Messrs. John Anderson, Daniel Gordon, and James Whyte, gave interesting information respecting the Work of God in their respective localities, and answered several questions proposed by members of Synod.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed with prayer by Mr. McTavish, and the Benediction by the Moderator.

# SEVENTEENTH SEDERUNT.

# McNab Street Church, Hamilton,

Tuesday, June 15, 1869, 7:30, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. John Scott, of London, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained. Minutes read.

### MISSIONARIES-THEIR POSITION ON ROLLS.

Mr. David Inglis gave in a Report from the Committee ap-Position of Missionpointed at an early Sederunt, to determine the relation which the aries on Foreign Missionaries of the Church should sustain to the Pres-Pres. Rolls. byteries, and whether, or not, their names should be on the rolls. The Report was read, and, on motion, was received and adopted in terms following :-

1. That the name of Mr. William Fletcher be retained on the roll of the Presbytery of London.

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2. That the name of Mr. William Aitken be placed on the roll of the Presbytery of Ottawa.

3. That the names of the other Missionaries remain as before.

### PRIVILEGE QUESTION.

The Committee to whom was referred the question of Privi-Privilege lege, submitted in the morning by Mr. W. T. Murdoch, gave in a Question. Report which was read by Mr. W. McLaren, the Convener of the

Committee, in terms following:-

Your Committee beg leave to Report, that having compared the Telegram complained of by Mr. Murdoch with the Deliverance of Synod, find, that while they do not believe that there was on the part of the writer of the telegram any intention to misrepresent the Deliverance of Synod, the terms employed by him are, perhaps, fitted to convey an erroneous impression, inasmuch as the judgment of the Court was not intended to commend or censure any of the parties involved in the case; and your Committee recommend that the matter here terminate. The Report was received and adopted.

#### DEPUTATIONS.

There was read a Commission from the Colonial Committee of Deputathe Free Church of Scotland, to Mr. Donald Fraser of Inverness, tion—Free expressing the desirableness of continuing in Christian fellowship Mr. D. and brotherly intercourse with their brethren of the Canada Pres-Fraser. byterian Church:—requesting Mr. Fraser to attend the meetings of this Synod, and otherwise represent the Free Church, as his time and opportunities permitted:—commending him to the kind offices of this Church, and expressing the hope that his visit might be blessed to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

There was read also a Commission appointing Robert Carter, Delegate—Esq., a Delegate to represent at this Synod the General Assembly Gen. Ass. of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.) in the United States. (O.S.)U.S.

There was read, further, a Commission appointing the Rev. Delegate—Samuel J. Rogers, Delegate primarius, and the Rev. Martin L. Reformed Berger, secundus, to the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, Church, U.

Mr. D. Inglis, in a few kindly words, introduced Mr. Fraser, who proceeded to address the Synod at length, giving expression to the deep interest with which the Free Church of Scotland regarded this Church, and their carnest desire for its growth, and strength and stability:—referring to the negotiations for union between the Free and the United Presbyterian Churches, which had been initiated, and the progress made in that direction:—speaking of the state and progress of Religion in Scotland, especially in connection with the Church represented by him, and of the means and methods of evangelization which were being employed,—and uttering words of congratulation and encouragement as to the advancement and prosperity of the Church in this Land.

### PRAISE.

At the conclusion of Mr. Fraser's Address, the Synod engaged Praise in praise, singing the 126th Psalm.

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### ROBERT CARTER, ESQ.-INTRODUCED, ETC.

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The Moderator here gave a brief account of the discharge of the duty laid upon him by the Synod, as a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.) in the United States, saying how greatly honored he felt by the appointment; expressing the great gratification it had given him to be present at the Assembly, and to be the bearer of messages of Christian salutation to that venerable Body; speaking of the kind reception which had been accorded to him, and the cordial response made to his address;—and closing by introducing Robert Carter, Esq., of New York, as the Delegate of the General Assembly to this Synod.

Mr. Car-ter's Address.

Mr. Carter addressed the Synod, conveying the Christian and fraternal greetings of the Church represented by him,-speaking of the great pleasure which it had given them to see among them the Delegate of this Church, at New York, in May last, and their earnest desire to cultivate and perpetuate the Christian and friendly intercourse thus so auspiciously commenced.

### REFORMED CHURCH-DELEGATE-MR. ROGERS.

Mr. Gregg's accountvisit to Reformed

In introducing Mr. Rogers, the Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Mr. William Gregg, gave a brief account of the discharge of the duty intrusted to him as the representative of this Church to that Body, stating that he introduc'd had attended the meeting of the General Synod in Philadelphia, Mr. Rogers in May last, and had received the most kindly welcome, and very cordial reciprocations of the sentiments of Christian and brotherly affection which he had conveyed to them on behalf of this Synod.

Mr. Rogers' address.

Mr. Rogers then addressed the Synod, expressing the gratification which they had received from the visit of Mr. Gregg, and the warm reciprocation of kindly sentiments uttered by the Delegate of this Church, with which, on the part of the General Synod, he was charged: referring to the early history of Presbyterianism in Canada, and the connection of the Reformed Church therewith: giving an account of the Constitution and Standards of the Reformed Church, and of the number of its Ministers, and congregations, and communicants; and adding many interesting particulars respecting its missionary operations at Home and Abroad.

### DELIVERANCE.

Deliverance. Mr. Topp's motion.

The following Resolution, moved by Mr. Alexander Topp, seconded by Prof. Caven, and supported by Principal Willis, was unanimously agreed to :- The Synod having heard with much gratification the addresses of the respected Deputies of the different Churches represented by them, resolve to record their high appreciation of the affectionate concern in the welfare of this Church, which prompted the delegations, and do now cordially reciprocate the same spirit of Christian brotherhood and love.

The Synod rejoices in the opportunity of welcoming in its midst so well known a representative of the Old School Presbyterian Church of America, and of hearing from him an interesting statement of the condition and prospects of that large and influential body. They fervently pray that the Church may continue, in ρf

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union, either more or less closely, with other Churches, to advance and build up the cause of Christ, both amongst themselves and throughout the world, and at the same time to exert a salutary influence in all things pertaining to the interests of that mighty nation.

The Synod does also express its pleasure in entering upon a friendly intercourse with the Reformed Church of America—a Church reminding us of important historical associations in the past, as well as of valuable services to the Presbyterian cause in the early history of this Province, and honoured to maintain a position of great influence in the United States. In its work, both at home and abroad, the Synod feels a deep interest, and earnestly prays that it may ever be guided and directed by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and honoured to promote more abundantly

the cause and Kingdom of our common Lord.

And, further, the Synod hails with peculiar delight the visit of our eminent brother from Scotland, both on his own account, as formerly a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in the City of Montreal, and also, because of the honoured Church which he represents, and which is so intimately connected with this Church. The Synod has looked with deep interest on the onward progress and growing prosperity of the Free Church of Scotland, and whilst giving thanks to the Lord for the grace bestowed upon it for that end, trusts that it may be blessed with greater success in the future in all its operations, both in Britain and in other lands. Finally, our prayers shall follow our beloved brother, that wherever his lot may be cast he may ever be under the guardianship of the Most High, and the teaching of His Holy Spirit, and that having served God according to His will in his day, he may at length have an entrance ministered unto him abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Moderator addressed the Delegates severally, conveying to Moderathem the resolution above recorded; expressing the great gratificartor's address, cation which had been afforded to the Synod by their presence and addresses—and requesting them to convey to the respective Churches which they represented the deep interest felt by this Synod in their prosperity and progress.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed Adjourned with devotional exercises, the Synod engaging in praise, and being led in prayer by Mr. J. K. Smith, c. Galt. The Moderator pro-

nounced the Benediction.

# EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Wednesday, June 16, 1869, 10, a. m.

The Synod met and was constituted, Mr. A. B. Simpson, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

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### COMMITTEE ON BILLS-REPORT.

Com. on The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in an eighth Bills-Sth Report, Report, which was read by Mr. D. Waters, the Clerk of the Committee. On motion, the Report was received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned.

The Moderator left the chair, which, at his request, was taken Moderator left chair by Mr. Alexander Topp, the last Moderator.

# DRAFT ADDRESS-GOVERNOR GENERAL.

On motion of Lt. Col. Haultain, it was agreed that the follow-Address-Gov. Gen. ing be a Committee to draft an address to the Governor General, Com. to on his appointment to represent Her Majesty in this Dominion: draft. Principal Willis, Messrs. A. Topp, T. McPherson, J. J. A. Proudfoot, Professor Young, Professor Caven, Ministers; Hon. A. Vidal, Mr. P. Dewar, Mr. J. Cowan, and the mover. Lt. Col. Haultain to be the Convener. •

#### RECORDS—SYNOD AND PRESBYTERIES.

Records-The Synod called for the Reports of Committees appointed to Reportson examine the Records of the Synod and of Presbyteries.

Synod There was handed in and read a Report on the Record of Synod, Record. stating that the said Record was kept with great care and accuracy. The Report was received, and the Synod ordered the Record to be attested in the usual form.

> Reports were given in and read, on the Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Huron, Ontario, Cobourg, Brockville, Montreal, Guelph, Paris, London, Simcoe, Kingston and Toronto, setting forth that the Records, severally, of these Presbyteries were carefully and correctly kept, and recommending that said Records be so attested. The Reports were received and the Synod ordered accordingly.

> The Committee on the Record of the Presbytery of Ottawa, reported that the Minutes of the said Presbytery were carefully and correctly kept, but calling the attention of the Synod to an irregularity in the proceedings, in the reception of Dr. Freeland as a Minister of this church, without application for leave to the Synod.

After reasoning, the Presbytery of Ottawa was called to the Pres. cal-Bar by the Moderator. led to the

Mr. John Laing dissented. The Moderator now resumed the Chair.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Ottawa stated that the transaction to which reference was made had taken place at a period anterior to his appointment as Clerk, and requested that Mr. Wardrope should be called upon for explanation. Mr. Wardrope explained, at length, and called for the Paper purporting to be a Presbyterial designation of Dr. Freeland to this Church. The paper asked for was produced and read.

On motion of Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. A. A. Drummond, it was agreed :- That a special Committee be appointed to consider and inquire into all the circumstances connected with the reception of Dr. Freeland, by the Presbytery of Ottawa, and to report at an early Sederunt.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs. W. Gregg, Commit-(Convener), W. B. Clark, J. J. A. Proudfoot, T. Lowry, Dr. Thornton, W. McLaren, J. Middlemiss, T. McPherson, Professor Young, J. Laing, Dr. Irlane, Ministers,—Messrs. D. McKay, D. McArthur, J. M. Br. Filler, Committee, Ministers,—Messrs. D. McKay, D. McArthur, J. McBean, Elders.

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

### RECEPTION ACT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed Reception yesterday to draft a new Act for the Reception of Ministers. The Act—Report or. Report was given in and read by Mr. W. McLaren.

It was moved by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. Waters, Motion. -That the Report be received and approved generally, and enacted, ad interim, and sent down to Presbyteries for consideration; and that Presbyteries be instructed to report to next Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. T. McPherson, seconded Amendby Professor McVicar,-That the Report be sent back to the Com-ment. mittee, to be amended in accordance with the general views expressed by the Synod.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. McLaren was carried by Decision. a large majority. The Yeas and Nays were called for, when 74,—Yeas and Nays. being more than two-thirds of the whole number of votes given,voted Yea, and 30 Nay; and the Synod decided in terms of the motion, to enact the Report as an Act, ad interim, for the Reception of Ministers, and to send it down to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report to next meeting of Synod.

### DISSENT.

Professor Caven, Mr. A. F. Kemp, Professor McVicar, and Dissent. Mr. Thomas McPherson, craved leave to have their dissent from this Deliverance marked in the Minutes of Synod.

#### RECEPTION ACT.

The Act agreed upon in the above resolution, and enacted, ad Reception interim, is in terms following:-

First,—Ministers of other Evangelical Presbyterian Churches, interim. who hold and accept the Westminster Standards, in terms of the Articles of Union, and who come in the way of orderly transla-tion, being in settled Charges, and also Ministers and Licentiates who are expressly designated, or commissioned, as Ministers or Missionaries to this Church, by any Board, or Committee, of the Presbyterian Churches in Great Britain and Ireland, and the Lower Provinces, authorized to make such designation, shall, on application to any Presbytery, and producing proper documentary evidence, be at once admitted as Ministers, or Probationers of this

Second,—In the case of an applicant from any other Church, and in the case of an applicant for admission who does not come in the manner provided above, but with Presbyterial or other official Certificates, only, he shall not be received into full standing as a Minister, and the standing as a standard ing as a Minister or Probationer of this Church, unless with the express sanction of the Synod: provided always, that if on examination of the certificates of such party, at an ordinary meeting of the Presbytery, and on due consideration of the whole case, the

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Third,—That the Certificates of such applicant shall be presented to the Presbytery at an ordinary meeting thereof, at least sixty days before the meeting of Synod, and he shall be dealt with as the Presbytery may see fit, in the way of private conference, examination, and hearing discourses, with the view of ascertaining his soundness in the faith, personal piety, knowledge, ministerial gifts, prudence and propriety of deportment; and if satisfied on all these points, the Presbytery shall record their judgment, and appoint the applicant to appear personally at the next meeting of Synod, and instruct their Clerk to issue circular letters as early as possible to the Presbyteries in the usual form, and to transmit the application, and relative documents, to the next ensuing Synod. In the event of the Synod granting permission, such applicant shall be received by the Presbytery, and recognized, as the case may be, as a Minister or Probationer of this Church.

### DIVISION-PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

Division— Pres. of Grey.

Mr. James Middlemiss, from the Committee appointed to consider the Overture on the subject of the division of the Presbytery of Grey, and to confer with all parties concerned, handed in and read a Report recommending that the prayer of the Overture be granted, and two Presbyteries forthwith formed, as indicated in said Overture, that is to say; that a new Presbytery be formed to be called the Presbytery of Durham, consisting of the following congregations namely,—those under Messrs. Hay, Moffat, Duff, C. Cameron, Greig, Park, Morrison, McMillan, and Crozier, as also the Stations of Holland, Crawford, Hanover, Bentinck, and Sconeville; embracing the Townships of Brant and Carrick, in the County of Bruce, and Glenelg, Bentinck, Normandy, Egremont, Holland, and Artemesia, in the County of Grey:—that the name of the Presbytery of Grey be changed to that of Owen Sound, and to consist of the following congregations, namely,—those under Messrs. Tolmie, Frazer, Bremner, J. Cameron, Stevenson, Dewar, Brown and Gauld; as also the congregations of North and South Keppel, and Knox Church, Sydenham; and the Stations of Sullivan, Collingwood Mountain, Williamstown, and Bruce Mines; embracing the Townships of Amabel, Keppel, Sarawak, Saugeen, Elderslie, and Arran, in the County of Bruce; and Derby, Sydenham, Sullivan, St. Vincent, Collingwood, and Euphrasia, in the County of Grey, and also the North Shore.

The Committee also recommended that the first meeting of the Presbytery of Owen Sound be held in the town of Owen Sound, on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 2 o'clock, p. m., Mr. Thomas Stevenson to be the first Moderator; and that the first meeting of the Presbytery of Durham be held at Durham, on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 2 o'clock, p. m., Mr. Patrick Greig to be

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The Report was received, and the Synod ordered in accordance

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#### KANKAKEE MISSION.

The Synod took up the Report of the Committee on the Kan-Mission. kakee Mission, read on Monday night. It was agreed to refer the Report to a Committee to frame a Deliverance for the adoption of Synod. The Committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs. Thomas McPherson, (Convener), A. F. Kemp, D. Inglis, D. Waters, Professor McVicar, W. McLaren, J. Laing, Professor Young, Ministers; Lt. Col. Haultain, Mr. Young, Mr. W. Clark, Elders.

# KNOX COLLEGE.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed College. to draft a Deliverance for the adoption of Synod on the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College. The Report was handed in and read by Mr. Alexander Topp.

### STATE OF RELIGION-CONFERENCE.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Synod, as Religionarranged by the Committee on Bills, resolved itself into a Confer-Conference on the State of Religion. Mr. J. K. Smith and Mr. G. Smellie ence. addressed the House, and replied to several questions by members of the Synod. Mr. Kenneth McDonald also addressed the Synod. The Conference closed.

#### KNOX COLLEGE.

It was agreed to proceed with the consideration of the Draft College. Deliverance on the Report of Knox Colege Board as the first business in the afternoon, and then to proceed with the remaining items of the unfinished business of the morning.

#### CONFERENCE.

It was also agreed that another Conference on the State of conference at 5. Religion be held, from five o'clock to six, this evening. The Diet was closed, Lt. Col. Haultain leading the Synod in prayer, and the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

### NINETEENTH SEDERUNT.

### McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Wednesday, June 16, 1869, 3, p. m.

The Synod met, and was constituted, Mr. John McEwan, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

### KNOX COLLEGE.

As agreed upon in the morning, the Synod proceeded to the Knox College consideration of the Draft Deliverance on the Report of the Board considerof Management of Knox College; and it was agreed to take up and atlon of Deliverconsider the recommendations of said Draft, seriatim. The first recommendation was read and agreed to. 1st ad'pt'd

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It was moved by Mr. R. Ure, seconded by Mr. J. McTavish,— That in view of the state of the finances of the College, the Lectureships be, for the present, discontinued.

Amendment. Dr. Evans invited to Corres-

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It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Dr. Thornton,—That the third recommendation be adopted.
On motion, the Rev. Dr. Evans, of John Street Wesleyan

Church, in this city, was invited to take a seat in Synod as a corresponding member.

### STATE OF RELIGION-CONFERENCE.

The hour of five o'clock having arrived, a motion was made State of Religion and seconded, that the order of business agreed upon in the morn-Conference ing be suspended until the business on the College Report be finished. It was moved in amendment, and seconded, that the order agreed upon be adhered to. On a vote being taken, it was decided to adhere to the order previously agreed upon; and the Synod, thereupon, resolved itself into a Conference on the State of Religion.

> Mr. J. Middlemiss, Mr. George Barron, Elder, Mr. D. McRuer, Mr. Proudfoot, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Ball, addressed the Synod.

### ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournment.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, a motion was made to continue in Conference for ten minutes longer. On a vote being taken, the motion was negatived,—the Conference ended, and the Synod adjourned,—the Diet being closed with prayer, by Mr. R. Rodgers, of Collingwood, and the Benediction by the Moderator.

# TWENTIETH SEDERUNT.

McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Wednesday, June 16, 1869, 7:30, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted with devotional exercises. Mr. John Porteous, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### ASSESSORS-GUELPH PRESBYTERY.

Assessors -Guelph

Mr. W. S. Ball, on behalf of the Presbytery of Guelph, pre-Presbyt'ry ferred a request for the appointment of certain Ministers and Elders as assessors, to be associated with the said Presbytery, in disposing of certain cases, namely:—The Moderator of Synod, (Dr. Ormiston,) Professors Young and Caven, Messrs. Alexander Topp, William Gregg, and J. M. King, Ministers; Lieut.-Col. Haultein, and the Hon. A. Vidal.

The Synod unanimously granted the request of the Presbytery of Guelph, and appointed the Ministers and Elders named, assessors, in accordance therewith.

#### STATE OF RELIGION REPORT.

It was moved by Mr. David Inglis, duly seconded and agreed State of to,—That the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion Report be remitted to a Committee, with instructions to bring in a Descent to liverance at an early Sederunt. The Committee to consist of the Committee following Ministers and Elders:—Mr. Ure, Convener, Professor Young, Professor Caven, Professor McVicar, Messrs. J. M. King, W. McLaren, A. A. Drummond, T. Wardrope, Ministers,—Lieut.-Col. Haultain, Messrs. P. Dewar, A. Smith, (London,) and H. Young, Elders.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Foreign Foreign Missions. The Report was given in and read by Mr. W. McLaren, Mission Report. the Convener of the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. D. McKay, Report and agreed to,-That the Report of the Foreign Missions Com-received. mittee be received, the thanks of the Synod given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, and that the Synod do now

proceed to consider the recommendations of the Report, seriatim. The first recommendation was read, as follows:

1. That the Foreign Mission Committee shall hereafter consist mendat'n. of twelve persons, whose travelling expenses in attending meetings of the Committee shall be paid, and of one corresponding member in each Presbytery, who, when present at any meeting of the Committee, shall be entitled to deliberate and vote.

On motion of Mr. Doak, seconded by Mr. A. Wilson, it was, Motion. on vote, carried,-That the Committee consist of seven members,

instead of twelve, as proposed in the recommendation.

It was moved by Mr. J. Straith, seconded by Mr. J. J. A. Proud-ing Mem. foot, and agreed to, -That the Corresponding Members from bers to be Presbyteries, referred to in the recommendation, be appointed by appointed by Presbythe Presbyteries.

The second recommendation was read, and after reasoning, 2d Recommendation

was adopted.

The third recommendation was read, as follows:—

3. That the Synod agree to relieve the Foreign Mission Com-mendation mittee of the work in British Columbia and Red River, in order that they may devote all their energies to the evangelization of the heathen.

After long reasoning, and the proposing of several motions, 3d Recomwhich were withdrawn before coming to a vote, it was, on motion mendation of Mr. J. M. King, duly seconded agreed as follows: That the of Mr. J. M. King, duly seconded, agreed as follows:-That the recommendation be not, meanwhile, adopted, but that the Committee be instructed to correspond with the Churches in Scotland and Ireland, as to the condition and claims of Presbyterianism in British Columbia, with a view of securing, if possible, their cooperation in meeting the expenses of that Mission. 4th Re-

The fourth recommendation was read, as follows:—

4. That the Foreign Mission Committee be directed, during ation read. the year, to select, if possible, one or two Missionaries for the Foreign field.

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At the request of the Synod, Robert Carter, Esq., of New York, the Delegate to this Church from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.) in the United States, addressed the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions.

### HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.

Synod to sit beyond hour of elosing.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod agreed to

sit until this Report be disposed of. Motion to It was moved by Mr. J. Ross, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith :-

adopt 4th. That the fourth recommendation of the Report be adopted. It was moved in amendment by Mr. R. Ure, seconded by Mr. ment. A. Wilson:—That the recommendation be laid on the table till

2d amend. next Synod.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. J. Laing, seconded by Mr. D. Waters:—That the Committee be empowered to look out for two or three Ministers, who may be nominated to the next Synod, as prepared to go to the Mission field among the votes-4th heathen.

adopted.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. Laing was first carried over that of Mr. Ure, and then the motion of Mr. Ross was carried over the amendment of Mr. Laing, and the Synod decided in terms of the motion, to adopt the fourth recommendation.

#### DISSENT.

Dissent.

Mr. R. Ure and Mr. A. Wilson dissented.

5th Recommend-

The fifth recommendation was read, as follows:— 5. That China be chosen as a field for a Mission to the heathen, ation read. and that the Committee be instructed, in carrying on said Mission, to co-operate with the Missionaries of the Presbyterian Churches of England and Ireland.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Hugh Young, Elder, seconded by Mr. W. B. Clark, (Que.),—That the word "China" in the recommendation be struck out, and the words "New Hebrides" inserted in its stead.

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It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by Professor McVicar,—That in the event of the Foreign Mission Committee seeing its way to commence operations among the heathen, abroad, before the next meeting of Synod, it be remitted to that Committee to choose as between China and India, as the field of operations.

2d amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. D. Waters, seconded by Dr. Jennings, as follows:—Remit the matter to the Committee for further consideration, and to make such inquiries as shall enable them to select a suitable field, and to take such action as they may see to be best.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. Waters was Votes-Decision. carried, successively, over that of Mr. King, and over the motion of Mr. Young, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Instruc-On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. McLaren, it was tion to H. agreed,—That the Foreign and Home Missions Committees, be instructed to confer together in relation to the Missions to Red mittee. River and British Columbia.

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The Recommendations, as amended, are as follows:-

1. That the Foreign Mission Committee shall hereafter consist of seven persons, whose travelling expenses in attending meetings of the Committee shall be paid, and of a corresponding member in each Presbytery, appointed by the Presbytery, who, when present at any meeting of the Committee, shall be entitled to deliberate and vote.

2. That the Foreign Mission Committee be authorized to send another Missionary, forthwith, to the Red River, and also to consider in what way the expense of the Mission to British Columbia may be reduced, and to take such action to that end as they may deem necessary in the premises.

3. That the Committee be instructed to correspond with the Churches in Scotland and Ireland, as to the condition and claims of Presbyterianism in British Columbia, with a view of securing, if possible, their co-operation in meeting the expenses of that Mission.

4. That the Foreign Mission Committee be directed, during the year, to select, if possible, one or two Missionaries for the Foreign field.

5. That the matter of making choice of a field of operations be remitted to the Committee for further consideration, and to make such inquiries as shall enable them to select a suitable field, and to take such action as they may see to be best.

6. That the Foreign and Home Missions Committees be instructed to confer together in relation to the Missions to Red River and British Columbia.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee being now disposed of, the Synod adjourned, the Moderator closing the Diet with the Benediction.

### TWENTY-FIRST SEDERUNT.

# McMab Street Church, Hamilton.

Thursday, June 17, 1869, 10, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted,—Principal Willis, at the request of the Moderator, leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sanctioned.

### COMMITTEE ON BILLS-REPORT.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a ninth Report, Com. arranging the order of business, and stating that Mr. McTavish on Bills. appealed against the transmission of the papers on the question of Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister, on the ground that the Committee had no power to transmit the same. The Report was read by Mr. David Waters, the Clerk of the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Waters, duly seconded, that the Report Motion.

It was moved in amendment, by Mr. W. T. McMullen, and Amendagreed to:—That the order of business be so far departed from as ment. that the question of Sabbath Observance be taken up immediately

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after the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Report on the State of Religion.

Amend-The Report, with this amendment, was adopted, and the order ment of business therein recommended sanctioned. adopted.

# KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox The Synod resumed consideration of the Draft Deliverance on College Draft Dell. the Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, interverance. rupted by the adjournment yesterday afternoon.

Motions The motions before the House at the adjournment were again read. read, as was also the third recommendation of the Draft Deliver-3rd recom- ance. A vote being taken, the amendment of Mr. King was mendation carried over the motion of Mr. Ure, and the Synod decided: adopted. That the third recommendation of the Committee be adopted. 4 adopted.

The fourth recommendation was read and adopted. 5 adopted. The fifth recommendation was read and adopted.

#### DELIVERANCE.

Deliver-The Deliverance, as adopted by the Synod, is as follows: ance.

#### THE COLLEGE DEBT.

Debt. 1. That when the Annual Collection for the College shall be taken, Ministers be enjoined specially to urge upon their congregations increased liberality, in order that the floating debt may be cleared off; and, further, that the College Board, in order to bring the matter before the Presbyteries of the Church, be instructed to take such means as may be best adapted to attain this end.

#### THE ENDOWMENT.

2. That, in accordance with the statements of the College Board regarding the generally depressed condition of business, it would be inexpedient to make a general effort to endow the College at present, but that the Synod remit the question of the Endowment to the College Board, to take up and consider the matter at their meeting in October, mature a plan, and report the same for the consideration of the next Synod, or to take immediate action should the state of the country warrant such a step; and in the event of any action being taken before the next Synod, that the sum to be aimed at should not be less than \$120,000.

### LECTURESHIPS.

Lecture-3. That both Lectureships be continued; but that, meanwhile, the lecturers take up their subjects on alternate years, and that students of the first and second years attend the lectures on Apologetics, and the students of the second and third years the lectures on Homiletics, so as to secure that all the students shall receive the benefit of both lecturers during their full Course.

### SCHOLARSHIPS-UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

Scholar-4. That, believing that Scholarships awarded to young men University attending the University, with a view to the Holy Ministry, have students.

largely contributed to encourage young men to prosecute their studies, with that end in view, the Board of Examiners be authorized to take such steps as they may think best to secure the necessary funds, and that the scheme be commended to the favorable consideration of the Church.

### RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN.

5. That having heard with regret the intimation made by Mr. Resigna-Inglis of his resignation of office as Chairman of the College tion of Board, the Synod record its grateful sense of the efficient manner Chairman. in which he has discharged its duties, and of the valuable services which he has rendered to the College and Church in that capacity.

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS-REMIT.

There was handed in and read, a Report from the Committee Board of appointed at a former Sederunt to prepare a Remit, to be sent Examiners Remit, down to Presbyteries, on the constitution and functions of Boards of Examiners, for the examination of students of Theology.

The Report was received, and it was agreed to consider the ceived and several sections thereof, seriatim.

The several sections being read and agreed to, the Report was

agreed to as a whole.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. J. Pringle, it was Report agreed:—That the Synod having considered the Report of the Committee, send it down to Presbyteries, and instruct them to report to next Synod.

The Remit is in terms following:—

I. The examination of students shall be conducted by Presbyteries, and by Boards of Examiners, which shall be appointed annually by the Synod.

II. It shall be the duty of Presbyteries to ascertain, by examination, the fitness of persons presenting themselves as students with a view to the Ministry, and to certify them to the Boards of Examiners for examination, and the Boards shall assign such candidates their position in the Curriculum.

III. There shall be two Boards of Examiners, one to meet at Toronto, and the other at Montreal, and each Board shall consist, respectively, of seven members, with the addition of the Professors of the Colleges; and the professors of Knox College, Toronto, shall be, ex officio, members of the Board meeting in Toronto; and the Professors of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, shall be, ex officio, members of the Board meeting in Montreal.

IV. The standing of Students who have not matriculated at the University of Toronto, or at McGill College, Montreal, shall be determined by examination before the Board, at the close of each Session.

V. Students shall be required to pass an examination before either of these Boards on entering the Theological Curriculum; and the Boards may accept the degree of B.A., from either of the above-named Universities, in the place of such examinations, and,

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with this exception, the examination of Theological Students by the Boards shall be at the close of the Session.

VI. In case of Students in the preparatory course producing Certificates from the above-named Universities of having passed examinations which the Boards may deem equivalent to their own, the Boards may dispense with further examinations in these subjects.

VII. Theological Students shall be required to appear before the Presbyteries within which they reside between College Sessions, and deliver, at least, one written exercise.

On motion of Dr. Jennings, duly seconded, the Synod appoint'd appointed Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoot, of London, and Mr. R. Ure, of Goderich, to the lectureships in Knox College, in accordance Order for next Seswith the third clause of the Deliverance foregoing, and ordered sion. that the Lectures of the next ensuing Session of the College be delivered by Mr. Proudfoot.

### HOME MISSIONS.

Home The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to whom Missions was referred the Report of the Home Mission Committee, and also Dellverance, &c. the Report on the Buxton Mission debt, to frame a Deliverance.

The Report was handed in and read, and it was agreed to proceed to the consideration of the several clauses of the Draft Deliverance, seriatim.

The first clause was read and adopted.

The second clause was read, when it was moved by Mr. McLarer duly seconded, and agreed to, that the following be substituted for the second clause :-

That Presbyteries be recommended to take such steps as are necessary to establish missionary organizations in all the congregations within their bounds, and to report to next Synod their action in this matter and the results of the same.

The third clause was read and adopted.

3d. adopt-The fourth clause was read, and it was agreed,—That the 4th. Clause matter of reducing the Supplements to aid-receiving congregaamended. tions be left to the discretion of the Home Mission Committee.

5th, adopt-The fifth clause was read and adopted. The Deliverance, as amended, is as follows :-

1. That Presbyteries be enjoined to take steps carefully to revise the lists of Mission Stations, and Supplemented Congregations, at their first regular meeting after the Synod.

2. That Presbyteries be recommended to take such steps as are necessary to establish Missionary Organizations in all the congregations within their bounds, and that they be instructed to report to next Synod their action in this matter, and the results of the same.

3. That in case of any Presbytery desiring to have assistance or advice in carrying out this recommendation, they may apply to the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, who shall be empowered to visit personally, or by Deputation, such congregations as the Presbytery may desire.

4. That, in regard to the suggestion of the Committee, to the effect that the supplement to nid-receiving congregations be reduced to the extent of ten per cent., the matter be left to the discretion of the Committee.

5. That, while no change is made in the arrangements concerning Probationers, Presbyteries be instructed to deal with vacant congregations with the view of securing greater liberality on their part, in the remuneration given to those Ministers and Probationers who temporarily minister among them.

The Moderator left the chair, which, at his request, was taken Moderator by Mr. Proudfoot, a former Moderator.

### BUXTON MISSION.

The Report of the same Committee on the Report of the Bux-Inxton ton Mission Committee, and on the Report of the Presbytery of Mission. London, in regard to the arrears due to Mr. King, was given in and read by Mr. J. Laing, setting forth in substance, that in 1866 there was reported as due the Treasurer of the Buxton Fund \$745 77; of this there were paid from the Synod Fund \$200; and a like sum from the Central Fund; in all \$400; leaving to be paid in 1870, \$200; and in 1871, \$145 77; and besides a new claim for arrears, during the last three years, viz.:—in 1866--67, \$133; in 1867--68, \$166 50; and in 1868--69, \$152 50; total, \$452; and containing statements of the action of the Committee on Home Missions under the instructions of Synod, last year, in connection with the Buxton Mission, and giving expression to the opinion that these arrears should not come upon the Central Fund.

The Report was received.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Moderator It was moved by Mr. Kemp, and seconded,—That the Report resumed chair. regarding Buxton be adopted, and the Home Mission Committee be instructed to pay a supplement, not exceeding \$400, for the next year, as the Presbytery of Chatham may recommend; and that the Buxton Committee be instructed to pay out of the Funds in their hands the arrears due Mr. King, and such proportion of the regular stipend as they may be able, or as may be required of

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McTavish, and seconded, Amend--That the motion be amended by leaving out all the words ment. instructing the Home Mission Committee to pay a supplement for the next year.

A vote being taken, the motion was carried, and the Synod de-tion carcided in accordance therewith.

Mr. McTavish dissented.

#### HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to sit synod to sit beyond until all matters in charge of this Committee shall have been dis-closing posed of.

The Committee gave in a Report on an Overture from the listic la-Presbytery of Ontario, on Evangelistic labour, to the effect that bours.

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tance ply to ll be gregathe Committee had no recommendation to make, but that the Overture contained matter deserving the consideration of the Synod. The Report was received.

### STATE OF RELIGION.

State of Religion-Report

The business on the matters referred to the Committee foregoing being finished, the Synod agreed still further to continue in session, to hear a Report from the Committee appointed last night, to whom was remitted the Report of the Standing Committee on the state of Religion.

The Report was given in and read by Professor Young, em-

bodying the following Minute :-

The Synod, having received the report of the Committee on the state of religion, and had conference on the subject, have learned that, in not a few of the congregations of our Church, in different parts of the country, an unusual religious interest has been awakened; deep concern has been manifested on the part of multitudes regarding the salvation of their souls; many sinners appear to have been brought to Christ, and the people of God have been greatly quickened For this work the Synod desire to record their deep gratitude to fim, who is the source of all blessing; and they trust and pray that, not on one or two portions of our Church merely, but on every part of it, gracious showers may descend. But the Synod would take notice of the fact, that, through lack of time, the important subject of the state of religion has received only an imperfect consideration; in consequence of which it is not impossible that impressions of an erroneous kind, which may lead to injurious practical results, may be left on the minds of some members of the Church. In particular, it is matter of regret that it has been impossible for the Synod, while in conference, to hear statements from Ministers in whose congregations no special and extraordinary religious awakening has recently taken place. The report of the Committee on the State of Religion shows that, from day to day, a large measure of spiritual good is, through the Divine blessing, resulting in the congregations of our Church generally, from the use of the ordinary means of grace, even where no remarkable awakening of a kind fitted to arrest public attention has occurred. The river may carry large and abundant blessings without overflowing its banks, or moving otherwise than calmly and silently; and, in the opinion of this Synod, it would be a lamentable thing if the idea should be entertained by any of the members of the Church, that those Ministers in whose congregations there was no revival, in the popular sense of the expression, have either been wanting in zeal or faithfulness, or have had no fruit of their labours. It is also matter of some regret to the Synod that, through lack of time, it could not hear so fully as might have been desired, from those Ministers and Elders in whose congregations special religious awakenings have taken place, to what extent the development of devotional feeling was accompanied with improvement in the details of Christian moralitywith love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. What the Synod has learned regarding such fruit of the Spirit is very delightful, but it would have been

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glad to have obtained fuller information; and, in order that no mistake may in any quarter be made in regard to so essential a matter, and that men may not deceive their own souls, it would desire most urgently and affectionately to impress upon all the members of the Church, that all signs of a work of grace are worthless, where the conduct is not reformed. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Among the lessons to be derived from the facts which have been brought under its notice, the Synod would call attention particularly to the following:—

1. In the first place, it seems to have been made evident that, in the instrumentality which the Church is habitually using for gathering sinners into the kingdom of Christ, and advancing the spiritual life of believers, too little use is made of the gifts and graces of ordinary Church members. The members of the Church should be made to feel, that every one who has tasted that the Lord is gracious, is called upon to labour directly for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Such labours should, of course, be conducted in a manner not inconsistent with order, and with the general harmony of the Church. "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the Churches of the saints." But a great point would be gained if all, old and young, who themselves know the Lord, did realize, more than is ordinarily done, the solemn obligation incumbent on them, not to be content with having given themselves to Christ, but to do, wisely and kindly, what in them lies, that all whom they can possibly influence may have fellowship with them in the privileges and hopes of the Gospel.

2. In the next place, the Synod, having learned that, where special religious interest has been awakened, very direct dealing with individuals in regard to the salvation of their souls has been generally practised, and apparently with good results, would recommend Ministers and other Church members to consider the great importance of ascertaining, as far as possible, to what extent divine truth is understood, and its power felt. The Synod does not doubt that every Christian, who wishes to labour for Christ, and who seriously considers the best method to be pursued, will feel of what unspeakable consequence it is, that he should endea your to send forth the truth with direct personal aim,—should run, not as uncertainly,—should fight, not as one that beats the air.

3. In the third place, the Synod, with reference to the fact brought out in conference, that not a few of the children of the Church have in very early life been brought under serious religious impressions, would urge upon parents the importance of cultivating family religion, and labouring with earnestness and affection for the souls of their children, as they that must give account. In this connection, the Synod regards it is a significant fact that, as was brought out by several of the speakers in the conference, the persons who were the subjects of the religious awakenings that have taken place in different parts of the Province were, to a large extent, persons who had in early life been carefully

instructed in the system of Divine truth. This cannot but be felt to be a great encouragement to parents and Sabbath School teachers and others, not to neglect the regular and systematic instruction of the children within the sphere of their influence in the grand but simple truths of the Gospel—truths so grand as to transcend the grasp of the loftiest human minds, and yet simple enough to form the foundation of the hope and joy of a little child.

The Synod agreed to receive the Report, and ordered it to be printed in the *Record*.

The Synod adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

#### TWENTY-SECOND SEDERUNT.

#### McNab Street Church, Hamilton,

Thursday, June 17, 1869, 3, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, the Moderator offering prayer.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

#### Minutes read.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

#### State of Religion-Report.

On motion of Principal Willis, duly seconded, the Synod resolved as follows:—That having regard to the important interests concerned, the Paper on the State of Religion, read by Professor Young, in the morning, be printed under the direction of the Committee, and circulated as a Pastoral letter, or otherwise, among the people of our charge, for the encouraging and stimulating of congregations and their office-bearers.

#### GOVERNOR GENERAL-ADDRESS.

# Gov. Gen. —Draft Address.

Lieutenant Colonel Haultain, from the Committee appointed at a former Sederunt, to frame an address to His Excellency, the Governor General, handed in and read a Draft Address, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

#### Deputation to present Address.

The Synod appointed as a Deputation to present the address to His Excellency, the following members of Synod:—The Moderator, (Dr. Ormiston), Principal Willis, Mr. Thomas Wardrope, Mr. William Moore, Lt.-Col. Haultain.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

#### General Assembly Returns on Act.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Returns to Remits to Presbyteries on the Act for the erection of a General Assembly. The Returns were given in and read, to the effect, that six Presbyteries approved of the Act, simpliciter, namely, those of Huron, Simcoe, Hamilton, Paris, Kingston and Guelph:—that two Presbyteries, namely, those of Brockville and Grey, approve generally:—that six approve with amendments, namely, those of Toronto, London, Stratford, Montreal, Ottawa and Ontario:—and that one Presbytery, that of Cobourg, would postpone the question in view of the possible union of all the Presbyterian Churches in this Dominion.

It was moved by Mr. McTavish, seconded by Prof. McVicar,—Motion That, inasmuch as the majority of Presbyteries have not approved, simpliciter, of the Draft Act of Assembly, the Synod direct that the Act, with the amendments which have been suggested by Presbyteries be sent down again to Presbyteries, with instructions to report thereon at next meeting of Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Amend-Geo. Cuthbertson:—That the majority of Presbyteries having approved, generally, of the Draft Act of Assembly, resolve to take

up the consideration of the articles, seriatim.

A vote was then taken, when the amendment was carried, and Vote-

the Synod decided in terms thereof.

The Synod proceeded with the consideration of the Sections ried. and sub-sections of the Act, seriatim, to the end; and the same Consideration of severally, adopted, with certain amendments, as follows:—

# AN ACT FOR THE CONSTITUTING OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DISTRICT SYNODS.

Whereas it is of importance, for the welfare and good government of the Church, that a General Assembly and certain District Synod should be instituted in the Canada Presbyterian Church:—

Be it, therefore, resolved and enacted, by and with the consent

of the Presbyteries, in terms of the Barrier Act, viz :-

I. That, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, there shall be constituted a Supreme Court of this Church instead of the present Synod, which shall be styled and entitled THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, and which shall possess all the powers, privileges, and immunities, which at present belong to the Synod of the said Church.

II. The General Assembly shall consist of one-third of the whole number of the Ministers on the rolls of the several Presbyteries, with an equal number of acting Elders, or of such other proportion as may at any time be lawfully determined on; and said members shall be appointed in the manner following, viz:—

1. At an ordinary meeting of the Presbytery, held at least thirty days before the meeting of the General Assembly, each Presbytery shall appoint the proportional number of Ministers

and Elders.

2. The Presbytery shall forthwith grant to the Ministers and Elders thus elected and appointed Commissions in due form, attested by their Clerk, who shall forward said Commissions to the Clerk of the General Assembly, at least eight days before its meeting; and said Clerk shall from such Commissions prepare an interim roll, to be called at the opening of said Assembly, and which, being amended and corrected, if necessary, shall be confirmed as the roll of the General Assembly.

3. Should the number on the roll be incapable of division by three then, the *third* shall be the third of the next higher number

capable of such division.

JII. The General Assembly shall hold its first meeting at Toronto, Ontario, and within Knox Church there, on the first Tuesday of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy years,

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at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the evening, and thereafter as the General Assembly itself shall determine; and the Moderator shall be nominated and appointed in the same manner as the Moderator of the Synod has heretofore been, or as may otherwise be hereafter determined.

IV. There shall be constituted four District Synods, immediately subordinate to the General Assembly, but having superior and appellate jurisdiction over Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations, within their respective bounds; and which shall possess and enjoy all such other subordinate powers and privileges as may, from time to time, be granted them by the General Assembly. There shall also be the right of Appeal, Reference, Petition, and Overture, from and to said Synods; and they shall be styled and constituted as follows, viz:—

1. The Synod of Montreal, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the rolls of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Ottawa, Brockville, and Kingston. The Synod will meet at Montreal, and within Erskine Church there, on the third Tuesday of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine years, at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the evening, and thereafter by regular adjournment, at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev. William Taylor, D. D.

2. The Synod of Toronto, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the rolls of the Presbyteries of Cobourg, Ontario, Toronto, Simcoe, and Owen Sound, and shall meet at Toronto, and within Bay Street Church there, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixtynine, at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the evening, and thereafter by regular adjournment, at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev. John Jennings, D. D.

3. THE SYNOD OF HAMILTON, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the rolls of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Paris, Guelph, and Durham, and shall meet at Hamilton, and within Knox's Church there, on the second Tuesday of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the evening, and thereafter by regular adjournment, at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev. George Cheyne.

4. The Synod of London, which shall comprise all the Ministers and Elders on the rolls of the Presbyteries of London, Huron, Stratford, and Chatham, and shall meet at London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the second Tuesday of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, at half an hour after seven of the clock, in the evening, and thereafter by regular adjournment, at such time and place as the Synod itself may determine and appoint. The first Moderator shall be the Rev. Donald McKenzie.

5. The Clerks of the several Presbyteries shall send certified rolls of their Presbyteries to the Clerks of their respective Synods,

at least eight days before the meetings of said Synods; and such rolls shall be the rolls respectively of the several Synods.

6. The Moderators of said Synods shall, in all meetings after the first, be nominated and appointed by open vote, or in such other manner as the Synod itself may, from time to time, determine. The business shall be conducted in the same manner, mutatis mutandis, as is the business of the General Assembly; provided, nevertheless, that the Synod shall have power, from time to time, to frame, alter, and amend, such other and additional Standing Orders as they may deem necessary for their own orderly procedure.

7. Said Synod shall meet at least once during the ecclesiastical year, and shall annually send up their Minute Books for the examination of the General Assembly.

#### COMMITTEE ON MINUTE.

Messrs. A. F. Kemp, W. McLaren, and W. Doak, were ap-Com. on Minute. pointed a Committee to frame a Minute to dispose finally of the business connected with the Act, the sections and sub-sections of which have now, severally, been adopted.

#### PRINCIPAL WILLIS-LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Principal Willis intimated that he desired, at a certain period, willisto be relieved for a time from his professional duties, as he had leave of some intention of visiting distant parts of the world, and saying absence. that such arrangements would be made as would prevent any injury to the College from his temporary absence.

Moved by Mr. J. McTavish, seconded by Professor McVicar, and unanimously agreed as follows:—That the Rev. Principal Willis having intimated his desire to visit distant parts of the world, before the close of next Session of the College, the Synod, recognizing the long-continued and valuable services of the Rev. Principal, agree to release him from his duties in Knox College, for the period stated by him, and authorize him, with the concurrence of the Senate of the College, to make provision for his classes during his absence. The Synod further desire to record their hope and prayer that the Lord may prosper him in his journey, and bring him back in "the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ."

Mr. Andrew Wilson asked and obtained leave of absence from leave of the remaining Sederunts of Synod during this Session.

#### DR. FREELAND-PRES. OTTAWA.

The Committee appointed at a former Sederunt on the matter Pres. Ottaof the reception of Dr. Freeland, by the Presbytery of Ottawa, Freeland. brought up by the Report of the Committee to examine the action of Record of the said Presbytery, gave in a Report which was read Presby Mr. W. Gregg,—directing attention to certain words used in the Paper presented by Dr. Freeland to the Presbytery of Ottawa, purporting to be a designation from the Associate Reformed Church, in the United States:—expressing the opinion that the designation referred to in the said Paper is not a designation in the sense which our Act regarding the Reception of Ministers

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contemplates, but is simply a dismissal and commendation of Dr. Freeland to the Canada Presbyterian Church,—and recommending to the Synod to declare the action of the Presbytery of Ottawa, in receiving Dr. Freeland, to be null and void.

The Report was received, and the Synod declared and decided

in accordance therewith.

Ottawa Presbytry
Record to be attested in the sense of the foregoing Deliverance.

#### RECORD-HOME AND FOREIGN.

II. and F. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Record. Home and Foreign Record. The Report was presented and read by Mr. William Gregg, the Convener of the Committee, -setting forth, in substance, that the circulation of the Record now amounted to 6,800 copies, being a slight increase over last year; that the receipts had been \$2,429, and the expenditure, \$2,062, showing a balance applicable to the payment of the several expenses of the Agent of the Church, of \$367;—that it had been intimated to the Committee by the Agent of the Church, that the editorship of the Record demanded more time and labor than he could well devote to it;—and recommending that the Committee be empowered to appoint, for the ensuing year, a joint editor, who shall receive such remuneration for his services as the Committee may deem expedient.

The Report was received and adopted, and the Synod ordered

received in accordance with its recommendation,

#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Reception of Ministers—Report of Committee.

Report

adopted.

Mr. John McTavish handed in a Report from the Committee on the application of Presbyteries for leave to receive Ministers of other Churches. The Report was read, setting forth in substance, that the Committee having examined the papers, and made particular inquiries regarding those applying for admission, agreed to recommend that leave be granted to the Presbytery of Toronto to receive Mr. William McConnell; to the Presbytery of Paris, to receive Mr. Joseph Lowry, from the Presbytery of Chicago, and Mr. James Robertson, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, (N.S.:) and to the Presbytery of London to receive Mr. Robert Stevenson, of the Presbytery of London, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Report received—

Ceived—

Presbyteries mentioned, to receive the Ministers above named, as granted:

Ministers of this Church, as craved.

#### PRES. RECORDS.

Pres. Records. Reports were given in and read from the Committees to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Stratford and Grey, stating that these Records were, with slight exceptions, carefully and accurately kept.

The Synod ordered the said Records to be attested in the usual form.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Sabbath Schools. The Report was handed in and read for the Convener, Schools Mr. W. Cochrane, by Mr. W. T. McMullen.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the diet was closed

with the Benediction.

#### TWENTY-THIRD SEDERUNT.

#### McNab Street Church, Hamilton.

Thursday, June 17, 1869, 7.30, p. m.

The Synod met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, the Moderator offering prayer.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Minutes read.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Report on Sabbath Schools, read at the close of the last Sabbath Sederunt, was, on motion, received, and the thanks of the Synod Schools were tendered to Mr. McMullen for his efficient services.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS-OVERTURE.

There was taken up and read an Overture, transmitted by the Presbytery of Stratford, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, setting Sabbath forth the great importance of such institutions:—saying that there Schools are misapprehensions in the minds of some as to the relation between the Sabbath School and the Church, and that there is danger from such misapprehensions of looking upon the School as something separate from the Church, and praying the Synod to define the relation of the School to the Church, and to frame such a constitution for the Sabbath School as may be in harmony with our principles as a Church, and as may tend to the more efficient conducting of such schools.

Mr. Waters and Mr. Hamilton were heard in support of the Mr. Waters Overture.

On motion of Mr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Laing, it was heard, agreed that Report on Sabbath Schools be printed as an appendix Sabbath to the Minutes of Synod; and that the Overture from the Press Report to bytery of Stratford be remitted to the Committee on Sabbath beprinted. Schools, to prepare a Deliverance on the subject of said Overture &c. and to report to the General Assembly next year.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Kemp, from the Committee appointed at the last Sederunt General to frame a Minute to complete the business on the subject of the Final Minerection of a General Assembly, handed in and read a Draft Minute, which was adopted by the Synod, and is as follows:—
That the Act for constituting a General Assembly having obtained the consent of a majority of Presbyteries, and having been considered in all its clauses by the Synod, is hereby approved as a whole, and adopted as a Standing Law of the Church; and on the adjournment of this Synod the Moderator shall, in terms of said

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Act, call and cite said General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church to meet at Toronto, and within Knox's Church there, on the first Tuesday of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, at half past seven o'clock, post meridiem, to be opened by said Moderator, and constituted in the said manner and form in which the Synod has hitherto been opened and constituted; the joint clerks of Synod to be the joint clerks of said Assembly.

#### MR. KEMP'S APPEAL.

Dissent & The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint of Mr. Alex. F. Complaint Kemp against a finding of the Presbytery of London in the matter of Mr. Robert Kennedy.

Mr. Kemp requested leave to withdraw the Dissent and Complaint; and that the Presbytery of Montreal be at the same time instructed to rectify an informal certificate which their Clerk endorsed on a Presbyterial certificate in favor of Mr. Robert Kennedy, granted by the Presbytery of Ogdensburg, so that Mr. Kennedy's position in relation to that Presbytery be not impaired.

Decision. The Synod granted leave to Mr. Kemp to withdraw his Dissent and Complaint, and decided to instruct the Presbytery of Montreal as indicated in the preceding Minute.

#### TEMPERANCE.

There was taken up read an Overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa on the subject of the increase of intemperance throughout Overtures, the land, and the duty of adopting such measures as might tend to lessen the evil. There was read also an Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario on the same subject, and with a similar prayer. There was also taken up and read a Memorial from the Canada Temperance Union on the same subject.

Mr. Wardrope and Mr. Carswell were heard in support of the Overtures support'd Overture from Ottawa. Dr. Thornton was heard in support of the Overture from the Presbytery of Ontario.

Moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. J. McTavish, and unanimously agreed, as follows:—The Synod having heard the Overtures. Overtures, agree to receive and adopt them, and to record their sorrow and anxiety at the great prevalence of the sin of intemperance: and, recognizing their obligations, at once to testify against and strive to suppress the evil, do hereby recommend each Minister of the Church to take up the subject by an earnest address from the pulpit, at least once in the year, and in every suitable way endeavor to discountenance the prevalent drinking usages that lead to intemperance; and that the Moderator, and Dr. Thornton, and Mr. Wardrope, be instructed to prepare a pastoral letter on this subject, to be signed by the Moderator, and sent to each Session of the Church.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to nominate Commitcommerces—Re- the Standing Committees. The Report was given in and read by port Nom- Mr. D. Waters, the Convener of the Committee. The Report was insting committee received, and, with certain amendments, was adopted, with the exception that instead of the Committee on the State of Religion named in the Report, it was resolved to re-appoint that of last year.

The Boards and Committees recommended in the Report, with the foregoing exception, were appointed as follows:—

#### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Messis, J. Laing, (Convener); W. Moore, J. Burton, A. Wilson, Home J. Thom, Dr. Thornton, J. M. King, D. Inglis, W. Cochrane, J. Middlemiss, J. J. A. Proudfoot, A. F. Kemp, W. Doak, A. McLean, T. Stevenson, Mungo Fraser, D. Waters, George Cuthbertson, Ministers; W. Clark, James Henderson, James Brown, Plummer Dewar, Elders.

#### FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

Messis. W. McLaren, (Convener); Dr. Ormiston, John Scott, Foreign (L.), A. Topp, Dr. Holden, Messis. Plummer Dewar and D. McKay, and one member from each Presbytery, to be appointed by the Presbytery.

#### KANKAKEE COMMITTEE.

Messis, A. F. Kemp, (Convener); T. McPherson, J. Scott, (L.), Kankakee G. Cuthbertson, J. J. A. Proudfoot, John Thompson, Geo. Milligan, Dr. R. F. Burns, A. Wilson, Dr. Jennings, W. Doak, J. W. Mitchell, C. Chiniquy, A. A. Drummond, Ministers; Alex. Smith, Alex. Battlett, Hon. A. Vidal, H. Young, Elders.

#### BUXTON MISSION.

Messrs, J. Scott, (L.), (Convener); T. McPherson, G. Cuthbert-Buxton son, W. Doak, W. Walker, A. F. Kemp, A. McKellar, M.P.P., J. Com. Laird, W. Clark.

#### KNOX COLLEGE BOARD.

Dr. Ormiston, Chairman; Messrs, D. Inglis, A. Topp, M.A., Knox Col. Principal Willis, Professor Caven, Professor Young. W. Reid, Dr. Burns, W. Moore, J. Burton, W. McLaren, D. Waters, J. McTavish, W. Fraser, John Ross, W. T. McMullen, R. Torrance, John Thompson, A. A. Drummond, T. Stevenson, Dr. Jennings, T. Lowry, W. T. Murdoch, J. J. A. Proudfoot, D. McRuer, R. N. Grant, J. Laing, R. Ure, Ministers; Alexander Fraser, M.P.P., Hon, J. McMurrich, A. I. McKenzie, Lieutenant Colonel Haultain, Dr. McQuesten, James Brown, Elders.

#### SENATE KNOX COLLEGE.

Principal Willis, Chairman; Dr. Burns, Professor Caven, Pro-Senate fessor Young, Dr. Ormiston, J. J. A. Proudfoot, W. Reid, J. McTavish, J. M. King.

#### MONTREAL COLLEGE BOARD.

Mr. A. Young, Chairman; Dr. Taylor, Dr. Irvine, Messrs. T. Montreal Wardrope, W. B. Clark, J. Crombie, D. Paterson, J. Watson, J. Anderson, W. Moore, J. Jones, J. Burton, Dr. Thornton, P. Gray, J. Laing, Professor McVicar, J. M. Gibson, D. Gordon, Ministers;

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#### SENATE MONTREAL COLLEGE.

Senate Montreal College.

Professor McVicar, Chairman; Mr. W. B. Clark, Dr. Dawson, Messrs. J. M. Gibson, John Anderson, James Watson, A. Young, D. Paterson, F. W. Torrance, George Rogers.

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS-KNOX COLLEGE.

Board of Messrs. W. Gregg, (Convener); J. M. King, Dr. Thornton, D. Examiners Inglis, Dr. Ormiston, W. McLaren, John Campbell, J. Laing, and the Principal and Professors of Knox College.

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS-MONTREAL COLLEGE.

Board of Messrs. J. M. Gibson, (Convener); A. Young. W. Moore, Dr. Examin'rs Irvine, James Watson, D. Paterson, W. B. Clark, Wm. Burns, Professor McVicar.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

Messrs. W. Cochrane, (Convener); W. T. McMullen, J. Robertson, T. Lowry, J. Straith, H. McQuarric, J. Dunbar, A. A. Drummond, R. Hamilton, Ministers; David Hamilton, Hercules Morris, Wm. Dickson, Dr. Clarke, (Paris).

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. J. Middlemiss, Convener; A. B. Simpson, R. Torservance, G. Smellie, M. McKenzie, Kenneth McDonald, J. Straith, W. Robertson, Finlay, McCuaig, W. T. McMullen, J. Cowan, T. McCrae.

#### STATE OF RELIGION.

State of Religion Com.

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

#### WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Widows & James Osborne, Esq., Convener; Messrs. W. Reid, A. B. Simpson, Dr. Jennings, J. Porteous, T. Lowry, Thos. McPherson, James Black, J. G. Murray, Ministers; J. Alexander, (Knox Church, Hamilton), Hugh Young, Alex. Ogg, Dr. Clarke, Peter Budge.

#### STATISTICS.

Statistics Com. Messrs. D. Waters, Convener; J. Gray, T. McPherson, J. W. Mitchell, Robert Hall.

#### FINANCE.

Finance Com. Hon. J. McMurrich, Convener; Messrs, W. M. Clarke, W. Gregg, J. L. Blaikie, James Campbell, T. W. Taylor, John Y. Reid.

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#### AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Dr. Thornton, Convener; Messrs. A. Kennedy, D. H. Fletcher, A. & I. Robert Wallace, John Ratcliff, John Parker, John McBean, Hugh Ministers' Young, A. I. McKenzie.

#### HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

Messrs, W. Gregg, Convener; Rev. W. Fraser, A. Topp, Dr. Record Thornton, John Campbell.

#### DEPUTATIONS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Deputaappointment of Deputations to other Churches. The Report was tions appresented and read, and, with certain amendments, was adopted,

and the Deputations named therein were appointed as follows:

To the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Ch. of Can.
Church of Scotland, Mr. W. B. Clark, (Quebec), Principal; Mr. In connection Ch.
J. M. Gibson, Mr. D. McKny, Alternates.

To the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, Mr. U.P. Ch.,

Thomas McPherson, Principal, and Dr. R. F. Burns, Alternate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Gen. Synod Dr. Thornton, Principal, Mr. John Scott, (L), Alternate.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Gen. Ass.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Gen. Ass. United States, Messrs. D. Inglis and Thomas Lowry, Principals; Pres. Ch., and Mr. W. McLaren and Professor McVicar, Alternates.

To the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, Mr. A. To Pres. F. Kemp, Principal, Dr. Dawson, Alternate.

Ch. Lower Provinces,

#### PRES. CHURCH, L. P. LETTER.

There was presented and read a letter from the Synod of the Pres. Ch. Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces, expressing the great ter from. interest felt by our Brethren there, in the progress and strength of this Church, and their earnest wishes and prayer for its continued prosperity; and containing interesting particulars relating to their own operations at Home and in the New Hebrides, and in the Island of Trinidad.

#### PRINCIPAL WILLIS-DELEGATE TO BELGIC CHURCH, &C.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Synod agreed as Mission ry follows:—That as it is probable that Principal Willis will be in glum, and Europe early next year, he be appointed as a Delegate from this Synod of Church, to the Synod of the Missionary Church in Belgium, and Churches to the Synod of the Union of Evangelieal Churches in France, to in France wait upon the one or the other, or both of these Bodies, as he may "Principal have opportunity, and to convey to them the Christian and egate to fraternal salutations of this Church.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT.

There was presented and read the Report of the Standing Sabbath observance.

Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Report.

There were also presented Overtures on Sabbath Observance Sabbath from the Presbyteries of Guelph, Paris, Huron and Hamilton.

Overtures.

Resolut'on Overtures referred. &c.

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adopted.

On motion of Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, it was agreed:—That the Report on Sabbath Observance be received, and that the Overtures from the Presbyteries of Guelph, Paris, Huron and Hamilton, be referred to the Committee on Subbath Observance, just appointed, and that the Committee be directed, at an early date, to take such steps as they may think best, with a view to the promotion of the better observance of the Sabbath in the land.

#### KANKAKEE MISSION.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to draw up Kankakee Missioua Deliverance on the Report of the Committee on the Kankakee delly'r'nee Mission. The Report containing the Deliverance was presented Hour of and read, and it was agreed to proceed to the consideration of the adj'rnm'nt several clauses of the same seriatim.

-Synod to The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to sit till business continue in Session till the business is finished.

linished. The first chaise of the Kankakee Report was read and agreed 1st Clause Kankakee to.

'Report. The second clause was read.

2nd Read. The Moderator desiring to express his mind on the subject Moderator left chair, before the House, left the chair, which, at his request, was taken Moderator by Mr. David Inglis.

The Moderator having given his opinion, again took the chair. resumed chair. After long reasoning, the second clause, with certain amend-2nd Clause amended, ments, was adopted.

3rd Clause The third clause was read.

read. It was moved by Mr. Kemp, and seconded, that the third Motion. clause be adopted.

1stamend-It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. Laing, and seconded, ment. that the clause be not adopted.

2d amend-It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. H. Young, Elder, seconded by Mr. W. McLaren :- That the Committee be authorized to assist suitable young men studying for the ministry.

Votes--last Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. Young was carried amendui't over the amendment of Mr. Laing, and over the main motion by carried. Mr. Kemp, and the Synod decided accordingly.

Dissent. Mr. Laing dissented.

The fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth clauses were read 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Clauses and adopted. read and

The Deliverance, as amended, and adopted, is as follows:-1. That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence during the

past year. 2. That the Synod express gratitude to God for the prosperity of the Mission, and commend it to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

3. That the Committee be authorized to assist suitable young men, studying for the ministry, and, if they find it necessary, to appeal to the friends of the Mission for aid in this undertaking.

4. Leave it to the Committee to determine whether an appeal should be made to the Churches in Britain for aid in the erection of a suitable place of worship for the congregation at St. Ann's; and, in the event of their concluding to do so, the Synod would commend the cause to the Churches there.

5. Authorize the Committee, if they see cause, to appoint two of their number, to confer, under a Commission from this Synod, with any similar Committee of the Synod of Chicago, Illinois, United States, so as to secure, if possible, a settlement of all pending difficulties, and harmony of action in prosecuting the Mission.

6. That the Committee be instructed to reply to the Petitioners from Muskegon, Michigan, United States, that the Synod gratefully receive the information their petition contains, of the work of grace among them, assuring them of the Synod's solicitude for their spiritual welfare, and that such supply of Gospel ordinances shall be given them as the Committee may be able, from time to time, to send.

 Instruct the Committee to stimulate the liberality of the Congregation at St. Ann's, that a suitable stipend may, if possible,

be provided by themselves, for their Pastor.

8. That the Report, together with an abstract of the accounts, be published in the Minutes.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND REPORT.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Ministers. Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. The Report was presented Fund Reand read by Dr. Thornton, the Convener of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. R. Ure, it was Resoluagreed,—That the Report be received, and approved of generally, tion, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee, and especially to the Convener; and that the case of Mr. Duff be referred back to the Committee with instructions to inquire into it more fully, and report to the General Assembly. It was also facts and agreed that the main facts of the Report, and the recommendations recommended in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

#### REFERENCE-PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

There was taken up and read a Reference from the Presbytery Reference, of Grey, for advice regarding certain Church property in South Pres. of Elderslie, of which, it was alleged, the congregation of the Canada Grey. Presbyterian Church, there, had been unjustly deprived.

Mr. Thomas Stevenson was heard, on behalf of the Presbytery Mr. Stevenson Grey, in support of the Reference.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to sustain the Reference, and to appoint a Committee to advise with the Presby-Committery. The Committee was named as follows:—Messrs. D. Waters, vice. W. Doak, R. Hamilton.

#### WIDOWS' FUND REPORT.

The Synod took up the Report of the Standing Committee Widows' on the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Minis-Fund Reters. The Report was held as read, and was ordered to be printed in the *Record*.

#### FINANCE REPORT.

The Finance Report was taken up,—was held as read, and was Finance ordered to be printed.

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#### THANKSGIVING DAY,

Thanks-There was taken up an Overture on a Day of Public Thanksgiving Day giving. On Motion of Principal Willis, seconded by Mr. T. -Instruc-Wardrope, the Synod agreed as follows:—Receive and approve tions to Moderator the Overture: authorize the Moderator to appoint a day for Thenksgiving by our congregations, at the time which may be most fitting; and that he be requested to secure, as far as possible, by correspondence with other parties, a harmonious recognition by the community of the blessings of Divine Providence.

#### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC OVERTURE.

Instrumental Music.

There was taken up an Overture from the Presbytery of Guelph, anent the use of Instrumental Music in Worship,—the overture. Committee on Bills recommending that the consideration of the Overture be deferred.

The Synod agreed to delay entering upon the consideration of the Overture, and to send it up to the General Assembly, next year.

#### SACRED MUSIC.

Sacred Music Overture Sent to Assembly.

There was taken up an Overture from the Presbytery of Kingston on Sacred Music. It was agreed to delay this Overture, to come up to the General Assembly next year.

#### MARRIAGE, ETC.

Marriage

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Cowith wife's bourg on the subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister,-Overture, the Committee on Bills recommending that the matter be deferred till next Synod,—and Mr. McTavish dissenting from the action of the Committee in transmitting the Papers.

Petition -J. Cunaingham. Delayed.

There was taken up, also, a petition from John Cunningham on the same subject. It was agreed to delay the consideration of the U

petition till next year.

#### CALLS-OVERTURE.

Calls-Overture Delayed.

There was taken up an Overture from the Presl don, on Calls, praying that certain modifications be note in the manner of proceeding, with a view to Moderating in . Call to a Minister. Consideration of the Overture was, on motion, delayed till the meeting of the General Assembly next year.

#### SUMMARY OF PRINCIPLES.

Overture on Sumdelayed.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Stratford, anent the compiling of a Summary of Princi for the use Principles of the congregations of the Church. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to put off consideration of tais Overture till next year.

#### STATED COLLECTIONS.

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there is Schemes of the Church, Collections be taken up for the several Schemes on the days mentioned below:—

1. For the Synod Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.

2. For the Widows' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of September.
3. For the Kankakee Mission Fund, on the 1st Sabbath of November.

4. For the Home Mission Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of December.

5. Contributions for Knox College, not later than the 31st of January.

6. For Foreign Missions, on the 3rd Sabbath of March.

7. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, at such time as may be found most convenient.

#### HYMN BOOK.

Overtures were taken up on the subject of compiling a Hymn Hymn Book. Consideration of these Overtures was delayed. It was at Book. the same time stated that some expenses had been incurred by the Expenses forwarding of copies of the English Presbyterian Hymn Book to to be Presbyteries, and others. It was ordered that these expenses be paid out of the Synod Fund.

#### LETTER FROM SHERIFF THOMAS.

There was taken up a letter from E. C. Thomas, Esq., Sheriff Sheriff of the County of Wentworth, calling the attention of the Synod to Letter the condit. on of the lapsed classes of our population, and asking from consideration of such measures as might be fitted to alleviate and lessen the wretchedness and crime so greatly prevailing in our cities and large towns.

The Sylvid appointed the Ministers of the City of Hamilton Com. to and their Synod Elders a Committee to confer with Sheriff conferwith Thomas on the subject of his letter.

#### MR. KNOWLES TRANSFERRED.

There was presented and read an application on behalf of Mr. Mr.

ies, of the Presbytery of Simcoe, praying that he and transferr'd

are discontinuous under his charge should be disjoined from the to Durham

and Presbytery, and united to the Presbytery recently formed Pres.

under the name of the Presbytery of Durham. An extract from
the Minutes of the Presbytery of Simcoe was submitted, conveying the assent of said Presbytery to the transference craved. The
application was granted, and Mr. Knowles and the congregations
under his inspection were, as requested, transferred to the Presbytery of Durham.

#### RELIGION IN SPAIN.

There was presented a Memorial from Mr. Andrew Kennedy Spain—in relation to the religious condition of Spain, and praying the Mr. rial action of Synod in the premises. It was agreed to lay the Menedy, morial on the table.

# MR. W. FERGUSON-PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

Presbyt'ry Huron-Appliea-

There was taken up and read an application from the Presbytery of Huron on behalf of Mr. William Ferguson, setting forth, in substance, that he had read before them a written exercise of great Ferguson. merit; that he had laboured as a Catechist, and had at different times been examined by the Presbytery; that he was acquainted with the Gaelic language; that he had a family and was in middle life; and praying that, on account of his ability, devotion, and prudence, leave be granted to the Presbytery to take him on trials for license; or otherwise, if that should not be granted, that the Synod authorize the Presbytery to dispense in his case with the regular curriculum, and further to superintend his studies with

The Synod agreed to authorize the Presbytery to proceed in a view to the Ministry. the way of the alternative last mentioned, namely, to superintend still further Mr. Ferguson's preparatory studies.

# LICENSURE -MR. URQUHART.

Licensure, applieation London Pres.

An extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of London with reference to Mr. Alexander Urquhart, student of Theology, was read. It stated that Mr. Urquhart, on presenting the requisite certificates, had been examined by the Presbytery, as required by the Church; that his examination had been sustained, and that the Presbytery now applied for leave to take him on public probationary trials for license. The Synod granted leave as craved to take Mr. Urquhart on public probationary trials.

# EVANGELISTIC LABOURERS.

Overture— There was taken up an Overture from the Presbytery of Evangelis Ontario on the subject of Evangelistic Labourers. It was agreed tie laboured by the control of th tie labourthat the consideration of this Overture be delayed.

### DEATH OF MINISTERS.

The Synod agreed to record the following Deliverance regard-Ministers. ing the death of Ministers of this Church during the past year.

The Synod, having regard to the removal from among us of two of the Fathers of the Church, Mr. George Murray and Mr. Thomas Henry, who, amidst many sacrifices and self-denying labours, rendered valuable service in the earlier history of this Church, and of one of the younger Ministers, Mr. George Riddell, called to his rest in the midst of usefulness and success, resolve to record their sense of the personal worth and praiseworthy devotedness of these brethren; and while acknowledging the hand of God in their removal, and submissively bowing to His Holy Will, desire to be admonished of the necessity and importance of being habitually prepared for the Master's coming, and of faithfully doing the work to which they are called in the vineyard of the Lord.

# STATISTICS-CONVENER TO BE PAID.

On motion, the Synod ordered that the sum of sixty dollars be Convener to be paid out of the Synod Fund to the Convener of the Committee on Statistics, Mr. D. Waters, for his valuable services in this department.

#### THANKS.

Moved by Mr. J. Straith, seconded by Mr. James Whyte, and Thanks. resolved:—That the Synod record their thanks:—

1. To the Committee of Accommodation, for the efficient performance of their duties,

2. To the members of the Church and other citizens of Hamilton, for their kind and liberal hospitality.

3. To the Trustees of McNab Street Church, Hamilton, for the use of their building during the meeting of Synod.

4. To the Managers and Directors of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railways, and to the Directors of Steamboat Companies, for their kindness in granting a reduction of fares to members of Synod while travelling over their respective lines.

#### CLOSE.

The business being disposed of, the Moderator read the final Close. Deliverance, adopted near the beginning of this Sederunt, in regard to the erection of a General Assembly, and announced that the said General Assembly would meet at the City of Toronto, and within Knox's Church there, on the first Tuesday of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, at half past seven o'clock in the evening. The Moderator then briefly addressed the Synod, and gave out for praise the one hundred and twenty-first Psalm, which being sung, he closed the Session with the Apostolic Benediction.

#### W. ORMISTON, D.D., Moderator.

WM. REID, M.A. | Joint Clerks of the Synod of the WM. Fraser, | Canada Presbyterian Church.

McNab Street Church, Hamilton, June, 17, 1869.

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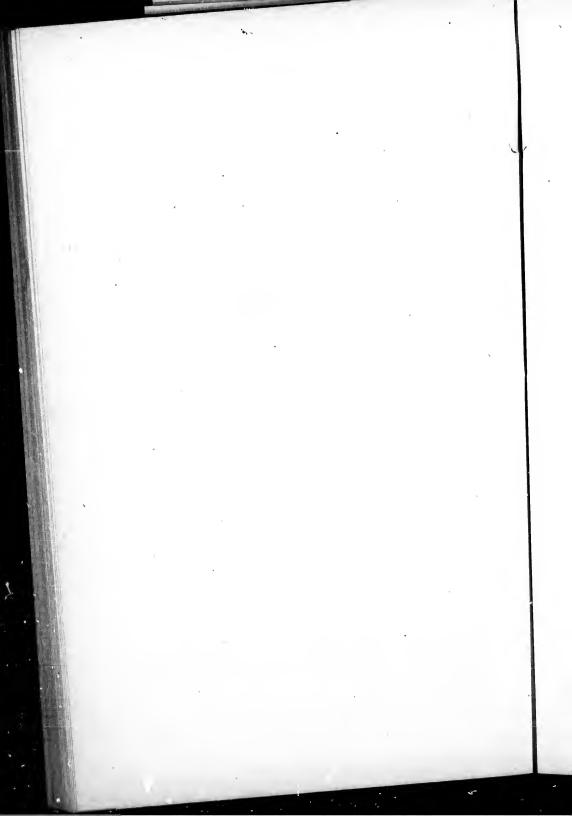
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Financial and Statistical Statements,
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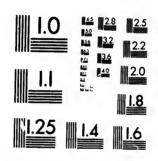
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# CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DELAYED.

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## TABULAR STATEMENT No. 1.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FROM 1st APRIL, 1868, TO 31st MARCH, 1869, AS MADE UP FROM CONGREGATIONAL RETURNS.

## CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Your Committee, in again presenting their report on the Finances and Statistics of the Church, beg leave to note the following particulars:—

### STATISTICS.

The fact is still to be noted, that not a few congregations have sent in no returns, and consequently the Statistical and Financial Statements are not as

full as otherwise the report would have been.

There are on the roll of Synod, in all 295 ministers, and of these, eleven have no pastoral charge, thus leaving 284 who have the charge of congregations. Of the whole number of congregations on the roll of the Synod thirty did not send in their returns in sufficient time to present their statistics in the report of the Committee. It is true some of these returns have been sent to the Convener of your Committee subsequent to those sent in by the clerks of Presbyterics. These will appear in a supplementary list, with the minutes of Synod.

It is satisfactory to note that the Church still continues to make progress, which is, in some respects, of a gratifying nature. Notwithstanding the losses by death and demission, there is an actual increase of seventeen ministers on

the roll of Synod.

The number of families on the list of certified returns is 25,448, and if we reckon each of the congregations which have not reported at an average of seventy, this would give us a total of 27,548, thus showing an absolute increase

in the number of families of 2,714.

Calculating in the same way that each of the non-reporting congregations has on its roll of communicants at least one hundred members, we would get a total of 45,896 members in the full communion of the Church, showing an increase in the membership of the Church of 3,787. It is not unreasouable to suppose that each family represents at least an average of five persons, who are, either as members or adherents, connected with the Canada Presbyterian Church. Supposing this to be the case, we get as the total number of those coming under the direct influence of the Church the large number of 138,440 persons.

One of the most pleasing features which your Committee have to notice is the fact that 27,616 children are in attendance upon the Sabbath Schools of the Church; showing in this respect, an increase over last year of 2,786; while there are in our Bible classes 8,191, being an increase over last year of 620. It is impossible to estimate the amount of good which is being effected in thus bringing 35,807 children and young persons under the powerful influence of Sabbath

School and Bible class teaching.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Passing aside from the Statistics we now glance briefly at the Financial state of the Church. It is to be noted in this connection, also, that the large number of non-reporting congregations necessarily makes the return imperfect, and therefore, presents a more favourable aspect of the state of the Church

than actually exists.

Stipend:—There has been paid for stipend alone during the year by the congregations reporting, the sum of \$161,714, giving an average Stipend of \$641 per annum to each minister reporting; including the amount of Supplement, the average would be \$673 per annum. As one feature in connection with the matter of Stipend, it is worth observing that the amount of Stipend promised from all sources is \$161,447, and this includes a Supplement of \$6,889 50, while the amount paid by congregations alone exceeds the total amount premised from all sources by \$267; thus showing that the different congregations of the Church have, during the year, paid \$7,156 more than was promised. Reckon-

ing the thirty non-reporting congregations as contributing for Stipend an average of \$450, we would get a total of \$182,103 contributed by the Church for Stipend alone. There is, however, an aspect of this matter which cannot be suppressed. Last year the amount of arrears reported was \$5,097 11, while this year the amount runs up to \$6,737 82, showing an increase in the amount of arrears of \$1,640 71. This certainly demands the serious attention of the Church.

Church and Manse Building :- A new column was inserted for Church and Manse building, which has brought out some interesting information. It has been reported that thirty Churches and sixteen Manses have been built during the year, or are now in progress. Two buildings are reported of which there is no information given regarding the classes to which they belong. This has been at a cost of \$115,663, which has been actually expended upon building or repairing Churches and Manses during the year ending on March 31st. Surely this is to be taken as an undoubted indication of prosperity, for which we have every reason to be thankful.

Summing up the amount paid by the congregations for strictly congregational purposes, we get the very large sum of \$333,067, showing an increase over last year of \$51,426 40. This speaks for itself.

Schemes of the Church:—We fear that we must here pause in our congratulations, since the contributions for the schemes of the Church have not increased in the same proportion as the contributions for strictly congregational purposes. Some of the schemes, such as the Home and Foreign Mission, and Widows and Orphans' Fund, show only a slight increase over last year, while in the contribution for college purposes there is a very decided decrease. Last year the amount reported was \$13,096, while this year the sum is only \$9,714 68, showing a very serious diminution in the amount of contributions. The amount, of course, includes the sum contributed for both colleges, and the large increase of last year may be owing to the fact, that some of the Presbyteries associated for the purpose of supporting the Montreal College may have included in their reports sums contributed for the endowment of the College.

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It is with pain that your Committee notice that some congregations contribute almost nothing for the support of the schemes of the Church, and that others who do, seem to do so on the principle of taking \$10 or \$12, and dividing the same among the various schemes of the Church, so that the line opposite

the name of the congregation may not be entirely vacant.

Summing up the total amount contributed by the Church for all purposes, we may put it down in round numbers, making allowance for the amount contributed by the thirty non-reporting congregations, at \$400,000.00.

The following table shows the average rate of contributions per member in the various Presbyteries, first for all purposes, and second for Stipend.

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Ottawa	11.55	3.92
Brockville		
Kingston		
Cobourg	6.93	3.05
Ontario		
Toronto	11.19	4.12
Hamilton	9.77	3.77
Guelph	6.74	300
London		
Stratford	8.19	3.77
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Grey		
Simcoe	7.31	3.54

Your Committee, in concluding their report, think that while there are some things which ought to be remedied, there is still every reason to thank God and take courage; and they would, therefore, beg to submit the following

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### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. To recommend Presbyteries to take order, that congregations send in their reports in good season, so that the report of the Committee may be pre-

pared in time for the Synod.

2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to take such action as may be instrumental in leading congregations to the exercise of greater liberality, and ESPECIALLY to DEAL with those congregations who contribute nothing, or very little, for the various schemes of the Church.

3. Your Committee would most earnestly urge upon the Synod the necessity of impressing on Presbyteries the duty of dealing with those congregations

who are falling into arrears.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. WATERS, Convener.

### REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Report which is now submitted to the Synod is more complete than any former Report. There are pleasing features in the work entrusted to the Committee; but, as will be too clearly seen, there are also some things of a discourag-

ing character.

The usual half-yearly meetings were held, and the quarterly distribution of Probationers among the vacancies was made. Everything now works agreeably, as the members of the Committee become familiar with the mode in which the business is transacted, and all parties interested are obtainining a better understanding of the Committee's operations. But we shall allow the Report to speak for itself.

### I. STATIONS AND CONGREGATIONS.

The table in Appendix I. exhibits every Mission Station in the Church, as reported to the Committee; and the table in Appendix II. every congregation receiving supplement from the Central Fund. Most of the Presbyteries sent the Reports in due form in April or May. One came to hand too late for insertion; in this case and in those where no report for the year was made, the statistics of October last are given, and the amounts paid are calculated from the half-yearly reports. Though from this cause there may be a few inaccuracies, yet these cannot affect the general results to any perceptible extent.

Some of the stations and congregations whose names appear in the lists have been removed, but they fall to be reported as having been under the cognizance of the Committee during the year. Presbyteries are earnestly requested to make a careful revision of these lists at their first regular meeting after the Synod, so that in October next the new lists may contain correct information on which the operations of the Committee for next year may be based. The follow-

ing are the summaries of the lists.

From the summaries in the Appendix we learn that, connected with the Committee's operations, there are 77 mission fields, with 170 preaching stations and 64 supplemented congregations. These represent 6,222 families, 7,177 communicants, and an average attendance of 19,613—almost 20,000. These mission-stations contributed for the support of gospel ordinances among themselves \$27,328, and received in aid \$11,752. That is, the amount raised locally is twice and one-third times as great as the aid received.

As compared with last year, we find the number of mission fields is the same, but we have an increase of 20 stations and 8 congregations, with 1,713 families, 1,022 adult members, and 4,522 of average attendance. One feature in this increase is not entirely satisfactory, viz.: the increase in supplemented congregations is proportionally larger than that in mission stations. To make this plain,

it appears that while during the year eight of the mission stations have obtained settlement, and are now on the supplemented list, and four congregations have become self-sustaining; one congregation has been reduced to a mission station, and seven congregations which formerly did not receive aid, but paid an insufficient stipend, have been added to the list. In this way the large increase in the membership of the supplemented congregations is partly to be accounted for, being only an apparent and not a real increase in the number of members and in the average attendance. This also explains how \$7,435 have been paid to supplemented congregations, being an increase of \$2,145 on last year; while the mission stations have received only \$24 more than last year, notwithstanding an increase in the rate of grants, and have received supply for only 1,835 Sabbaths, as against 2,096 last year.

This shows a tendency to a larger expenditure on settled charges, and necessarily a lessening of our operations, properly missionary or aggressive. The Committee are unanimous in the opinion that the mission work of the Church will be better advanced by settlements in new districts, with liberal supplements, than by a system of desultory and occasional supply in a greater number of places. At the same time they would warn the Synod of the evil consequences which must ensue from granting supplements in old settlements to small congregations, which, if united with some other adjoining station or congregation,

might be a self-sustaining charge.

### II. Funds.

The present state of the Fund is:	
Balance from 1867-8	\$2.167.03
Congregational contributions	9.374.38
Grant from Church in Ireland	
Other donations	94.61
	\$12,366.02
Puid to Presbyteries	\$10,554.24
Contingent expenses	
Balance on hand	1,436.85
	\$12,366,02

This shows that the expenditure of the Committee has been greater than the income by \$730 18, and consequently the balance on hand as compared with last year is less by that amount. The subjoined table will show the way in which this has come to pass:—

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\* The apparent decrease in the Presbytery of Toronto is owing to the separation from it of the Presbytery of Simco., These two Presbyteries together show in reality an increase of \$253 69.

From this table it appears that, while the income has only increased by \$354 02 (including the \$730 from Ireland) the increase on Congregational contributions being altogether just \$27 61; the expenditure has increased by \$689 66; and hence the lessening of the balance on hand. Of the fifteen Presbyteries, six have advanced in their contributions; Ottawa, Brockville, Cobourg and Paris, in a small degree; Hamilton and Toronto, or Simcoe, to a very satisfactory extent. On the other hand, of the other nine Presbyteries-Montreal, Kingston, Guelph, Stratford and Grey, have come short of last year by sums varying from \$3 70 to \$65. It is to be regretted that Ontario has gone back more than one-fourth on last year's contribution; London nearly a seventh; Huron more than a third. The falling off in Grey is between a third and a fourth. It appears to the Committee only proper that the cause of this falling off should be ascertained and removed. As will be seen from the table, some of these Presbyteries draw heavily on the fund, and it is discouraging to congregations which are exerting themselves to find a falling off in the very sections of the Church where most mission work has to be performed.

The three Presbyteries of Kingston, Guelph and Grey, have shown a decrease for two years in succession; and that while in other respects they appear to be prospering. The attention of the Synod is directed to the fact, that in 1867 the Presbytery of Guelph contributed \$730 96; while in 1869 the amount has been reduced to \$683 93, or about six-sevenths of the former sum; that is, there has been a falling off at the rate of 12½ per cent. In like manner in 1867, the Presbytery of Grey contributed \$219 05, and in 1869 only \$144 42, being a falling off at the rate of about 39 per cent.; and Kingston in 1867 contributed \$790 30, as against \$707 71 in 1869, showing a falling off at the rate of 10½ per cent.

In view of the steady advance and prosperity of our people, we might have expected an increase in the average rate of contributions. In this we are disappointed. The average rate shows a decrease. Last year it was 23 cents throughout the whole Church; this year it is only 20 cents. In other words, while the Church is advancing in numbers, it is not making any advance in its contributions for this fund. The average rate of contributions in some Presbyteries is most unworthy. For example, Grey gives 6 cents per member; while Brockville, no better able to contribute, gives four times as much. Guelph, in one of the wealthiest sections of the country, gives only 13 cents; while London gives 23, Brockville 24, Cobourg 27. The other two wealthy Presbyteries of Paris and Stratford give only 14 and 16 cents respectively; while Hamilton and Toronto contribute at more than double the higher rate. The highest rate of contribution is still with the Presbytery of Kingston, though it is not up to the rate of last year. The Committee earnestly request the Synod to consider carefully how this glaring inequality of contribution may be obviated.

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The reduction of the balance in hand at the end of the year is a serious matter. Over \$5,000 will be due on October 1st, and the Committee will not have more than \$1,200 to meet it, nor will any money be available before the month of October. Without a balance on hand at the end of each year of at least \$6,000, the fund cannot be successfully worked. To attain to such a balance has been the aim of the Committee, in which, however, they have manifestly failed.

A few more items of interest suggested by the above table may be noticed.—The Presbytery paying the largest amount into the fund this year is Toronto, which gives \$1,317, and leaves, after paying its own expenses, a surplus for the general benefit, of \$697. Next comes Hamilton, paying \$1,228, and leaving a surplus of \$852.82. After that comes London with \$1,052, but drawing from the fund \$966.70 more than it pays in. Then Montreal, which pays \$934, and draws \$363 beyond its contributions. The Presbytery of Simcoe in this, its first year, gives promise of liberal things.

The only extraordinary expenditure during the year is \$100 towards the debt on the Buxton Mission, which was paid according to the instructions of the

Synod in 1867. The same sum will have to be paid for two years more before the amount charged against the Central Fund by the Synod is discharged.

The Committee have much pleasure in informing the Synod that the Church in Ireland has again shown its interest in our Mission operations by a grant of £150 sterling (\$730), part of which is to be given to the Buxton Mission.

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The Presbytery of Montreal has kept a separate account, as in former years. A full and satisfactory statement has been submitted, and the Committee rejoice in the efficient way in which that Presbytery has conducted its business.

The following is the list of Settled Charges which have not contributed. In most cases vacancies have also failed. The obtaining of contributions should be attended to by sessions, and every charge, when vacant, should have an opportunity of contributing as usual to the Lord's work. Very faw Mission Stations seem to contribute in any of the Presbyteries:—

MONTREAL—Lingwick, Richmond (two years), Glasgow, English River, Winslow (two years)
OTTAWA—Aylmer and Almonte
ONTARIO-Prince Albert
GUELPH—Berlin
Paris-Woodstock (Erskine Church), Chahners' Church 2
London-Windsor, St. Thomas, Wallacetown, Thamesford, Elmira,
U.S 5
STRATFORD—Listowell
SIMCOE—Oro (Knox Church), and Willis' Church 2
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(Of the above several have contributed since the accounts were closed.)

This shows a decrease of three as compared with last year. The Presbytery of Montreal has been dealing faithfully with defaulters within its bounds. It would be well if other Presbyteries did likewise.

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The Committee have still to complain of the mere pittance sent by some congregations; being little better than mockery. In the majority of the congregations the amount appears fair, but when analysed, is in reality very inadequate. For example, a large town congregation sends \$179. That is a goodly sum, but there are in that congregation 650 communicants, hence the rate of giving is just about the average for the whole church, 20 cents. Another, a city congregation, pays \$25.83; but that congregation reports 465 communicants, and thus is contributing the miserable sum of almost 5½ cents per member. A country congregation again sends almost \$20, but has 280 communicants, and therefore is giving only at the rate of 7 cents per member. There are many congregations doing as much as can reasonably be expected, and for their sakes as well as for the cause generally, it is desirable that presbyterics should aim at a more equalized and general effort in all the congregations.

Some of the aid-receiving congregations send no contribution or a mere apology for one, to the Central Fund. This, in the opinion of the Committee, ought to be discountenanced, and they hail with satisfaction the resolution of one Presbytery, to the effect that in such cases the supplement is to be stopped.

On a careful review of the state of the funds, the Committee are of opinion that unless some more liberal spirit be manifested in a large proportion of our congregations, any increase in our missionary operations is impossible. In the report of last year it was said, "Unless there is an increase in contributions throughout the Church, the Committee must curtail its operations and reduce the grants which have been made." No such increase has taken place; on the contrary, our balance in hand is smaller than last year. It is, therefore, necessary to carry out the proposed curtailment. And with deep regret, the Committee beg to inform the Synod, that in October next it will be necessary to reduce all the grants to supplemented congregations by 10 per cent. at least. Should in-

creased contributions next winter enable the committee to pay the full amounts in April, it may be done, but at present that prospect is not promising.

### III. GRANTS IN AID.

As has already been intimated, an increase both in the number of grants and supplements has been made during the year. In many cases the Committee gladly granted the request of Presbyteries where special circumstances seemed to warrant such increase, and to afford hope of permanent improvement by timely aid. In other cases the increase was granted with reluctance, and in some cases it was refused. The Committee regret much thus to appear to act in opposition to Presbyteries. Sometimes, however, there has been no evidence that the Presbytery has taken the necessary care in making application, and it is to be feared that the people have not been dealt with as to their duty. In other cases it is manifestly unjust to use the public noney for the support of small congregations, which, owing to some local feeling, cannot join with the brethren of an adjoining congregation, but insist upon a separate organization. And in other cases still, the supplement asked for would have raised the stipend above the average stipend of the church, so that the Committee do not feel justified in such a partial administration of the Fand. The attention of the Synod is respectfully called to these things. Surely no congregation has a right to aid which is not doing its own part for its minister, and good evidence should be furnished with the application, that the Presbytery is satisfied on this point should now be made in many places, to effect a union of adjacent congregations into self-sustaining charges; in too many places both men and means are being sinfully wasted for want of such co-operation, and the Committee as a general thing will discourage grants to congregations which can be worked in connection with another. To the third point, however, attention is particularly called. Though it may appear to a Presbytery desirable to give a newly settled minister a large salary, say, \$600, and accordingly they may apply for supplement which will make up that amount, the Committee regard it as unjust to other congregations which contribute to this Fund to raise the stipend of this man to \$600, while the ministers of the contributing congregations are not receiving \$500; and in ordinary cases such applications will be refused. At the same time the Committee acknowledge that there are instances in which special circumstances justify an apparent inequality in the stipends of ministers, and have acted accordingly. A regard to the interests of the Church as a whole prevents the Committee from building up individual congregations or particular sections at the expense of other fields as important if not as importunate. Unless Presbyteries act with a like regard for the interests of the whole Church, as well as of their more immediate localities, it will be impossible to earry out our mission work successfully.

### IV. MISSIONARIES.

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In Appendix V. will be found a list of the Missionaries employed by the Church. It contains the names of twelve ministers, who render occasional or regular service in the mission field; two Licentiates; ten Lay Catechists; thirty-nine Students in Divinity, and twelve Student Catechists. Each of these Missionaries has been certified to the Committee by some Presbytery.

This shows an increase on last year of one Minister, two Licentiates, six Lay Catechists. seventeen Divinity Students; while in Student Catechists there is a diminutio: of two. The supply of Missionaries in April last, when six Students from Princeton were added to those of our own College, was just about equal to the wants of the Presbyteries as reported. This is a pleasing feature of progress, although it is to be hoped that the still advancing number of stations may require an ever increasing number of labourers. The number of Ministers who are employed for lengthened periods in Mission districts is slightly increasing, and the Committee suggest to Presbyteries the desirableness of thus securing the services of efficient men in new settlements; while they are prepared to co-oper-

ate with Presbyteries in making the stipend at least equal to the average of that in settled charges.

### V. VACANCIES AND PROBATIONERS

Appendix III. contains a list of the vacancies in the Church during last year, showing the time when they were put on the list, and the date of settlement, &c. Some of these dates may be incorrect, as no official information was given in many instances, and the date had to be ascertained as best it might. It would be much more satisfactory, if Presbytery Clerks would furnish information with regularity. Appendix IV. gives the list of Ministers and Licentiates on the List of Probationers during the year—showing when they came on the list, and where settled, &c. The results of these tables are highly gratifying. The only drawback to satisfaction is the fact that some Probationers still refuse to carry out the Synod's plan, and as a consequence find themselves disappointed, and occasion complaint on the part of Presbyteries. The Presbytery of Montreal has sent the following formal remonstrance on the subject:

"Resolved—That the Presbytery direct the attention of the Synod's Home Mission Com-"mittee to the frequent failures of its Missionaries to fulfil their appointments within the "bounds, with the view of effectually preventing the recurrence of such failures."

The Committee ask direction for such cases. The Presbytery of Montreal has not given the names, but the Committee would ask the Synod whether the regulation concerning the inefficiency of Probationers applies to such cases? And if not, what course should be pursued in reference to such men as refuse to fulfil their appointments?

Returning to the lists, we find that at the beginning of the year there were forty-seven vacancies on the list—twenty-six were added during the year. There have been 28 settlements, and there are now forty-five vacancies upon the list. Nine Ministers have been translated from one charge to another, and twenty-one have been inducted without translation into vacant charges. Eleven vacancies have been caused by resignations, one by death, and one by disciplinary process; that is, thirteen in all. Of these, twelve are new or revived congregations, and eight have obtained Ministers as distinct charges for the first time.

Of the Probationers on the list in April, 1868, only three were not settled in May, 1869. And of those put on before April 1st, only one who has regularly visited the vacancies, remains unsettled. Of ele en now on the list, five are in their first quarter. These facts speak for themselves, and afford irresistible evidence that speedy settlements have resulted from the present mode of dis-The attention of the Synod is again called to the remuneration of The minimum allowance is in many instances barely sufficient Probationers. for the maintenance of the Probationer and his travelling expenses; hence the While the Committee cannot recommend families of Probationers must suffer. any increase in the minimum allowance, they think that much may be done towards increasing the remuneration of Preachers on the whole, by Presbyteries requiring large and important vacancies to pay from eight dollars to twenty dollars, with board, to Probationers when supplying them; so that while Probationers cannot demand more than the minimum from any Presbytery, they would nevertheless, as a whole, obtain something more than that amount.

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### VI. REMARKS.

The Presbytery of Montreal still labours, at great disadvantage, with its widespread, sparsely-settled Presbyterian field. A proposal, however, will be before the Synod, which it is hoped and believed by this Presbytery, will prove very effective in the prosecution of Home Mission work in the Prevince of Quebcc. Meanwhile, the Committee feel that every encouragement must be held ont with the view of promoting settlements in that part of the Church.

Of Ottawa Presbytery, it is said, "Our report this year has both a bright and dark side. In some places we have gained, and in others we have lost ground. In

four of the stations there has been a large increase in the average attendance." The report speaks hopefully of Aylvin, Renfrew, Castleford, and Admaston, and anticipates an early settlement in these places. Two stations are reported to have suffered from the proselytising efforts of the Plymouth Brethren, and the interruption of the lumber trade by the unusual depth of snow during the winter, with the partial failure of crops last year, are referred to as affecting the prosperity of the stations on the Upper Ottawa. "On the whole, we have reason to be thankful and to take courage. The prospect before us for the present year is better than for some years past."

In the Brockville Presbytery things are standily investigated.

In the Brockville Presbytery things are steadily improving. Three good settlements have taken place during the year, and several stations are looking up hopefully. It is exceedingly desirable to endeavour to resuscitate our Church in this region by promoting settlements, and it is to be regretted that probationers manifest such unwillingness to go to the eastern portion of our mission-field.

In Kingston little has been done during the year, but the Presbytery is still working quietly. An ordained missionary has been employed during the year in the northern mission district.

In Cobourg the back mission-field is advancing. A missionary has gone in for a year. Two congregations have passed from the mission-list and become settled congregations, during the year, and new stations are being looked after.

In Ontario very little has been done beyond the regular services of an ordained missionary. A large field here is little more than known, and scarcely visited.

The separation of the Presbytery of Simcoe from that of *Toronto* has very much lessened the mission-field. Still a good work is being done in the city of Toronto. Yorkville has become a settled charge, and in the east end of the city missionary operations have, for the first time, been regularly sustained, and steps are being taken towards the erection of mission-premises. Two new stations have been added during the year.

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The Presbytery of *Hamilton* has made gratifying progress during the year. Two new stations and two new charges have been formed, and three settlements have taken place. The prospect is good, and still further progress immediately may be expected.

The only thing of special interest in the Presbytery of Guelph is the mission among the Germans. The Presbytery has not reported any particular action in the matter; but Mr. Leutzinger has resigned his position as missionary. He has met with difficulties which he feels himself unable to overcome; and in all probability this mission, which has had a trial of three years, will be abandoned.

Nothing has to be noted regarding the Presbyteries of Paris and Stratford. In the Presbytery of London progress has been made. A movement was made during the winter by way of exploring the destitute parts of the field, but the results have not been reported to the Committee.

Of the Buxton Mission a full report has been sent by Rev W. King, although it had not been submitted to the Presbytery. From this report it appears that many who have been instructed in the mission-school "are now usefully em-"ployed both in Canada and the United States. One, who was educated at "Knox College and licensed by the Presbytery of London, is now preaching in "Kansas and superintending a large Sabbath-school of Freed-men. Another "writes from Missouri and states that he is teaching a large school of Freed-men, "and conducting a Sabbath-school. Another, a female, is teaching in Louisville, "Kentucky, and another was lately conducting a large school of Freed-men in "Washington City. A young man from Alabama found his way to Buxton, "was educated there, and since the war is now in his native place working a "plantation with Freed-men, has a school for their benefit, and has been elected to the legislature." These, the report says, are only a few names, showing the fruits of the mission, and giving earnest of a still more abundant harvest. The schools now supported by taxation are progressing, and the people who

could not be induced by moral suasion to pay for the mission-school, willingly support the common schools. Mr. King applies the same principle to account for the lack of support of Gospel ordinances. "The moral principle is so low that "it has little or no power to compel them to give to Christ, with a few honoura"ble exceptions. Those who were acquainted with the coloured race in bondage "have no difficulty in understanding why the moral principle is so low. The "old generation must pass away and a young generation be educated, on high

"moral principles, before we can expect much from these people."

The Sabbath-school has eighty pupils on the roll, a superintendent and five teachers; another Sabbath-school of about the same number is held in the northern part of the settlement. The communion-roll at present has seventy names on it. It began in 1852 with eight names. "Although," the report goes on to say, "we have had no special tokens of the visible outpourings of God's "Spirit, yet we have reason to thank God for a silent work of grace, of which "we have evidence in the prayer-meetings and Bible-class. These are both "attended. Since the month of January four prayer-meetings have been kept "up in the settlement on different nights of the week. There is evidently a growing desire ' : the Word and ordinances.

The new church is expected to be finished in July. The cost will be \$2,200, and it will accommodate about 300 persons. "With God's blessing we look for "a permanent congregation established at Buxton, with the prospect of making "it self-supporting in two years after the church is erected."

In the Presbytery of Huron a little exploring was done during the year with satisfactory results, the probability being that a new station may soon be formed

in the locality visited.

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The Presbytery of Grey is not progressing as might be desired. There is little advance reported, and the spirit of liberality has not been evoked among the people. The arrears of stipend referred to the Committee in 1867 by Synod, have not yet been satisfactorily reported, and are still unsettled. has been done during the year at the Bruce Mines.

The Presbytery of Simcoe has begun its work with energy and care. field is wide, new, and poor, and will require liberal assistance. It is to be regretted that the expensive mission in the Muskoka District has not been success-It is, however, an important work, and will be steadily prosecuted.

On a review of the whole field, the Committee, will impressed with a sense of the importance of the work, feel afraid that many of our ministers and congregations do not give that thought and attention to the subject which it deserves. Much more might be done by systematic effort both in working the field and eliciting the liberality of our people. God seems to be providing the men for the work, and nothing should prevent the Church from doing with her might what God is evidently calling her to undertake. The machinery may not be perfect, yet experience has convinced the Committee that, if faithfully worked, as it now is, the work of missions may be effectively prosecuted in these provinces. Will the Synod then give due consideration to the matters referred to in the Report, and take such action as it may deem best for the advancement of this work, so that no part of our country may remain unvisited, and that the languishing places of the fields may be revisited and built up.

The Committee understands that, as formerly, the names of students who may be licensed during the summer as ministers, or probationers who may be received after this Synod, shall not be put on the Roll of Probationers till October next,

but that they continue to labor in the mission field till that time.

Respectfully submitted by

JOHN LAING,

Convener.

Hamilton, Ontario, June 10, 1869.

APPENDIX I.

## LIST OF MISSION STATIONS.

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APPENDIX II.

# LIST OF SUPPLEMENTED CONGREGATIONS.

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CONGREGATION.	1 St. Sylvester, &c. 2 Richmond 3 Lingwick 4 St. Therese, NewGlasgow 5 Mille Isles 6 Farnham 7 Metis 8 Bay of Chalcur	1 Dalhousie	1 N. Gower & Gloucester 2 W. Winchester 3 Cornwall
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CONGREGATION.	4 S. Gower & Mountain 5 Kemptville		1 Amherst Island 2 Trenton & Consecon 3 Melrose & Lonsdale 4 Madoc, St. Columba 5 Napane 6 Glenvale 7 Camden & Skeffield		1 Verulam, &c. 2 Percy. 3 Fenelon Falls, &c. 4 Campbellford.	
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## APPENDIX II.-SUMMARY.

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The names with an asterisk (\*) are those of Ministers settled during the year. The congregations whose names are in italics were added during the year to the list.

### APPENDIX III.

### VACANCIES—during 1868-69,

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Put on List.	Settled.	Still on List.	Name of Minister.
MONTREAL6	Roxbury and Finch	July, '67.		1	
	Vankleekhill			1	
	Cotè St., Montreal	Oct., '67.		1	
	N. Glasgow, &c Farnham	Jan . '69		i	
	Inverness	Jan., '69. March, '69. July, '67.		î	
OTTAWA9	Cumberland	July, '67.	Sept., '68.		M. Lowry.
	Dalhousle	**		1	
	Pakenham		Man 200	1	II D Stools
	Ramsay Smith's Falls	Jan., '68. Aug., '68.	May, '69. March, '69.		H. D. Steele. J. Crombie*
	McNab	11118., 00.	Marcis, 00.	1	o. Cromote
	Pertli Bristol	Oct., '68. Jan., '69. April, '69. Oct., '67. April, '68. Nov., '68.	May, '69.		W. Burns. *
	Bristol	Jan., '69.		1	
Danauerea e	Aylwin	April, 69.	A	1	77
SROCK VILLEO	CornwallSpeucerville	April '68	August.	1	- Heudebourck.*
	Yonge and Lyn	Nov. '68		i	1
	Osnabruck		Nov., '68.	-	J. Matheson. *
	W. Winchester	Oct., '68.		1	
	Kemptville	April, '69.		1	
LINGSTON3	St. Colomba Ch., Madoc.	Oct., '68. April, '69. July, '67.	004 200	1	J. Pritchard.
	Camden and Sheffield Glenvale		Oct., '68.	1	J. Pritenard.
COBOURG6	Campbellford	Oct., '67.	Feb., '69.		D. Beattie.*
obotile iiii	Fenelon Falls	"	"		W. Lochead, jr.*
	Baltimore & Cold Springs	June, '68.	Oct., '68, April, '69,		J. L. Murray.
	Millbrook & Centreville	Oct., '68.	April, '69.	1.	W. Mitchell. W. Donald.*
	Port Hope	Jan., '69.	"	1	W. Donald.
STARIO 5	Ashburn and Utica	April, 69.	Nov.	1	A. Dawson.
JAIRMO	Cambray	April. '67.	Oct., '68.		R. Scott.*
	Claremont and Pickering	June, '68.	1	1	1
	Whitby	June, '68. Oct., '68. Jan., '69. April, '69. July, '67. April, '67. June, '68. Oct., '68. Jan., '69. July, '67. April, '67. April, '67.		1	
	Newton and Newcastle	Jan., '69.		1	
CORONTO	Newmarket & Mt. Albert	July, 67.	May, '69.	1	- Stewart.*
	Boston Ch. and Milton Laskey and King	Oct '68	May, os.	1	- Stewart.
	Orangeville & Mono Mills	000.,		i	
	Vorkville		Nov., '68. April, '69.		
HAMILTON4	Drummondville, &c	Oct., '67.	April, '69.	_	J. A. F. McBain.
	Thorold		35	1	A Million
	Beamsville and Clinton	Jan., '69.	May.		A. Milne.
PARIS	Dunnville	June 68	Jan., 69. Oct., '68.		R Fleming* J. Hamilton, D. D
AMS	Ayr, Stanley St	July, '68.	000, 00	1	o, manned, DiD
	Norwichville	April, '69.		1	
	Parls. Dumfries St			1	
	Ingersoll, Ersk. Ch Detroit, U.S Elmira, U.S	Tul. 200		1	
LONDON	Detroit, U.S	July, '68.	Oct., '68.	1	A. McKay.*
	E. Tilbury	April. '68.	Oct., 00.	1	A. mcKuy.
	Parkhill	Oct., 68.		i	
	Lucan and Biddulph	"		1	
	Carlisle			1	
GUELPH3	Rockwood, &c	July, '68.	Jan., '69.		E. Recve.
	Guelph, Chalmers' Ch Elora, Knox Ch	April '80		1	
STRATEORD 4	St. Marv's	July, '68. Oct., '68. April, '69. July, '67.	11	•	D. Waters.*
OTHAIT OND 117	St. Mary's		Nov., '68.		E. J. Croly.
	West's Corners, &c		Oct., '68.	1	E. J. Croly. P. Musgrave.
	West's Corners, &c Molesworth & Listowell.	"	Nov., '68. Oct., '68. Jan., '69.		W. Bell.
Huron	Seaforth	Oct., '67.		1	
	McKillop Tiverton and Greenock	Jan., 68.		1 1	

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### APPENDIX III.—VACANCIES—Continued.

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Put on list.	Settled.	Still on List.	Name ot Minister.
	Egremont Brant Dumblaue Sydenham Bigbay S, Elderslie Keppel Bradford&W,Gwillimb'ry	Oct., '67. Oct., '68.	Jan., '69. May, '68.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	J. Crozier. D. Duit.
Total73			28	45	

Besides the above settlements, the following Mission Stations have obtained Pastors during the year, and have become congregations:—

MONTREAL Bay of Chaleur	May, '68,	W. Scott.
Kennebec	Jan., '69.	W. Hume.
LONDON Petrolia and Wyoming	April, '69.	W. M. Roger,

Ministers whose names are marked with an asterisk were ealled, not having been on the Roll of Probationers. They are eleven in number.

### APPENDIX IV.

### LIST OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES SUPPLYING VACANCIES FOR 1868-69.

NAME.	Put on List.	Settled.	Withdrawn.	Still on List.	
On Roll, June, 1868: 1 J. W. Bell 2 A. McLellan 3 J. Pritchard 4 P. Musgrave 5 R. Moodie	Jan '68. July, '66. Oct., '67.	Nov., '68. Oct., '68. June, '68.	Oct., '68.		
6 J. Rennie	April, '68, Oct., '67. April, '68.	May, '69. Oct., '68.	Time out.	1	
11 W. Troup 12 M. Lowry 13 A Dawson	" July '67.	Sept., '68. Nov., '68.	Time out.	1	Name withdrawn for 6 months.
Put on Roll during year: 14 W. Furlong 15 J. L. Murray 16 H. Crozier 17 D. Sutherland 18 J. A. F. McBain	July, '68.	Oct., '68. Jan., '69. March, '69.	Oet., '63.	1	
19 Jas. Barron	66 66 68	May, '69. May.	Jan., '68.	1	Name withdrawn for 3 months.
25 N. Clarke	Jan., '69. April, '69.	April.		1 1 1 1	1
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### APPENDIX V.

### LIST OF MISSIONARIES.

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1. ORDAINED MINISTERS. — J. McLean, J. Scott, A. T. Holmes, T. Fenwick, Wright, A. Lees, J. F. A. S. Fayette,
1. ORDAINED MINISTERS.—J. McLean, J. Scott, A. I. Arman, J. Murray, J. Hume, W. Wright, A. Lees, J. F. A. S. Fayette, J. McGlashan, J. Murray, J. Hume, W. Wright, A. Lees, J. F. A. S. Fayette, 12
J. McGlashan, J. Murray, J. Hume, W. Wright, A. Bess, v. 12 E. McLean, J. Henderson 2
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3 AV CATECHISTS.—S. Armstrong, W. Ferguson, W. Charles
3. AY CATECHISTS.—S. Armstrong, W. Ferguson, W. Henderson
W. Forrest, J. Hardy, P. McLaieri, S. Robertson, 4. Students—(1) Theological.—J. M. Munro, D. M. McDonald, Alex. Ur-
4. STUDENTS—(1) Theological.—J. M. Munro, D. M. McClaer, G. Chrystal, R. McRae, C. C. quhart, J. A. Calder, G. Chrystal, R. McRae, C. C.
quhart, J. A. Calder, G. Chrystai, R. Barckenridge, H. J. Stewart, J. Gray, R. Fairbairn, J. Breckenridge, H. J. Stewart, J. Gray, R. Fairbairn, J. Breckenridge, H. J. Stewart, J. Gray, R. Danby, F. McLeod, R.
Stewart, J. Gray, R. Fairbairi, J. Heckelly, M. Cheod, R. McDermid, J. Baikie, M. Danby, F. McLeod, R. McLeod, W. D. Armstrong, G. Bryce,
McDermid, J. Balkie, M. Dandy, T. McKenzie, Thos. McKee, W. D. Armstrong, G. Bryce, McKenzie, Thos. McKee, W. D. Armstrong, G. Bryce, McKenzie, T. Somerville, J. R. Battisby,
McKenzie, Thos. McKee, W. D. Almedon, McKenzie, Thos. McKee, W. D. Almedon, J. R. Battisby, G. Bruce, J. Abraham, J. Somerville, J. R. Battisby, G. Bruce, J. Abraham, J. Dodds, A. McRae, J.
G. Bruce, J. Abraham, J. Sometrick, A. McRae, J. P. Scott, J. M. Goodwille, J. Dodds, A. McRae, J. P. Scott, J. M. Goodware, D. D. McLennan,
P. Scott, J. M. Goodwine, J. Double, D. D. McLennan, McIntyre, W. J. Day, G. Munro, D. D. McLennan, McIntyre, W. J. Cir. Lin I. Wellwood
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### THE REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

In coming before the Synod with the Annual Report of the Foreign Mission work of the Church, your Committee thankfully recognize a measure of progress during the year; but they are profoundly impressed with the conviction that much more might reasonably be expected from a denomination with the large resources of men and means possessed by the Canada Presbyterian Church. What the limited means placed at their disposal enabled them to do, your Committee have endeavored to accomplish, and they have not overlooked the necessity of evoking a larger measure of liberality. They are happy to believe that the result of appeals made through the press and otherwise, and the effect of Mr. Nisbet's visit last year to Canada, have not been without influence in this direction. It is gratifying to know that while the income is by no means equal to the expenditure necessary to carry on the work laid upon your Committee, it is

considerably in advance of previous years.

In entering upon their duties, your Committee endeavored without delay to send additional labourers to British Columbia and Red River, and they are happy to report that they were able to send one Minister to each of these fields. They secured the services of Rev. Wm. Aitken, late of Smith's Falls, whom they regarded as not only fitted to minister the gospel to our destitute fellow countrymen, but as specially qualified from his ability and experience, to form a judgment in reference to the prospects of our cause in that Colony. In view of the great expense of the Mission in British Columbia, and the small number of persons who can be gathered into a congregation at any one point, your Committee deemed it questionable whether, with their present information, the Church was warranted in increasing permanently the Missionary staff. In sending out Mr. Aitken, it was therefore considered proper to make his Mission to a large extent one of enquiry into the state and prospects of the Colony, and of Presbyterianism therein, and limit it to a period of one or two years.

Since his arrival in the field, Mr. Aitken has been laboring chiefly in Victoria. He has, however, visited New Westminster and Nanaimo, and has already communicated to your Committee a large amount of valuable information. As soon as practicable, Mr. Aitken visited Mr. Jamieson at Nanaimo, and after lengthened conference between these brethren, it was decided that Mr. Jamieson should return to New Westminster, while Mr. Aitken should occupy Victoria. The reason for preferring New Westminster to Nanaimo is found in the relative importance of the places, and in the fact that a number of small stations can be associated with New Westminster, while Nanaimo stands almost alone. Mr. Jamiesor was parted with by our people at Nanaimo with deep regret, and met with a very cordial address of welcome from his former flock, in New Westminster, where he is now labouring with his wonted fidelity Mr. Jamieson states that the population of New Westminster has very much diminished, but that as he now supplies other four stations where there are groups of our people, he is ministering the ordinances of religion to a larger number of persons than at any previous period since he went to British Columbia. One of these stations is about sixteen miles up the Fraser River, another fourteen miles down the river, and two some ten or twelve miles back through the woods on an inlet, on each side of which there is a large saw mill, and a resident population altogether of nearly four hundred persons. Mr. Jamieson says that while the town of New Westminster is nearly deserted, he has more hopes of the district as a whole than he ever had before.

The prospects in Victoria are by no means very encouraging. The meetings were very small. The most recent advices from British Columbia intimate that Mr. Aitken has left Victoria for Nanaimo. The reason of this movement is as

yet unknown.

The terms of Mr. Aitken's appointment will enable the Church at any time, should it be deemed expedient, to reduce the Missionary staff in British Columbia; and while your Committee are impressed with the importance of maintaining the

position now held by the Church in that Colony, which may at no distant day form part of the Canadian Confederation, they are of opinion that unless some means can be devised of reducing very materially the expenditure of the Mission,

it may be necessary to resort to this painful course.

Your Committee are happy to state that they were able to secure the services of Rev. William Fletcher, of Carlisle, for the Red River. In the month of September, he left for his new field, and since his arrival he has been laboring with much acceptance and success in the rising settlements on the Assineboine River. Your Committee, however, regret to say that Rev. Alex. Matthieson has seen it to be his duty to return to Canada and accept a charge, so that the Mission staff at Red River is no stronger than at the beginning of the year. But for this, the Synod might now have been in a position to establish a Presbytery of Red River, which it is exceedingly desirable should be done at an early day. After Mr. Matthieson's return, immediate steps were taken to send another Missionary to Two esteemed Ministers of the Church were in succession called to Red River. the work. From various causes, the brethren invited felt themselves unable to accept the calls addressed to them. Enquiries have been made after others suitable for the work, which it is hoped by your Committee may be of value to their successors in office, should the Synod see fit to instruct them to send more laborers to that field. And in view of the early transference of the North West Territory to Canada, and the opening up of that immense and fertile region to settlement, it seems of vast importance that additional laborers of character and ability should without delay be sent to reinforce our brethren already there.

Rev. James Nisbet has, since his return to the Saskatchewan, been laboring among the Red Indians with his usual zeal and assiduity. The want of another Missionary, who could visit the Indians in their camp throughout the country, or remain in charge of the Mission while Mr. Nisbet discharged that duty, is greatly felt. Experience seems to show that the Mission cannot be safely left for any considerable period without a resident Missionary. While the Mission doubtless benefited largely by the increased interest excited by Mr. Nisbet's visit to Canada last year, there is reason to fear that it also suffered to some extent by his absence. It was found that when he was away, the Indians were by no means

so reasonable and tractable as when he was present.

The father of two promising little girls who had been for some time under the care of the Mission, became exceedingly unreasonable, and insisted on removing his children from the Mission. And in spite of the tears and entreaties of these little ones, who were most anxious to remain, he compelled them to leave the One of them, to whom Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet were greatly attached, tried to escape from her father by hiding herself, but she was discovered and taken away by force. On the way she fell from a cart, and received such severe injuries, as through the ignorance and neglect of her parents, issued in her death. This seems to have brought the father to reason. When Mr. Nisbet returned, he pleaded most carnestly to be allowed to send the other girl back to the Mission. This, after pledging himself in no way to interfere with her in future, he was permitted to do, and she was once more restored to the Mission. Her career, however, was destined to be very short. She had complained more or less, from the time of her return, of symptoms which indicated disease of the chest. No alarm, however, was felt until the 27th of March, when she seems to have burst a blood vessel, and in the course of a few minutes death supervened.

Mr. Nisbet states that from the time of her return she had given them great satisfaction. He says that from that time he had never occasion to correct her. She was an example to the other children in obedience and gentleness. "We had hoped," says Mr. Nisbet, "that she might have been spared for usefulness among her people, but the Lord had higher service for her." Much anxiety was felt as to the effect this sad visitation might have on her parents and other Indians. It was feared they might regard it as a judgment upon them for forsaking their own religion. When the parents of the little girl reached the Mis-

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sion after death, all these fears were dispelled. God, who works by what means He pleases, seems to have blessed this dispensation to lead them to Himself. They remained not quite three days at the Mission, but before leaving, the father renewed his application for baptism made on two or three previous occasions. Mr. Nisbet had a long interview with him, and was much surprised at the extent and accuracy of his religious knowledge. He had evidently profited by waiting upon the services at the Mission far beyond what was anticipated. After the most careful and searching examination, Mr. Nisbet felt that he could no longer refuse to administer to him the initiatory seal of the Covenant, and he accordingly baptized him publicly. A short time afterwards, when Mr. Nisbet visited Fort Carlton, he had the satisfaction of baptizing, after lengthened conversation with her, the wife of this Indian. On this occasion, the three remaining children of the family were received into the fellowship of the visible Church by baptism. Mr. Nisbet says, "I must add that I never witnessed such a transformation in the conduct and bearing of any man as in the father of that family. His very countenance is changed. From being sour and repulsive, it has become mild and gentle, and on the Sabbath in which his family were received into the Church, it beamed with delight." Such a history surely cannot fail to call for the prayers of the Church on behalf of this Mission, and to encourage us to hope that this success may prove but the forerunner of more signal triumphs of divine grace among the aborigines of our country.

On the first Sabbath of March, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the Mission, when twenty-one persons sat down at the Table of the Lord, all of whom, except three, were either Indians, or more or less allied to the Indian tribes. The majority of those who communicated had been connected previously with the Episcopal Church. Among those admitted for the first time was an invalid Indian named James, who was baptized by Mr. Nisbet upwards of a year and a half previously. Since his baptism, this convert has been making very marked satisfactory progress in the knowledge of the Gospel, and in the development of a well-balanced christian character. With growing weakness, there appears in this invalid such a growth of spirituality as indicates that he is preparing for a better country. Mr. Nisbet refers to other eases which show that, amid many discouragements, your Missionary is not left without the presence

and blessing of his Master.

During the year, your Committee have been, according to instructions received from last Synod, making enquiries in reference to a suitable field for another Mission to the heathen. Their attention has been turned anew to the New Hebrides by a letter from Rev. Dr. Geddie, appealing earnestly to Canada for Missionaries. To India, where one section of our now happily united Church formerly attempted to establish a Mission, consideration has also been given. Correspondence has also been held with Hugh M. Matheson, Esq., Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England, from whom very valuable and encouraging information has been received regarding China. In that large and interesting field, many most promising openings could readily be pointed out where the Canada Presbyterian Church could commence operations, and where they would be gladly welcomed by their English brethren. The Presbyterian Church of England maintains nine ordained European Missionaries, and thirty-two native assistants, at an expense of £6,488 stg. per annum, and is meeting with much encouragement in the work.

Your Committee also corresponded with Rev. Dr. John C. Lowrie, New York, one of the Secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (O.S.) in reference especially to Brazil, and from him they received, in the most prompt and friendly manner, the required information respecting Brazil, and also important facts in reference to China and Japan. Among the various fields which have come specially under their notice, your

Committee are inclined to look most favorably upon China.

During the year, the Convener met with the students of Knox College, and

of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and brought before them the claims of the heathen world; and your Committee are happy to state that intimation has been received from two students in Toronto, and from one in Montreal, of their inten-tion to devote themselves to the Foreign Mission field. None of these young men have yet completed their studies, so as to be immediately available.

The Committee ask the special attention of the Synod to the following state-

ment of the receipts and disbursements for the year :-

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Paid on acet, of British Columbia	\$2,088.30
" Red River	963.85
" " Saskatchewan	4,321.75
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Of the collections, the sum of \$680.50 was contributed by Sabbath Schools specially for the School of the Saskatchewan Mission, and \$71.84 for the Red River.

It is pleasing to observe from this statement that the receipts from collections and donations show an increase of \$838.40 during the year. To this also must be added the money value of donations of clothing, &c. received for the Saskatchewan Mission, viz: \$531.35, showing a total increase of \$1,369.75, and bring-

ing up the total contrbutions for the year to the sum of \$5,710.93.

The expenditure, it will be noticed, is unusually heavy. This has been occasioned, in part, by sending additional laborers to British Columbia and Red River. The principal increase, however, has taken place in connection with the Saskatchewan Mission, on which the sum of \$4,321.75 has been expended during the year. But while this large amount has been paid during the year, it has not been paid for the year. It includes a considerable amount of arrears which were due to the employees of the Mission, and supplies for two years. Supplies were formerly obtained on credit from the Hon. H. B. Co. This year, for reasons which seem satisfactory, Messrs. Nisbet and Black decided to buy them in Canada. The result of this change is that we have to pay the Hon. H. B. Co. for the supplies of last year, and advance eash to purchase, in Canada, the stores necessary for next year. The increase in this department was unavoidable whenever a credit system was exchanged for cash payments.

While the expense necessary to carry on the work at present on hand will, during the ensuing year, be somewhat less than in the past, it is quite apparent that unless there is a marked increase in the contributions of the Church, your Committee will, when they next appear before you, have to report a debt instead

of a balance in hand.

In conclusion, your Committee, in the interests of Foreign Missions, respectfully submit and urge upon the Synod for adoption, the following recommenda-

tions, viz:—
1. That the Foreign Mission Committee shall hereafter consist of twelve persons, whose travelling expenses in attending meetings of the Committee shall be paid, and of one corresponding member in each Presbytery, who, when present at any meeting of the Committee, shall be entitled to deliberate and vote.

2. That the Foreign Mission Committee be authorized to send another Missionary forthwith to the Red River, and also to consider in what way the expense of the Mission to British Columbia may be reduced, and to take such action to that end as they may deem necessary in the premises.

3. That the Synod agree to relieve the Foreign Mission Committee, after the present year, of the work in British Columbia and Red River, in order that they

may devote all their energies to the evangelization of the heathen.

4. That the Foreign Mission Committee be directed during the year to select,

if possible, one or two Missionaries for the Foreign field.

5. That China be chosen as a field for a Mission to the heathen, and that the Committee be instructed in carrying on said Mission to co-operate with the Missionaries of the Presbyterian Churches of England and Ireland.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. McLAREN, Convener.

### REPORT OF THE ST. ANN'S FRENCH MISSION, KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS, U. S.

The Committee have during the past year to note, that by the blessing of God on the labors of the Missionaries and Teachers, a considerable measure of prosperity has attended the work entrusted to them. All their operations are tourishing, and they have, by the liberality of the people generally, obtained an amount of support nearly equal to their requirements.

In presenting a detailed report to the Synod it may be useful to recal some of the early circumstances connected with the Mission, and by which it came

to assume its present position as one of the enterprises of the Church.

In 1862 Mr. Chiniquy presented himself to the Synod which met at Toronto, with a petition from his people in St. Ann's and Kankakee City, requesting that they should be received under our care. The Synod listened respectfully to his case, and deeming the cause with which he was identified important in its bearings on Canada, did, after conference with Mr. Chiniquy, appoint a committee of three to proceed to St. Ann's to make enquiry into all the circumstances of the case; and in the event of their finding their way clear, to commit Mr. Chiniquy and his congregations to the care of the Presbytery of London, who, according to the practice of the Church, should present the case

fully matured for the consideration of the next Synod.

The Committee visited St. Ann's as appointed, made enquiries in Chicago and other places, of every one whom they found to be at all acquainted with Mr. Chiniquy or his case. They personally met with many members of the Presbytery of Chicago, and with parties opposed to Mr. Chiniquy in Kankakee They obtained access to all papers on the question, both priand St. Ann's. vate and official. They found that Mr. Chiniquy, after full acquittal by both Presbytery and Synod on a trial involving his Ministerial character, had six months after been charged anew by the Presbytery of Chicago with matters of a character similar to the first—that Mr. Chiniquy, deeming this to be oppressive and unjust, had, with his congregation, resigned his connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and applied for admission to us; that nevertheless the Presbytery of Chicago continued the process, and on his declining their jurisdiction, they deposed him from the office of the ministry for alleged contumacy, eight days after their first consideration of the case, and while your Committee were on their way to enquire into it. This was a new circumstance to the Committee. They had now not only to enquire into the original cause of trouble, but into the circumstances of the deposition. they patiently did. They made a representation, both written and oral, to the Presbytery, soliciting, for the sake of the interests involved, a reconsideration of the case, or a Committee to confer with them, if so it might be that some

way of reconciliation might be devised. This, however, the Presbytery respectfully declined, indicating their purpose to regard only the legal aspects of the case. In these circumstances the Committee made full inquiry into all the facts, obtained certified copies of all the official documents, and from these sources and from conference with Mr. Chiniquy himself, presented an elaborate report to the Synod of 1863, entering fully into all the points of the case. The Synod, after careful consideration, referred the whole matter to a special Committee to prepare and report a decision, which was accordingly done, and their recommendation adopted by a large majority, to the effect that, "considering the interests of religion involved in the case, and finding nothing on account of which they should withhold their fraternal recognition of Mr. Chiniquy, agree to receive him as a minister, he disclaiming any intentional disrespect to the Presbytery of Chicago in his proceedings, and to place him and his congregation under the spiritual care of the Presbytery of London. The Presbytery of Chicago to be respectfully informed of the decision."

These were the circumstances under which Mr. Chiniquy and his people came under our care in 1863. They have continued ever since in our connection, and been the objects of our solicitude. A special Committee was appointed to advise with Mr. Chiniquy about his Mission work, who reported the state of the Mission to the Synod of 1864. For the next year it was left entirely in the hands of the Presbytery of London. To the Synod of 1866 that Presbytery sent a memorial respecting the pecuniary difficulties under which the Mission at St. Ann's was laboring, and stating that it could not be sustained in efficiency and vigour without assistance to the amount of \$1000 or \$1200, and praying the Synod to give serious consideration to this peculiar and interesting Mission. In reply to this appeal the Synod unanimously agreed to grant aid to the mission to the amount of \$600, and to instruct the Presbytery to take such other meas-

ures for its support as they deemed most suitable.

In 1867 the Presbytery of London again reported on the Mission to the Synod, which agreed to record their gratitude to God for the good work which had been accomplished at St. Ann's and Kankakee, relieve the Home Mission Committee of the charge of supporting this Mission, and remit the whole question of its support and management to the consideration of a Committee, and to report at a future diet. On the recommendation of this Committee, the Synod constituted the St. Ann's Mission one of the schemes of the Church to which all the congregations were requested to contribute, and placed it under the care of a standing Synodical Committee.

In 1868 the Committee reported in favorable terms to the Synod that the schools had been conducted with some measure of success, and the work of Evangelization prosecuted with zeal; several young men were reported as preparing for the Gospel Ministry, and liberal contributions had been received from Canada and other parts of the world.

Such is a brief resume of the history of this Mission since it came under our care, and it shows how we have been Providentially led to take, yearly, a deeper hold of it, and to form a higher conception of its importance.

For the past year, the Committee have to report that the work in its various departments has been conducted with comfort, and its various operations quietly but zealously prosecuted.

I. As to Evangelization.—The Church at St. Ann's under the immediate care of Mr. Chiniquy has been sustained with more than usual interest. After careful scrutiny, it is found, that notwithstanding a considerable emigration to the West, there are 130 families at St. Ann's and the vicinity, connected with the Church, and a communion roll of about 520 members. About thirty families have emigrated this year from the district to more distant parts in the West, with whom, however, frequent communication is kept up. Mr. Chiniquy is glad to report that they continue to walk in the light of the Gospel, and to act as Missionaries to the French families around them. From the membership of the Church, 120 have been lost by emigration, and 40 added by profession of faith, 15

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of these having been converts from the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. C. considers that about fifteen Roman Catholic families have been brought out of the Church of Rome by his instrumentality during the past year, five of these in St. Ann's, and the rest in different parts of the country, including about 100 persons in all. Besides this, thirty persons who were Roman Catholics, but had received much instruction from Mr. Chiniquy, have written him to say that their faith is much shaken in Rome, and asking further information. One says: "I have very serious doubts as to the Catholic Church being the Church established by our Saviour and the Apostles, and hearing that you had once been a Priest, I know you can give me the proper guide to the truth." Mr. Chiniquy finds It a heavy business to answer all such letters; but he rejoices thus to be able to reach many inquirers after the truth in distant parts. From the converts who have been brought to Christ he receives also many letters, giving Interesting details of the work of grace in their hearts, and of their zeal for the conversion of others. A gentleman from the borders of Lower Canada writes:

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"My heart is filled with an unspeakable joy day and night when I consider what the Lord has wrought in my soul through your instructions. What a peace! What treasures of hope are in me! There is only one thing that distresses me, it is the sight of those multitudes of our dear countrymen who are still the slaves of the Pope, at the feet of the idels of Rome. I have taken the absolute determination to serve and glorify God with all my heart all the days of my life. But there is another thing which I am determined to do; it is to conseerate my life to the conversion of our poor countrymen. Please send me a letter to tell me the best way of bringing them to Christ. I would show that letter to whom your name is always dear. I will try to hold meetings, when I will show that we must follow Jesus and hear his word, and not the traditions of

men to be saved."

Again, Mr. Chiniquy reports, "I received a letter from a young man who had come from Lower Canada, and while here was a very firm Roman Catholic. I did all I could to bring him to Christ, but in vain. He left this place still under the influence of Satan. I had almost forgotten him, when last week he wrote me, that though he was entirely blind to the truth when he left me, and tried to forget the reasons I had given him for leaving the Church, they were yet in his heart as a seed which nothing could destroy, and to-day, by the grace of God, that seed had grown to fruits of salvation. He has found his Saviour, and with Him peace and joy. He wants to go back to his friends in Canada, and says that he will give them no rest till he has brought them all to

the feet of Christ.

A lady convert writes :- "I cannot thank and bless enough the beloved Saviour for his great mercy towards me and my sister. What a glorious thing to know and feel that we have such a loving Saviour. You may imagine that everything has been done to bring back my dear sister to the Church of Rome; but all in vain. She is firm as a rock. Lately, as a last resource, they proposed a conference with the priest; she consented with pleasure, and the God of truth so visibly helped her that the poor priest was so visibly confounded that he refused to come again. Be kind enough to give me in writing, for private use, those reasons against the mass, confession, and purgatory, which have made, by the grace of God, such a deep and lasting impression on me and my sister.

Mr. Chiniquy visited during this year several places on the shores of Lake Huron, and everywhere numbers of Roman Catholics have come to hear him. There is not a single place where God has not shown his mercy towards some of his countrymen. One instance was very remarkable and affecting, while he was speaking to about 200 French Canadians in the Huron district, a good part of whom were Roman Catholics. After speaking he allowed the audience to put any question to him they wished. One man accepted the invitation, and said: "Mr. Chiniquy, I was with my wife among your penitents in Montreal when you were there a priest. But there is a sad difference between your language then and to-day. If what you say to day is correct, you were an impositor when a priest; and if what you told us in the great church there was true, you must be an impostor to-day." His wife repeated almost the same, words He answered: "When I was a priest of Rome I was an Impostor, if that word can be used of one who is sincere in his error. I believed the errors of Rome then as if they were the Gospel. I was a blind man leading men into the pit of perdition. But God has opened my eyes. I now see that Jesus is the only truth, only light, only life. You will understand that better if you will come and hear me this evening." He promised to come, saying: "we want to hear all you have to say; but we intend to be true and faithful to our Holy Church of Rome;

you will not change us."

They were at his meeting in the afternoon, and again in the evening. It was a dark and tempestnous night; but, nevertheless, the chapel was filled to suffocation. The text was "If thou didst know the gift of God," &c. He showed that Jesus was a gift of infinite love to the sinner—that we had only to accept the gift and be saved. He told them the difference between the religion of Christ and that of the Pope. In the latter we could not be saved without doing a thousand things, more or less absurd, nor without payment. In the religion of Christ we had only to accept of the gift, and our salvation was sure. He had not quite finished when a kind of tumult arose at the end of the meeting house; soon he perceived a female trying to make her way towards him with difficulty through the crowd, saying, as she advanced, "Quel don! Quel don! (what a gift!)" She took his hand, and with tears in her eyes she cried out, "O Mr. Chiniquy, what a loving and merciful God we have! what a gift he has sent me! I accept the gift, I accept the gift." The action of this woman was so solemn and affecting that it made a deep impression on the whole people. Very soon there was another movement in the audience, and a man was seen trying to make his way through the crowd saying, "Quel don! Quel don!" When near, he took the hand of his weeping wife and said, "Dear wife, you will not be alone to accept the gift. I accept it also. O what a God! what a merciful God, to send such a gift! why is it that I have never understood his love? I have six children, and to-morrow I hope they will accept the glft too." This family is continuing steadfast in the faith, and have been the instrument of the conversion of several Romanists.

While the deputation were at St. Ann's a young man from Lower Canada came to Mr. Chiniquy, whose parents were Roman Catholics. His brother in St. Ann's sent him a Bible. His parents were angry at his using it, and he was denounced from the pulpit by the Priest. They all urged him to burn the Bible, but he would not. By its teaching he came to Christand found peace. He had to suffer much in his father's house of reproach. Finally he resolved to come to St. Ann's for further instruction in the Gospel. He wanted to spread the light of the Gospel among his people. "As soon" says he, "as I know the Holy Scriptures enough, I intend to go back to Lower Canada, and hope, by the help of God, to bring my friends and others to Christ." This young man is now

studying with a view to the ministry.

Lately, Mr. Chiniquy visited the district of Muskegan, Michigan, United States, and he reports a great blessing to many of his countrymen there. Three whole families publicly renounced the errors of Rome, with about six single individuals, and many more give hope that they too will come to Christ. More than seventy-five adults are already converted there. They need a Missionary and have sent an earnest petition to this Synod for one. Seventeen families make this request, and promise to contribute liberally for the support of the Gospel. Such are a few incidents which show the kind of work Mr. C. is doing, and the influence his Mission is exerting on Lower Canada. Other things might be stated to the same effect of the direct influence of the converts on the parishes of Lower Canada. To the Committee, there is no doubt that the converts in favor of the Gospel among the habitants of the Province of Quebec.

At the city of Kankakee, Mr. Demars has labored for the greater part of the

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year with good fidelity and not without benefit. He conducted a school for some time, had an effective controversy with the Priest in the public papers, and watched over the French children, who during the winter were accommodated in the Methodist Sunday school. As, however, the divisions among the French Protestants there were not healed, and on account of his health, he deemed it desirable to resign his charge. After conference with him and consultation with the people, the Committee agreed to recommend the acceptance of the resignation to the Presbytery. This was accordingly done, and Mr. Demars returned to St. Ann's to engage in the practice of medicine, promising to make himself useful in promoting religion. He has the sincere esteem of the Committee, who hope to engage his services in some other part of the field. Mr. J. H. Paradis has taken his place with consent of the people in Kankakee. So far his labors have been acceptable and successful. The people seem to unite under his ministry. He has organized the congregation into a class for the praise of God that is very attractive, and has resumed the Sabbath school in the Church. This Church comprises forty families, seventy-one communicants, six have been received by examination, and there has been a loss of thirty-two by emigration to other places. They, though poor, have contributed \$100 to stipend, and \$17 for other purposes.

Several stations in the neighborhood of both St. Ann's and Kankakee have been visited by the Missionaries with good effect, and could men and means

only be found, there are many openings for preaching the Word.

II. The Collegiate Schools.—These have been visited and carefully examined by a deputation from the Committee during the past year. They found the building greatly enlarged and improved; desks and seats of the most recent kind had been obtained, sufficient for the accommodation of a large number of pupils. The Trustees of the common school desired to unite their school with ours, to obtain the benefit of our rooms, apparatus and Teachers. This we consented to, on the understanding that we should not alter the course of our instruction, while, at the same time, we would not compel any pupils to be present at our religious exercises if the parents objected. The Trustees pay the salaries of the lady Teachers and other expenses of heating in winter. The Teacher is from Canada. speaks both French and English, and is most palnstaking and successful in winning the affections of the pupils and stimulating them to exertion. influence for good has been great. She is much beloved by all the people The Rev. M. Lafontaine continues to act as Principal, and to discharge his. onerous duties in teaching so large a school, with great fidelity, and benefit. He is assisted by a young teacher, who takes the junior scholars. The order is excellent, the progress marked and gratifying, and the number in attendance greatly increased. At last report, in May, there were 220 pupils on the roll, and an average attendance of 140. There are three classes—the first, on the day of examination, comprised fourteen girls and twenty-six boys, from fourteen to twenty-one years of age-the second, eleven girls and thirty-four boys, from ten to fifteen years of age-the third, or lowest, consisted of two divisions, the first comprising fifteen girls and thirty boys; the second, twelve girls and twenty-nine boys, from eight to twelve years of age. The pupils were taught all the branches of a good education, including reading and grammar in Eng-All the examinations lish and French, arithmetic, geography and algebra. showed that much attention had been paid to their tuition by their Teachers.

As regards religious exercises the schools are opened by singing a Hymn, reading a portion of the French Bible, and prayer, and are closed in like manner. All the pupils learn by heart texts of Scripture, which they daily repeat with much facility and interest. On the afternoon of Tuesday and Friduy a half hour or so is spent by the principal in special religious instruction out of the

Bible and Shorter Catechism in French.

For the past few months, and since the improvements made in the school, the increase in the number of pupils has been so considerable as to crowd the rooms and seriously tax the strength of the teachers.

An important feature of the College is the number of young men preparing with a view to the Gospel Ministry. Five were attending Knox College last year in Professor Young's class, of whom he certifies as follows to the Convener: "I am happy to inform you that they gave me very much satisfaction indeed, their abilities are good, they were attentive to their work, and there is every reason to hope well in regard to their future course. The behaviour of these young men, so far as it fell under my observation, was all that could be desired, and I trust that by the divine blessing they may become instrumental in carrying to the French speaking luhabitants of Canada and the United States a knowledge of the pure gospel." These students, with one exception, are all, more or less, engaged in mission work during summer. While the students were at Knox College the Committee appointed Mr. J. H. Paradis to act as tutor to the rest, and especially to drill them in French speaking and composition. A portion of every day was spent in such exercise, so that while the students were studying English, their French was not neglected.

While the deputation were at St. Ann's an address was presented to them in the name of fourteen young men who desired to devote themselves to the minis-

try; they say:—
"It is to our evangelical brethren of Canada that we owe our existence as a Christian community. After we had come out of darkness, and the light of the Gospel was shining on us, it was the will of God that our faith should be severely tried. But thanks be to God, the Church of Canada has extended towards us her protecting arm. You may now see here with your eyes a spectacle you would in vain look for anywhere else on this continent, a multitude of people surrounding you who were all believers in the Church of Rome, but to-day are made free by the pure word of God, and the blood of Christ. Such a marvellous change cannot be the work of man. Our dear pastor, who has been the instrument of God's mercies toward us, is the first to acknowledge and show to us that this is the Lord's doing.

"If our joy is great for the bread of life, there are still many things to sadden us. When we think of the 1,000.000 of our countrymen in Canada and the 500,000 in the United States who are walking in the perishing ways of Rome, how can we feel really happy? We hear the voices of our friends crying 'Come and help us.'

"Several of us, constrained by the love of Christ and our dear countrymen, have offered themselves to be trained to go to the rescue of these perishing souls. But we have to say with Peter and John, 'silver and gold have we none.' We have nothing to offer to the Lord but our hearts and our lives. With this offer we come here to put ourselves in your hands and into the hands of our dear Canada Church. Help us for Christ's sake to go to the help of our perishing brethren, and sisters, and friends. The doors and the hearts of the

people are everywhere open to us."

The demeanor of these young men impressed the deputation very much. Their ages ranged from sixteen to twenty-four years. Three or four of them would probably be able to attend the literary class at college next year. They are all members of the church, and profess conversion to Christ. They are intelligent and carnest young men. With one or two limited exceptions, none of them have any means of living but by the labor of their hands. They all give promise of becoming efficient ministers of Christ. These, with the five we have now at College, and two who have since offered at Kankakee, would make a band of young men by whom the Gospel might be effectually preached among the French people, both in the United States and Canada. The cost of maintaining them all at College or school for the next year would not be less than \$3,000. It is for the Church to say whether they will supply the Committee with the amount, over and above as much more for the ordinary work of the mission. The Committee are solicitous to accept of these young men, and if need be, put forth special efforts in this and other countries, with the sanction of the Synod, to obtain the funds necessary to sustain them.

The Subbath Schools in Ann's and Kankakee have been conducted during the year with zeal, and many children and adults have attended with profit, and deep interest is felt in the exercises. About 150 pupils attend at St. Ann's, and from fifty to sixty at Kankakee. There are twelve teachers in St. Ann's,

and the Bible and Shorter Catechism are the text hooks.

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III. Finances.—In view of the necessities of the Mission, the Committee sanctioned a special effort by Mr. Chiniquy in Canada, and chiefly within the Presbytery of Huron, and with their cordial co-operation. From these and a few private donations the amount of \$1047 was obtained. At the invitation of friends of the mission in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward's Island and New Brunswick, Mr. Chiniquy visited many churches in these places, and received from their christian and cordial liberality \$1143. From Ireland and Scotland about \$100 was sent; and from Philadelphia, U. S.—through Miss Snowden, a devoted friend of the Mission-\$100 and three boxes of useful articles of clothing for the children. Up to March last, the congregation at St. Ann's had contributed \$100 towards the stipend for 1868, and \$300 for 1869, besides other sums for benevolent and Missionary purposes. From all these sources we have an aggregate income of \$6410, and an expenditure of a sum a little over this. An abstract of receipts and disbursements will be found at the end of the report. It will be seen that a large sum has been spent in repairing and furnishing the school anew. This was much needed. Our rooms are now supplied with the best apparatus for teaching, and can accommodate with comfort 150, and may at any time be enlarged to nearly double this capa-The money derived from the Lower Provinces has been chiefly devoted to this purpose, and has greatly promoted the efficiency of our institution, for which we accord them our sincere thanks.

The legal expenses have this year been reduced to a minimum. suits are now closed and settled excepting that with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chicago, the costs connected with which have been paid up to a recent date. It is hoped that ere long this one will also be brought to a close, and all litigation connected with the Mission terminate. A mortgage of \$2,000, held over the parsonage since 1868 by gentlemen in Montreal, has been kindly remitted by them, with the exception of two or three, who, however, have released a good part of the interest, and accepted their original subscription, amounting to \$350. With the exception of certain securities held by the Presbytery of Chicago over the property of several members of the Church, and some claimed from Mr. Chiniquy by a former administrator of the charitable funds for the French people, every other claim that burdened the Mission has now been settled. The amount of these securities, which greatly trouble the people, are not known to the Committee, but they are understood to be considerable. It is desirable that they should be amicably settled. For this purpose the Committee would recommend the appointment of a small Committee to confer with the Synod of Chicago, and, if possible, secure the harmonious working of the

Mission in future, and the removal of all hindrances to its progress.

The Committee estimate that a sum of not less than \$6,000 will be necessary for the efficient working of the Mission next year, nearly one-half of which will be required for the education of the students, and a proportion for the extension of our evangelistic work. This, with the sanction of the Synod they confidently

hope to obtain from the liberality of the friends of the cause.

It will be necessary, ere long, to undertake the erection of a suitable place of worship for the congregation of St. Ann's. Their present building is far from comfortable or commodious. The people can, doubtless, aid a little in this enterprise, but not much. If it is to be done in a creditable manner, large assistance must be obtained from other sources. It is a work that would probably commend itself to the Churches of Britain. A proper representation to them might result in obtaining contributions adequate for this purpose.

In conclusion, the Committee feel that this mission is growing in interest and importance. It is being consolidated, and the piety of its people quickened.

We know of none of our converts who have returned to Rome, but are assured of the growing steadfastness of their faith. The young are being carefully trained in the Word of God, and taught to distinguish between the errors of Rome and the truth of the Gospel. From the Mission a constant influence is quietly extending to many and distant parts of the country, and especially to many of the yet neglected parishes of Lower Canada. We know of no place on the continent where Rome has been so successfully assailed, and where a larger breach has been made on her solid defences. Through the Mission of St. Ann's we have an open door into the very heart of French Popery. Of its silent and wide-spread operations the priests of Rome are aware and afraid. From it, besides, we are securing, as the fruits of Mr. Chiniquy's devoted and persevering labors a band of vigorous and educated young men, who will become acceptable and efficient missionaries to their countrymen. The Committee would thank God and take courage, and commend this Mission to the affection and confidence of the Church as a work which in providence has, without our own seeking, been assigned to us, and which offers a promising opening for the evangelization of a million of our French fellow citizens.

Windson, Ontario, June, 1869.

ALEX, F. KEMP, Convener.

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### KANKAKEE MISSION.

### ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS (AMERICAN CURRENCY).

RECEIPTS.		
Balance and Canada Receipts	\$5080	59
Foreign Receipts	1833	30
Foreign Receipts Balance	687	15
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EXPENDITURE.		
Mr. Chiniquy, arrears and stipend	\$1171	30
Missionaries' Salaries and Travelling Expenses	1648	00
Collegiate Schools—Salaries 746 40		
Books 202 37		
" , Furniture, repairs and fuel 1153 36	2102	1:
Students at St. Ann's and Knox College	1535	20
Law Expenses	487	
Release of Mortgage on Manse	455	
Committee and Office Expenses	201	
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\* The items of the Canada receipts will be found in the Financial Returns and Church Accounts. For convenience, the accounts are given in American currency.

The Foreign Receipts, per Pay. C. Chiniquy, were as follows:

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### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE PRESBY-TERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL,

The Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, beg to report to the Synod as follows:

### I .-- ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS.

The total number of students enrolled at the opening of the Session was twenty-three, of whom eighteen gave attendance in various Theological departments.

The standing gained by those who passed the Sessional and final examinations is shown by the report of the Board of Examiners.

### II .- PROFESSORS.

The Rev. D. H. McVicar, of Cote Street Church, Montreal, was at last Synod appointed Professor of Theology, and, having accepted the appointment, was inducted into his office by the Presbytery of Montreal, on the 8th day of October last. In order to supplement his labors, and make as full provision as possible for the instruction of students, the Board unanimously appointed the Rev. J. M. Gibson, of Erskine Church, Montreal, to lecture in the department of Exegetical Theology, which he did during the entire session.

The Board have much pleasure in expressing their high satisfaction with the fulness and thoroughness of the instruction imparted by Professor McVicar, and the efficiency of the services so kindly rendered by Mr. Gibson, as also the high place which these brethren have secured in the confidence and esteem of the students.

### III .- THE LIBRARY.

A catalogue has been prepared, and, by the kind liberality of friends in Canada and the United States, 431 volumes have been added to the Library; of

these, forty-three volumes in the French language form a very valuable contribution in the department of Church Hi tory, especially in reference to Popish Theology, and the career of the Jesuits in the Province of Quebec. The Board deem it highly desirable that there should be placed in the library, without delay, as full a collection as possible of works of this nature, in order to furnish facilities to students to prepare themselves thoroughly for the peculiar service required in the Province of Quebec.

It is proper to state also that Theological works only are needed, because our students, in virtue of the affiliation of the College with the University of

McGill, have full access to its excellent library.

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The following are the names of successful competitors for Bursaries:— Best Essay on Presbyterian Church Government, \$62, C. C. Stewart, B. A.

Examination in Hebrew, \$50, C. C. Stewart, B. A.

Examination in all the subjects of the Curriculum, \$60, C. C. Stewart, B. A. Examination in Homer, Virgil, Euclid, Algebra, and Euglish Literature, \$50, R. Whillaus.

Examination in Horace, Cicero, Xenophon, Hamilton's Metaphysics, and Macintosh on Ethical Science, \$50, R. Whillans.

Elocution, \$62, J. C. Cruickshank.

Mechanics, and Hydrostatics, \$50, D. H. McLennan.

Examination in Sophocles, Juvenal, Stewart's Moral Philosophy. Rhetoric, Second best Essay on Presbyterian Church Government, \$50, F. McLeod. Analysis of Gal. I. to IV., \$50, G. Munro.

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Best Essay on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, \$50, D. D.

McLennan.

Examination in Appian, Horace, Euclid, Algebra, and English Literature, \$50, W. J. Dey.

Examination in Thucydides. Tacitus, Mansel's Metaphysics, Heat, and

Hebrew Grammar, \$50, R. McKenzie.

Examination in Systematic Theology, Exegetics, Apologetics, and Homile-

tics, \$50, Jas. Wellwood.

It will be observed that Mr. C. C. Stewart gained three Bursaries, but received the money only for two of them; and that Mr. R. Whillans gained two, and received the money only for one; such being the conditions attached by the donors of Bursaries.

The "John Redpath" Bursary, gained by Mr. James Wellwood, was not

open to competition by students of the third year.

Fifteen Bursaries, of from \$50 to \$60 each, are offered for competition next session; of which two are designed to induce young men to give particular attention to the study of the French language, and two are given by the Scottish Reformation Society, Edinburgh, for the best examination in the principal tenets of the Church of Rome.

### V.—FINANCE.

The amount now subscribed to the Endowment Fund is \$27,734, of which \$16,754 04 are paid, being thus distributed: invested, \$15,076 25, and uninvested, \$1,677 79.

The total annual revenue from all sources was \$2.667 84; expenditure, \$2.138 60: leaving balance in hand, \$529 24. Bursary Fund: total income, \$672 45; expenditure. \$632; leaving balance in hand, \$40 45. Library Fund: income, \$176; expenditure, \$198 79; leaving balance due Treasurer, \$22 79.

The Board is gratified to be able to record this prosperous state of the finance, and of all the departments of the work of the College under its super-

vision.

Thanks are given to the Trustees of Erskine Church for the use of rooms for the College, and for light and fuel, free of charge.

### VI. - RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board, at the request of the Senate, unanimously resolved to submit the following recommendations:—

1. That the Synod appoint two Lecturers to co-operate with the Professor

next Session, or grant leave to the College Board to exploy such.

2. That, in terms of a memorial from the Presbytery of Montreal, bearing date 12th May last, the Synod may be pleased to instruct the Board to engage, for at least three years, a thoroughly qualified French Lecturer in Theology, or that the Synod itself appoint such, and direct French students of the Canada Presbyterian Church to wait upon his prelections; and, further, that the Synod provide for the payment of his salary, and the support of the French students, by granting an annual collection for this purpose, or in any way that may be deemed proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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C. C. Stewart; K. McRae; R. McKenzie; J. Wellwood; C. C. Cruickshank; D. H. MacLennan; W. J. Dey; D. D. McLennan; G. Munro; John McIntyre; F. McLeod; H. Sinclair; A. McMartin; W. Scott; M. Hutchinson; John McGirr; R. Whillans; F. Muir.

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

The Board of management of Knox College report to the Synod, that the number of students in attendance on the classes in the Theological 'lepartment for the past session was 29, of whom five were in the senior, nine were in the second, and fifteen in the junior class, being an increase of nine over the number reported last year. In the preparatory department forty students were enrolled, exclusive of those taking a full ministry course. A number of the students in the Theological Department availed themselves of Prof. Young's classes. The number enrolled shows an increase in the preparatory depart-

ment of thirty-five as compared with last year.

Before the opening of last session, a letter was received from Dr. Burns intimating that it was his purpose to spend the winter in Scotland, and making certain suggestions in reference to the Church History class. These suggestions were referred to the Professors and Lecturers, and the class has been taught during the session by Principal Willis. The Rev. J. A. Proudfoot, of London, by appointment by last Synod, taught the class of Homileties during the first nalf of the session. The Rev. Robert Ure, of Goderich, also entered upon his duties as Lecturer of Apologetics immediately after the Christmas holidays; but the Board deeply regret that after teaching the class for a few weeks, he was obliged, on account of ill-health, to resign, and return to his home. Principal Willis, Professor Caven, and Mr. Young, successively took charge of the class during the latter part of the session. The Board desire to express their high sense of the zenl and alacrity with which the Principal and Professors discharged the additional duties thus unexpectedly thrown upon them.

The Rev. George Paxton Young. A.M., having accepted the appointment of the last Synod, entered upon his duties, and taught classes in Mental Philosophy, Elementary Greek, and Latin. These classes were largely attended, and from the eminent success of Professor Young's past lectures, the Board auticipate that great good to the College will result from Mr. Young's labours

during the ensuing session.

The Boarding House has been conducted by Mr. Willing as formerly. The Board, in compliance with a request from the students to take some steps in regard to the price of board, agreed to grant to Mr. Willing the sum of \$150, on condition that the students receive board at the rate of \$3 per week.

Several additions have been made to the College bursaries during the year, and the thanks of the Board have been tendered to J. Loghrin, Esq., Eramosa, for a bursary of \$50, to be continued yearly for a series of years, for a student in Theology; to the Rev. James Harris for a scholarship of the same amount, to be afterwards permanently established; to a friend, who, through Professor Caven, presented a valuable prize for excellence in Hebrew; and also to Dr. Burns for his efforts in Scotland on behalf of the College.

In reference to the Funds the Board beg to report that the amount received from congregations and donations for the ordinary Fund has been \$5,663 85; of this, \$306 were received in the form of donations. The expenditure has been \$6,228 27, showing a balance of expenditure over income of \$564 42. There is also a sum of \$1,444 83 due to Professors, making the total indebtedness of this fund \$2,009 25. The debt due last year was \$1,561 17, so that there is again an increase of indebtedness, as compared with last year, of \$448 08. Last year the increase of the debt was \$431 71, and the Board express their very deep regret that it is this year increased by a still larger amount. The attention of the Synod is especially directed to this subject.

There has also been contributed to the special fund for Professor Young's salary \$1,274 40, from thirty-three congregations.

The Board appointed a special Committee to take into consideration the

propriety of taking immediate steps for the endowment of the College. The Committee, however, found that in several large congregations nothing could be done in this direction, while others expressed their readiness to contribute, but stated that, owing to the unsettled condition of the business of the country, the contributions were likely to prove comparatively small. In view of these facts, the Board did not feel warranted to mature a scheme for this purpose; but they have also to state that in many districts of the Church there is an evident desire that an immediate effort should be made, and they respectfully ask the Synod's serious consideration of the whole subject.

The Board desire to express their high sense of the value of the services of the Rev. J. A. Proudfoot and the Rev. Robert Ure, who have for the two last sessions, with great efficiency, taught the classes in Homiletics and Apologetics; but in view of the state of the finances, the Board reluctantly recommend that

the lectureships be for the present discontinued.

All which is respectfully submitted.

### STUDENTS OF KNOX COLLEGE. 1868-9.

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SENIOR THEOLOGICAL CLASS:- John M. Munroe; D. McDonald; Alexander Urquhart; John A. G. Calder; George Chrystal.

SECOND THEOLOGICAL CLASS .- John Gray; W. A. McKay; R. Fairbairn; James Breckenridge; Thos. Ritchie; H. J. McDiarmid; George Burnfield; John

Baikie ; Peter Wright. THERD OR JUNIOR THEOLOGICAL CLASS .- Thos. McKee; Wm. Armstrong; George Bryce; George Bruce; John Abraham; John Somerville; James II. Hughes; Wm. Bothwell; J. R. Battisby; Peter Scott; J. M. Goodwillie; James

Dodds; A. McRae; Alex. McLaren; Mark Danby. LITERARY DEPARTMENT, THIRD OR SENIOR CLASS.—James Fraser; James

Stewart; John Cameron; David Winters.

Second Class.—R. R. Sutherland; Alex. Gilray; Wm. Armstrong; Daniel C. Johnson; D. L. McKechine; Wm. Johnston; John Campbell; Niel Currie;

Edward Vincent; D. McDonald; Eben. Panton; David Millard.

First or Junior Class.-G. C. McRobbie; P. M. McKay; H. McKellar; D. C. McKerchar; Jas. Urquhart; R. J. Beattie; George McKay; R. Thynne; Wm. Turnbull; John Hill; James Byrant; Edward Peltier; Teles. Brouillet; M. Paradis; A. Paradis; A. Fletcher; R. W. Leitch; Douald Fletcher; Peter Nicol; John McClung; Gilbert Smith; J. R. Gilchrist; W. M. Martin; Alex. Russell; R. Iloskin; — McLeod; — McQueen; R. Gunn.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools have much pleasure in reporting to the Synod, that the department of the Church's work of which your Committee have had charge seems to be in a well-regulated, healthy, and prosperous condition. The total number of Schools from which Reports have been received is two hundred and fifty. Of these, one hundred and forty are kept open during the whole year, and one hundred and ten during part of year. The total number of names on the Roll in all these schools is nineteen thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

The average attendance is thirteen thousand one hundred and forty-three,. The total number of Sabbath School teachers in these schools is one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four. Of these teachers two hundred and ninety-two are Elders of the Church, fifteen hundred and eighty are members in full communion, and ninety-two are adherents. In this statement there are two features to which your Committee feel pleasure in adverting. The first is, that such a considerable number of the Elders of the Church are vigorously engaged in the religious instruction and training of the young; and the second, that the membership furnishes from year to year to the staff of Sabbath School teachers such reinforcements, that only to a very limited extent does it become necessary to draw upon the adherents for help in the work.

As regards the method of appointing Sabbath School teachers, your Committee find that vacancies are, in the great majority of schools, filled by the teachers themselves meeting, and appointing by vote new teachers. In some schools the minister, elders and teachers, act together in the matter.

Of advanced Bible classes, or Ministers' classes, there have been reported one hundred and sixty-nine; in fifty of them, the number attending is not given; the total attendance reported is two thousand four hundred and five. With very few exceptions these classes are under the charge of ministers.

In answer to the question, "Is there a Hymn Book used in addition to the Psalms of David, and if so, what collection of Hymns?" twenty-five schools reply that they do not use hymns, and two hundred and twentyfive reply that hymns are used. The collection in most favour is Bate-Your Committee are of opinion that it would be desirable to have an authorized collection of hymns for use in our Sabbath Schools, as without a provision of this kind there will be no limit to the hymn books introduced. At present there are in all fourteen collections of hymns reported as used in our Sabbath Schools, viz.: "Bateman's Hymns," "The U. P. Hynn Book," "The S. S. Bell," "Songs of Zion," "Union Chimes," "Happy Voices," "Hosanna," "The Singing Pilgrim," "The Canadian Warbler," "Children's Praise," "Union Hynn Book," "Child's Sabbath School Music Book," "Bates' Hynns," and "Wilson's Hynns."

The Edinburgh Scheme of Lessons is that which is most extensively

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The following religious papers are reported as distributed in the schools, viz.: "The Children's Paper," "The Sabbath School Visitor," "The Child's Paper," "The Sabbath School Messenger," "The British Workman," "The Band of Hope," "The Child's Own Magazine," "The Dial," "The Children's Friend."

In answer to the question, "Are occasional sermons preached to the Children and Teachers ?" eighty-one schools reply, "Yes," twenty-seven answer "No," and the remainder either pass the question by, or give some explanation which amounts to an admission that the matter has not been attended to. One brother seems to disapprove of occasional sermons to the young, specially, or exclusively; and the ground which he takes is, in his own words, that "the lambs thrive best on the same pasture with the sheep." This would be an unanswerable argument to persons unaware of the fact that for a considerable period lambs require milk, and would languish and die without it, however good the pasture.

Occasional preaching to the children, your Committee are persuaded, ought to be encouraged; and a Sabbath afternoon devoted to the exercise, even though this should involve dispensing with the ordinary afternoon

or evening service.

In almost all the Sabbath Schools collections are taken up for Missions. In a few cases the collections are used for the defraying of the current expenses of the school exclusively. Your Committee are of opinion that books and periodicals for the Sabbath School should be provided in some other way, and the contributions of the children devoted to Missions exclusively.

In concluding their report, your Committee beg leave to make the

following recommendations to the Synod, viz :-

1. That inasmuch as many of the Sabbath Schools do not seem to be organized, in the strict and proper sense of the term, and that as one of the consequences of this, their relation to the Church is undefined and vague, it is recommended that the Synod appoint a committee to draft a model constitution and by-laws, with a view to general use in the Church.

2. That the duty of parents in the matter of home instruction be frequently inculcated from the pulpit, and their relation to the Sabbath School, as an ally and helper with them in the training of the young, pointed out; and also, that occasional sermons to the young be recom-

mended by the Synod.

3. The Committee have pleasure in calling the attention of the Synod to a "Catechism for Infants," prepared by the Rev. John Laing, of Cobourg.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. McMULLEN,

Convener, &c.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

EASTERN SECTION.

The Eastern Section of the Board of Examiners beg leave to report that the following students successfully passed their examination:—Messrs. C. C. Stewart and K. McCrae, as entering the third year, Theology; and Messrs. R. Whillaus and D. D. McLennan, as entering the first year. Besides these, Messrs. D. H. McLendan, J. Wellwood, and J. Cruikshank, first year students, and Mr. F. McLeod, second year student, presented certificates of having recently passed examination at McGill College in subjects which they considered more than equivalent to those prescribed by the Board. After due conference with the students, and inquiry into their standing at McGill College, and finding that the subjects on which they had passed covered the whole ground of the examination prescribed by Synod, and that, though the authors studied did not correspond with those prescribed, the study of them really involved more work, and quite as good a guarantee of proficiency in the various departments of the curriculum, the Board agreed to recommend that they should be received.

Mr. H. Sinclair, to whom special exemptions were granted at last meeting of Synod, passed a partial examination, and was admitted to some of the classes

without according him any particular standing.

All which is respectfully submitted. J. M. GIBSON, Convener, E. S.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

### WESTERN SECTION.

The Western Section of the Board of Examiners beg to report that they examined and sustained the examinations of the following students:

### THEOLOGICAL CLASSES.

I. First Year: -1, William Armstrong; 2, George Bryce; 3, George Bruce; 4, John Abraham; 5, John Somerville; 6, James H. Hughes; 7, William Rothwell; 8, John Battisby; 9, William Kay; 10, Peter Scott, (See Resolution of Synod of 1868); 11, John Goodwillie; 12, Alexander McLaren; 13, Mr. A. McCrae.

II. Second Year: -1, John Gray; 2, W. A. McKay; 3, James Breckenridge; 4, George Burnfield; 5, Thomas Ritchie; 6, H. McDiarmid; 7, R. Fairbairn; 8, John Baikie.

III. Third Year:-1, John M. Munro; 2, Alexander Urquhart; 3, George Chrystal; 4, Mr. D. McDonald.

### LITERARY CLASSES.

Leitch; 19, Donald Fletcher; 20, Peter Nicol; 21, John McClung; 22, Gilbert Smith; 23, James Bonnar; 24, Eucher Paradis; 25, A. Fletcher; 26, R. Gunn; 27, R. Hoskins.

II. Second Year:-1, David Millard; 2, R. R. Sutherland; 3, Alexander Gilray; 4, William Johnston; 5, John Campbell; 6, Neil Currie; 7, Ebenezer Panton; 8, D. L. McKechnie; 9, William Armstrong; 10, Daniel C. Johnston; 11, Edward Vincent; 12, D. McDonald.

III. Third Year:—1, John Cameron; 2, James Fraser; 3, David Winter; 4, James Stewart.

Mr. Mark Danby, formerly Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was examined in Literature generally, but no position was assigned him, as he wished to study both in the Literary and Theological classes.

Mr. J. G. Calder was examined on all the subjects for the third year in Theology, but Latin. His examination, so far as submitted to, was sustained. His case was referred to the Senate, who are acquainted with his previous standing in the classes.

The Board found, of the first year students in Theology, Mr. Armstrong, and after him Mr. Kay, entitled to the Bayne Scholarship, but precluded from holding it, as already holding scholarships from the Board as University students. They recommend that it be given to Mr. Buttisby as the next highest on the list. They found also Mr. Armstrong, and after him Mr. McKay, entitled to the George Buchanan Bursary; but on the ground already stated, precluded from holding it. It was scarcely merited by any other student.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Synod is aware that, for several years, the Committee have awarded after examination a number of scholarships to matriculated students, with the view of encouraging candidates for the Ministry to take a full University course.

Eleven students competed for these scholarships in the beginning of October last, of whom the following eight were successful:

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Mr. R. M. Thornton, of 4th year. Mr. W. Kay and Mr. W. Armstrong, of third year.

Mr. Rothwell and Mr. H. H. McPherson, of second year.

Mr. J. Hamilton, Mr. W. J. Reid and Mr. P. Straith, of first year.

The scholarships awarded ranged from \$60 to \$50 in value. In addition, the Committee intimated to those students who had been unsuccessful, that if any of them needed assistance to enable them to prosecute their studies at the University, they were prepared to give it, to the extent at least of half the amount of the scholarship. One student availed himself of this assistance.

The Synod is aware that all students holding these scholarships are required to sign a declaration that they intend to enter the Ministry of the Canada Presbyterian Church. It is a pleasing duty to the Committee to report, that one student who obtained a scholarship in two successive years, and who has now given up his purpose of entering the Ministry, without solicitation, honorably returned the money, \$100, which had been awarded him.

The Committee have also much satisfaction in reporting that one student, Mr. James Gillies, who competed for a scholarship in October last, and whom it pleased God to remove by death towards the beginning of the year, among other bequests, left \$1,000 to found a scholarship. It is hoped that the interest of this money will be appropriated to this department of the Scholarship Fund, so long as the Synod thinks it wise thus to encourage candidates for the Ministry

in taking a full University course.

It is now four years since the Synod resolved to institute the scholarships. It is a pleasing duty to the Committee to have to report that they seem to be answering the end contemplated. The number of students taking a full University course at Toronto, with the view of entering the Ministry in the Canada Presbyterian Church, is certainly double, probably three-fold what it was when these scholarships were instituted. Knox College is now beginning to feel the influence of the larger attendance at the University. Of the students entering on the study of Theology last October, not fewer than eight were either graduates, or on their way to become such.

Hitherto the scheme has been supported by a few congregations, chiefly, though not exclusively, in Toronto and Hamilton. Steps should be taken to enlist a larger number in its support, all the more as this year for the first time there has been a balance against the Fund. Ten scholarships are advertised for competition in October next. It is hoped that the Committee to be appointed by the Synod will take early action in the way of raising the necessary funds

to meet the same.

WM. GREGG, Chairman of Board of Examiners.

Hamilton, 15th June, 1869.

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

The Committee, in reviewing the past year, and the changes which have taken place in regard to those receiving from the fund, have been reminded of that change toward which we are all hastening, for we pass away and there is no abiding; and admonished also, to anticipate a rapid increase of applicants for aid, owing to the lengthened period of service which a large number of the

members of Synod have already passed through.

At the beginning of the year there were five Annuitants, two of whom have been removed by death; viz.:—Revds. T. Henry and Geo. Murray, and four additional have been admitted to the benefit of the funds; viz.:—Revds. Wn. Smart, Henry Gordon, James Douglass, and John McLachlan. The Committee have been gratified to learn, that to such of the above parties as have recently retired from charges, the respective congregations have recognized their obligations for their lengthened services, by granting a small retiring allowance, far indeed from an adequate support, but probably in most cases, such as they could afford. One of the above, Mr. Smart, is the oldest labourer upon the Synod Roll, and although he had resigned his charge many years ago, continued

to perform missionary work till very lately, when, from growing infirmities, at

the age of eighty-five, he has had to relinquish his loved work.

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The Committee very earnestly urge due consideration of the very great importance of this fund, and the urgent need there is for increasing its resources. To all who have made themselves acquainted with it, it must be obvious, that in view of the future, it is by no means in a satisfactory condition. While it has been so far adequate to the demands from time to time made upon it, it is certain that, without very material increase, it cannot long be so. It is high time that it were placed upon a more satisfactory footing. In the course of Providence, a large number of the Ministers must, ere long, be disqualified, partially or wholly, for active service. Yet it is anything but a cheering prospect the majority must have before them, since circumstances have precluded the possibility of making any provision for old age and infirmity; nothing, in short, have many of them to look to but the very seanty pittance which this fund affords, an amount that will searcely suffice to keep want at bay, unless supplemented from other sources. The correctness of these remarks must be apparent from the large increase of Annuitants now reported, some of whom, your Committee have means of knowing, have little, if anything, to rely upon, beyond this fund, and a small retiring allowance from those to whom they had ministered in holy things. The majority of the congregations can, individually, do little more than decently support their respective Pastors, while fit for labour, so that a retiring allowance from a congregation, to any considerable amount, must be the exception and not the rule. It is only by the continued effort of all the congregations of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and especially of those that are wealthy, and numerically strong, that anything like adequate support can be secured for those servants of God whose lives have outrun their ability for work in His vineyard. Your Committee would therefore appeal, through the Synod, to the members of the Church, in behalf of those who, after having borne "the burden and heat of the day," are in the course of Providence necessitated to resign their charges; believing that when the case is duly considered, a ready and worthy response will be given, and such aid afforded as will render the fund less dependent on the annual collections of the various congregations. That such appeal is required, there can be no doubt; and while it is hoped that there is a general disposition on the part of the Christian people to bow to the authority of Him who says, that "the workman is worthy of his meat," it is yet doubtful whether they as fully and practically recognize as equally binding, the implied injunction, to see that the labourers in the Lord's vineyard be "without carefulness." Even during the season of active labour, the Christian Minister is often harassed by cares for the temporal welfare of his household, and of course his usefulness in such cases is marred. But it is when, in the course of nature, the period of rest from labour has arrived, and when, from the circumstances of the case, it has been impossible to make any provision for old age, that there is the greatest room for anxiety in regard to the things of this life. This state of things in the Church has, doubtless, exerted a malign influence upon the minds of young men desirous of giving themselves to the work of the ministry. When such become cognizant of the straitened circumstances in which many faithful labourers in the vineyard are placed, when no longer able to fill a sphere of public usefulness, it cannot fail to exert an unfavourable influence on their minds, and deter some of them from finally deciding to enter into the ministry. Let the members of the Church reflect upon this, and rest assured that if the Church prove remiss in providing for the comfort, in the evening of life, of those who have occupied "the high places of the field," her interests will suffer by the thinning of the ranks of her ministers, as well as in other ways we do not stop to specify.

The soldier that fights the battles of his country is provided for, after a certain term of service; and surely the community of "the faithful in Christ

Jesus" will not considerately entertain the idea of allowing those who have served them well to pine in pennry, when no longer able to labour. Some other Churches set a noble example in this matter. It is the more important that the Christian people should have their attention turned to this subject, and that they should view it in a proper light, since they are ever ready to condemn, and properly so, any marked display in a minister of such a disposition, as to the things of the world, as must of necessity be cherished in order to make provision for the future.

The Committee earnestly hope that such measures will be adopted as will place this very important fund upon a basis somewhat commensurate with the demands which must ere long be made upon it, and corresponding to the numbers, piety and ability of the members of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The Committee beg to recommend that those entrusted with the management of the fund should be authorized to increase the allowance to \$300 in the case of Ministers with families, and who are known to be without any personal means. It is further suggested that the Committee should be largely taken from the Eldership of the Church.

R. H. THORNTON,

Convener.

### REPORT OF WIDOWS' FUND COMMITTEE.

The Committee have to report the receipts and expenditure of the Widows'. Fund for the past year as follows:

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$1,245	74	
Congregational Collections and donations	2,730	42	
Ministers' Rates	1,336	00	
Interest received	3,635	03	
Investments falling due and paid	2,800	00	
		-\$11,747	19

### PAYMENTS.

Annuities to Ministers' Widows and Children			
Rates Repaid	76	00	
Invested	4,777	45	
Placed to credit of Fund for Aged and Infirm Min-			
istors' Fund			
Printing and Sundry Incidental Charges	25	60	
Proportion of General Expenses	85		
" Agent's Salary	350	00	
Balance	2,448		
		\$11.747	19

The gross amount of the Fund is \$61,331 49, viz:		
Invested in Debentures	\$20,344	00
Mortgages		44
Cash		05

\$61,331 49 the fund during the year,

Two widows have been admitted to the benefits of the fund during the year, and one has died; the total number now on the fund is nineteen.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)

J. OSBORNE,

Convener.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee, in laying before the Synod the statement of receipts and expenditure for the various Schemes of the Church, have to express their satisfaction on the whole with the results of the year. In most of the Schemes there is an increase, although not large. It is believed, however, that the increase would have been more general, and also greater in amount, but for the depression in busines, which, for the last six months, has prevailed to such an extent throughout the country. In the amount contributed for Knox College there is a decrease, very small in itself, as compared with last year. But as last year the income was not equal to the expenditure, so it is this year, and, consequently, there is an increase in the debt in the ordinary College Fund. Several congregations have omitted to collect within the year, but it is understood that the omissions will be supplied as soon as circumstances will allow.

In the Foreign Mission Scheme there is an increase of from \$800 to \$900;

but this is not sufficient for the increased expenditure.

The increase in the Home Mission Fund is occasioned by a generous contribution of £150 stg. from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. But for this

grant there would have been a falling off in the fund.

It appears from the books of the general agent for the Schemes of the Church, that while many congregations contribute with commendable regularity to all the objects, there are others, some of them large, that from year to year take no share of the common burden, nor any part in the common work. It is desirable that in some way Presbyteries should, from time to time, look after the manner in which the Synodical appointments are carried out in the matter of stated collections, and should seek the establishment of missionary associations in all the several congregations.

The books, vouchers, cash balances, &c., of the agent have been examined by Mr. J. L. Blaikie, and Mr. J. S. Piayfair, in absence of Hon. J. McMurrich;

they have been all found correct.

There is appended a summary of the receipts, payments, balances, &c., of all the Schemes for the years 1868-9.

	Palance from last Year.	Received during Year.	Totai Receipts.	Payments.	Bal, at Dr.	Bal, at Cr.
ynod Fund						\$ 28 55
Inox College, ordinary Fund.	•••••			, ,	\$ 564 42 537 64	
" Building " Bursary						
oreign Mission	3,360 29					080 91
lome Mission	2,167 03					1,306 75
rench Canadian Mission						291 92
Cankakee	652 61	3,255 54	3,908 15	4,177 45	269 30	
Buxton Mission					345 77	
rofessor Young's Salary						110 40
Red River Relief		829 70				229 97
Vidows' Fund		10,501 45	11,747 19	9,299 14	*	2,448 05
fund for Aged and Infirm		7 507 00	0 404 35	mor 00		0.000 17
Ministers						2,689 17 5 06
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Total		845,457 65	\$55,433 17	849,278 92	8 2.040 34	3 8,095 78

TORONTO, 7th June, 1869.

### ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1ST MAY, 1868, TO 30TH APRIL, 1869, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

### KNOX COLLEGE-1868-9.

### RECEIPTS.

RECEIPTS.				
Amount received from congregations, &c \$5	663	85		
Amount received from congregations, &c	564	42		
Datance due at close of year		_	\$6.228	27
			4-,	
EXPENDITURE.				
Amount due at beginning of year	629	52		
Paid on account of salaries 4	386	82		
" to Mr. Willing " accounts for repairs, &c	400	00		
" accounts for renairs Ac	127	97		
tt f Library	171	59		
f Library  Printing, advertising and stationery  Insurance	102	40		
Trinting, advertising and stationery	108	20		
Thishrance	171	7.4		
	84			
" for advances for ordinary expenditure	0.4			
" City Improvement Rate	30			
" City Improvement Rate " Sundry accounts for chimney sweeping, &c	14	65		
			\$6,228	27
Amount at Dr. as above §	564	42		
Due Professors at date 1	444	83		
Total amount due on ordinary fund	2009	25		
Total amount due on ordinary fund on 1st May, 1868, was	561	17		
Total amount the on ordinary mile on 1st May, 1000, was				
Createn this records	448	08		
Greater this year by	110	VO		
BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
	•			
RECEIPTS.				
Balance at beginning of year	\$13	19		
Received as per statement	023	00		
Balance at Dr	108	81		
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EXPENDITURE.			42,020	• •
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Bursaries and Scholarships paid	55	00		
Paid for Elocution Class and Literary Society	ออ	00	\$1,145	00
			\$1,140	OU
COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.				
Amount at Dr. as last year			\$537	
" on Mortgage			1625	98
SYNOD FUND.				
RECEIPTS.	100			
Balance at beginning of year	100	11		
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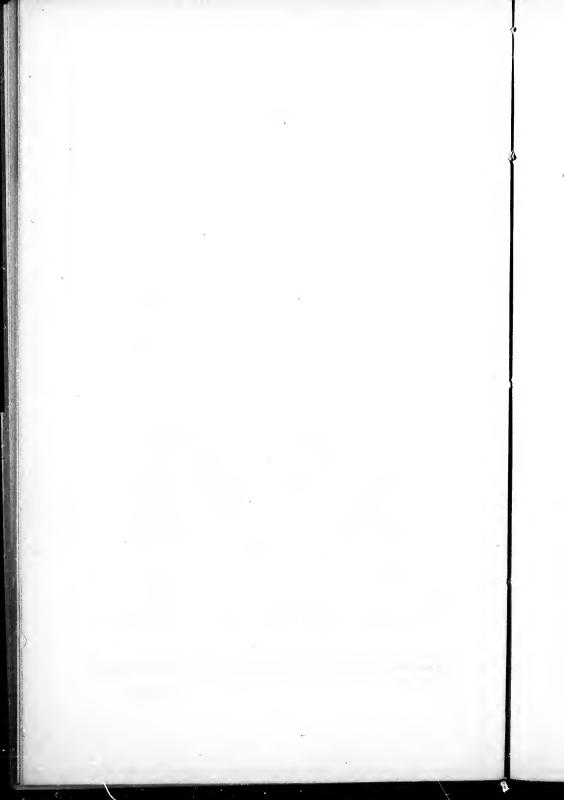
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" Salary of General Agent 680 00		
Balance		
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FOREIGN MISSION.	Ψ=,200	v
Balance from last year		
Received from congregations, &c		
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"Proportion of general expenses 49 00 "Salary of General Agent 80 00 Balance at end of year		
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HOME MISSION.	\$8,539	87
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Baiance at beginning of year	12,403	77
Paid Presbytery of Montreal \$1298 04	,	•
Brockville		
Paid Presbytery of Vingston		
Paid Presbytery of Kingston		
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EXPENDITURE.		
Remitted to Montreal. \$1456 50 Paid proportion of general expenses 25 00 " " Salary of General Agent. 25 00		
Balance		
WIDOWS' FUND.	\$1,798	48
Balance from last year		
Congregational collections and donations. 2730 42 Ministers' rates . 1336 00		
Interest 3635 03	3	
Interest 3635 00 Investments falling due and paid. 2800 00	)	
****	-811,747	19
EXPENDITURE. Annuities paid to Widows and Children of Ministers\$2530 00		
Rates repaid		
Invested 4777 45	1	
Invested 4777 45 Printing, proportion of, and sundry incidental charges 25 00	)	
Amount placed to credit of Fund for Aged and Infirm		
Ministers         1454 60           Proportion of general expenses         85 00		
" Solary of Agent 350 00	) )	
" Salary of Agent 350 00 Balance 2448 05		
	\$11,747	19
The following is the present state of Fund:		
Invested in Debentures \$20344 00   " Mortgages 38539 44		
Cash		
Cush,	- \$61331	49
FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS. RECEIPTS.		
Balance at beginning of year	3	
Receipts during year from congregations, Fonations, &c. 1454-69	)	
Interest	69 101	17
EXPENDITURE.	\$3,484	1.
Annuities to Ministers paid \$710.00	)	
Proportion for Printing	)	
" General expenses 25 00	)	
Proportion for Printing         10 00           " General expenses         25 00           " Salary of Agent         50 00           Balance         2689 17	)	
Balance	63.481	17
BUXTOM MISSION.	- \$9,40£	11
Amount at Dr. last year	\$545	77
Credited from Home Mission Fund	) ⊜ე.≇ე	• •
" Synod Fund 100 00		
****	\$300	<b>00</b>
Amount now at Du	@945	17.7
Amount now at Dr.	\$345	11
HOME AND FGREIGN RECORD.		
RECEIPTS.		
Balance at beginning of year		
Received from subscriptions and advertisements 2429 23		9.4
	\$2,430	04

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Postage and express charges	
Proportion of General Expenses	
" Salary 295 00	
" Salary	00 400 04
KANKAKEE MISSION. RECEIPTS.	\$2,436 84
Balance from last year.         \$652 61           Receipts from all sources.         3255 54	
Receipts from all sources	
Balance	
	\$4,177 45
EXPENDITURE. Paid Rev. C. Chiniquy, on account of Salary, including	
arrear \$901 00	
Paid Rev. C. Chiniquy, for Mission (including amount	
collected by him)	
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" On account of Students	
"Printing	
" Expenses of Members of Committee	
" Proportion of General Expenses, Salary, &c	@ ( 177 /5
BEACHVILLE DEBT.	\$4,177 45
Balance from last year	
Received during year Interest from Endowment Fund 280 00	
Polones now due	
Balance now due	
Amount at Interest	
MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH.	
Amount received	
" Remitted	
MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.	
Amount received	
" Remitted 10 00	
MISSIONE OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROV	INCES.
Amount receir d	III CLIC.
" Remitted 48 90	
CHAIR OF REV. G. P. YOUNG.	
Amount received	
" Paid Rev. G. P. Young 1164 00	
73.1	
Balance \$110 40	
RED RIVER RULIEF.	
Amount received \$829 76	
" Remitted	
Balance \$229 97	
The above accounts have been examined, vouchers and balances	nomnaro/l
and found correct.	compared,
(Signed). J. L. Blaik	IE.
J. S. Playe	



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