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## The Presbyterian.

### TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

In our last number we urged remittances from subscribers who are indebted to us for arrears as well as for the current year's subscription. As many may not be aware of the amount they owe, we have enclosed the accounts in the present number, and we rely on our friends remitting at once the amount.

To those who only owe the current year it may be more convenient to remit *one dollar*, which will pay for 1861, and thus save postage, and be of consequence to us.

It is unpleasant for us to call the attention of our subscribers to the emptiness of our purse, but unfortunately, this is sometimes necessary, as many from forgetfulness or carelessness allow their subscriptions to run for years unpaid, keeping us, who are responsible for the heavy expenses of publication, unpleasantly situated. Our own work is gratuitous, and the labour is to us a pleasure, and that pleasure would be much increased if we were relieved from the responsibility by the attention of our subscribers to the hint given above.

Our subscription list ought to be greatly increased, and we can only look to the Clergymen of our Church and their Elders taking an interest in this matter by inducing every member of their congregations to become subscribers.

We are strenuously endeavouring to be

at the end of the year clear of debt, and would be gratified if in possession of a surplus, which we would gladly hand over to some scheme of Queen's College, say the Bursary Scheme, being one most in need of support. Our subscribers in Kingston can hand the amount of their bills to Mr. Paton, in Perth, C. W., to Mr. Morris, post-master, in Quebec, to Mr. J. W. Cook, and in Ottawa, to the Rev. H. J. Borthwick.

We have to thank those friends who have already exerted themselves in obtaining us additional subscribers as well as used great personal exertions to collect the arrears owing to us.

## THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

### SYNOD MINUTES AND OTHER PAPERS.

THE following printed materials are in the hands of the Synod Clerk, the Rev. W. Snodgrass, Montreal:

Minutes of Synod from 1831 to 1836 inclusive, a reprint, ..... \$2 00  
 Minutes of Synod from 1837 to 1859 inclusive, single copy for any year, 0 25  
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Parties wishing any of these can have them

on application. The sums mentioned as prices must first be remitted—they are for the benefit of the Synod Fund. In all communications, addressed to the Synod Clerk on this or any other business of the Church, stamps for return postage ought to be enclosed so as to save charges on the Synod Fund.

### ARRIVAL OF A MISSIONARY.

We learn with pleasure that the Revd. W. Black has arrived in Montreal with the view of occupying the Pointe St. Charles and St. Joseph Street Suburbs of the City as a missionary, having been designated to that field by the Colonial Committee. We wish him a" success in his evangelistic labours.

### THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

Instead of any review of our own of the proceedings of this Body, we adopt in preference the Moderator's Address at the close of the Session which is well deserving of perusal. We also insert as usual the Minutes of proceedings, with a view of familiarizing every member of the church with the transactions of the Supreme Court. We shall hereafter, from time to time, select such of the Reports of the various Schemes, as are of greatest public interest and give them insertion. We hope also in next number, to supply a Report of the Synodical Meeting in commemoration of the Tri-centenary of the Reformation in Scotland.

## CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

An exceedingly interesting and useful Report was submitted by the Committee on Statistics to the Synod which was, however, unfortunately imperfect, in consequence of the omission of a number of congregations to supply the needed information. The Synod regarding "the work as one fraught with interest and importance to the Church at large" instructed all Kirk Sessions who have not sent in Reports to the Convener (the Revd. Robert Dobie of Osnabruck) to do so on or before the first day of August next, that they may be printed along with those already received.

It is hoped that this duty will be at once attended to, and thus a complete view will be obtained of the whole position of our Church in its various aspects, an object of no slight importance.

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER'S CLASS ROLL BOOK.

The Montreal Sabbath School Association of our Church are doing a useful work, as well locally in sustaining two effective Mission Schools and otherwise, as also in affording facilities for a thorough systematizing of Sabbath School instruction. They have just added to their publications "The Sabbath School Teacher's Class Roll Book," which is advertised in another column. This neat and cheap little book is creditable as well to the Association as to the enterprising publisher, from whose office it issues. It is bound in a stiff cover, and contains with printed columns pages for entering a register of the class as well as of the daily attendance of the scholars and other memoranda. The book contains 12 pages of strong paper, and will be found of service to Sabbath School Teachers. The price is 50 cents per dozen copies, or, inclusively of postage to any part of the Province, 63 cents. The Scheme of Lessons for the Quarter commencing on the 1st of July, and including the last half of the year, is offered, as will be seen by the advertisement, at 15 cents per dozen copies, postage paid. We can heartily recommend the use of this Scheme to schools not provided with such means of instruction.

## JEWISH MISSION.

The collection for the Jewish Mission is appointed to be taken up on the first Sabbath in July or on the first convenient Sabbath thereafter. This Mission, which was so deliberately and cautiously resolved upon is now in operation, and will, we hope, be liberally sustained. The first Missionary, the Revd. Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D., has gone forth with his family from among us, and is now engaged in the acquisition of the languages as a preparation for missionary labour, and in dispensing medical aid to the sick and the poor as he finds opportunity. By arrangement with the Jewish Committee of the Church of Scot-

land, Dr. Epstein will in the first instance labour for a few months in co-operation with their missionaries in Salonica in Turkey—that ancient city in which the great apostle of the Gentiles once preached and laboured. During the year, and after conference with the Committee of the Parent Church, it will be decided what station will be occupied by our Church permanently. At Salonica there are 45,000 Jews, and an effective Mission and School, sustained by the Church of Scotland. Monastir, a city some 90 miles to the north-west, will be probably occupied by us however. There there is a small Jewish population, but a vast Bulgarian population also, who are accessible to missionary influences, as well in that city as in the surrounding villages. If Monastir be adopted, in addition to the services of our missionary physician those of a teacher will have to be provided.

The Synod have asked the prayers of the people for the missionary, his family and the Committee, that they all may be directed by the good Spirit of God in all their actings and in all their relations to the Mission, and such might fitly be offered on the day on which the collection is taken up; but there are asked also liberal offerings for the support of the Mission. We have sent forth the first Foreign Missionary ever sent from Canada, and he has entered upon his work. Let the willing gifts of our people show that no fitful zeal actuated us in this step, but a real love and an anxious desire to spread "the truth as it is in Jesus."

Let us then, in the words of the Convener of the Jewish Scheme of the Church in Scotland, "remember the many obligations we owe to the Jewish nation, and the responsibility lying on us to seek the good of those from whom we have derived all our religious privileges and consolations, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came. Let us be sharers of those great blessings promised to all who seek the good of Israel, and by our liberal contributions and fervent prayers labour for the coming of that day when the restoring of the Jewish nation to their position as God's own people, and their acknowledgement of Jesus as the promised Messiah, shall be even as life from the dead to the Gentile world, and shall usher in the time when all shall know the Lord, and when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of the Lord and His Christ."

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Public meetings for calling attention to the Synodical Schemes are held annually in most of the congregations in this Presbytery, and have met with very gratifying success. On these occasions the Missionary and other schemes of our Church are brought before the people in a more interesting and impressive manner than they

usually are by any individual minister, and the amount contributed for their support is double or treble what is obtained from Sabbath-day collections. Much may be said in regard to the *theoretical* advantages of this plan for advancing the interests of our Church. But our Presbytery rests its advocacy not on theory but on *facts*. That other Presbyteries may be induced to go and do likewise, we subjoin a brief account of the meetings held this year.

The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Presbyterian Church, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was held in Stirling on Tuesday evening, the 13th February. After the meeting had been opened with singing and prayer, W. R. Parker, Esq. was called to the chair; and very interesting and appropriate addresses were delivered by the following Ministers:—Revds. Messrs. McLean & English, of Stirling (Wesleyan Methodists); Rev. Mr. Neill, of Seymour; Rev. Mr. Walker, of Belleville, and the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, the resident Minister of Stirling.

The Stirling choir, led by Mr. Mills, enlivened the audience with several pieces of music.

The House was crowded, and all present appeared to have the Missionary cause at heart by the close attention given to the eloquent speeches of all the Rev. gentlemen present. The collection amounted to nearly \$80.

The Presbyterian Congregation of Seymour held their Annual Missionary Meetings in St. Andrew's Church on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th March, and in the Sons' Hall, Campbellford, on the following evening. After singing and prayer the Minister of the congregation, the Rev. Robert Neill, gave some account of the Missionary Schemes of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and then introduced the different speakers—the Rev. Messrs. English and Downs, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and the Rev. Messrs. Buchan and Walker, of the Presbyterian Church, who in a very happy and impressive manner addressed the audience on the duty and importance of Missionary enterprise, and the special claims of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church to their liberal support. Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the roads both places of meeting were well filled; all present seemed interested and delighted with the proceedings, and about \$50 were contributed for Missionary purposes.

A Missionary Meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church on Monday evening, 30th April. The building was well filled on the occasion, there being present, in addition to the congregation, many persons from the other Protestant denominations in the town. After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Niel, the chairman, Mr. Burdon in a short speech drew attention to the Missionary Schemes of the Presbyterian Synod of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. During the evening Professor Weir, of Queen's College, and the Rev. Messrs. Lavell (Wesleyan), McLaren (Free Church) Neill, and Buchan delivered able and suitable addresses, which, it would seem, were well appreciated by the audience, as about \$100 were collected before the close, in aid of the above Schemes. A vote of thanks was then passed to the members of the Choir for their services on the occasion, after which the proceedings, which had been throughout of an interesting character, were concluded, the Rev. A. Walker, Pastor of the congregation, pronouncing the benediction

St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, must, we think, be in a healthy and prosperous state, judging from the liberal contributions that have been raised by it during the last 12 months for Missionary and other purposes.—*Intelligencer*.

## REPORT OF THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CANADA.

We have before us the Report of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and consider it a most valuable and instructive document. We may hereafter, when we have less pressure upon our space, make room for it. The Scheme is evidently now in vigorous hands, and we only regret that the Funds placed at the disposal of the Committee are inadequate to the demands upon them. Meanwhile we select one or two extracts.

The Report opens its view of the Colonial field with a narrative of operations in our own Province. We extract a few paragraphs.

The Committee feel it to be a duty as it is also a privilege, to congratulate the Church at home on the state of her offshoot and representative in this great colony. Incidents, which will be noticed under another head, have brought the Committee into an unusual intimacy of correspondence with distinguished members of the Canadian Synod, and the result has been most gratifying. It is eminently desirable that such intercourse as is here alluded to could be more frequent; for it tends to strengthen on the one side a hearty interest which is apt to languish, and to sustain on the other an affectionate loyalty which is exposed to many adverse influences. The Committee take leave to invite the special attention of the General Assembly to the Annual Report of the Trustees of Queen's College, hereinafter inserted; and they would venture further to

recommend that steps be taken to facilitate the access of ministers, at home to the yearly issue of "Acts and Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church of Canada," which is, in many respects a most interesting and instructive document.

The ensuing extracts show how lively an interest is felt by the Committee in the welfare and prosperity of Queen's College, and how cordial the endorsement of the new principal, Dr. Leitch, is as well on the part of the Committee as of the General Assembly.

The Annual Report by the Trustees of this Institution may be justly regarded by the Church at home as a satisfactory and encouraging document. Before inserting it in these pages, the Colonial Committee desire to lay before the General Assembly an expression of the gratification which they derived from their intercourse with the deputation of the Trustees, the Rev. Dr. Barclay of Toronto, and Alexander Morris, Esq., barrister-at-law, of Montreal, who visited this country in autumn last with reference to the selection of a Principal and Primarius Professor of Divinity for Queen's College. The Committee, considering that the appointment to this important office is by the Charter vested absolutely in the Trustees, restricted themselves to what they deemed to be their proper province—that of facilitating and aiding the end in view by correspondence, and by obtaining personal interviews with such ministers as had otherwise been brought under the notice of the deputation. The result has already been hailed, both at home and in Canada, with a general satisfaction; and the Committee are assured that the Rev. W. Leitch, A.M., recently promoted to the well-earned degree of D.D. by the University of Glasgow, will go to his new field of duty, possessing the entire confidence and enjoying the best wishes of the Church of Scotland.

The Colonial Committee, moreover, are deeply impressed by the representations of the deputa-

tion on the subject of Bursaries for Students of Theology at Queen's College, increased their annual grant for that purpose, as is noticed in the Report of the Trustees, from L. 30 to L. 50. Should their opinion as to the importance of encouraging the education of a native clergy meet, as they think it deserves to meet, the approbation of the General Assembly, they will be anxious, so soon as the state of their funds permits them, to increase this grant in compliance with the urgent request of the Trustees.

The following is the deliverance of the Assembly after hearing the Report:—

Which day the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland being met and constituted, *et cetera*, the General Assembly called for the Report of Colonial Committee, which was given in and read by the Rev. Dr. Stevenson, Covenanter. Several members being heard, it was moved and unanimously agreed to that the General Assembly approve of the Report now presented, reserving consideration of the part thereof relative to Army Chaplains till the Report of the late Moderator therein referred to shall have been received; renew their expression of unabated anxiety to promote, by every means in their power, the religious interests of their countrymen in the Colonies, and earnestly recommend this object to the increased liberality of the Church.

The General Assembly congratulate the Church in Canada and the Committee on the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Leitch to the office of Principal in Queen's College at Kingston, an appointment which has already been hailed with approbation and confidence both at home and in Canada, and which, they trust, will, by the Divine blessing, greatly encourage the training of a native Presbyterian ministry for all the provinces of British North America.

The General Assembly, with reference to the four Students from Nova Scotia,—Messrs Grant, McMillan, McGregor and Cameron,—approved of the recommendation contained in the Report, and authorised the Presbytery of Glasgow to proceed in terms thereof.

## ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Kingston, the 30th day of May, and concluded on the 5th day of June, 1860 years.

## SESSION XXXII.

## DIET I.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Wednesday, the Thirtieth Day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to appointment, after sermon by the Rev. John Macmurchy, Minister at Eldon, their Moderator, on this text, Romans, ch. vii., v. 25, first clause,—“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord,”—and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. John Macmurchy.

The Synod Roll was made up from Presbytery Rolls and read.

A document purporting to be an extract minute of the election of Charles P. Treadwell by the Kirk Session of L'Orignal, as Representative Elder for the current year, was read and referred to the Presbytery of Glengarry, with instructions to report thereon.

## CORRESPONDENT.

There was read and sustained a Commission from the Reverend the Synod of Nova Scotia, in favour of the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, D. D., of MacLennan's Mountain, Nova Scotia, and his name was added to the Roll.

The Rev. Thomas G. Smith, a member of the Presbytery of Chicago in connection with the General Assembly of the Old School Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, being present, and a document certifying his standing having been read, was invited to take part in the deliberations of this meeting.

## MEMBERS PRESENT.

Alexander Mathieson, Moderator, John Machar, Robert Neill, James Williamson, James George, Archibald Walker, Alexander Buchan, John B. Mowat, John Tawse, John Macmurchy, John Barclay, Samuel Porter, John Campbell, David Watson, John H. Mackerras, William Cleland, James Gordon, James Bain, James S. Douglas, Donald Ross, David Camelon, John Cook, George D. Ferguson, James Sieveright, James C. Muir, Frederick P. Sym, William Snodgrass, James Patterson, John Moffat, John Livingston, Hugh Urquhart, Thomas Macpherson, Robert Dobie, Peter Watson, John Davidson, Thomas Scott, George Bell, Hamilton Gibson, George Macdonnell, Kenneth McLennan, James Thom, Hugh Niven, Charles Campbell, William Masson, John Hogg, Alexander Mackid, William Bell, James McEwen, William Miller, John Rannie, Joseph Anderson, Alexander Mann, William Bain, J. McMorine, Alexander Spence, Solomon Mylne, Duncan Morrison, George Thomson, Peter Lindsay, William C. Clark, Joseph Evans, William Johnson, and Alexander McGillivray, Ministers: and Joseph Bruce, Thomas Hume, George Neilson, George F. Boulter, John Cameron, John Macmurchy, William Sinclair, Archibald Barker, Alexander Stir-

ling, Robert Dennistoun, John Lockhart, Robert Ross, Alexander Morris, Donald A. Livingston, John Greenshields, Walter Colquhoun, William Young, Richard Loucks, Farquhar B. McLennan, Alexander Robertson, Charles P. Treadwell, John Brockie, Alexander Logie, James Hamilton, David Allan, William Fraser, George Malloch, Archibald Petrie, and John Mitchell, *Elders*.

#### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by A. Mackid, and passed unanimously. That the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D. D., of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, be Moderator, and Dr. Mathieson being present took the chair.

#### THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Cook, seconded by A. Mann, and passed unanimously, the Moderator tendered to the Rev. John Macmurchy the thanks of the Synod for his conduct while in the chair, and for the excellent sermon preached by him at the opening of this Session.

#### HOURS OF MEETING.

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

#### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

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

#### REPORT ON BUSINESS.

The report of the Committee on Business was called for and read. The Synod agreed to follow the order of business prepared by the Committee and the recommendations contained in their report.

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. On Bills and Overtures.—The Moderator, *Convenor*, The Clerk, A. Walker, Dr. Barclay, J. H. MacVerras, J. Patterson, R. Dobie, G. Bell, J. McEwen, W. Bain, Dr. Cook, Dr. George, T. Macpherson, J. Bain, A. Morris, J. Greenshields, G. Malloch, J. Bruce, J. Cameron, Dr. Machar, Dr. Urquhart, with instructions to meet at the close of this Diet and thereafter by adjournment as they see cause, to consider all papers intended to be brought before the Synod, and to report any recommendations that may occur to them in regard to their disposal.
2. To revise Presbytery Records.—J. B. Mowat, *Convenor*, R. Neill, G. Neilson, J. Macmurchy, J. Campbell, D. Watson, J. S. Douglas, A. Barker, J. Saveright, G. D. Ferguson, Dr. Muir, J. Patterson, Dr. Livingston, T. Macpherson, P. Watson, W. Colquhoun, F. B. McLennan, G. McDonnell, H. Niven, C. Campbell, D. Allan, W. Miller, A. Mann, G. Thomson, and A. Petrie—to meet at the close of this Diet.
3. To revise the Synod Records.—Dr. Barclay, *Convenor*, G. Bell, J. Patterson, and A. Morris, to meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.
4. To draft an address to the Queen.—Dr. George, *Convenor*, J. McMorine, and J. Greenshields.
5. To draft an address to the Governor General.—Dr. Cook, *Convenor*, Dr. Muir, R. Dennistoun.
6. To draft an address to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to Canada.—Dr. Barclay, *Convenor*, G. McDonnell, A. Morris, and A. Logie.

There was read a communication from the Secretary of the College, intimating that the Trustees had resolved to place the buildings at the service of the Synod while in Session. The Synod instructed the Clerk to reply, thanking the Trustees for their kind and considerate offer, and stating, that the Synod will be glad to take advantage thereof should they find occasion to do so.

The reply of his Excellency the Governor General to the Synod's address of last year was read.

#### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Rev. John McMorine, Dr. Mathieson, and Dr. Cook were re-elected Trustees of Queen's College in accordance with the provisions of the Royal charter. their names are ordered to be placed at the top of the list of Clerical Trustees, and the Clerk is instructed to intimate this election to the Secretary of the College.

#### ELECTION OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs William Edmonstone and John Greenshields were re-elected Clergy Reserve Commissioners, agreeably to regulations of Synod 1848; their names are ordered to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners, and the clerk is instructed to intimate this election to the Board.

The Minutes of the Commission of Synod were read and sustained.

The reply of His Excellency the Governor General, to the Minute of the Commission of Synod expressive of sympathy with him in his late bereavement was read.

#### LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Synod, having considered the reference by the Commission of the circular letter from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, appoint Dr. Cook, *Convenor*, Dr. Machar, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Morris, a committee to draft an answer.

#### TRICENTENARY OF THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION.

The report of the Committee on the celebration of the Tricentenary of the Scottish Reformation having been called for was read by the Clerk. The Committee recommend the Synod to set apart the evening of Monday next to the hearing of addresses on the following subjects,—On the principal characters that figured in the Scottish Reformation; by the Rev. James Bain, of Scarborough; (2), on the leading results of the Scottish Reformation, by Professor George; and (3), on the responsibility and duty of our Church in Canada, in connection with the Reformation, by the Rev. George Bell, of Clifton. The Committee also recommend the Synod to instruct all the ministers of this Church to direct the attention of their people to the character and results of the Scottish Reformation, by appropriate discourses to be delivered on the sixteenth day of December next—the Sabbath next preceding the day on which the first General Assembly was held at Edinburgh. The Synod adopt the report, and instruct the Clerk to communicate the latter recommendation to the Moderator of the other Presbyterian Synods in this Province, and express the desire of this Court that these Synods would include a like arrangement in their mode of celebration, and further instruct the Clerk to send a printed extract of the said recommendation to each minister of the Church in sufficient time before the 10th of December next.

The Synod appoint the following ministers to conduct Divine service on Sabbath next,—in this Church, Rev. J. Hogg on the forenoon, Rev. Dr. McGillivray on the afternoon, and Rev. J. Livingston on the evening; on Wolfe Island, Rev. J. S. Douglas; at Pittsburgh, Rev. D. Morrison.

#### TEMPORALITIES FUND.\*

The report and financial statement of the Temporalities Board for the past year were read by Dr. Cook. A draft code of By-laws in printed form was also laid upon the table. The Synod refer all documents from this Board to the following Committee to consider and report thereon, namely, Dr. Cook, *Convenor*, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Muir, Dr. McGillivray, J. Greenshields, A. Mann, W. Fraser, G. Neilson, K. McLennan, G. Macdennell, G. Bell, A. Logie, D. Allan, A. Mackid, J. Rannie.

#### CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of Correspondents having been called for, Mr. Morris stated, that, being in Scotland last summer on College business, he was prevented from fulfilling his appointment. The Rev. Alexander Spence, the other Correspondent, read a full and interesting report of his attendance at the last annual meetings of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Synod record their sense of the faithfulness of Mr. Spence in attending to this duty, and thank him for the report he has read.

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

#### DIET II.

*At St. Andrew's Church Kingston, Thursday, the Thirty-first Day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—*

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

An extract minute of the action of the Presbytery of Glengarry on the Commission of Charles P. Treadwell was read, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Presbytery his name was added to the Roll.

#### ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elected Rev. Wm. Simpson, John Greenshields, and Joseph M. Ross, to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows', and Orphans' Fund; directed their names to be placed at the top of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board; and instructed the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE AND ADMISSION.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Bathurst, for leave to take George Porteous, Student of Divinity, on trials for license. The same application was made by the Presbytery of Kingston, in behalf of

Robert Campbell and Alexander Hannah Boyle, and by the Presbytery of Toronto in behalf of James Carmichael. The Synod having ascertained that circular letters had been duly issued intimating the intention of these Presbyteries to make this application, instructed these Students to appear before the following

EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

hereby appointed for this year, namely, the Moderator, *Convener*, Dr. Cook, *Vice-Convener*, Dr. Maclach, A. Walker, Dr. Barclay, J. H. MacKerras, J. Campbell, J. Bain, J. Sieveright, Dr. Muir, J. Patterson, Dr. T. Crquhart, Macpherson, G. Bell, G. Macdowell, Dr. Skinner, A. Mackel, J. Rainin, W. Bain, J. McMorrie, A. Spence, and Dr. McGilivray, to meet this day at one o'clock.

An extract minute of the Presbytery of Toronto transmitting an application of Rev. A. C. Stewart, missionary within their bounds for admission to the full status of a minister in this Church, was referred to the Examining Committee that they might consider and report thereon. Applications of John D. Robertson, Student of Arts, and James Douglas, Student of Divinity, for accommodation by the Synod in regard to their attendance at College, were disposed of in the same way.

STANDING ORDERS.

The report of the Committee on Standing Orders having been called for was read by the Clerk.

Agreeably to a recommendation contained therein, the Synod convert the minutes hitherto repeated from year to year in the first day's proceedings, in regard to the Synod's hours of meeting, and meetings of Presbyteries during the Session, into Standing Orders.

The following Bill reported by the Committee was read.—

*Bill anent the Representation of the Eldership in the Superior Church Courts*

WHEREAS it is desirable to embody in one Act sundry resolutions and enactments of this Synod, made and passed at different times, on the representation of the Eldership in the Superior Church Courts, and otherwise declare and facilitate the practice of the Church in this matter, with the view of providing for the said representation in a full and effective manner, be it enacted as follows:—

I. Each Kirk Session shall, at a meeting regularly summoned by the Moderator giving intimation of the time, place, and object thereof, duly constituted and held, within two months after the closing of the annual Session of Synod, exercise their right of electing annually one of their number, who must be a *bona fide* acting Elder of their Congregation, and who must have signed the Formula appended to this Act, to represent them in all meetings of the Superior Courts during the Synodical year, to wit, until the close of the annual meeting of Synod then ensuing, and the responsibility and duty of summoning the said meeting shall lie with the Session and the several members thereof, as including both the Moderator and Elders, and, as a means of reminding them of this duty, the Synod Clerk shall, within ten days after the closing of the annual Session of Synod, in each year, mail or cause to be mailed, a printed copy of the blank Form of Commission annexed to this Act, to the address of each Minister on the Synod Roll, being Moderator of a Kirk Session, but the not being furnished thus with a copy of the said Form shall be no excuse for any Moderator neglecting to summon his Session in the manner and for the purpose aforesaid; and, although the period of two months is allowed for the election of Representative Elders, nevertheless, Sessions are enjoined to make their elections with all convenient speed, and if it come to the knowledge of Sessions or Moderators of Sessions that a meeting of the Presbytery of the bounds is called or appointed to take place, before the first ordinary or stated meeting thereof after the closing of the annual session of Synod, they are required to regard this circumstance as an urgent reason for expedition in this matter, so that if possible there may be no meeting of Presbytery without Representative Elders, should it be their desire or interest to attend.

II. At the meeting of Session summoned and constituted, as hereinbefore provided, no procedure shall be taken in the election of a Representative Elder until the Moderator shall have read the following statement in the hearing of the members present:—

WHEREAS it is the principal and distinctive duty of the office of a Representative Elder to attend the Superior Church Courts and there to deliberate and vote, agreeably to the word of God and the constitution of this Church, on all questions affecting the interests both of the Church at large, and of the particular Congregation to which he belongs; and whereas it is of the utmost consequence that the Church, in her legislative, judicial, and executive capacities, should be assisted and strengthened in her several Courts by the presence of her Representative Office-bearers; therefore the member of this Session, who may be elected to fill the office of Representative Elder, shall be required, before his election be sustained, to acknowledge it to be his duty, (1) to attend the meetings of the Presbytery of the bounds and the annual meeting of Synod, (2) to give an account of his attendance thereat when required to do so by this Session, and (3) to

send a written apology to the Moderator or Clerk of Synod if necessarily prevented from attending the annual meeting of Synod, and he shall be required to promise that, God willing, he will, to the utmost of his ability and diligence, fulfil his duty in these several particulars:

And this statement having been read the Session shall make an election, and require of the party elected his assent thereto, and if he refuse to give his assent his election shall be held to be null and void, and the Session shall proceed immediately to a new election, but if he give his assent his election shall be sustained, in which case the Session Clerk shall record a minute of this procedure according to the Form annexed to this Act, and shall forthwith furnish the Representative Elder with an extract thereof, which shall be his Commission, and which shall be good and valid until the close of the ensuing annual Session of Synod but no longer, and if no member of Session be found willing to be elected, a minute to that effect shall be recorded and an extract thereof forwarded to the first stated meeting of Presbytery.

III. In circumstances rendering it impossible to elect a Representative Elder within the aforesaid period of two months, the Session so situated shall make an election as soon as possible thereafter, and in the event of the death, or permanent removal or separation from the Session or Congregation, of the Elder elect, or in the event of his resignation, which it shall be competent for the Session at any time, if they think fit, to accept, the Session shall, within one month after the occurrence of the vacancy thus occasioned, hold a meeting duly summoned for the purpose of supplying the same by a new election, and all Sessions availing themselves of this provision shall cause the reasons of such elections to be fully and explicitly minuted in their records, and shall instruct their Clerk to furnish Elders elected in such circumstances with extracts of the whole proceeding thereon, which extracts shall be the Commissions of the Elders so elected instead of the usual Form of Commission annexed to this Act; provided always that an Elder so elected shall be called upon to express, and shall express, his assent to the statement embodied in the second section of this Act.

IV. Representative Elders elect are required to lay their Commissions before the Presbytery of the bounds, not later than the first stated meeting thereof after their election, by personal compareance or by transmission of them to the Moderator or Clerk of Presbytery in time to be submitted to said meeting, provided always that, in the case of an election made according to the terms of the third section of this Act, if no meeting of Presbytery be held between the said election and the ensuing annual meeting of Synod, the Elder so elected shall if possible forward his Commission to the Synod Clerk so as to be in his hands at least four clear days before the said annual meeting of Synod, to be by the said Clerk submitted to the Synod, but if this be not possible it shall be competent for him in person to lay his Commission before the said meeting of Synod, and it shall be competent for any meeting of Presbytery whatever to its character, provided only it be duly met and constituted, to receive and dispose of Elders' Commissions; and it shall be the duty of every Presbytery, at its first ordinary or stated meeting after the expiration of the aforesaid period of two months, to call for Elders' Commissions and to enquire diligently into every case in which a Kirk Session may appear to have neglected to make an election or a representative Elder to forward his Commission, and such neglect in either case shall, on sufficient evidence, be censurable; and it shall not be lawful for a Presbytery to sustain any Commission which does not bear that the election it intimates has been made agreeably to the provisions of this Act.

V. A charge fully organized by once having had a Minister regularly inducted, being vacant and still on the Presbytery Roll, shall be entitled to representation in the Superior Courts by one of its Elders, the same as if it were supplied with a settled pastor, and Presbyteries shall, at their first stated or ordinary meeting after the annual Session of Synod, give practical effect to this right, by appointing one of their number, being a Minister, for each Session not having a Moderator, to be a term Moderator thereof, and in making such appointments shall enjoin all interim Moderators to give the Sessions for which they are respectively appointed an early opportunity of electing Representative Elders, and in so doing to conform in every respect to the requirements of this Act.

VI. The Elders of a charge consisting of two or more Congregations, or sections of a Congregation, under one Minister, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be considered as forming one Session, and they shall convene for the election of a Representative Elder, after due intimation as hereinbefore provided, at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a majority of their number.

VII. Inasmuch as Representative Elders are elected to attend the Superior Courts in behalf of the Sessions and Congregations to which they belong, and for the general interests of the Church at large, it shall be the duty of each Session to make provision from any fund at their disposal for such a purpose, by public collection, or otherwise, for the travelling expenses of their Representative Elder to Presbytery and Synod.

VIII. It shall be the duty of each Session to cause, and they are hereby enjoined to cause, a copy of this Act, so soon as it shall be passed into law and printed, to be attached to their Record Book in a



manner at once secure and convenient for reference; and the Synod imperatively requires all Moderators of Kirk Sessions to be careful and diligent in instructing their Sessions in the nature and design of this Act, both in regard to the whole and the several provisions thereof, and in directing them to its due observance.

IX. All former Acts, Regulations, and Resolutions, passed and enacted by this Synod are hereby repealed and declared to be null and void.

*Form of Minute, Extract, and Commission.*

At the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_  
years.

Which day the Session of \_\_\_\_\_  
being convened to elect a Representative Elder pursuant to intimation given by the Moderator, did and hereby do nominate and appoint Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, one of their number, and a *bona fide* acting elder of the congregation, to represent them in all meetings of the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ and Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, during the current year, willing him to repair to all meetings of the said Presbytery and Synod, wherever they may be held, and to attend all diets of the same, and there to consult, vote, and determine, in all matters that may come before them, to the glory of God and the good of His Church, according to the word of God, the Confession of Faith, and the constitution of this Church, as he will be answerable, and to report his diligence therein. And the said Session hereby testify and declare that the Ruling Elder named herein has been elected agreeably to the Act of Synod 1869, entitled *An act anent the representation of the Eldership in the Superior Church Courts*, and that he has signed the Formula prescribed by said Act and annexed thereto.

Extracted by \_\_\_\_\_

Session Clerk.

*Formula for Ruling Elders.*

I do sincerely own and declare the Confession of Faith approved by former General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland, and ratified by law in the year 1690, to be the confession of my faith; and that I own the doctrine therein contained to be the true doctrine which I will constantly adhere to. As likewise that I own and acknowledge Presbyterian Church Government of this Church now settled by law, by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies, to be the only government of this Church, and that I will submit thereto, concur therein, and never endeavour directly or indirectly the prejudice or subversion thereof: And that I shall observe uniformity of worship, and of the administration of all public ordinances within this Church, as the same are at present performed and allowed.

It was moved by A. Mann, seconded by G. Thomson, That the Bill be transmitted to Presbyteries, that they may consider and report thereon to next meeting of Synod, but that it be not made an interim Act. It was moved in amendment by A. Barker, seconded by Dr. Cook, That the Bill be referred to a Committee composed of Dr. Barclay, Convener, Dr. Cook, Dr. George, J. Bain, Judge Logie, and R. Dennistoun, that they may consider and report thereon at an early day. It was also moved in amendment by Dr. Muir, seconded by Dr. George, That the Synod enter upon the consideration of the Bill now. The first amendment was carried against the second by a vote of 55 to 15, and the motion against the first amendment by a vote of 45 to 31. The Moderator declared accordingly.

The following Bill also reported by the Committee on Standing Orders is transmitted for the consideration of Presbyteries, and they are instructed to report thereon to next meeting of the Synod:—

*Bill anent the attendance of Ministers at meetings of the Superior Church Courts.*

WHEREAS by the constitution and practice of this Church all ministers holding pastoral charges are members of the superior judicatories: and whereas at the time of induction to such charges such ministers did, both by oral assent and written subscription, publicly own the Presbyterian government and discipline established in this Church, and did solemnly promise that, through the grace of God, they would firmly and constantly adhere to the same, and to the utmost of their power in their station assert, maintain, and defend the said government and discipline, and in their practice conform themselves thereto, and never endeavour directly or indirectly the prejudice of the same, and that they would be subject to all superior judicatories of this Church where God in his providence would cast their lot; and whereas a diligent and faithful attendance of such ministers upon all stated meetings of the Superior Church Courts, together with the exercise of their gifts and privileges in the dispatch of business, is one of the most obvious and important ways of fulfilling the aforesaid solemn promise, yet, whereas it is true that some ministers of this Church do frequently absent themselves from said meetings, and thereby seriously impair the

efficiency thereof, and render the transaction of business by those who do attend very unsatisfactory, be it enacted and declared by this Court as follows:—

I. That this Synod, moved by zeal for the proper and effective maintenance of Presbyterian government and discipline, in the exercise of its lawful jurisdiction over all ministers belonging to this Church, strictly enjoins and requires all such ministers aforesaid to be diligent and faithful in the fulfilment of their duty of giving regular attendance at all meetings of this and other judicatories of which they are now, or may hereafter become, members; and hereby resolves and determines to enforce this injunction, by calling all ministers infringing it to account, and holding them censurable, and censuring them, for so doing, as it shall see fit; and further enjoins Presbyteries to do the same in regard to the non-attendance of ministers at their stated meetings.

II. That all ministers knowing beforehand that they cannot attend the annual meeting of Synod are required to show their respect and obedience to this Court, by sending letters of apology containing a statement of the reason of their absence to the Moderator, at the place of the said annual meeting, a time to be received by him on the first day thereof, or earlier at the place of his residence; and, on the first day of the said annual meeting, the Synod, when appointing other Committees, shall appoint a Committee whose duty it shall be to report the names of all absent ministers, distinguishing between those absent from said meeting and those who have absented themselves from more than one meeting in succession, and to examine and report on the letters of apology received by the Moderator, distinguishing between the reasons of absence contained therein as considered by the said Committee to be sufficient or insufficient; and ministers absenting themselves without sending letters of apology shall be ranked among those who are absent without a sufficient cause; and the Synod shall take action upon the report of their Committee in such manner and form as may seem best.

III. That inasmuch as ministers are members of Church Courts and they are bound to attend the meetings thereof, with a view to promote the interests of the Church at large and of the several congregations thereof, and inasmuch as the expense incurred by their attendance is considerable and is sometimes felt to be a difficulty in the way of attending, and it is desirable to diminish and remove it, the Synod requires Kirk Sessions to provide for the travelling expenses of their ministers to meetings of Church Courts, in the same manner and to the same extent as they are required, by the seventh section of an Act passed this session anent the representation of the eldership in the Superior Church Courts, to provide for the travelling expenses of their Representative Elders.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The report of the Committee on correspondence with the Colonial Committee was called for and read. The report is approved of and the Committee continued.

FORMATION OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the formation of a General Assembly, which was read. The Committee reported the existence of a general opinion against the expediency of this movement at present, and agreeably to a recommendation contained in their report, the Committee is discharged in the meantime.

DIVISION OF BATHURST PRESBYTERY.

There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Bathurst, showing that by a vote of nine to four members of that Court it was resolved to recommend the Synod to divide the Presbytery into two. It was moved by J. Bain, seconded by A. Morris, That as there is a considerable diversity of opinion among the members of Presbytery on this subject, the Synod resolve that the time has not yet arrived when a division is desirable. It was moved in amendment by J. Evans, seconded by J. Gordon, That the recommendation of the Presbytery of Bathurst be agreed to. The motion was carried by a large majority.

DIVISION OF HAMILTON PRESBYTERY.

There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Hamilton proposing a division of the said Presbytery. It was moved by K. McLennan, seconded by G. Macdonnell, That the report of the Presbytery of Hamilton with reference to a subdivision of its bounds be sustained and that effect be given to the recommendation of said report, by authorizing the members residing in the bounds of the proposed new Presbytery, to take the usual steps towards organization as a separate Presbytery. It was moved in amendment by A. Mitchell, seconded by C. Campbell, That there should be no division of the Presbytery of Hamilton at the present time. The motion was carried by a vote of 64 to 8. The Moderator declared accordingly, and G. Macdonnell and J. Hogg were appointed to prepare a minute in regard to the proposed new Presbytery.

METRICAL VERSIONS OF PSALMS.

The report of the Committee on metrical versions of Psalms was called for and submitted verbally by Dr. Cook, Convener. The Committee is continued with the addition of Dr. Barclay.

An extract minute of the Presbytery of Hamilton of date 31st May, 1860, sustaining a Commission from the Kirk Session of Clifton, in favour of Gilbert McMicken elected to be Representative Elder, and adding his name to the Roll was read. The Synod ordered Mr. McMicken's name to be added to their Roll.

There was read an intimation, from the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, of the election of Judge Malloch, Alexander Morris, Esq., and John Thomson, Esq., and of George Davidson, Esq. in room of the late John Mowat, Esq., to be lay Trustees of the College.

The report of the Committee appointed to wait on the Rev. Robert Burnet and other parties in Hamilton was received and read.

#### ACT FOR REGULATING PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.

The Synod renew their act of last year for the regulation of public collections as follows:—

**W**HEREAS it is desirable for various reasons to make alterations in the Act of Synod, 1854, anent the regulation of public collections for Missionary and other operations of the Church, and otherwise provide for the due observance of Synodical injunctions in regard to the matter, the Synod repeal the said Act, and appoint the following public collections to be made in all the Churches during the ensuing year, namely: *First*, for the Jewish Mission Scheme—On the first Sabbath of July; *Second*, for the Temporalities Fund—On the first Sabbath of October; *Third*, for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—On the first Sabbath of January; and *Fourth*, for the French Mission Scheme—On the first Sabbath of April; Provided always, that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall happen to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or when any of the said Sabbaths shall be deemed unsuitable and inconvenient for making the collection, then another day may be selected by the Session within four weeks thereafter; Provided also, that in case of any congregation preferring to raise their contributions in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so.

The Synod, while rejoicing at the increased fruits of Christian effort in this Church, would earnestly urge on all their people the duty of still further augmenting the means supplied by them for promoting the cause of the Redeemer, hitherto so inadequate to the extent of the field daily opening up to the operations of the Church, and so far within what might be expected from the gratitude and love due to a crucified Saviour. They strictly enjoin all Ministers of the Church to fulfil the duty incumbent on them, of at least exhorting their Congregations to embrace the opportunities afforded them of contributing towards the maintenance and spread of the Gospel of Christ on all the days above specified: And the Synod enjoin every Minister on a Sabbath preceding that on which each collection is to be made, to give due intimation thereof from the pulpit, together with such information on the object of the collection as he may have been able to acquire; And they enjoin the Conveners of the several Committees and Boards for the management of the Schemes herein specified, to forward in good time to all the Ministers notices of the appointments herein made as they shall become due respectively, together with such statements as it may be of use and interest to read from the pulpit along with their intimations; And in particular the Synod enjoin the several Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to inquire into the diligence of all their Ministers and Congregations in this matter and to record reports thereof in their Presbytery Books, and likewise instruct the Committee of Synod for revising Presbytery Books to notice how far Presbyteries attend to this injunction; And the Synod earnestly urge on all the people seriously to consider the duty of contributing liberally for the advancement of Christ's cause, according to the ability wherewith God has blessed them; And the Synod ordain a sufficient number of copies of this Act to be printed forthwith and distributed among all Ministers and Missionaries, who are hereby enjoined to read it from their pulpits on the first Sabbath after receipt thereof. This Act shall be annually renewed, with such amendments as the Synod may deem called for, and the expense of printing it shall be borne equally by the several Schemes, and the funds of each Scheme shall be charged with all expenses connected with its own management.

#### MAINTENANCE OF MINISTERS.

Returns of opinions of Presbyteries, respecting the Overture and Interim Act, anent the maintenance of Ministers, having been read, it was moved by W. Snodgrass, seconded by Dr. Muir, That the returns with the interim Act be referred to the following Committee, namely, R. Dobie, Convener, G. Neilson, Dr. Muir, A. Barker, and J. Greenshields, that they may consider and report thereon upon Monday next. It was moved in amendment by Dr. Cook, seconded by A. Spence, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a new enactment on the maintenance of Ministers, and that the Committee be instructed in such enactment to prohibit Presbyteries from settling any minister in a congregation, without a promise of £100 a year independent of the Temporalities Fund. The motion was carried by a vote of 46 to 23.

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

#### DIET III.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Friday, the First Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—*

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

#### ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF THE TEMPORALITIES FUND.

The Synod re-elect Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Hugh Allan, and John Cameron, to be members of the Temporalities Board, agreeably to the provisions of the Act incorporating the said Board.

An understanding was come to as to the time and place of next annual meeting of Synod.

#### CONGREGATION OF NEW RICHMOND.

There was read a minute of the Synod of New Brunswick, of date 18th July, 1859, agreeing to receive the congregation of New Richmond within its bounds, in accordance with the terms of a minute of this Court last year.

#### CATECHISTS.

The Synod having called for the report of the Committee on Catechists and Missionary operations, it was read by D. Morrison, Convener. There was also read an Overture from the Presbytery of Glengarry asking the Synod to define the duties of Catechists. It was moved by W. Snodgrass, seconded by J. Greenshields, That the Synod thank the Committee for their diligence in this matter, adopt the report, and instruct Presbyteries to abide by its recommendations when employing Students for the Ministry as Catechists,—which motion passed unanimously, and the Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod accordingly. The following are the provisions recommended by the Committee:—

**T**HAT the Synod enjoin Presbyteries to use diligence and exercise great caution in their selection of Catechists, and take order that none be engaged without their sanction; that the Synod require Catechists, before entering upon their work, to appear before the Presbytery or Committee of Presbytery, charged with the supervision thereof, that they may be examined as to their gifts and ability to expound the Holy Scriptures; that Catechists be required to write out beforehand whatever expositions or exhortations they may offer to the people, (whether to be read or repeated *memoriter*), and to hold themselves in readiness to submit all such written expositions or exhortations to the Presbytery or Committee of Presbytery, and to read any one of them that may be named or called for; and further that along with their own expositions they read a printed sermon, from some volume sanctioned by the Presbytery, in the services of public worship which they conduct among the people.

Call was made for a final statement from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners. No report was received, the Chairman giving reasons. The Synod earnestly request the Chairman of the Board to see that a final statement be ready for the next meeting of Synod.

#### SYNOD FUND.\*

The Synod heard the statement of the Synod Fund read by the Treasurer, J. Cameron, Esq. On motion of Dr. Machar, seconded by D. Morrison, and unanimously agreed to, the thanks of the Synod were conveyed to the Treasurer.

J. H. Mackerras read the report of the Committee on Finance, and the Synod gave the following deliverance thereon: Receive the report; approve of the suggestion contained in it with reference to the arrears of Paisley and Arthur, for 1858; adopt the scale of assessment recommended, and enjoin Kirk Sessions to remit their contributions to the Treasurer with all convenient speed; further, with reference to the defaulting Session of Woodstock and Norwich referred to in the report, the Synod appoint the Presbytery of London to visit the said congregation, and both investigate their state generally and deal therewith in respect of the special matter complained of by the Finance Committee, and their conduct towards the other schemes of the Church, the said visitation to be held on the nineteenth day of July next.

#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The annual report of the Trustees of Queen's College was read. It was moved by George Bell, seconded by J. Greenshields:

1. That the Synod learn with gratitude the general success of Queen's College during the past year, and rejoice that the Trustees have secured for the College and the Church, the services of a gentleman so eminently qualified for the office of Principal, as the Rev. William Leitch, D. D.
2. That the best hope of continued and enlarged success in the training up of ministers is, under God, in prayer, and the Synod therefore cordially recommend all ministers to give increased attention to this subject in the devotions of the sanctuary.



3. That all the ministers of this Church be earnestly recommended to preach on the second Sabbath of February in each year, or the first convenient Sabbath thereafter, on the call to the Gospel Ministry, setting forth the wants of the Church and the existing destitution of our land, and at the same time to hold up for consideration such things as will recommend the Gospel Ministry as a calling, in order that parents and youth may give its claims respectful hearing; and the Synod further appoint the said Sabbath as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the rising generation, and upon the officers and students of Queen's College.

4. That this Synod earnestly and affectionately recommend parents to lend their children to the Lord, and to dedicate such as in their judgment possess the requisite qualifications to the office of the Holy Ministry.

5. That the Synod earnestly urge Presbyteries to guard with a becoming caution and a firm vigilance, the door to the holy office of the ministry, so as not to admit to that sacred calling men wanting in mental or moral qualifications for its high and holy functions.

Which motion being put passed unanimously.

It was also moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by G. Neilson, That Dr. Williamson, Dr. Muir, Dr. Cook, and J. Greenshields, be a Committee to prepare a petition to the Provincial Parliament, claiming for Queen's College a share of the public provision for academical education in Upper Canada,—which motion passed by a vote of 51 to 11, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

#### BURSARY SCHEME.\*

The Synod having called for the report of the Committee on the Bursary Scheme, it was read by Dr. Machar, Convener. It was moved by Dr. George, seconded by A. Morris, That the Synod have heard with satisfaction the report of the Bursary Committee, and again record their sense of the importance and usefulness of this scheme; that the Synod having appointed the second Sabbath of February as a day of special prayer for Queen's College, and for bringing the claims of the College under the notice of their congregations, do earnestly recommend that upon the said day, or such other Sabbath as may be more convenient, a collection be taken up in aid of Queen's College Bursary Fund; and that the committee be re-appointed, with the addition of the Rev. William Leitch, D. D., and Professor Mowat,—which motion being put passed unanimously.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR AID IN BUILDING CHURCHES.

Applications from Caledon, Port Hope, Ross, and Kincardine, to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, for aid in building Churches, were referred to a Committee consisting of R. Dobie, Convener, J. Macmurchy, J. H. Mackerras, G. Neilson, and R. Dennistoun, with instructions to report at an early day.

#### PROTEST AND APPEAL,—JOHN ROBERTSON AGAINST THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Synod took up a Protest and Appeal of John Robertson against a judgment of the Presbytery of Toronto, of date 15th November 1859, refusing to interfere with the mode of conducting the public psalmody of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, with the aid of a melodeon. The documents having been read, parties were called. Mr. Robertson appeared for himself and Rev. James Bain and Dr. Barclay for the Presbytery, and having been heard at length they were removed. The Synod defer their deliverance till to-morrow morning.

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

#### DIET IV.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Saturday, the Second Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—*

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

The Synod proceeded to give judgment in the case of John Robertson against the Presbytery of Toronto. It was moved by Dr. George, seconded by A. Mann,—That the use of musical instruments in the worship of God is not warranted either directly or indirectly by anything contained in the New Testament or by any evidence furnished by the practice of the Church in Apostolic times and throughout many hundred years thereafter; that the use of musical instruments in this way is positively condemned by the uniform practice of the Church of Scotland ever since the period of the Reformation, and by the Act of the General Assembly, 1707, against innovations in the public worship of God,—which Act all ministers of this Church have solemnly promised to obey—as well as by the practice of the other Presbyterian Churches in Scot-

land; that instrumental music in the service of the sanctuary, so far from being essential or subservient to a healthy devotion, is both unnecessary and pernicious, and any encouragement given by this Synod to its continuance by one congregation, or its introduction by others, would assuredly be exceedingly offensive to many office-bearers and members of this Church, and would likely be productive of painful heart-burnings and serious divisions. Therefore the Synod resolve to sustain the Appeal, and issue this their injunction to the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, to cause the musical instrument which has been for some time in use in that Church to be removed without unnecessary delay after this date, and enjoin the Presbytery of Toronto to see this decision carried into effect.

It was moved in amendment by G. Bell, seconded by R. Dobie, That whereas a prudent and becoming use of musical instruments in worship is not prohibited in the word of God, and the standards of this Church, and it appears that the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, have acted with prudence in this matter, the Synod dismiss the Appeal of Mr. Robertson and sustain the decision of the Presbytery of Toronto in so far as it sustains that of the Session.

It was also moved in amendment by G. Neilson, seconded by A. Mitchell, That the finding of the Presbytery of Toronto against which Mr. Robertson has appealed be sustained.

The first amendment was carried against the second by a vote of 5 to 3, and the motion against the first amendment by a vote of 36 to 7. The Moderator declared accordingly.

A question of order having arisen, it was moved by R. Dobie, seconded by A. Mitchell, That any members of the Presbytery of Toronto who please be permitted to enter their dissent. This motion was lost on a vote of 35 to 14.

Against the finding of the Synod, George Bell, Robert Dobie, William Johnson, William C. Clark, James McEwen, Frederick P. Sym, and Alexander Mitchell dissented, because.

1. In the opinion of the dissentients a prudent use of instrumental music in worship is not contrary to the word of God or the standards of this Church.

2. The deliverance of the Synod makes a fundamental change in the constitution of this Church and requires a new and hitherto unknown term of communion, such change being made by the Synod without a single Overture asking for it or any reference of the matter to Presbyteries, and that in the constrained absence of the largest Presbytery of the Church.

3. The Appeal has, in a great measure, been decided by the Synod not on the true merits of the case of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, which was the case in review, but with reference to evils which are alleged to flow from instrumental music improperly employed by others in a totally different way and for a different purpose.

4. The reference to the Act of Assembly, 1707, is irrelevant, musical instruments not being so much as mentioned in said Act.

5. While the dangerous consequences assumed as to follow from encouragement given by the Synod, would only follow from gross imprudence on the part of Sessions, the deliverance of the Synod is exceedingly offensive to the dissentients, and is directly calculated to produce painful heart-burnings and serious divisions.

6. The deliverance is a very serious innovation, which, if carried out, would annihilate the inherent right of Kirk Sessions to regulate the worship of congregations in accordance with the word of God, and the standards of the Church.

7. It is *ultra vires* of the Synod to enjoin the Session as a spiritual Court to order the removal of the furniture of a church, the management of which of right belongs to a body of temporal office-bearers.

8. The allegation that instrumental music "so far from being essential or subservient to a healthy devotion is both unnecessary and pernicious," is contrary to fact in so far as the experience of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, is concerned, who have found and still declare its use to be in a high degree helpful to devotion, and it is submitted that the opinion of those who speak from a lengthened experience of its advantages is entitled to the greater respect, they being better fitted to furnish reliable testimony on that point, than those who speak from mere theory, or a very limited acquaintance with its use.

Dr. Mathieson adhered to the Dissent for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th reasons, Dr. Muir, Professor Mowat, James Sieveright, and Archibald Walker, for the 1st, and Archibald Barker for the 5th.

George Macdonnell, John Davidson, William Bain, Dr. Urquhart, Kenneth MacLennan, George Neilson, and Alexander Morris dissented, because,

1. Though the aim of the motion which has been carried in the Synod be a proper one, it is set forth upon grounds not expressly authorized by the Word of God, and by the constitution and standards of the Church of Scotland and of this Church.

2. In consequence of the extreme view taken in the preamble of the motion, the decision is less likely to commend itself to the judgment of the Church than if it had been surer and milder.

3. The only grounds upon which this Synod can object to the intro-

duction of instrumental music are, that it is not expressly authorized by Scripture, that it is unsanctioned by the usages of the Church of Scotland and by a wise Christian expediency.

4. The Synod violated its own laws and the rights of members, when it refused to admit a competent amendment which was perfectly in order.

The Synod appoint a Committee consisting of Dr. George, Convener, Dr. Cook, and the Clerk to answer these reasons.

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

#### DIET V.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Monday, the Fourth Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—*

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

#### ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.\*

Dr. George, Convener of the Committee appointed to draft an address to the Queen, submitted a draft address which was approved.

#### ADDRESS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.†

Dr. Barclay, Convener of the Committee appointed to draft an address to the Prince of Wales, submitted a draft address which was approved. The Moderator, Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, The Clerk, J. Greenshields, and A. Morris, are appointed a Committee to make all necessary arrangements for the presentation of the address, and the Synod recommend as many of the ministers and elders of the Church as possible, to attend on the occasion.

#### ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ‡

Dr. Cook, Convener of the Committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Governor General, submitted a draft address which was approved.

#### TEMPORALITIES FUND §

The report of the Committee on papers from the Temporalities Board having been called for was read by Dr. Cook, Convener. It was moved by Judge Logie, seconded by G. Neilson, and unanimously resolved, That the Synod approve of the report as ample and satisfactory, and they appoint the Moderator to convey to the chairman and members of the board, their cordial thanks for their careful and judicious management of the trust committed to them. The Synod observe with much satisfaction the zeal and diligence of the Board, and of the members and office-bearers of the Church, who co-operated with the Board in commencing and prosecuting the Home Mission Scheme of the Church; and also the prompt liberality with which rich and poor have contributed to this Scheme, in the congregations whose subscriptions have been reported. They trust the Board will, as they propose, continue to prosecute this Scheme with energy and perseverance, and that with the blessing of God it may, over all the land, be attended with a like measure of success. The Synod appoint the Moderator to offer their cordial acknowledgements to the Board for their exertions in this behalf, and to the Rev. James Bain, Rev. James Sieveright, to Colonel E. Thompson, Honorable Justice McLean, Archibald Barker, Esq., John McKinnon, Esq., and James Croil, Esq., who so readily and zealously co-operated with them.

A code of By-laws submitted by the Board for the sanction of the Synod having been read, it was moved by W. Snodgrass, seconded by A. Mann, That instead of the words, "until such time as this Board shall otherwise determine £50 a year," in the 13th By-law, the words "such sum as they may be entitled to by the resolution of Synod 1856, printed minutes, page 22," be inserted, which motion was lost by a vote of 36 to 12.

It was moved by Judge Logie, seconded by G. Neilson, That in the 13th By-law the words "minimum stipend of" be inserted before "£50 a year;" that to the 15th By-law, the words "which last mentioned fund shall be invested as a permanent fund" be added; and that in the 16th By-law instead of the words "said ten," the words "ten surviving non-commuting ministers" be inserted,—which motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by W. Snodgrass, seconded by J. MacMurchy, That instead of the words "£500 a year to the Treasurer for the time being of Queen's College, to be employed as heretofore, in the payment of Professors being Ministers of the Church," the words, "that Professors of the Faculties of Arts and Theology in Queen's College, being Ministers, shall rank as beneficiaries on the Temporalities fund, according as they may belong to one or other of the several classes of Ministers provided

for by these By-laws, and former resolutions of Synod on the subject."—which motion was lost by a vote of 43 to 6.

The Moderator declared accordingly, and Mr. Snodgrass dissented from the decision.

It was then moved by Judge Logie, seconded by G. Neilson, That the Bylaws enacted by the Temporalities Board as amended by the Synod, do now receive the sanction of the Synod,—which motion passed and the Moderator declared accordingly.

#### THE REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

was then called for and read by Dr. Cook, Convener. The following recommendations of the Committee were unanimously agreed to.

1. That the application of John D. Robertson for leave to dispense with attendance on the class of Natural Philosophy be granted.

2 That George Porteous, Robert Campbell, James Carmichael, and Alexander H. Boyle, be taken on trials for License by their respective Presbyteries, with this proviso, that Mr. Boyle produce to the Presbytery, before whom he appears, satisfactory testimonials of character up to the period of his leaving Scotland, and also from the Presbytery of Toronto, during the period of his residence there.

3. That next year the examination of Students applying for License be as follows: in Latin, the 2nd Book of Virgil's *Æneid*, and the 24th Book of *Iliad*; in Greek, the Acts of the Apostles; in Hebrew the first 25 Psalms—with the distinct understanding that the examination shall be strict, and that it must be satisfactory.

4. That the Rev. Thomas G. Smith, a Minister of the Old School Presbyterian Church in the United States be declared eligible for a charge in this Church, and that Presbyteries be authorized to receive and settle him according to the rules of the Church, if he shall obtain a call, and that the standing rule requiring one year's previous service be in his case dispensed with.

The Committee further recommended that James Douglas, Student of Divinity, shall in his peculiar circumstances, in lieu of the last regular session in the Divinity Hall, be permitted to study under Dr. Cook during the summer months, and during the winter follow a course of study to be prescribed by Dr. Cook, and in the event of his doing so he shall be eligible to come before the Examining Committee next year with a view to License. It was moved by A. Mann, seconded by W. C. Clark, That this recommendation be not agreed to. It was moved in amendment by G. Bell, seconded by A. Morris, That the recommendation be agreed to. The amendment was carried by a vote of 25 to 22 and the Moderator declared accordingly.

The Committee also recommended that the application of the Rev. A. C. Stewart to be admitted to the full status of a minister be declined, and that the leave formerly granted to the Presbytery of Toronto to employ him as a Missionary be withdrawn. On motion proposed and seconded, the Synod instructed the Committee to examine Mr. Stewart, and then report.

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

#### DIET VI.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Tuesday, the Fifth Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—*

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

#### MAINTENANCE OF MINISTERS.

The report of the Committee on the maintenance of ministers having been called for was read. It was moved by J. Greenshields, seconded by J. Cameron, that the following recommendation be transmitted to Presbyteries as an interim Act, with instructions to report to next Synod, and Presbyteries not reporting shall be considered as approving.

**T**HAT in every case where the settlement of a Minister is about to take place, it is absolutely necessary that the minimum stipend, exclusive of any allowance from the Temporalities Board, be not less than four hundred dollars; that Presbyteries be enjoined to do all in their power to see that the congregations within their respective bounds, implement all pecuniary promises made by them to Ministers; and that the Synod retain all discretionary power in its own hands.

It was moved in amendment by G. Neilson, seconded by W. Miller, That inasmuch as the stipends of a large number of the Ministers of this Church are inadequate for their maintenance in a position becoming their office, and as Ministers hereafter to be settled may be to a larger extent dependent upon the people for support, the Synod determine that in the settlement of any Minister, Presbyteries shall use their influence with congregations to induce them to insure, if possible, a stipend which, together with the allowance from the Temporalities Fund, shall be not less than two hundred pounds currency; and that Presbyteries be strict-

\* Appendix D. † Appendix E. ‡ Appendix F. § Appendix A

ly enjoined to use their best endeavours to induce the people to do their duty in this respect, not only as to the promise to pay new Ministers, but also as to the fulfilment of promises made to Ministers already settled amongst them.

It was also moved in amendment by A. Mann, seconded by J. Thom, That the recommendation of the Committee be sent down as an Overture to Presbyteries, but not to be in force as an interim Act.

The first amendment was carried against the second by a vote of 18 to 11, and the original motion against the first amendment by a vote of 43 to 15. The Moderator declared accordingly. Against this decision J. S. Douglas and A. Mann dissented because, (1) the Synod is putting a yoke on the congregations of this Church which they cannot bear, and (2) the motion has been passed in the absence of many members of this Synod.

#### DISSENT AND COMPLAINT:—THE REV. HUGH NIVEN AGAINST THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint of Rev. Hugh Niven against a judgment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, sustaining certain Elders' Commissions. Papers were read and parties called. H. Niven appeared for himself and J. Hogg for the Presbytery. Parties having been removed, it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by St. Dobie, That under the appointment of Mr. Burnet as Moderator of the Kirk Session of Ancaster Mr. Mitchell's is a legal Commission, but the Synod disapprove of the practice of appointing Moderators of the Kirk Sessions of vacant congregations for an indefinite period of time, and prohibit the Presbytery of Hamilton from continuing it. It was moved in amendment by W. Snodgrass, seconded by J. H. Mackerras, That the Appeal be sustained for the third of the appellant's reasons, namely, because that a member of Presbytery, either with or without the sanction of his ecclesiastical superiors, should continue to preside over three Kirk Sessions is a violation of the usual practice of church courts, is justly regarded with extreme jealousy, and ought to be universally condemned. The amendment was carried by a vote of 32 to 16, and the Moderator declared accordingly. The names of Alexander Mitchell and Francis Comfort, the Elders concerned, were then struck off the Synod Roll.

#### REFERENCE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Synod considered a Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton on certain complaints against the Rev. H. Niven. The Synod appoint a meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton to take place, without fail, at St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, on the third Wednesday of July next, at noon, and Dr. Barclay, Rev. James Rain, Rev. John H. Mackerras, Mr. Archibald Barker, and Mr. Alexander Stirling, or any four of them, to be members thereof, with power to deliberate and vote; and instruct said meeting of Presbytery to enter upon the subject of reference and prosecute the matter to a final decision or mature it for adjudication by the Synod, and farther instruct the Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton to notify all whom this business concerns.

#### JUNCTION OF HAWKESBURY WITH L'ORIGINAL.

The Synod considered a Petition from the members and adherents of the congregation of L'Original, praying for a junction of the congregation of Hawkesbury, in the Presbytery of Montreal, with the congregation of L'Original in the Presbytery of Glengarry. It was moved by W. Snodgrass, seconded by H. Niven, That the petition be not entertained, as the subject matter thereof is at present before the Presbytery of Montreal. It was moved in amendment by J. Greenfields, seconded by G. Neilson, (1) That the thanks of the Synod are due to the Rev. William Mair for his exertions in forming the congregation at Hawkesbury, and also for his long and faithful services there; and that this resolution be communicated to Mr. Mair along with the expression of deep regret felt by the Synod, that age and increasing infirmities now prevent him from discharging his duties with efficiency there. (2) That Hawkesbury being geographically within the bounds of the Presbytery of Glengarry the congregation be added to that Presbytery. The amendment was carried by a vote of 24 to 11 and the Moderator declared accordingly. Against this decision Dr. Nathison dissented in his own name and in the name of all who might adhere to him, because, (1) it is *ultra vires* of this Court to separate a Minister from any congregation to which he has long ministered, and to which he has been recognized by the Synod to have ministered, without his consent and without any ecclesiastical cause; (2) the decision is cruel and unkind to an old and respected Minister; and (3) it is episcopalian and contrary to the constitution of this Church, and overrides the functions of Presbyteries. To which dissent W. Snodgrass, A. McKid, J. Patterson, H. Niven, and J. Davidson adhered.

#### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.\*

The Synod called for the thirteenth annual report of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which was read. It was moved by J. Rankin, seconded by A. Spencer, and unanimously resolved,—That the thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Chairman and Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund for their successful and prudent care of that important scheme; and Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to take

up collections in all charges, vacant as well as occupied, that have not sent in collections for the past year, and to do this forthwith; that the advocacy of the claims of this fund to the support of the adherents of our church be kept in view by all ministers and carefully attended to when the time for the annual collection comes round; and that while the Synod rejoices to find a more regular compliance with its injunctions in regard to this scheme, it enjoins Presbyteries to continue to watch over it and see that all proper means are used to afford congregations an opportunity of contributing to it at as nearly as convenient the appointed time.

#### PETITION FOR AID TO QUEEN'S COLLEGE.†

Dr. Williamson, in behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a petition to Parliament for additional pecuniary aid to Queen's College, submitted a draft petition. It was moved by J. H. Mackerras, seconded by J. McMorine, That the petition be approved of, and that the Moderator subscribe it in name of the Synod and forward it to the several branches of the Legislature—which motion passed.

#### CHURCH PROPERTY.‡

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on Church property, which was read. It was moved by St. Dobie, seconded by J. Thom, and unanimously resolved,—That the report be received and the Committee re-appointed with Judge Logie as Convener; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Committee for their services; that they be requested to complete an abstract or statement of the Church property throughout the Province; that Presbyteries be instructed to assist the Committee in procuring returns from the congregations which have not reported to the Synod's Committee; and that the Committee be authorized to publish under their revision an edition of the Model Deed, in order that it may be supplied at a moderate price to parties desiring to procure sites for the use of congregations.

#### NEXT CENSUS.

There was read a letter from W. Hutton, Esq., Secretary to the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics, asking information in regard to the views of the Court on taking up the next census. The Moderator is instructed to forward the information required in accordance with the minute of Synod, 1857, on this subject.

#### CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.\*

The Rev. R. Dobie, Convener of the Committee on Congregational Statistics, gave in a report for the past year. It was moved by W. Snodgrass, seconded by A. Walker, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be conveyed to the Committee on Statistics, the result of whose labours is embraced in the Statistical sheet and report now submitted. It is gratifying to the Synod to observe the cheerfulness with which the Committee, under their very efficient and zealous Convener, have devoted their time to this, a work fraught with interest and importance to the Church at large. The Synod note with deep regret a statement of the Committee that so many Sessions have disregarded the injunctions of the Supreme Court, by refusing to comply with a request so reasonable as that of replying to the questions contained in the schedules forwarded to them, and the Synod regard it as a simple act of justice to the Committee to follow up their suggestions by issuing, and they hereby issue, instructions to all Kirk-sessions that have not sent in their reports to the Convener of the Committee to do so, on or before the first day of August next, that they may be printed along with those already received. Further, the Convener is instructed in future to send the blank schedules to the several ministers as before, and they are enjoined to send their returns to the Clerks of their Presbyteries, to be transcribed by them into a general sheet in printed form issued by the Convener, and the Committee are requested to revise and if possible to simplify the schedules before re-issuing them. Which motion passed unanimously, and the Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod accordingly.

#### LETTER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.†

A. Norris, on behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the Circular Letter from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, submitted a draft reply which was approved of, and the Moderator is appointed to subscribe and transmit it in the name of the Synod.

#### JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION.‡

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the Jewish and Foreign Mission Scheme, which was read by A. Norris. It was moved by W. Rain, seconded by J. Thom,—That the Synod adopt the report; authorize the investing of the Jerusalem Mission Fund by the Committee in their discretion; approve of the corresponding with the Committee of the Jewish Mission Scheme of the Church of Scotland, before deciding upon the station to be occupied by the Jewish Mission of the Synod; thank the Committee for their services; commend the Mission and Missionary with his family to the prayers of the Church; and re-appoint

the Committee and Executive Committee, with the addition to each thereof of the Rev. W. Leitch, DD, and also appoint the Rev. J. B. Mowat as Convener of the Committee and Executive Committee, and continue A. Morris as Treasurer. Which motion passed, Dr. George dissenting from that portion of the report referring to the Jewish Mission. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Synod accordingly.

#### FRENCH MISSION.\*

The report of the French Mission Scheme was read by W. Snodgrass, Convener. It was moved by Dr. George, seconded by A. McKid, and unanimously resolved,—That the Synod approve the report; reiterate their oft repeated declaration of the importance of the work peculiar to this scheme, and their desire to sustain and extend the present effort in the belief that with God's blessing it is productive of good; record their regret that so few congregations have responded to the last appeal of the committee for pecuniary support, and that thereby the Committee are greatly embarrassed: issue their most earnest recommendation to those that have not collected or remitted during the past year to do so without delay; and reappoint the Committee, with the addition of Messrs. James Goudie, Mungo Ramsay, William Christie, and John Smith, of Montreal

#### JUVENILE MISSION.†

The Synod heard the report of the Juvenile Mission and Indian Orphanage Scheme. It was moved by A. Morris, seconded by Dr. George, and unanimously resolved,—That the Synod adopt the report. reappoint the Treasurer and thank him for his efficient services: express their gratitude for the large measure of success which has attended this promising effort to enlist the children of the Church in missionary enterprise: and under God's blessing anticipate from the further prosecution of the scheme, an increase of missionary zeal and a warm interest in the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom at home and abroad, on the part of the youth of the Church.

Dr. Cook, on behalf of the Examining Committee, reported that they had met and received a letter from the Rev. A. C. Stewart, withdrawing his application for admission.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR AID IN BUILDING CHURCHES.

Rev. R. Dobie reported on behalf of the Committee on applications to the Colonial Committee for aid in building churches. The following recommendations of the Committee were sustained,—That the applications from Port Hope and Ross or referred to the meeting of Commission in October next, the Presbyteries, within whose bounds these congregations are, being instructed to see that certain necessary papers are supplied, that the application from Caledon be forwarded for favourable consideration; and that the application from Kincardine be remitted to the Commission, provided in the meantime the property be secured by a model deed.

#### FORMATION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

The Rev. G. Bell gave in a report in behalf of the Committee on the formation of a new Presbytery out of the Presbytery of Hamilton. The Synod hereby form a new Presbytery to be called, The Presbytery of Guelph, embracing the congregations of Galt, Fergus, Paisley, Woolwich, Arthur, and Guelph, and having the following boundaries,—from North Dumfries inclusive northward, and between the bounds of the Presbytery of London and that of Toronto: and appoint the said Presbytery to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the first Tuesday of July next, at eleven o'clock, forenoon, the Rev. George Macdonnell, of Fergus, to be the first Moderator thereof.

#### REPORT ON SYNOD RECORDS.

The Rev. G. Bell reported, on behalf of the Committee on the Synod Records, a recommendation that they be attested as carefully and correctly kept, and that in reference to a mistake which has evidently crept in inadvertently in the progressive number at the top of the page (folios 463-639), a marginal note of the mistake be inserted, explaining the matter for future guidance,—which recommendation is adopted and the Records are ordered to be attested by the Moderator accordingly.

#### REPORT ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Professor Mowat, in behalf of the committee on Presbytery Records, reported the recommendation of the Committee, that the Records of the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal, Glengarry, Rathurst, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, and London, be attested, *cum his talis*:—That the Presbytery of London inducted the Rev. William Barr to the charge of Wawanosh on a bond for stipend amounting to only one hundred dollars, and the Rev. Francis Nicol to the charge of London, without any provision being made for his support; that in the Records of the Presbytery of Glengarry, the Christian names of members of federants are not recorded, nor the Christian names of parties when mentioned in the minutes for the first time; that in the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston, the first sentence on page 77 is expressed inaccurately; and that in the

Records of the Presbytery of Quebec the minute of the last meeting is engrossed before being approved. Inquiry was made whether the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton show that the Records of the Kirk-session of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, were produced to the Presbytery and examined by them; and explanations having been given, the Synod instruct the members of this Court appointed to meet with the Presbytery of Hamilton on the third Wednesday of July next, and when sitting with said Presbytery, to call up the Records of that Session and see that all reference therein to the case of Colonel Macdougall be deleted. The Synod's attention was also called to a minute in the Records of the Hamilton Presbytery, page 341, reflecting upon the character of certain statements made by a member of that Court, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. David Stott to the charge of Brantford, and the Synod ordered the said minute to be deleted. The Synod enjoins Presbyteries to attend to the foregoing notes and make corrections as far as possible, and with these remarks the aforesaid Presbytery Records are ordered to be attested by the Clerk.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.\*

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was read by G. Macdonnell, Convener. It was moved by J. Gordon, seconded by J. S. Douglas, and unanimously resolved,—That the Synod in reappointing the committee thank them for their diligence, and rejoice to hear of the growing interest felt in this important scheme; enjoin Kirk-sessions to give faithful attention to this matter; instruct Presbyteries to take order that the various members attend to the injunctions of Synod on this subject, and earnestly commend it to the serious consideration of the members of the Church.

#### UNION WITH OTHER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

The Synod heard an Overture from Dr. George on a union between this Church and other Presbyterian Churches in this Province. It was moved by the Rev. J. Macmurchy, seconded by D. Watson, That it is unwise and would be perilous to the harmony and peace of this Church to entertain the Overture at present. It was moved in amendment by G. Bell, seconded by A. Stirling, That a Committee consisting of Dr. George, Convener, Dr. Cook, Dr. Urquhart, G. Bell, D. Morrison, A. Morris, J. Greenshields, and G. Neilson, be appointed, to consider the subject and to be ready to meet with brethren belonging to the other Synods to ascertain their views and feelings on the matter, and report to next Synod. It was also moved in amendment by J. Gordon, seconded by J. Davidson, That the Synod express their approbation of the sentiments contained in the Overture, but inasmuch as they have had no official expression of the sentiments of the other Presbyterian denominations on this most important matter, that the memorial do lie on the table. The first amendment was carried against the second by a vote of 35 to 12, and the first amendment against the motion by a vote of 31 to 17. The Moderator declared accordingly. From this deliberance, Rev. J. Macmurchy, J. Campbell (Nottawasaga), J. S. Douglas, H. Niven, and D. Watson dissented, because (1) the motion for union should come from the Dissenters, and not from this Synod; (2) as we are successfully establishing our Church upon an endowed basis, we view it as a forsaking of our principle to seek union with pure voluntaries; (3) it is calculated to endanger the successful progress of the Home Mission Scheme; (4) the bodies with which union is sought have tampered with standards which we solemnly hold sacred and Scriptural; and (5) the contemplated union would be dangerous to our harmony as a Church. Robert Dobie and John Davidson also dissented.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.†

A report from the Committee on Sabbath observance was submitted by W. Bain, Convener. The Synod unanimously resolve to receive and adopt the report; re-appoint the Committee and request them to continue their exertions in this truly Christian and praiseworthy effort; and approve of the suggestions regarding Railways, in the hope of a successful issue to their endeavours.

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS FOR 1861.

The Synod appoint the Moderator, The Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Cook, Dr. George, Dr. Barclay, T. Macpherson, J. Bain, and the Representative Elders from Montreal, Brockville, Kingston, and Quebec, their Committee on Business for next Session.

#### COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod appoint their Commission to meet in this place to-morrow morning at nine o'clock and proceed with all business which this Court cannot now overtake, in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the first Wednesday in October next, at noon, and in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the third Wednesday of February next, at noon, and otherwise by adjournment when and where the Commission may choose. Nine Commissioners shall be a quorum, of whom five must be Ministers. In all their actings the Commissioners shall proceed according to the Act

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of Synod, 1859, anent the nature, powers, and duties of the Commission of the Supreme Court of this Church.

The Synod appoint Dr. Mathieson, Rev. W. Simpson, A. Morris, and J. Greenshields to revise the minutes of this Session previous to their being engrossed and printed.

The minutes of this Diet were read and sustained.

#### CLOSING OF SESSION.

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

In the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the KING and ONLY HEAD of this Church, and in the name of this Synod, I dissolve this meeting, and appoint the next Annual Meeting of Synod to convene in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, on the last Wednesday in May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one years, at eleven o'clock, forenoon, of which public intimation was made and the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

#### MINUTES OF COMMISSION.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, the Sixth Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—*

Which day the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to appointment of Synod yesterday, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. John Barclay, D.D.

Sederunt.—John Barclay, Moderator: James George, John B. Mowat, John H. Mackerras, James S. Douglas, Donald Ross, Alexander Mathieson, Frederick P. Sym, William Snodgrass, James Patterson, John Livingston, Robert Dobie, John Davidson, George Bell, Kenneth Macleannan, James McEwen, John Ranne, William Bain, William C. Clark, and Alexander McGillivray, Ministers, and John Greenshields Elder.

The Commission elected the Rev. John Barclay, D.D. of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, to be their Moderator, and the Clerk of Synod to be their Clerk.

#### CALLING AND SETTLING OF MINISTERS.

The Commission having heard an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the present state of the law in the calling and settling of Ministers, pass the draft form of process on this subject, as it appears in the printed minutes of Synod, 1853, into an interim Act for one year.

#### REPRESENTATIVE ELDERS.

The following Overture signed by John Cook, John McMorine, Wm. Bain, Duncan Morrison, W. C. Clark, J. H. Mackerras, H. Urquhart, John Greenshields, and Robert Dennistoun, having been read, is referred to Presbyteries to be considered and reported upon along with the Bill on the same subject transmitted by the Synod:—

"That every Kirk-Session shall elect one of their number to represent the Session, in the Superior Courts for the year, and it shall be the duty of the Minister to call a meeting of Session, for the purpose of such elec-

tion, on some convenient day within two months after the rising of the Synod.

It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to ascertain that Kirk-sessions and Ministers perform their several duties in this respect, and take order where from any cause, an election has not taken place within the two months specified, that it be made with all convenient speed.

The Representative Elder shall in every case hold office till his successor is appointed.

It shall be competent for Representative Elders to resign and for Sessions to appoint a successor, whose Commission shall be valid when presented to the Presbytery."

#### AGENT OF THE CHURCH.

The Commission heard an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton on the appointment of an Agent to attend to the general business of the Church, and referred the same to the Presbytery of Montreal, that they may consider and report thereon to next annual meeting of Synod.

These was read an Overture from the Rev. J. Moffat on American slavery, and as no one appeared to support it the Commission took no action thereon.

#### TEMPERANCE.

The attention of the Court was turned to the subject of temperance by Rev. W. Bain, who, having referred to a Memorial from the Good Templars of Kingston which was read, moved, seconded by Professor Mowat, That in view of the prevalence of the sin of intemperance and the many evils resulting therefrom, the Commission would again earnestly recommend Ministers to use their best diligence to advance the interests of temperance according to the word of God—which motion passed unanimously.

The Commission deemed it advisable not to appoint Correspondents to the Synods in the Lower Provinces this year.

The Committee appointed to prepare answers to the reasons of dissent against the deliverance of the Synod in the Protest and Appeal of John Robertson against the Presbytery of Toronto, having been called upon for their report, the Convener explained that in consequence of the great pressure of Synodical business upon the several members of the Committee it was found quite impossible to attend to this matter. The Commission agreed to allow the Committee to present their answers to next meeting of the Commission.

#### PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL ALMANAC.

The attention of the Commission was invited to the Presbyterian Historical Almanac, published by Joseph M. Wilson of Philadelphia, and several communications from the Editor were read. The Commission resolved unanimously to direct the attention of Ministers and members of this Church to the said publication, as containing a vast amount of religious information which should be in the possession of all Presbyterians.

The Commission put on record their gratitude to the Ministers, Elders, and Members of this Church for their courtesy to the members of Synod throughout the past Session.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

#### ADDRESS OF THE MODERATOR, THE REV. A. MATHESON, D. D., &c.

REV. FATHERS AND BROTHERS, MINISTERS AND ELDERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE VENERABLE THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD.

It is now my duty in conformity with the uniform practice of this Court to address to you a few general exhortations at the close of our proceedings. They shall be very few, for the honour you have conferred on me in elevating me to the chair, which I have so unworthily filled, was so unexpected that I had made no preparation for the proper discharge of its duties, and there have been so incessant that I have not had a moment either to arrange or mature my thoughts on any subject of general interest. I fling myself on your indulgence, which in the course of our proceedings has been so largely extended to me, and trust that you will receive with lenient consideration the exhortations which from the fondness of my heart I now beg leave to offer

But, previous to entering on this duty permit me to return to you my warmest thanks for the honour you did me in unanimously choosing me to preside over your deliberations as your Moderator, and for the kind support you have given me in sustaining the order of this House.

Twenty-eight years ago, by the kindness of my Brethren, I had the honor to occupy the chair which I now fill. I could not therefore expect that your partiality would have called me a second time to discharge its honorable and important duties. The circumstances that have directed your attention to me at this time are such as enhance the favor, and render more than my thanks due. I esteem the distinction to which you have raised me as the highest honor of my life. I appreciate your respect, I thank you for it. And I trust I shall ever retain a grateful recollection of your kindness.

That I have discharged my duties perfectly I have not the vanity to suppose; of my deficiencies no one has a deeper sense than I have myself, but my endeavour has been to act faith-

fully and with the strictest impartiality. I have reviewed my conduct in this chair, and acknowledge that there are many things which might have been better done, some that ought to have been otherwise done and some that would have been better left undone. For these errors and defects I claim your indulgence, but, conscious that my aim has been to act fairly and to the best of my abilities, I am not aware that for a single word or act I have to crave your forgiveness.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren—You have brought the business of this Synod to a conclusion. It does not become me to express an opinion on the decisions to which you have come, or the legislative measures you have enacted. With some of these I have cordially concurred. From others I have conscientiously differed. My prayer is that, overruled by the Supreme Head of the Church, they may alike advance the spiritual comfort and prosperity of His own people, and redound to the glory of His name. In every convocation, constituted as this Synod is, differences of views and diversity of opinions will necessarily arise.



And, if in the course of discussion there may have occurred a warmth of feeling and an energy of debate that seemed for a moment to interrupt perfect unanimity, I have yet to congratulate you that, in so far as I have observed, there has not been the slightest interruption to the full flow of your generous sympathies as Brethren. If warmth of feeling and keenness in debate is any where allowable, it is surely in the discussion of the great questions that involve the prosperity and peace of the Church on earth, and the fittest means for preparing the children of God for their inheritance in heaven. All the higher and nobler principles of our nature are brought into operation. Conscience is quickened. Zeal is inflamed. Concentrated energy is put forth, and, if Christian charity does not largely prevail, does not act as a moderator in every breast, in the conflict of opinion a want of harmony and an unseemly departure from the courtesies and decorum of social life may disgrace deliberations that ought to be conducted in love and in peace. The Odium Theologicum, the asperity of which has acquired unenviable notoriety, may spread its withering breath over the lovely scene whose prominent features should be the goodness and pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity.

Suffer me to congratulate you, my Brethren on the mutual forbearance and kindly dispositions evinced by every one of you in your deliberations, and the warm sentiments expressed for the religious prosperity of all men, especially those who are of the household of faith. If there has been warmth of language, I am persuaded it flowed from the impelling convictions of truth. If there was ardour of feeling, it sprung from principle, not from passion. If there was burning zeal it was pure and disinterested, unmingled with vanity, ostentation or selfishness.

I have great pleasure in congratulating you also on the Reports of the progress of the various Schemes in which you are engaged for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, both at home and abroad. The Report of the Committee on the formation of a General Assembly, I regret to say, has not been so encouraging as the importance of the subject would lead us to hope for. Although the peculiar business of an Assembly is now committed to the Synod—the latter, in the exercise of its judicial functions, is often trammelled and impeded for the want of a ripe preparation of the measures that come up from the inferior courts. Consequently a great loss of time is involved, and too often an inextricable mixture of its judicial and legislative functions, and a multiplicity of laws are enacted, which, instead of being wisely considered and matured and sent down to Presbyteries in a practical form, are left to stand as a dead letter on the Record; while they cramp Presbyteries in the execution of their duties, and prevent them from firmly but temperately carrying into execution measures that would promote the good and welfare of the Church. These imperfections in our present polity I need not dwell upon, they are, I am persuaded, apparent to you all. The grand obstruction to the formation of an Assembly arises from the great expense that would be entailed in bringing the members from vast distances, and the want of a proper organization to meet the necessary expense. But, when the numerous and important benefits that would arise from a wisely planned and a faithfully executed scheme of ecclesiastical government are taken into consideration, the responsibility that lies on the office-bearers of the Church to see the house of the Lord in order is, I think, obvious and undeniably great, and from your characteristic energy and zeal I am persuaded the existing evil will soon be remedied.

The Reports on the maintenance of Ministers and on Catechists and Missionaries are of vast moment. The measures they contemplate must enter as an element into every scheme devised for the extension and prosperity of the Church, and will, I trust, be taken into serious consideration, not only by Presbyteries but also by Kirk-sessions and members of the Church. One grand characteristic feature of the venerable Establishment with which we are connected is not known in this country. In Scotland every parish minister has his territory allotted to him. He can go into every house, and, as an ambassador of Christ, he can respectfully solicit admission into every family, and will find a welcome. He can say, I come unto you with the words of truth and salvation, I entreat you to hear me, I ask neither your silver nor gold; without money and without price I offer to your acceptance the fruits of long years of study and patient investigations. I offer you as a friend my best counsel and advice, I bring unto you a message from the living God, I beseech you to hear it. It is your good alone I seek, it is your temporal and eternal interests I would promote. But here the Minister of God's Word is restrained by the conviction that he is dependent for the very necessities of life on those he instructs. Often rudely reminded of his condition, sometimes taunted with being their servant, and that he must comply with their wishes, otherwise they will withdraw from his ministry and join some other denomination, he needs more than human courage, he requires Divine support. Left in some instances to starve, as the valuable Report on Statistics shows, or to fall irrecoverably into debt, broken down both intellectually and physically with ceaseless labour, depressed in spirits, and despairing of success, he neglects his work, his flock is scattered, and he not only individually suffers but the general interests of the Church are ruined.

It is to this part in the economy of our Church that I would have the attention of our Elders especially turned. The generous and Christian spirit, that has been displayed by those of them who have been present at this Synod in regard to this matter, I would take as a token that it is engaging the attention of the Eldership in general, and only requires a well devised scheme of organisation of the temporal affairs of congregations to effect a favourable change in this matter. Here the responsibility of the Synod and Presbyteries is peculiarly great. No delicacy of feeling should hinder them from devising and carrying into prompt operation an economy that would set the minds of Ministers free from the absorbing, racking, cares of life, an economy liberal, yet prudent, that would check avarice, repress selfishness and be a sure token that Christian charity and benevolence (the genuine fruits of Christianity) were prevailing more largely in every congregation. Unless something of this sort be done, you may legislate as you may for the spiritual welfare of the people under your superintendance. You may put forth the most assiduous efforts for the extension of the Church. You may be zealous for the conversion of the heathen to the faith of Christ. But your laws will stand inoperative on your records, evidences of a pretentious zeal and monuments of folly, your College Halls will be deserted; your churches will be empty, your pulpits supplied from the very refuse of corrupted humanity.

The hardships and privations incident to new settlements have hitherto prevented and will for some time continue to prevent the formation of an efficient ecclesiastical organization. Inability at first becomes indifference in better circumstances, and the Minister, who contentedly toiled with his flock in poverty, is

left to toil on without sharing the fruits of their prosperity. Inadequately, irregularly paid, he is too often driven from a field where his affections centred, and they are left without the regular administration of Divine ordinance, or to find a successor whose qualifications seldom rise above the miserable pittance they bestow. It is the natural effect of the voluntary system that the ability of the labourer is generally in proportion to the price paid for his work. In a worldly-minded age such as this, and where men are so indifferent to their true interests, that they must be pressed into the Kingdom of Heaven, there can be little expectation that under such a system Religion will flourish, or the knowledge of the Gospel be greatly extended.

They that serve at the altar shall live by the altar. That they may wholly devote themselves to their work, their maintenance must be adequate, and steadily and regularly paid. It is mournful enough to be obliged to confess that in this country, and especially in the rural congregations, this has seldom been done. Of the alleged causes, some may have been unavoidable, but surely with a deeper sense of responsibility and more system this might have been ameliorated. A movement in a right direction has from necessity been forced on the Church. The secularization of the Clergy Reserves, which the enemies of our Church imagined would be fatal to her very existence in these Provinces, has aroused the slumbering energies of her people. A noble scheme, arising out of the ecclesiasticism and liberality of the commuting ministers, has been entered on, and nobly responded to by the people, in so far as they have yet been called upon, and, I have no doubt, will meet a general response throughout the whole Church. It is peculiarly a movement among the laity and has been engaged in by the eldership with all the warmth and enthusiasm worthy of men who have at heart the spiritual advancement and moral progress of their race. I trust that the flame of the zeal will spread and enkindle the dormant energies of the whole Church, and that by the united efforts of her people there will be raised in this land a monument "*ere perennius*" in commemoration of the venerable Church with which they are connected, a living transcript of its piety, its independence and its energy in the work of the Lord.

The Report from the Temporalities Board is most cheering. It develops a plan for supplementing the stipends of Ministers, wisely and carefully concocted and spiritedly begun, and, if carried into execution with the judicious energy which has marked its commencement, it cannot fail to set all the institutions of the Church on a more stable foundation and a better working order.

The Report from the Board of Management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund is also very gratifying. The progress of the Scheme has been slow, but onward and steady. If the minds of Christian people were universally awakened to the importance of this Scheme and the influence it indirectly has on their own spiritual advancement, it would be soon put on a foundation so secure and established as would allow the congregational contributions, that now flow into it, to be devoted to some other plan of practical benevolence. The Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Home Mission Fund I hold to be two of the most important Schemes in which the Synod is engaged. They are, under God, the external bulwarks of the Church, and, with the Divine blessing, will have a mighty influence on the work of Evangelization.

The Reports on Church Property and Congregational Statistics are extremely valuable for the detailed information they give. It is



only on the facts with which they deal that the executive department of our Church polity can be wisely, prudently and economically carried out. The work of these committees has been arduous. They have amassed an amount of information truly valuable. It belongs to the Synod not to leave their labours fruitless but turn them to some practical purpose in settling and confirming the institutions of the Church.

The Reports on the Observance of the Sabbath and Sabbath Schools, are also of a highly interesting nature. It is a ground of thankfulness to Almighty God that He hath put it into our hearts to take up these subjects, and assign them a prominent place among the matters that annually occupy the attention of the Synod. The consecration of the Sabbath will be regarded as a matter of the utmost moment by every one who wishes the prosperity of the Church and the salvation of immortal souls. Lying at the foundation of morals, as well as of Religion, we cannot hope for the blessing of God, nor for the material prosperity of the land, nor for the spread of godliness where the Day of the Lord is desecrated. The mournful history of many nations warns us of the fatal consequences of Sabbath profanation. As guardians of public morals, as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is peculiarly the duty of Ministers and Elders to stand in the dignified position of watchmen in Israel and cry aloud that the Sabbath is the "Lord's day," and not man's. It is peculiarly their business to put forth the most strenuous efforts to promote the peace and security of her people by promoting the sanctification of the Sabbath.

There is no duty more important, more interesting, more hopeful than that of preparing a people for the Lord. Nothing more delightful than in the accomplishment of this work taking the young and leading them gently to the Saviour. In this country, where Popish intolerance and Sectarian bigotry would exclude from common Schools the Bible as a class-book, it becomes more eminently the duty of this Synod and especially the Ministers of the Church to take care that the principles of the Christian religion be taught to the young, who are under their pastoral care purely from the word of God. The duty of training up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is by the Almighty committed to parents. Though no kind of religious instruction whatsoever will compensate for the want of parental training, yet it is a subject of encouraging hope that by well managed Sabbath Schools much good may be done. In the important work of the religious education of the young it is a matter for thankfulness, that the Synod has wisely, and, we would hope, with much advantage placed Sabbath Schools as an auxiliary appliance among the useful institutions of the Church. Not only to the neglected children of ignorant and vicious parents would the Sabbath School prove an inestimable blessing but the advantages must be great to the children of those who are faithful in the discharge of their parental duties. The early associations and the habits formed in the Sabbath School leave on the minds of children a lasting and practical apprehension of the lessons they receive. The minds of the young men and women who devote a part of their time to teaching in the Sabbath School will be expanded, and their views of Divine truth will be greatly enlarged, by the preparatory study of God's Word in which they engage. But there is much danger, arising from the popularity of these institutions, and the systematised form on which they are now conducted, that they supersede the Sabbath School in the Home and the preaching of God's word by His constituted Ministers. These are divinely appointed ordi-

nances. Great care should be taken constantly to inculcate on the minds of parents their duty to their children. They should be taught that they cannot shift responsibility from themselves by committing the work of religious instruction to another. No teaching awakens either such thoughts or leaves such devout impressions on the infant mind as that of a mother as she trains her child to kneel every evening by her side, and in sweetest tones of maternal love teaches it to say, Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c. Thoughts, holy and great and good, arise in the young mind—inadequate it is granted—but inadequate are the thoughts of the greatest intellect, when turned unto God, but the thoughts, awakening and struggling in the young mind into definite conceptions beneath such influences, are perhaps the loftiest, the purest that arise before the Throne of Jehovah. Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hath He perfected praise—such ennobling influences should not be disturbed on any pretence whatsoever. The teaching of the Sabbath School should correspond to the teachings of the Household. They should be simple and full of heavenly love, and such as awaken a reverent interest in God's Word.

The teaching of the Sabbath Schools under our inspection ought to be confined to simplest instructions from God's Word, and committing to memory the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism and some of the beautiful paraphrases of our Church and of the inimitable version of the Psalms—in fact by repetition and reiteration incorporating the truths of that admirable summary of Christian doctrine and duty with the mind, and making them the food for future thought and the principles for future action. Kirk Sessions should take the work under their immediate inspection. They should suffer no remarks to be made by the teachers except a few explanatory observations on the lessons of the day. Long harangues, which, I am sorry to learn, prevail in some Sabbath Schools, are injurious and defeat the object of the Institution. They weary and disgust the young mind.

Fathers and Brethren—I think it is well that you have committed the general superintendence of such an important work to a committee, who, I have no doubt, will carefully prepare such a plan of instruction, and will issue such directions, having first obtained your revision and sanction, as will guide both Ministers and Kirk Sessions to a uniform course and united action.

The Jewish Mission Scheme and the Indian Orphanage Scheme are the beautiful effluences of your charity wreathed around the nobler columns, may I be permitted the expression, of your Home Mission Schemes. In the Children's Mission to the Orphan Children of India there is a character of beauty and simplicity which it is delightful to contemplate, awakening, as it must do, in the hearts of your own children a Christian interest in the condition of the heathen brothers and sisters of the same tender years, and cherishing in their hearts the spirit of benevolence and love towards these benighted Gentile children. Your Child's Mission must be effectual for good, even though your Indian schools do not prosper, thought not one convert be made to the faith of Christianity, though no religious inquiry be awakened. Still you are doing a great and a good work, which the great Head of the Church in His own good time will bless. You are not only refreshing with the waters of life the arid wilderness, scattering the good seed of the Word, where some will find lodgement in the heart and spring up, but you are also refreshing the springing crops in the better cultivated portions of the Lord's vineyard. But it is a matter for devout thankfulness that the Giver of all good has in some measure blessed

your labours, and, through the instrumentality of the children you now instruct, He will bless them still with the illumination of many thousands yet unborn and their conversion from dumb idols to serve the living God.

That the dispersed of Israel may be gathered into one, and again brought within the pale of the Church of the living God, may be the issue of your Jewish Mission, so earnestly begun, so zealously prosecuted, may the great Disposer of events graciously grant.

Fathers, brethren and elders, to these and other matters for the good order and extension of the Church, that have been brought under your consideration, you have given much of your time, and have now brought the business of this Synod to a conclusion. You are now about to return to your houses, your families and your flocks, and to engage again in the great work to which these measures are only subservient. Your special work is to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to diffuse a pure, a healthy, an enlightened religion throughout the land. This is the most important work that can be committed to you, and your responsibility in the execution of this trust is in proportion to its excellency. Let this conviction be an abiding principle of your conduct, cherish it, act upon it, and you will be drawn from all dependence on yourselves to lay hold on the arm of Him who can sustain you. Well might you tremble in consideration of the magnitude of the work, and in view of the interests you are called to promote. "Who is sufficient for these things," you might well exclaim with the apostle to the Gentiles. But in consideration of the heavenly aid promised you, and the all-prevailing co-operation of the Spirit given unto you, if you prayerfully ask it, you can also say with Paul and say it with all confidence: "Through Christ Jesus I can do all things." The very responsibility of your offices becomes a powerful stimulus to exertion. And the illuminating, strengthening, guiding influences of the Holy Spirit are an animating motive to be faithful in season and out of season in prosecuting the duties of your high and holy calling. With this heavenly power through your instrumentality operating on the Church, I need not dwell on the discouragements of your condition or the difficulties of your work. Greater is He that is for you than all that are against you, and by the exercise of a living faith you will be more than conquerors.

It is a general impression, but it is a very erroneous one, that the life of a minister of the Gospel is a life of ease, of comfort and enjoyment, that he has little else to do than to appear in the pulpit one day in seven, deliver a short discourse, and, while others in the sweat of the brow eat the bread of carefulness, he can walk abroad when he pleases, enjoy the beauties of nature and the luxuries of life. Every one of them who is faithful to the duties of his office can tell a different tale. It is not, as is generally supposed, the labour of one day in the week that is exacted and the recompense and respect, due to the most dignified servant, that is always bestowed; nay, it is sometimes contempt for his ministrations and indifference to the messages he brings, aggravated by poverty and neglect. His life is a ceaseless round of anxiety and care. Besides much study, which is a weariness of the flesh, there are a thousand little things that must be attended to, which exhaust his spirits and wear down his strength. Even Sunday shines no holiday to him. That day, though it has its toils, and is distinguished by an intensity of mental anxiety into which few can enter, has at the same time its calm and holy pleasures that render it to him as well as to others, comparatively speaking, a day of rest.

His labours, though in a great measure hid from public view, are nevertheless incessant and fatiguing. Who, but those who have experienced them, can form a right conception of the overwhelming feelings that arise from a just sense of the responsibility that is attached to the care of immortal souls? Who can estimate the weight and importance of the duties imposed on him who has the riches of Divine grace committed to him, that he may dispense them to a perishing world, as a minister does who trembles under a sense of his insufficiency for these things? Who can enumerate the diversified cares and anxieties that harass them, and the distractions of thought to which they are continually liable, the disappointments of hope which they constantly experience, the frequent trials to which they are subjected that result from the indifference of some and the opposition of others to the great truths they proclaim, and the disrespect shown both to them and their office by many who should honor them highly for their work's sake. These are trials of minor importance but they are hard to be borne. It is far from a light burden that a minister bears. It is far from a tranquil and easy mind that he carries about with him. Even amid the innocent engagements of life there is an under current of secret anxious thought silently and slowly wasting and wearing the soul. The very recreations, which are necessary to recruit the worn and weary frame, and renew the exhausted mind, are often attended with circumstances that tend to vex and annoy minds that education and refinement have made more keenly alive to such trials. To the common trials of life they have many peculiar to themselves, which gives the language of the apostle in reference to his ministerial labour peculiar weight and meaning, "I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you."

But, though a Minister has his trials peculiar to himself, he has also his joys, with which "a stranger intermeddleth not." These sustain and support him amidst many hours of weakness and fatiguing thought. He has One mightier than all others ever near him to strengthen and encourage him. Endeavour to realise His promise, "Lo, I am with you all ways." Take courage, Brethren, and go forth to the discharge of your duties in His sustaining strength. Think of His exalted nature—on the greatness of His work—on the intensity of His love for man—for those very beings He has committed to your special care. Endeavour to have a just sense of the honor He has conferred on you in making you fellow-workers with Himself in bringing many sons into glory. These reflections, lovingly and prayerfully cherished, will animate you with the purest zeal and the highest Christian motives. Before the ministrations of the Gospel can be well sustained or effective, you must be constrained by the love of Christ. There must be love to God—love of the Gospel—love of souls—love for one another. Animated by love, and sustained by constant fervent prayer, you will go forth to your work with alacrity. You will prosecute it earnestly—and you will be rewarded by seeing the work of the Lord prospering in your hands. Brethren, to God and the Word of His grace I commend you.

Brethren in the Eldership, one word to you before I have done. You occupy a most important station in the Church of Christ. You form the links of connection between Pastors and people. Your peculiar duties relate to both—and your influence extends to both for good or for evil. By your council and your agency you may mightily strengthen the hands of your Ministers and promote the prosperity and peace of the congregations over whom God hath given you to bear rule. Permit me

to remind you that you are under the most solemn obligations to give yourselves and much of your time to the work. Many of you have taken the deepest interest in the proceedings of this Synod, and have contributed by your advice and experience in framing laws and devising measures for the prosperity and peace of the Church and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. I congratulate you on the concern you have shown in the public business of the Church, which cannot fail to have an influence for good in the respective congregations which you represent, and in awakening their united efforts for the success of the various Schemes of the Church. Let the same principle of Divine law sway your minds which I have impressed on those in the ministry, and by your example and energy you will illustrate the practical efficiency of your order. You will impress the minds of the people with respect for the laws and constitution of the Church, and materially contribute both in the regulation and settlement of its affairs.

Fathers and Brethren, I will no longer delay you.

As we have met in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the alone Head of the Church, so in His name and by His authority, &c., &c.

HOME MISSION FUND.

IN CHARGE OF THE TEMPORALITIES BOARD.

Payments received by the Treasurer on account of the subscriptions in Montreal to the Synodical Home Mission Fund,

Amount brought forward,.....	\$1209 00
J. M——, Montreal,.....	10 00
A. Mitchell, Ancaster,.....	1 25
Received by the hands of R. McIntyre, Esq., Montreal: From Messrs. J. & W. Campbell, Glasgow.....	£25 0 0
Do Wingate, Freer & Co.,	10 0 0
Do W. McLaren, Sons & Co.,	5 5 0
Do Rainey, Knox & Co.,	5 5 0
Do Wilson & Matheson,...	5 5 0
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THOMAS PATON,  
Treasurer.

Quebec.

The Subscriptions in Quebec amount in all to \$9,255 payable, for the most part, in five annual subscriptions. The following is the list of payments already received:—

John Thomson, first instalment of	\$1,000	\$200 00
Robert Cassels, " "	500	100 00
John Gilmour, " "	500	100 00
Andrew Thomson, " "	500	100 00
James Dean, " "	500	100 00
Andrew Paterson, " "	500	100 00
And. Lewis Dean, " "	500	100 00
Donald Fraser, " "	250	50 00
Heirs McKenzic, " "	250	50 00
J. W. Henry, " "	250	50 00
J. H. Galbraith, " "	200	40 00
J. C. Thomson, " "	150	30 00
R. L. Cassels, " "	125	25 00
D. Wilkie, " "	100	20 00
Dan. Macpherson, " "	100	20 00
John Paterson, " "	100	20 00
McLean Stewart, " "	100	20 00
J. W. Cook, " "	100	20 00
Dr. Rowand, " "	100	20 00
Mrs. D. Gilmour, " "	100	20 00

W. Waver, jr., first instalment of	100	20 00
N. Neilson Ross, " "	100	20 00
P. McNaughton, " "	100	20 00
P. Sinclair, " "	100	20 00
Edward Jones, " "	100	20 00
Hugh Ross, " "	100	20 00
Thos. Craig, " "	100	20 00
Alexander Fraser, " "	100	20 00
W. Thom, " "	100	20 00
Dunc. McCallum, " "	100	20 00
J. & W. Home, " "	80	16 00
William Ramsay, " "	50	10 00
James H. Michaud, " "	50	10 00
Robert Shaw, " "	50	10 00
Pemb. Paterson, " "	50	10 00
Mrs. Strang, " "	50	10 00
Robert Gregg, " "	50	10 00
H. J. Wallace, " "	50	10 00
D. C. Thomson, " "	50	10 00
Alex. Robertson, general subscription	50 00	50 00
D. A. Ross, first instalment of	40	8 00
J. Glass, " "	30	6 00
W. Ledger, " "	25	5 00
J. Reid, " "	25	5 00
P. Dennis, " "	25	5 00
C. S. Graddon, " "	25	5 00
A. Nicoll, " "	20	4 00
J. G. Dean, " "	20	4 00
S. Laidlaw, " "	20	4 00
George Thomson, " "	20	4 00
L. J. Macpherson, " "	20	4 00
J. P. McEwan, " "	20	4 00
Jas. Gillespie, Scott's Bridge,	20	4 00
Andrew Strang, first instalment of	20	4 00
D. A. Grant, " "	20	4 00
Mrs. Nunn, " "	20	4 00
George Scott, " "	20	4 00
Edw. d Ahern, " "	20	4 00
John Cowan, " "	20	4 00
Thomas Wooley, " "	20	4 00
A. Skiller, " "	10	2 00
John Dick, " "	10	2 00
J. Dodd, " "	10	2 00

Subscriptions paid in full.

Late James Hewitt,.....	\$150 00
Michael Stevenson,.....	100 00
Thomas Menzies, jr.,.....	50 00
J. Langlois,.....	20 00
D. Rattray,.....	20 00
Mrs. Michael Scott,.....	20 00
A friend per Dr. Cook,.....	50 00
Mrs. Puffer,.....	10 00
Mrs. Ross,.....	10 00
John McCall, jr.,.....	10 00
James Nicoll,.....	10 00
Mrs. Jackson,.....	5 00
J. Meiklejohn,.....	5 00
John Stewart,.....	5 00
Mrs. Marshall,.....	4 00
Mrs. Cairns,.....	4 00
Dr. Odell,.....	4 00
Eliza Connor,.....	4 00
W. E. Meiklejohn,.....	2 00
M. Miller,.....	2 00
James Henderson,.....	2 00
Jane Ferguson,.....	2 00
Mrs. Widow Rae,.....	2 00
G. Macdonald,.....	2 00
William Gunn,.....	1 00
Abraham Thomson,.....	1 00
Robert Elliot,.....	1 00
Mrs. McQuilken,.....	1 00
Mrs. McLean,.....	1 00
Samuel Irvine,.....	1 00
Mrs. Davidson,.....	1 00

Total,..... \$2127 00

Valcartier.

The sum of \$42.75 has been already contributed as per following list by the congregation of Valcartier. This amount is the first of a series of 5 annual subscriptions:—  
William McLain, Robert Ross.—\$2.00 each.

James McCartney, Thomas Brown, William Aiken.—\$1.50 each.  
 William Brown, David McCartney, Alexander Wright, John Jack, Thomas Jack, James Jack, David Whillins, William Knox, William Neilson, Cornelius Neilson, Andrew Kerr, senr., William Auldcorn, Samuel Clark, senr., Francis Ireland, William Aiken, junr., Adam Mather.—\$1.00 each.

Samuel Shanks.—\$0.75.  
 Widow McGill, Alexander McNicoll, Robert Kerr, Donald McNicoll, Widow Andrews, Thos. Dacres, senr., Charles Laughton, Thomas Dacres, jun., Widow Brown, Arthur McBain, Jas. McBain, Charles Jack, Widow Laughton, John Robertson, James Perdie, Hellen Watt, James McMurdo, William Whillins, John Knox, James Armstrong, Walter Knox, Andrew McKindly, John McKune, James Clark, John Clark, junr., Moses McKinly, Andrew McPherson, John Kerr, John Clark, senr., Robert Goodfellow.—\$0.50 each.

John Goodfellow, William Goodfellow, Henry McCubery, Andrew Kerr, junr.—\$0.25 each.  
*Laprairie.*

In Laprairie \$140 has been subscribed, payable in 5 annual subscriptions as per following list; and the first remittance of \$28 has been received.

	£	s.	d.
John Smith.....	2	10	0
John Adam.....	2	10	0
John Kirkland.....	1	5	0
Wm. Fletcher.....	1	5	0
Wm. Semple.....	1	5	0
David Haird.....	2	10	0
Wm. Curringham.....	1	5	0
Fred. Hart.....	1	5	0
Alex. Curry.....	1	5	0
Charles Smithers.....	1	5	0
Miss D. Hood.....	1	5	0
Miss J. Cleghorn.....	2	10	0
Jas. Macdonald.....	2	10	0
Thos. Leith, junior.....	0	0	3
John Dunn.....	1	5	0
John Thomson.....	1	5	0
John McIntosh.....	5	0	0
John Charlton.....	1	5	0
Jas. Charlton.....	1	5	0
Alex. Leitch.....	0	6	3
Wm. Higgins.....	1	5	0
Jas. Grant.....	0	12	6

*Lachine.*  
 The Lachine subscription is payable in 5 annual instalments. The list is as follows:

	Subscribed.	Paid.
Thos. Dawes & Son.....	\$ 25 10	5 00
Mrs. Easton.....	20 00	4 00
James Somerville.....	15 00	5 00
Joseph Laflamme.....	14 00	2 50
Wm. McNowen.....	10 00	2 60
D. McNaughton.....	10 00	2 00
John Larmcenth.....	10 00	2 00
William Reid.....	10 00	2 00
D. Carmichael.....	10 00	2 00
D. Fraser.....	10 00	2 00
David Rogers.....	10 00	2 00
Mrs. J. Cowan.....	5 00	1 00
A. McNaughton.....	5 00	1 00
M. Thier.....	5 00	1 00
Colin McGarter.....	5 00	1 00
Mrs. J. Kerr.....	5 00	1 00
Edwd. Smith.....	5 00	1 00
Robert Smith.....	5 00	1 00
G. W. Ross.....	5 00	1 00
Richd. Gamble.....	5 00	1 00
James Low.....	5 00	1 00
Mrs. McMartin.....	5 00	1 00
A. Ogilvie.....	5 00	1 00
Thos. Allan.....	5 00	1 00
R. Scott.....	2 50	0 50
H. Herron.....	1 25	0 00
G. Sharp.....	1 25	0 25
Thos. Scott.....	1 00	0 20

The late Edwd. Evans amount of subscription..... 20 00 20 00  
 John England amount of subscription..... 3 00 3 00  
 P. Fallon..(since received) .. 10 00 2 00  
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*Ormslow.*  
 The subscriptions amount as per following list to \$551, of which the sum of \$55 has been received:

Mrs. A. Younie.....	\$10 00
George Cross.....	15 00
John McDougall.....	15 00
Wm. McWhinney.....	10 00
Robert Mills.....	15 00
Archbd. Langster.....	15 00
John Cottingham.....	10 00
Peter Reid, senr.....	10 00
J. D. Bryson.....	10 00
John Younie.....	10 00
James Mills.....	15 00
James W. Bryson.....	10 00
James Reid.....	10 00
Neil Campbell.....	5 00
Dougald Waham.....	5 00
Wm. McNaughton.....	15 00
James Nelson.....	10 00
Simon Hav.....	10 00
James McNoun.....	5 00
Hugh Walsh.....	1 00
Mrs. H. McEacham.....	5 00
Thomas Scott.....	10 00
Neil McEwen.....	5 00
Thomas Beard.....	10 00
John Anderson, M.D.....	10 00
Joseph Oliver.....	10 00
James Sangster.....	15 00
Thomas Hood.....	15 00
Wm. Monson.....	5 00
John Angus.....	15 00
Michael McWhenney.....	5 00
James McWhenney.....	10 00
Wm. Wylie.....	10 00
Mrs. Ovens.....	8 00
Thomas Ovens.....	5 00
James Whyte.....	10 00
John Cook.....	12 00
John Campbell.....	5 00
R. Cunningham.....	15 00
Donald Copeland.....	4 00
Wm. Graham.....	2 00
James Campbell.....	5 00
John Brydon.....	4 00
John Waham.....	2 00
William Menie.....	1 00
James McNeul.....	1 00
Drummond Youngston.....	2 00
Wm. Dodds.....	5 00
James Cavers, junr.....	5 00
John McMullen.....	3 00
Alex. McDougall.....	1 00
John Pringle.....	15 00
John Waham, junr.....	3 00
John Russel.....	10 00
Wm. Rembers.....	5 00
Hugh McKeller.....	2 00
Adam Beattie.....	1 00
Donald McAvin.....	10 00
Hugh McNoun.....	5 00
Andrew Struthers.....	10 00
Peter Leitch.....	5 00
Andrew Stewart.....	3 00
John Woodrow.....	5 00
Andrew McGill.....	5 00
Andrew Cowan.....	5 00
Arthur McCartney.....	5 00
Archbd. McCaugham.....	3 00
Thomas Strachan.....	5 00
Mrs. Andrew Strachan.....	5 00
John Kilgoner.....	5 00
Robert McKol.....	3 00
Andrew McCormick.....	10 00
R. N. Walsh.....	10 00

*Cornwall.*  
 The list of subscribers will be published hereafter. J. J. Pringle, Esq., writes that in all the sum of \$876 has been subscribed in this Congregation, payable for the most part in 5 annual subscriptions; the sum of \$164 has been received on account.

*Huntingdon.*  
 The Huntingdon list has not yet come to hand. But the Rev. Mr. Wallace has forwarded \$104, being the first instalment of the amount which the congregation intends to contribute.

*Osnabruck.*  
 John Croil, Esq., of Aultsville, who has taken much interest in the movement, writes that the sum of \$457 has been subscribed in this congregation. The first payment is to be made in July, and the list will be published at a future time.

*Williamstown.*  
 The Rev. Peter Watson writes that the subscription in the congregation of Williamstown has reached the sum of \$664. The first instalment of \$155 has been received.

*Martintown.*  
 P. W. Conroy, Esq., has forwarded \$120, being the first contribution from this parish.

J. W. COOK,  
*Sec.-Treas. Temp. Board.*  
 Quebec, 26th June, 1860.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.  
 In Charge of Temporalities Board.  
 Receipts in June:

Dundas, per Rev. J. Herald.....	\$8 25
Flamboro', per Do.....	12 88
Clarke, per Rev. Mr. Porter.....	4 00
Milton, per Rev. Jas. Gordon.....	12 50
Mr. W. Robe, per Do.....	2 00
Scarboro', per Rev. Jas. Bain.....	52 00
	\$91 63

J. W. COOK,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*  
 Quebec, 25th June, 1860.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

*Bursary Fund.*  
 Niagara Congregation, per James Lockhart, Esq.....\$14 00  
 Belleville Congregation, per Rev. A. Walker..... 10 00

*Building Fund.*  
 Col. C. W. Thompson, per J. Cameron, Esq..... 25 00

JOHN PATON,  
*Secretary to Trustees.*  
 Queen's College, 18th June, 1860.

N.B.—The Subscribers to French Mission Fund, Jewish Mission, Ministers' Widows' and Orphan Fund, and to the Presbyterian, and the Synod Roll, &c., are unavoidably crowded out and will appear in our next.

SABBATH SCHOOL REQUISITES.

THE Subscriber offers the ensuing publications of "the Montreal Sabbath School Association of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland." JUST PUBLISHED:—

THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER'S CLASS ROLL BOOK Price 50 cents per dozen, or postage paid 63 cents.

The SCHEME OF LESSONS for the last 2 quarters of 1860. Price 12½ cents per dozen, or postage paid 15 cents.

SONGS OF PRAISE: A Collection of Hymns for use in Sabbath Schools. Price 25 cents per dozen, or postage paid 30 cents.

JOHN LOVELL,  
*Publisher.*  
 Montreal, June, 1860.