

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE SYNOD
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SESSION XXIX.

BEGUN AT HAMILTON, 27TH MAY,
1857.



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Meets at Kingston, on the First Wednesday in October, 1857, at Noon, and at
Toronto, on the First Wednesday in February, 1858, at Noon.

THE NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

Will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the last Wednesday in May,
1858, at Eleven, o'clock, A. M.

**LIST OF MODERATORS FROM THE FORMATION OF THE SYNOD IN
1831, TO THE PRESENT TIME,**

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| 1831.—Rev. JOHN MACKENZIE, M. A. | 1844.—Rev. JOHN COOK, D. D. |
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&c., &c.

MADE UP FROM PRESBYTERIAL RETURNS.

MAY 27th, 1857.

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Meets at Hamilton on the Second Wednesday in January, May, and September.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Bell, B. A.	Gilbert Macmicken.	<i>Clifton.</i>
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John Whyte.	Arthur.	
.....	George Jackson.	<i>Simcoe.</i>
.....	David Allan.	<i>Guelph.</i>
.....	Francis Comfort.	<i>Beamsville.</i>
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<i>Rev. William Masson, Ordained Missionary.</i>		

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William Bell, M. A.	Charles Mactavish.	<i>North Easthope.</i>
John Robb.	Henry B. Robertson.	<i>Chatham.</i>
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.....	Eneas Smith.	<i>London.</i>
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<i>Rev. William King, Retired Minister.</i>		

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Alexander Mann, M. A.....	James Connery.....	Pakenham.
David Evans.....	William Smith.....	Kitley.
Thomas Fraser.....	John Mitchell.....	Lanark.
William Bain, M. A.....	George Gardiner.....	Perth, St. Andrews.
John Macmorine.....		Ramsay.
Alexander Spence.....	Matthew Paterson.....	Ottawa City.
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Duncan Morrison.....	George Malloch.....	Brockville.
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John Lindsay.....	John Stewart.....	
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.....	Richmond.
Rev. William White, Ordained Missionary.		

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Meets at Kingston on the First Wednesday in February, May, August, and November.

John Machar, D. D.....	Thomas Masson.....	Kingston.
Robert Neill.....	George Davidson.....	Seymour East.
James Williamson, L.L.D.....		Queen's College.
James George, D. D.....		Queen's College.
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Meets at Toronto on the First Tuesday in February, May, August and November.

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John Tawse, M. A.....	James Maccallum.....	King.
Thomas Johnson.....		Chinguacousy.
Alexander Lewis.....	Alexander Skelton.....	Mono.
John Macmurchy.....	John Campbell.....	Eldon.
John Barclay, D. D.....	John Cameron.....	Toronto.
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William Barr.....	David Forrest.....	Hornby.
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Archibald Colquhoun.....		Mulmur.
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James Bain.....	Robert Hamilton.....	Scarboro'.
Samuel G. Maccaughey.....		Pickering.
John Campbell.....		{ Brock, Reach and Mar- iposa.
	Donald Cameron.....	{ Vaughan.
	Archibald Brown.....	{ W. Gwillimbury & In- nisfil.
		{ Peterboro'.
		{ Whitby.
	Rev. Martin S. Livingstone, } Rev. William McKee, }	Ordnained Missionaries.

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Point Levi.

*Meets at Quebec on the First Wednesday in February, May, August, and
November.*

John Cook, D. D.....	John Thomson,.....	Quebec.
John Davidson.....		New Richmond.
David Shanks.....	John Clarke.....	Valcartier.
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George D. Ferguson.....	John Howliston.....	Three Rivers.
		Melbourne.

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treal.

*Meets at Montreal on the First Wednesday in February, May, August, and
November.*

Alex. Mathieson, D. D. . .	Alexander Morris M. A.	Montreal, St. Andrew's
William Mair.....		Chatham.
James Anderson.....	Neil Campbell.....	Orms town.
James C. Muir.....		Georgetown.
William Simpson.....	William Reid.....	Lachine.
Alexander Wallace, B. A.	Hugh Barr.....	Huntingdon.
James T. Paul.....	William Smith.....	St. Louis.
Thomas Haig.....	James Lang.....	Beauharnois.
John Macdonald.....		Beechridge.
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William Snodgrass.....	Archibald Ferguson.....	Montreal, St. Paul's .
	John Cameron.....	Dundee.
	James Fenton.....	Laprairie.
		Hemmingford.
		St. Eustace.

Rev. John Merlin, Retired Minister.

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Meets on the Third Wednesday in January, May, and September.

Hugh Urquhart D. D....	William Kay.....	Cornwall.
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SYNOD ROLL, HAMILTON, 27TH MAY, 1857.

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MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Donald Monro.....		<i>Finch.</i>
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Robert Dobie.....	William Croil.....	<i>Osnabruck.</i>
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.....		<i>Cote St. George.</i>
.....		<i>Indian Lands.</i>
.....		<i>Coteau du Lac.</i>
.....		<i>Vankleek Hill.</i>
.....		<i>Dalhousie Mills.</i>

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the
Church of Scotland begun at Hamilton, the 27th day of May,
and concluded on the 3rd day of June, 1857 years.

SESSION XXIX.

DIET I.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the Twenty-Seventh
Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and
Fifty-seven :—*

Which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met, according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer, by the Rev. Alexander Mann, M. A., Minister at Pakenham, Moderator.

The Moderator stated that arrangements had been made for the preaching of the usual synodical sermon at half-past seven o'clock in the evening and requested the Synod to concur therein. The Synod concurred.

The Rev. Robert Burnet was appointed Interim Clerk.

Presbytery rolls were given in and the Synod roll was made up and read.

The following sat as members of Court ;

Mr. Alexander Mann, *Moderator* ; Mr. George Bell, Mr. John Mowat, Mr. Hamilton Gibson, Mr. George MacDonnell, Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, Dr. John Skinner, Mr. Robert Burnet, Mr. James Thom, Mr. Hugh Niven, Mr. John Whyte, Mr. Alexander Mackid, Mr. William Bell, Mr. John Robb, Mr. William Macewen, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. James Macewen, Mr. Robert Stevenson, Mr. William Bain, Mr. Duncan Morrison, Mr. George Thomson, Mr. John Lindsay, Dr. John Machar, Dr. James Williamson, Dr. James George, Mr. Archibald Walker, Mr. W. E. Mackay, Mr. Alexander Buchan, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. Alexander Lewis, Mr. John Macmurchy, Dr. John Barclay, Mr. Samuel Porter, Mr. William Barr, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. David Watson, Mr. John Mackerras, Mr. William Cleland, Mr. John Brown, Mr. James Gordon, Mr. James Bain, Mr. Samuel Maccaughey, Mr. John Campbell, Dr. John Cook, Mr. George Ferguson, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. James Muir, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Mr.

John Macdonald, Mr. William Snodgrass, Dr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Donald Monro, Mr. Robert Dobie, Mr. Peter Macvicar, and Mr. Donald Macdonald, *Ministers*; together with Messrs. Gilbert Macmicken, Alexander Fordyce, Thomas Robertson, Andrew Hall, James Hutchison, David Allan, Duncan Macpherson, Matthew Paterson, George Malloch, Thomas Masson, George Neilson, John Turnbull, Alexander Skelton, John Cameron, David Forrest, William Kydd, Jacob Wells, Robert Hamilton, Donald Cameron, Archibald Brown, William Croil, Alexander Morris, and Archibald Ferguson, *Elders*.

There was read and sustained a commission from the Synod of New Brunswick, in favor of the Rev. William Donald, M. A., minister at St. John, N.B., and his name was added to the roll as a corresponding member.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. George Macdonnell, was unanimously chosen, but as he was not present the former Moderator was continued in the chair.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Clerk, in room of the late Rev. Andrew Bell. On motion of Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Mackid, the Rev. William Snodgrass, was unanimously chosen, and being present was requested to assume the duties of the office. Mr. Snodgrass solicited a few hours to consider the matter, and the Synod complied.

Presbytery Records were ordered to be laid on the table.

The following members were appointed a Committee for Bills, and Overtures, with instructions to meet after the first adjournment and to receive all papers intended to come before the Synod, viz; The Moderator and Clerk, Drs. Cook, Barclay, and Urquhart, and Messrs. Tawse, James Bain, Mackerras, Macvicar, Mackid, George Bell, Burnet, Mann, Malloch, Hutchison, and Macpherson.

Leave was given to the several Presbyteries to meet in Hamilton for the despatch of all competent business, during the meeting of Synod, at such times as the court may not be sitting.

It was agreed that, during the present session, the Synod shall meet every morning at ten o'clock, and before proceeding to any business, engage in devotional exercises; also that each diet shall last till five o'clock P. M., with an interval between one and two, and be continued in the evening when considered necessary.

The Rev. George Macdonnell, having entered, now took the chair as Moderator.

Thereupon the Synod proceeded to the election of two Clergy Reserve Commissioners in room of the Rev. Dr. Machar, and Hugh Allan, Esq., who retire from office according to regulations of Synod,

sess. XIX, ann. 1848, when the Rev. Dr. Machar and Hugh Allan, Esq., were unanimously re-elected; their names were ordered to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners; and the Clerk was instructed to intimate their election to the Board. The Synod also unanimously elected John Greenshields, Esq., Montreal, to be a Clergy Reserve Commissioner, in room of Hew Ramsay, Esq., deceased, and ordered the former name to be substituted for the latter in the list of Commissioners.

The Rev. Alexander Spence, the Rev. John Barclay, D.D., and the Rev. James George, D.D., were then unanimously re-elected Trustees for Queen's College, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Charter; their names were placed at the top of the roll; and the Clerk was instructed to intimate their election to the Board of Trustees.

At half-past seven o'clock, the Rev. Alexander Mann, the former Moderator, preached before the Synod, from Psalm CXXII., vs. 13—16 inclusive, "For the Lord hath chosen Zion," &c.

The minutes of last session were read.

Read the Reply of His Excellency the Governor-General to the Synod's address of last year; also a communication from the Governor's Secretary, dated Government-House, Toronto, 8th May, 1857, enclosing a copy of a despatch from the Hon. H. Labouchère, Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimating the gracious reception by Her Majesty the Queen of the Synod's address of last year.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this diet was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

At St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the Twenty-eighth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven:—

Which day the Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. John Mowat.

Mr. Snodgrass acted as Interim Clerk.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, and after correction sustained.

The Records of the Presbyteries of London, Montreal, Glengary, Bathurst and Hamilton, were laid on the table; and the following Committee was appointed to revise them and report, viz., Dr. Machar, Messrs. Burnet, Mowat, Mann, Morrison, W. Mackay, McMur-

chy, McKerras, G. Ferguson, W. Bain, Simpson, Wallace, McKid, J. McEwen, McVicar, D. Macdonald, Malloch, Turnbull, Masson, A. Ferguson—Mr. Burnet to be Convener.

It was intimated to the Synod that it is the intention of the Presbytery of Kingston, with leave of the Court, to take Mr. James Sieve-right, B. A., Student of Divinity of Queen's College, on trials, for license.

Applications were also made by the Presbytery of Toronto, on behalf of Rev. Martin S. Livingston, ordained minister of the U. P. Church, Scotland, and Rev. William McKee, ordained missionary for some time in the Free Church in this Province; and by the Presbytery of Bathurst, on behalf of Rev. William White, ordained minister of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland; that these Ministers may be admitted as ministers, in connection with this Church. The Synod directed the said Student and the said ministers to appear before the Examining Committee herein appointed, viz., Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Machar, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. George, Dr. Williamson, and Messrs. McVicar, Mowat, Burnet, Morrison, Simpson, and James Bain.—The Moderator, to be Convener, *ex-officio*.

Dr. George was appointed to draft an address to Her Majesty the Queen, and Mr. Mowat to draft an address to the Governor General.

The minutes of a meeting of the Synod's Commission held at Kingston, 1st October, 1856, and of a meeting held at Toronto, 18th February, 1857, were read, sustained, and ordered to be engrossed.

Dr. Mathieson was appointed to prepare a minute relative to the death of Rev. Andrew Bell, late minister at L'Orignal and Clerk of Synod; Dr. George to prepare a minute relative to the death of Professor Smith, of Queen's College; and Dr. Cook to prepare a minute relative to the death of Hew Ramsay, Esq., late Secretary to the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

On motion of Dr. Machar, which was unanimously agreed to, a vote of thanks was given to the Ex-Moderator, Rev. Alexander Mann, M. A., for his conduct while in the chair, and for the appropriate sermon preached by him before the Synod yesterday.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the Treasurer's report were read by Dr. Mathieson.* Whereupon Dr. Machar, Dr. Barclay, Messrs. James Bain, Burnet, McMurchy, George Neilson, Malloch, D. Cameron, and McMicken, were appointed a Committee to have a

* See Appendix B.

deliverance on the said reports ready to be presented on Saturday morning.

The Synod elected Rev. W. Snodgrass, in the room of Rev. James C. Muir, and re-elected William Edmonstone, Esq., and W. Gordon, Mack, Esq., to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation; their names were directed to be placed at the head of the lists of Ministers and Laymen respectively composing the Board; and the Clerk was instructed to intimate their election to the Board.

Leave was asked and given for the holding of a Devotional and Missionary Meeting in this Church, on the evening of Monday next, at half-past seven o'clock.

The Synod made appointments for Divine Service on Sabbath next, viz. :—Rev. William Donald, M.A., to preach in this Church on the forenoon, Rev. Peter McVicar on the afternoon, and Rev. Dr. Cook on the evening; Rev. Mr. Snodgrass to preach in St. John's Church in this city on the forenoon, and Rev. Mr. Cleland on the afternoon; Rev. J. H. MacKerras to preach at Guelph; Dr. Williamson at Beamsville; and Rev. Duncan Morrison at Dundas and Ancaster.

The Synod proceeded to matters of business arising out of the minutes of last session.

There was read a reply from W. Hutton, Esq., Secretary to the Provincial Board of Agriculture and Statistics, to the Synodical Address of last year, regarding the inaccuracies of the last census, affecting this Church, which was found to be satisfactory—whereupon it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Snodgrass, and unanimously agreed :—That the Moderator be instructed to write a respectful letter to the Minister of Agriculture requesting that, in the schedules for the next census, there be one column for "Presbyterians," that the said column be subdivided into as many columns as there are different bodies of Presbyterians in this Province, and that it be an express instruction to those employed in taking the census to enquire of each person, to which of the said bodies he belongs, and to make an entry accordingly; and further, that the Moderator be instructed to intimate to the Minister of Agriculture that the designation of this Church is, *The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland*.

Read the reply of the Very Rev. Principal Macfarlane of Glasgow University to the Synod's address of last year.

Dr. Cook reported that the resolution of the Synod requesting the Board for the management of the Temporalities Fund, to endeavour to call forth the liberality of the Laity over the Church to the support

of the Ministry, had not been given effect to,—stating reasons. It was agreed that this matter come up afterwards.

Read an extract from the Presbytery of Hamilton, detailing the procedure of said Presbytery, in removing from the Rev. John Whyte his sentence of suspension.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Act to Incorporate the Board of Managers of the Temporalities Fund, had no report to submit—the non-appointment of a Convener being alleged by members of said Committee as the reason.

Mr. Burnet reported that though the Committee on the interests of the London Congregation had done their utmost to accomplish the object for which they were appointed—they had failed in doing so. The Committee was re-appointed—Dr. Barclay being added and instructed to act as Convener—and the Committee was recommended to exercise renewed diligence and watchfulness.

The Committee on the formation of a General Assembly had nothing to report. The Committee was re-appointed—Mr. Snodgrass being substituted for the late Hew Ramsay, Esq., and it being agreed that the Representative to be appointed by the Synod to attend the Synods in the Lower Provinces be a Member of this Committee—Dr. Mathieson to be Convener.

Dr. Barclay reported verbally that, though in consequence of the death of the late Clerk, he had received no intimation of the Synod's request to direct the attention of Preachers in Scotland to the wants of this Church,—he, nevertheless, communicated while in Scotland, with several young Clergymen who seemed to be favourably impressed by his statements.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Revd. W. Bain, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, for his excellent address to the Church on the proper observance of the Lord's day. The Committee was re-appointed—Rev. W. Bain to be Convener.

Dr. Mathieson reported that the Committee appointed last year to present a testimonial to the late Clerk, fulfilled their instructions by presenting a testimonial, which reached Mr. Bell the day before his decease.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the nature and powers of the Commission of Synod had nothing to report. The Committee was re-appointed with Mr. Snodgrass, in the room of Mr. Morris, resigned—Dr. Mathieson to be Convener.

John Cameron, Esq., submitted his account with vouchers, as Treasurer of the Synod Fund. The account was passed and ordered to be inserted as an appendix to the printed minutes of this year.*

* See Appendix C.

The thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Cameron, and through him to the Finance Committee for their effective management of this matter. The Committee of last year was appointed with same power as before. Arrears were ordered to be paid up without delay; and, considering the obligations of the Synod, especially the expense of sending Representatives to the Synods in the Lower Provinces, it was declared to be particularly desirable that congregations contribute liberally towards this fund. The Committee was further instructed to revise the scheme of assessment as adopted in 1851, and report this session.

There were read opinions on the Draft of procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers from the Presbyteries of Montreal, Bathurst, Hamilton, London, and Toronto, approving generally of the said Draft. Dr. Urquhart stated that the opinion of the Presbytery of Glengary sent up to a previous meeting was to the same effect.

The Synod proceeded to revise the said Draft with a view to its passing into a permanent Act. After reading the first seven clauses thereof, the Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made and this diet was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

At St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the Twenty-ninth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven :—

Which day the Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. James Bain.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and after corrections sustained.

Rev. Alex. Mann was added to the Examining Committee.

Rev. William Donald was appointed to act with Dr. George in drafting an address to Her Majesty, The Queen.

The Reports of the Chairman and Secretary of the Board for the Management of the Temporalities Fund, were read by Dr. Cook. It was moved by Alexander Morris, Esq., and seconded by Rev. James Bain :—That the Reports submitted to the Synod be received; that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Board for their administration of the trust, and their interim investment of the funds of the Church; and that Messrs. John Greenshields and James Mitchell be appointed to audit the accounts of the Board and report thereon to the next meeting of Synod. It was also moved by Rev.

A. Mackid, and seconded by Rev. A. Mann:—That the Reports be received, and that the interim investment of moneys be approved of; but that the reports be not sustained till a detailed statement be submitted, and the same audited. After discussion the question was put—motion or amendment—when forty-two voted for the former, and nineteen for the latter. The moderator declared accordingly, and then gave the thanks of the Synod to the Chairman, Dr. Cook, and through him to the other members of the Board.

The Draft of an Act of Incorporation accompanying the forementioned Reports was read by Dr. Cook. It was then moved by Rev. James C. Muir:—That the said Draft be printed and put into the hands of the members of court without delay; and further, that the Draft be intrusted to a Committee to consider the same, and report upon it to the Synod on Monday next. Which motion having been seconded was unanimously agreed to, and the following Committee was nominated in terms thereof, viz.:—Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, Rev. J. C. Muir, Rev. James Bain, Judge Malloch, Alex. Morris, Esq., John Cameron, Esq., and Mr. Neilson—Mr. Neilson to be Convener, with instructions to request Judge Logie to act with them.

Rev. Robert Dobie was appointed to preach at London on Sabbath next, and Rev. James Macewen at Saltfleet.

The Synod came to an understanding as to the time and place of meeting next year.

Read a memorial from the Ministers, Elders and Congregation at Osnabruck, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, praying for aid to finish their Church; also, an extract minute of the Presbytery of Glengary, approving of the same. These documents were accompanied by an attested copy of the Title Deed of the property. The Synod having considered the case, sanctioned the application, and instructed the Presbytery of Glengary to transmit all the said documents to the Colonial Committee together with an extract of this minute.

Dr. Mathieson delivered over to the Synod the papers and documents which were in the hands of the late Clerk.

After which the Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this diet was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

At St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the Thirtieth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven :—

Which day the Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Duncan Morrison.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, and after corrections sustained.

The Ex-moderator reported, that shortly after the death of the late Clerk, he appointed Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Simpson, Snodgrass, and Haig, to examine the papers, books, and documents, which were in the hands of the said late Clerk. The Synod approved of the course pursued by the Ex-moderator, and Dr. Mathieson in this matter, and thanked them for their trouble; and further re-appointed the Committee nominated by the Ex-moderator to examine more fully the said papers, books, and documents, and take an inventory of them; and empowered them to dispose of such papers as may have been prepared and printed for circulation.

There was then taken into consideration the reference in the Report of the Board for the management of the Temporalities Fund, to the case of such Ministers as have been received into the Church since the commutation. Drs. Mathieson, Cook and Barclay, Messrs. Bain, MacVicar, Mcris, J. Cameron, and Neilson, were appointed a Committee to report on this subject, and also on the general question of supplementing the Temporalities Fund.

Dr. George gave in a report of his mission as the representative of this court to the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The report was read and, on motion, ordered to be inserted as an appendix to the printed minutes of this year.* The thanks of the Synod were given to Dr. George.

It was then moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Morris, and agreed,—That Dr. Barclay be the representative of this court to the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick this year.

Read a notification that the election of Lay Trustees of Queen's College had taken place on the first day of the present meeting of Synod, also an intimation of the parties elected.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the papers in the Dundas and Ancaster case were intrusted to the

* See Appendix D.

following Committee to report thereon, viz :—Drs. Mathieson, Urquhart, Barclay, and Mr. Dobie—Dr. Barclay to be Convener—with power to order papers and persons before them.

Read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, intimating that the Presbytery had resolved, after mature deliberation and subject to the Synod's approval, to accept the Rev. P. Ferguson's resignation of his charge at Esquesing and Milton, which he desired to demit in consequence of ill health. The Synod having duly considered the matter, determined, on motion of Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. MacVicar, to sanction the procedure of the Presbytery, and express their entire concurrence in the estimate given in the aforesaid extract of Mr. Ferguson's character and worth, and their regret that the resignation of Mr. Ferguson should be a matter of necessity. At the call of the Moderator the Rev. Mr. Tawse then engaged in prayer.

Read report of the Central Committee on Church property, prepared by Alex. Morris, Esq., who also laid on the table a Ledger containing the statistics of property hitherto received. It was then moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Burnet, and unanimously agreed :—That the most valuable and interesting report now read be received ; that the Synod do most heartily accord their thanks to Mr. Morris and the other members of the Committee ; re-appoint the Committee and constitute the same, a standing Committee ; enjoin Ministers who have not yet made returns of the Church property, with which they are connected, to do so without delay, and strongly recommend Presbyteries to see that individual ministers and congregations attend to this matter : and further, nominate Alex. Morris and Archd. Ferguson a Committee to prepare petitions to the Legislature in accordance with the suggestion of the report. The Moderator then communicated to Mr. Morris the thanks of the Synod in terms of the above motion. The report was ordered to be inserted as an appendix to the printed minutes, and the expenses for stationery incurred by the Committee were ordered to be paid out of the Synod Fund.*

Dr. Cook submitted the following minute relative to the death of Hew Ramsay, Esq., which was approved of and an extract ordered to be sent to Mrs. Ramsay :—The Synod take this opportunity of recording the profound regret with which they have heard of the death of Hew Ramsay, Esq., Montreal. A man of clear understanding, of extensive acquirements, of sound judgment, of unusually amiable and unassuming deportment, of kind and generous impulses,

of large public spirit, and sound and enlightened principles, he had won, not only the general respect, but an almost fraternal regard and affection, from those who had the advantage of intimacy with him, and as an elder of this Church, and Secretary of the Ministers' Widows' Fund, his name will long be held by the members of this Court in honourable and grateful remembrance.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this diet was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the First day of June,
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven:—*

Which day the Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. James C. Muir. The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and sustained.

Read report of the Committee appointed to consider the report of the Board of management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—which, on motion, was approved of.* It was then moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Donald:—That the Synod adopt the report of the Board of Management with most grateful acknowledgments to the Chairman, Secretary, and other members of the Board for the zeal and diligence with which they have executed the trust committed to them, and the deep interest which they express in its prosperity; learn with pleasure that there is so considerable an increase in the revenue this year over that of any former year while at the same time they regret the number of defaulters; approve of the scale of distribution embodied in the report; enjoin Presbyteries to see that ministers make a return to the Board, of the number of families in their several congregations; direct the Board in the case of the demise of Widows to pay their annuities up to the termination of the current half year, in which the demise may take place; earnestly renew their instructions to Presbyteries to make diligent inquiry every year, whether the congregations within their bounds, vacant or not vacant, have made their collections, and to deal with defaulters as in the exercise of a wise discretion may seem meet; strictly enjoin Presbyteries immediately after an ordination or induction to send an extract of the same to the Secretary of the Board of Management; and further direct the Board to obtain a legal opin-

See Appendix B.

ion as to the feasibility of extending the benefits of this scheme to the Lower Provinces. Which motion having been unanimously agreed to, the Moderator gave the thanks of the Synod to the Chairman, Dr. Mathieson, and through him to the other members of the Board.

Read statement and report of the Treasurer of the Orphanage Scheme;* whereupon it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Burnet, and unanimously agreed:—That the Synod rejoice in the success which has attended the children of the Church in their efforts in aid of the Orphanages of the Edinburgh Ladies' Association in India; acknowledge in it, the good hand of the Head of the Church; and with deep satisfaction renew their approval of the scheme—re-appointing Mr. Paton, Treasurer, and thanking him for his zealous and judicious conduct of the effort.

Read report of the French Mission Committee, together with a statement by the Treasurer, who also expressed a wish to resign.† It was then moved by Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Tawse, and unanimously agreed:—That the following deliverance be given:—Approve of the action of the Montreal Presbytery in the French Mission, rejoice in the prospect of permanency now opening up to it, recognise the call of duty to persevere in the mission work, and remit the same to the Presbytery of Montreal, calling the attention of Presbyteries to the injunction of Synod as to an annual collection for this scheme, tender the thanks of the Synod to Hugh Allan, Esq., for his long continued and faithful discharge of duty as Treasurer, and appoint Archd. Ferguson, Esq., Montreal, to be Treasurer.

The Examining Committee reported that they had examined Rev. M. S. Livingston, Rev. Wm. White, Rev. Wm. McKee, Ministers from other Churches, and James Sieveright, Student of Divinity, on the subjects prescribed by Act of Synod, and that they were satisfied with their appearances. The Synod then authorized Presbyteries to proceed with their admission according to the laws of the Church, without again reporting to the Synod, it being agreed that should the Presbytery of Toronto or Bathurst see fit they may proceed to the settlement of Mr. Livingston and Mr. McKee, or of Mr. White respectively, at a time within the prescribed period of probation.

The report of the Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee was read by Mr. Burnet, and the statement of the Treasurer was submitted. The consideration of the same was deferred until to-morrow.

The Synod then entered upon the revision of the Draft of an Act of Incorporation for the Board of Management of the Temporalities Fund. It was moved and seconded—That the number of managers be

* See Appendix F.

† See Appendix G.

twelve. It was also moved and seconded—That the number of managers be nine. The question was put—motion or amendment—when the former was carried by a vote of twenty-three to twenty, and the Moderator declared accordingly. It was next proposed and unanimously agreed:—That the Board consist of five ministers and seven laymen. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. McKid:—That the Secretary shall not be a member of the Board. It was moved by Mr. McKerras, and seconded by Rev. Wm. Bain:—That the Secretary may or may not be a member of the Board, as the Board shall decide. The question was put—motion or amendment—when the former was carried by a vote of twenty-eight to nineteen, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this place at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this diet was closed with prayer.

As previously arranged a Missionary and Devotional Meeting was held, this evening, under the auspices of the Synod. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Donald, Rev. D. Morrison, Rev. W. Snodgrass, and Rev. J. Bain.

DIET VI.

At St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the Second day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven :—

Which day the Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. James McEwen.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

The Rev. J. B. Mowat read and submitted a draft of an address to his Excellency the Governor General.* The draft was adopted and the Synod appointed Dr. Barclay, John Cameron, Esq., and such other members of the Court or the Church as can conveniently accompany them to present the said address, together with the one that may be agreed upon for Her Majesty.

The Synod having learned that Dr. George had suddenly left for Kingston, Dr. Barclay was appointed in his stead, to act with Mr. Donald in drafting an address to Her Majesty.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Draft of Act of Incorporation for the Board of Management of the Temporalities Fund. It

* See Appendix I.

was moved by John Cameron, Esq., seconded by Judge Malloch, and unanimously agreed:—That at the meetings of the Board the quorum shall be seven. It was unanimously agreed that provision for an Executive Committee shall be as proposed in the third clause of the draft. It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Donald, and unanimously agreed:—That all By-Laws which the Board may enact shall be submitted to the next meeting of Synod or other Supreme Court after their enactment, for confirmation, amendment or rejection, but in the meantime shall till then be operative, as interim By-Laws. It was unanimously agreed that the annual report be laid on the table on the first day of the meeting of Synod, and that the election of members take place on the third day; that four members retire annually, viz.:—two ministers and two laymen; and that a clause relative to Bequests be prepared by the Board under legal advice. It was then ordered that the draft be remitted to the Temporalities Board to carry out the instructions of the Synod, and to employ competent counsel to prepare an Act according thereto for submission to the next meeting of the Legislature. The Board of last year was re-appointed, and power was given to the Commission of Synod in case of death or resignation to fill vacancies.

The report of the Committee on Presbytery Records was submitted and approved of, and the Presbytery records were ordered to be attested in the following manner:—The records of the Presbyteries of Bathurst, Kingston, and Hamilton, as carefully and correctly kept; and the records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengary and London, with instructions to the said Presbyteries to correct as far as possible the omissions and inaccuracies pointed out in the report of the Committee. It was also reported that the records of the Presbyteries of Toronto and Quebec had not been given in—of which explanations were given by Dr. Barclay of Toronto, and Dr. Cook of Quebec.

The Committee appointed to consider the case of ministers received into the church since the Commutation, and also the general question of supplementing the Temporalities Fund, gave in their report on which the following deliverance was given unanimously, having been moved by Mr. Neilson, and seconded by Mr. Fordyce:—That the Synod deem it of the utmost importance that a special appeal be made to the Laity of the church, in order to call forth their liberality in aid of the Temporalities Fund, and to place it in such a position as to adapt it to the wants of the church and the exigencies of our position in the Province; for this purpose and in pursuance of a resolution adopted at last meeting of the Synod, and in order to carry it into practical effect,—the Synod appoint the Rev. Dr. Mathieson,

the Rev. W. Snodgrass, Messrs. Morris, W. Croil, and John Green-shields, a deputation to plead the cause in the Presbyteries of Montreal, Quebec, Glengary, and Bathurst, and the Revs. Dr. Cook, Jas. Bain, R. Burnet, George Bell, and Messrs. Neilson and D. Cameron, to plead the same in the Presbyteries of Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, and London; remit to the Temporalities Board to consult with the deputations and friends of the church in the various localities, as to the time when it would be most proper to carry the same into effect in each district, and the Board are hereby authorized to call in the assistance of such other office bearers and members of the church, as may be useful in promoting this object, and all Presbyteries, Ministers, and Elders, are hereby enjoined to give their cordial co-operation to the Board, and Presbyteries are further enjoined to provide supply for the pulpits of the clerical delegates during their absence on this business; and in respect that as considerable time may elapse before the above measure can be generally carried out, congregational collections shall be made annually throughout the whole church in order to meet the salaries of the recently settled and future ministers and missionaries of the church, and that in anticipation of such collections the Board of Temporalities be empowered to pay these salaries, and Presbyteries are enjoined to use all diligence to see that these collections be duly made in all the congregations within the bounds.

Read a letter from Hugh Allan Esq., Secretary to the Board of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, addressed to the Moderator, when on motion by the Rev. Alexander Mann, seconded by Alexander Morris, Esq., it was unanimously agreed to leave it to the consideration of next meeting of Synod.

Read a joint minute of the Kirk Sessions of the first Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's Church, Perth, setting forth the basis of a union unanimously agreed to by the members of these sessions with a view to its being submitted to the congregations for approval, also an extract minute from the records of the Presbytery of Bathurst, approving of the proposed union and determining with the leave of the Synod to sanction the same, and referring the matter to the Synod for decision. Parties concerned having been heard, it was moved by Dr. Barclay, and seconded by Mr. Burnet:—That the Synod approve of the union proposed, sanction the basis thereof as embodied in the joint minute of sessions, and instruct the Presbytery of Bathurst to direct the sessions and congregations accordingly. The motion was agreed to, Dr. Mathieson dissenting.

Read an application from the managers of the London congregation to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, for aid in sup-

porting a minister. The application was accompanied by an extract minute of Presbytery approving of the application. It was agreed to sanction the application and the Presbytery of London was ordered to forward the forementioned documents to the Colonial Committee together with a statement of the efforts made by the congregation for the support of a minister, as also an extract of this minute.

Consideration of the report of the Jewish Mission scheme was resumed.* After discussion, it was moved by the Rev. Wm. Bain, seconded by the Rev. Wm. Donald:—That the Synod having heard the report of the Committee on Jewish and Foreign Missions and being fully persuaded of the desirableness and importance to the best interests of this church, of engaging in a direct missionary effort, receive and approve the same; thank the Committee for their diligence and judicious conduct in the matter intrusted to them; re-appoint the said Committee with the addition of Judge Logie, and Messrs. McMicken and Fordyce, authorizing them to take such further steps in the institution and prosecution of the mission as may be found necessary and expedient; instruct the representative from this Synod to the Synods of the Lower Provinces, to bring the matter under the notice of the said Synods, and to invite their countenance and co-operation in the work; and recognise their obligations to the Rev. Dr. Aiton, for his exertions and for the handsome sum he has placed at their disposal. The Moderator then thanked the Committee, and the Clerk was instructed to forward an extract of this minute to Dr. Aiton, and to convey to him the thanks of the Synod.

Read an extract minute of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Toronto, granting permission to the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Darlington, to sell an acre and a quarter of land and devote the proceeds to the erection of a manse. The Synod sanctioned the permission given by the Presbytery.

The Synod next proceeded to consider the overtures from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Hamilton, praying for steps to be taken to promote the extension and efficiency of Sabbath Schools. The overtures having been heard and supported by members of court, it was moved by Mr. Snodgrass, seconded by Mr. Mann, and unanimously agreed:—That the following deliverance be given thereupon—admit the overtures, express an earnest sympathy with the desire of the Presbyteries of Montreal and Hamilton for the increased efficiency of Sabbath Schools, urgently direct the attention of Sessions and Presbyteries to the matter, appoint a Committee to be designated, *The Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools*,—who shall exercise a general superintendence, and shall have power to take such

action of a local or general kind, as to them may seem judicious.—instruct Kirk-sessions to forward annually to the Convener of said Committee before the first day of May, a statement of the number of teachers male and female, scholars male and female, and the number of each on the roll, the average attendance, and the increase or diminution during the year, the number and kind of books in the sabbath school library, and all other matters of interest affecting the welfare of the local school or the general institution; instruct the Committee to prepare a report and digest to lay before the next meeting of Synod, and appoint Messrs. Burnet, Mackerras, Macdonnell, Judge Logie, and Mr. Fordyce, to be the Committee in terms hereof.—Mr. Burnet to be Convener.

The court then considered an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent a delegation to Scotland, with a view to securing the services of ministers for this church. The following deliverance was given unanimously:—That while the Synod are alive to the advantages that would result from a delegation to Scotland, the opinion of this court, nevertheless is, that the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is so active and so interested in the welfare of this church, that a becoming representation from this court of the present state of the church, would not fail to command the earnest endeavours of the Committee to supply existing destitution; therefore appoint Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Snodgrass and Morris, a Committee to prepare an address and appeal to be submitted to the Colonial Committee, and enjoin Presbytery Clerks to transmit to Dr. Mathieson, without delay, a statement of all vacancies and localities where new congregations may be formed.

Read and considered an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the examination of Students by Presbyteries during the College recess, and their production of Presbyterial certificates on returning to the Divinity Hall. The following deliverance was given:—Approve of the overture; strictly enjoin attention to the Acts of the church in the matter; and declare, that a Student entering the Theological Hall, or any class therein, without having produced to the Professor of Divinity, under whom he is about to study, a Presbyterial certificate of his examination by one of the Presbyteries of this church, with a view to his entering the Hall or returning to it as the case may be, and also a certificate of character from a minister of this church, shall not be allowed to reckon his attendance in such circumstances as a part of his Theological Curriculum.

Read extract minute of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in regard to a complaint of the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan against the decision of that Presbytery in appointing a call to be moderated in, in favor of

the Rev. Hugh Niven, also Mr. MacLennan's reasons of dissent, viz., first, that no extract of license was tabled by Mr. Niven, and second, that no Presbyterian certificate in favor of Mr. Niven was tabled:— Which extract and reasons having been read, the Moderator, being a member of the Presbytery of Hamilton, left the chair, which was occupied *pro. tem.*, by the former Moderator, and there appeared Rev. Kenneth MacLennan for himself, and several members of the Presbytery of Hamilton. Mr. MacLennan was then heard in support of his complaint, and the Rev. George Macdonnell, and the Rev. Robert Burnet in defence of the decision of the Presbytery, and the said Mr. MacLennan in reply. Parties being removed, the following deliverance was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to:— The Synod having heard the complaint and appeal of the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan against the proceedings of the Presbytery of Hamilton in the settlement of the Rev. Hugh Niven at Saltfleet and Binbrook, and having heard the Presbytery thereon from the bar, deem that they sustain the complaint and appeal declaring the whole proceedings of the said Presbytery in the case altogether informal, and that the Moderator shall solemnly rebuke the Presbytery and strictly enjoin them to take more care in future to follow out the laws of the church and comply with the injunctions of this Synod; but, inasmuch as this court have had satisfactory evidence of an excellent character having been borne by Mr. Niven, previous to his admission by the Presbytery of Hamilton, that Mr. Niven be held to be the minister of the congregations at Saltfleet and Binbrook. Parties were then called, the sentence intimated, and the Moderator solemnly rebuked the Presbytery of Hamilton accordingly.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this diet was closed with prayer.

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DIET VII.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the Third day of  
June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-  
seven:—*

Which day the Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. George Bell.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings excepting the last, were read and sustained.

The Synod having taken the clerkship into consideration, it was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Donald, and unanimously

agreed,—That Mr. Snodgrass be appointed permanent Synod Clerk ; that the salary attached to the office for the present year be forty pounds ; and that the Finance Committee be instructed to devise and report to the Synod at its next meeting such a basis of assessment upon each Presbytery or Congregation as may warrant the Synod to fix the salary for the future at fifty pounds per annum.

The following minute relative to the death of the late Clerk was submitted by Dr. Mathieson and unanimously adopted :—

The Synod agree to record their respect for the memory of the late Rev. Andrew Bell, and the deep sense they entertain of the zeal and ability he displayed in the discharge of the duties of the office of Synod Clerk. His habits of business, his clear perception of order, and extensive acquaintance with the laws of the Church and the practice of Church Courts, greatly facilitated the work of the Synod. His enthusiastic assiduity continued to the last, and, though enfeebled by sickness and conscious that the time of his departure was at hand, patiently and earnestly did he devote the last days of his life to the benefit of the Church. The Synod, deeply sensible of the value of his services, presented him with a token of their regard, which he received with feelings of tender affection for his brethren and thankfulness to his God, the day before he died. Mr. Bell was a man of extensive and varied acquirements. A valuable collection of Mineralogical and Geological specimens, which he had collected and arranged with great care, he bequeathed to the University of Queen's College, with the design of promoting, among the students of that Institution, a taste for the study of the Natural Sciences.

An overture from the Presbytery of Montreal on the present state of the property of Queen's College was read and ordered to lie over till the next meeting of Synod.

The papers on the Dundas and Ancaster case being still undisposed of, and the report of the Committee thereupon having been laid upon the table, it was proposed by Dr. Mathieson and unanimously resolved,—That they be referred to a Special Committee to take the case under consideration and report to the next meeting of Synod ; that the case be entered upon then among the first business ; and that in the meantime no obstacle shall thereby be put to the translation of Mr. Maclellan. In terms of this resolution, the following members were appointed a Committee, viz., Dr. Barclay, Rev. James Bain, Rev. J. Mackerras, Judge Maclean, and John Cameron, Esq.,—Dr. Barclay to be Convener.

It was also moved by Dr. Mathieson and unanimously resolved,—That, whereas great heartburnings have arisen from the informal proceedings of Presbyteries, and much of the time of this Court has

been unnecessarily occupied thereby, Presbyteries be enjoined, on pain of the highest censures of the Church, to pay the strictest attention to the order of business.

Dr. Barclay submitted a draft of an Address to Her Majesty, which received the unanimous approval of the Comit, and was ordered to be signed by the Moderator when prepared for presentation to the Governor General.\*

Overtures on Statistics from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Glengary were referred to the Presbytery of Montreal with power to take such steps as the Presbytery may see fit.

All other papers undisposed of were ordered to lie over till next Session, except those connected with Col. Macdougall's complaint, which were referred to the first meeting of the Commission.

Mr. Snodgrass was appointed to be Dr. Barclay's substitute as representative of this Synod to the Synods in the Lower Provinces in the event of the latter being prevented from fulfilling his Commission, and the Presbytery of Toronto were instructed to supply the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, in the absence of Dr. Barclay, should he proceed to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Synod appointed their Commission to be composed as defined in the declaratory enactment of last Session, and to be vested with the same powers and for the same purposes as the Synod's Commission of last year; and directed their Commissioners to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the first Wednesday in October next, at noon, and again in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the third Wednesday in February next, at noon, and oftener by adjournment, when and where they shall think fit and convenient;—five Commissioners to be a quorum of whom three must be ministers.

The following members were appointed a Committee to revise the minutes of this Session previous to their being engrossed or printed, viz., Dr. Mathieson, Rev. W. Simpson, Rev. Thos. Haig, and Alex. Morris, Esq.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the last Wednesday in May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, of which public intimation was made.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and after prayer and praise, closed the present Session by pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

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\* See Appendix K.

## APPENDIX A.

MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS,  
AND OTHER SOURCES.

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR, 1856-7.

1856—May 26th.—The Rev. Colin Gregor, Minister at Guelph, tendered demission of his charge to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

June 25th.—Mr. William E. Mackay, B.A., licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

July 3rd.—The Presbytery of London constituted for the first time by appointment of Synod,—formed out of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

July 16th.—Mr. Donald McDonald, B.A., and Mr. Peter Watson, B.A., licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Glengary.

August 3rd.—The Rev. John M. Smith, M.A., Professor of Hebrew, Biblical Criticism, and Church History, in Queen's College, died at Garelochhead, Scotland.

September 3rd.—Mr. Donald McDonald, B.A., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Lochiel, by the Presbytery of Glengary.

— The Rev. Samuel G. McCaughey inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Pickering, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

September 4th.—Mr. Peter Watson, B.A., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Williamstown, by the Presbytery of Glengary.

September 10th.—The Rev. William White, Licentiate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and for some time Minister of the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Saratoga, N.Y., admitted as a Missionary, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Bathurst.

— The Rev. Colin Gregor's demission of charge at Guelph, accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton, and Mr. Gregor appointed missionary for a time.

— Sentence of suspension removed from the Rev. John Whyte, and he appointed missionary, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

— The Rev. John Campbell inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Brock, Reach, and Mariposa, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

- September 27th.—The Rev. Andrew Bell, Minister at L'Orignal, in the Presbytery of Glengary, and Clerk of Synod, died.
- October 6th.—The Rev. William Snodgrass, Ordained Minister, and Mr. William McHutchison, Licentiate, of the Church of Scotland, arrived at Quebec.
- October 14th.—Mr. William McHutchison, Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, admitted as a probationer and missionary by the Presbytery of Montreal.
- October 22nd.—The Rev. James Stuart, formerly Minister at Wawanosh, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Woodstock, by the Presbytery of London.
- The Rev. Duncan Morrison, formerly Minister at Beckwith, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. John's Church, Brockville, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.
- The Rev. William Masson, Ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, arrived at Quebec.
- October 29th.—Mr. William E. Mackay, B.A., Preacher of the Gospel, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Camden, by the Presbytery of Kingston.
- November 4th.—The Rev. William Snodgrass, formerly Minister at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, by the Presbytery of Montreal.
- November 12th.—The Rev. Alexander Buchan, Ordained Minister from the Church of Scotland, inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Stirling, by the Presbytery of Kingston.
- November 25th.—Mr. Hugh Niven, Probationer from the Church of Scotland, arrived at Hamilton.
- November 26th.—The Rev. William Johnson, M.A., Minister at Saltfleet and Binbrook, tendered demission of his charge to the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- The Rev. William Masson, Ordained Minister of the Church of Scotland, received as a missionary by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- December 17th.—The Rev. William Johnson's demission of charge at Saltfleet and Binbrook, accepted by the Presbytery of Hamilton. Presbyterial certificates granted to him and the Rev. Colin Gregor.
- Mr. Hugh Niven, Probationer from Scotland, received by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- 1857—January 14th.—The Rev. George Bell, B.A., Minister at Simcoe, having accepted a call from the congregation at Clifton, is loosed from his charge, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.
- January 21st.—The congregations at Stratford and North Easthope, separated by the Presbytery of London.
- February 11th.—The Rev. George Bell, B.A., inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation at Clifton, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

February 17th.—Mr. Hugh Niven, Probationer, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Saltfleet and Binbrook, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

March 3rd.—The Rev. John Whyte inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Arthur, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

March 4th.—The Rev. Alexander Ross, Retired Minister, died at Bradford, aged 63.

March 18.—Mr. William McHutchison, Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Beckwith, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

May 19th.—The Rev. Martin S. Livingston, Ordained Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and the Rev. Wm. McKee, Ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, received by the Presbytery of Toronto, subject to the approval of the Synod.

— The Rev. George McClatchey, Retired Minister, died at London.

— The Rev. Peter Ferguson, in consequence of ill health, tendered resignation of his charge at Esquesing and Milton, to the Presbytery of Toronto, and the Presbytery accepted the same subject to the approval of the Synod.

## APPENDIX B.

### TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGERS

OF THE

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

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The Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, submit the following Report of their operations, during the past year :—

Having, with the concurrence of the Synod, resolved that the Accounts shall be made up on the 1st April, and that the statement of the condition and operations of the Trust given in to the Synod, shall be made up to that period annually, this report will only embrace the operations of the Board for the first ten months, from the rising of the Synod, instead of, as on former occasions, for a whole year.

The Board have much satisfaction in stating, that from a review of last year's proceedings, the revenue from Congregations and Ministers exceeds that of any preceding year, by £144 17s.

Notwithstanding the injunction of the Synod, that all Congregations shall collect and remit the amount contributed by each, to the Treasurer, before the 1st day of April, each year, and also that Presbyteries shall take care that collections be taken up in the vacant Congregations and duly remitted, the Board has to lament that there are some who have paid no attention to this rule, thereby preventing the Board from submitting a full and complete statement of the condition and prospects of the Trust. The default chiefly lies with Presbyteries in relation to vacant Congregations. With Congregations there has been a marked improvement with respect to regularity in remitting their contributions.

The Congregations on the Roll of the Synod who have not yet sent in their contributions, are L'Orignal, Guelph, Saltfleet and Binbrooke, Puslinch, Arthur, Richmond, Camden, Stirling, Mulmur, Vaughan, West Gwillimbury, and Melbourne. No collection having been taken in the Church at Melbourne, a member of that Congregation has sent in his contribution to the Scheme, in the prosperity of which he feels a deep interest.

The Board has repeatedly endeavoured to impress the minds both of Ministers and members of Congregations, with the important bearing which the Scheme of a Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund must have on the general welfare of the Church, and also, that it is a sacred duty that should rest on the conscience of every one who is blessed with the dispensation of Divine ordinances, that some provision should be made for the families of men who have toiled in poverty, and the endurance of many privations in ministering to the Church the riches of the Grace of Christ, should they in the Providence of God be removed from them by death. The prospect of



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leaving those whom they are sacredly bound to provide for in a state of destitution, which they have not the means of preventing, and the miserable pittance generally allowed for Ministerial labour, must operate unfavourably both on their own minds and the faithful discharge of their duties. Yet the Managers are grieved to say, that there are some Congregations who either from not having their duty clearly set before them by their Pastors, or who, in the face of every effort employed to remind them of their responsibility, remain insensible to moral obligations of the highest order, and have sent in contributions utterly disproportioned to the wealth and numbers of the congregation. The Managers, from delicacy, and entertaining a hope that on serious reflection their sordid parsimony will strike them as altogether inexcusable, forbear to name the Congregations who to them seem to have been remiss in their duty in this respect.

The Board would recommend, that the Synod shall enjoin Ministers, along with their contributions from Congregations, to send to the Secretary of the Board, a statement as near as can be ascertained of the number of families who form the Congregation.

By last Report the amount at credit of the Fund was:

|                                 |       |    |   |
|---------------------------------|-------|----|---|
| Ministers' Contributions,.....  | £1676 | 13 | 9 |
| Congregational Collections..... | 2579  | 12 | 0 |
| Total.....                      | £4256 | 5  | 9 |

To which has been added since received:

|                                                             |      |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|---|
| Ministers' Contributions—Professors Queen's College,.....   | 247  | 10 | 0 |
| Congregational Collections and anonymous Contribution,..... | 513  | 19 | 8 |
| Interest on Investments,.....                               | 408  | 4  | 2 |
| Out of which has been paid annuities to Widows,.....        | 303  | 7  | 6 |
| Incidental charges,.....                                    | 15   | 2  | 5 |
| There is invested bearing interest,.....                    | 4812 | 0  | 0 |
| Cash in the Treasurer's hands,.....                         | 297  | 14 | 8 |

The Total Amount of Fund at this date as per Treasurer's Report, is..... £5109 14 8

Since last Report, one Widow (Mrs. Bell) has been added to the Roll of annuitants, and one (Mrs. McKenzie) it has pleased God to remove, as we hope to the inheritance of the just.

The number of annuitants remains the same as reported last year, viz., fourteen.

A question has arisen on which the Board desires an expression of the Synod's opinion, viz: whether the annuity to a Widow shall be paid up to the day of her decease—or at the term of the current half year in which the demise takes place. For various reasons the Board would recommend the latter alternative, but before adopting it as a by-law, they desire an expression of opinion on the point by those interested.

As the Rules adopted by the Board both for collection and distribution of the Funds intrusted to them must be founded on the strictest equity, regularity of payments is a point of essential importance to the successful working out of the Scheme. Remissness on the part of some would be unjust to those who were regular in their contributions, would inevitably introduce confusion into the accounts, and tend to ruin the Scheme itself. There must be a remedy to

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meet this evil. An endeavour must be made to call up all deficiencies, and put every one on the same footing, so that impartial justice may be dispensed unto all. The Board would therefore specially refer this point to the consideration of the Synod, and would crave that some plan may be suggested that would secure the regularity and certainty of payments appointed to be made, and the nature of the penalty to be inflicted for non-compliance.

The Synod was pleased to homologate and confirm a Report of the Committee appointed to make such suggestions as would prevent the evils which the Board encountered in the administration of the Trust. The Board has still to complain that the injunctions to Presbyteries (Minutes, page 37) to send to the Secretary of the Board the date of the ordination or induction of all Ministers now on the Roll of the Synod, and that they report the date of every subsequent ordination or induction within one month after said ordination or induction has taken place, have not been complied with, except by the Presbyteries of Bathurst and Hamilton.

It is to be hoped, that information of such importance to the administration of the Trust, will be no longer withheld, and that Presbyteries will shew more respect to the injunctions of the Superior Court.

The Synod was pleased to confirm the Scheme of Distribution adopted by the Board, and declare the same to be binding on all parties now contributing to the Fund, until the same be rescinded and altered with the full concurrence and approbation of all concerned. The following is the scale of distribution adopted last year, and now in force:—

“ 4th—That the annuity to be paid to Widows shall be at the rate of £12 10s. from the Fund consisting of Ministers' Contributions, and according to the following scale from the Fund consisting of Congregational Collections.

Where the average annual amount collected is under three pounds, the Managers may in their discretion allow an annuity not exceeding fifteen pounds.

Where the average is £3, and does not amount to £6, the annuity shall be £20.

|       |    |           |    |    |     |
|-------|----|-----------|----|----|-----|
| Where | £6 | and under | £9 | to | £25 |
| Where | 9  | and under | 12 | to | 30  |
| Where | 12 | and under | 15 | to | 35  |
| Where | 15 | and under | 18 | to | 40  |
| Where | 18 | and under | 21 | to | 45  |
| Where | 21 | and under | 24 | to | 50  |
| Where | 24 | and under | 27 | to | 55  |
| Where | 27 | and under | 30 | to | 60  |

And no annuity shall exceed the last mentioned sum, namely, £60.

5th That in the event of a child or children coming on the Fund in consequence of the death of both parents, the same annuity as in the case of a widow should be payable to him, her or them, until the youngest daughter shall attain the age of 21 years, or the youngest boy shall attain the age of 18 years, unless he is studying with a view to the ministry in the Church of Scotland or in this Synod, when it shall continue to be paid until he attains the age of 21 years. When the youngest daughter shall have attained the age of

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21 years, and it appears to the Managers that the family is in destitute circumstances, they may where there is more than one daughter allow an annuity not exceeding one half what would be paid to a widow, and where there is only one daughter an annuity not exceeding one third of what would be paid to a widow. Whenever any daughter is married her interest in the Fund shall cease. In the case of boys who from mental or physical incapacity, are unable to support themselves, the Managers may allow an annuity for a longer term than attaining the age of 18, such annuity in no case to exceed half of what would be allowed to a widow."

The Managers will commence paying annuitants on the increased scale, on the first of July, for the half year which commenced in January last, without any risk, as they believe, of detriment to the Fund. With increasing prosperity and in exercise of the same caution which they have hitherto observed, they hope that a further increase to the annuities of Widows may, in a few years, be made.

The Managers cannot close this Report without expressing their deep sense of the irreparable loss, which the Church in general, and this Board in particular, has sustained in the death of their Secretary, H. Ramsay, Esq. To Mr. Ramsay, more than to any other man, has the Church been indebted for the success which has attended the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Scheme. The prudent measures which he advised—the professional skill which he brought to bear on the working out of the plan—the disinterested and untiring labour which he bestowed in raising it to its present efficiency,—the earnest desire which he cherished, that it might be ultimately brought to such a state of perfection as would make it one of the strongest bulwarks of the Church, as well as one of the noblest proofs that the power of a living faith animates her in her great Christian enterprises, are qualities which in vain we will seek to see soon replaced. His memory is associated with the foundation and establishment of this—one, we are persuaded, of the most excellent of the many Christian enterprises of our Church—and embalmed in the tears of the Widow and the Orphan.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith submitted.

All which is submitted,

ALEX. MATHIESON, D.D.,  
*Chairman.*

ALEX. MORRIS,  
*Secretary.*

Montreal, May 19. 1857.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

In submitting the Tenth Annual Report of the money received and expended by the Treasurer, it is cheering to observe that the revenue is steadily increasing from all sources ; and it is most gratifying to perceive that the largest increase is shown in that branch of the income which comes directly from the congregations, indicating thereby that the people are, year by year, awakening more and more to the importance of the Fund, and to its bearing upon the prosperity of the Church.

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|                                                             |       |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|---|
| When the year commenced there was a balance on hand of..... | £5    | 15 | 9 |
| And there has been received during the year—                |       |    |   |
| 1st. From Ministers, individual contributions.....          | 241   | 10 | 0 |
| 2nd. From Professors of Queen's College.....                | 6     | 0  | 0 |
| 3rd. From Congregational Collections.....                   | 511   | 19 | 8 |
| 4th. Interest on Investments.....                           | 408   | 4  | 2 |
| 5th. From an anonymous Contributor in Brompton, C.E.....    | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| 6th. The Loans re-paid.....                                 | 940   | 15 | 0 |
| Making the total receipts of the year...                    | £2116 | 4  | 7 |
| During the year there has been expended—                    |       |    |   |
| 1st. In Annuities to Widows.....                            | £303  | 7  | 6 |
| 2nd. In expenses of Management, Printing, Postage, &c.....  | 15    | 2  | 5 |
| 3rd. In Investments bearing interest.....                   | 1500  | 0  | 0 |
| And there remains on hand.....                              | 297   | 14 | 8 |
|                                                             | £2116 | 4  | 7 |

It may be observed that only one Professor of Queen's College has availed himself of the opportunity offered to Ministers by this Board; none of the others stand upon the Roll.

In making the addition to the amount paid to Widows, which takes effect this year, it is hoped that the increasing liberality of the people will prove that the Managers have acted wisely in this matter, and that congregations will show by the amount of their annual collection their desire to sustain the Board in this matter.

The following is the list of Congregational Collections:—

|                                 |                        |    |    |   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----|----|---|
| South Gower, 1856.....          | Rev. Joseph Anderson.. | £1 | 0  | 0 |
| Nottawasaga.....                | " J Campbell.....      | 2  | 5  | 0 |
| Newmarket and Holland Landing.. | " J Brown.....         | 4  | 6  | 0 |
| Scarboro.....                   | " J Bain.....          | 6  | 2  | 2 |
| Mono.....                       | " A Lewis.....         | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| West Gwillimbury.....           | " A Ross.....          | 2  | 10 | 0 |
| Beech Ridge.....                | " John M'Donald.....   | 1  | 10 | 0 |
| Quebec.....                     | " John Cook, D.D.....  | 20 | 0  | 0 |
| Point Levi.....                 | " Duncan Anderson..    | 3  | 0  | 0 |
| Clark.....                      | " S Porter.....        | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| North Dorchester.....           | " W M'Ewen.....        | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| Nelson & Waterdown.....         | " John Skinner, D.D..  | 4  | 11 | 4 |
| Thurah.....                     | " D Watson.....        | 7  | 10 | 0 |
| Williams.....                   | " Robert Stevenson..   | 1  | 5  | 0 |
| Melbourne.....                  | per D. Camelon.....    | 2  | 10 | 0 |

The above although received this year were actually collections for last year.

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|                           |                         |     |    |   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Cornwall.....             | Rev. H. Urquhart, D.D.. | £17 | 8  | 9 |
| Perth, for two years..... | " W. Bell.....          | 2   | 10 | 0 |
| Markham.....              | " J. Gordon.....        | 4   | 5  | 0 |
| Brockville.....           | " D. Morrison.....      | 4   | 0  | 0 |
| Mono.....                 | " A. Lewis.....         | 1   | 0  | 0 |
| Uxbridge.....             | " W. Cleland.....       | 3   | 0  | 0 |
| Lochiel.....              | " D. McDonald.....      | 9   | 0  | 0 |

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|                                  |                            |          |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Litchfield .....                 | Rev. John Lindsay.....     | £ 3 15 0 |
| Hornby .....                     | " W. Barr.....             | 1 5 0    |
| Lachine .....                    | " W. Simpson.....          | 11 0 6   |
| New Richmond.....                | " John Davidson....        | 3 0 0    |
| Finch .....                      | " D. Monro.....            | 6 0 0    |
| Cumberland .....                 | " P. Lindsay.....          | 4 10 0   |
| St. Pauls, Montreal.....         | " W. Snodgrass.....        | 41 8 3   |
| Hamilton .....                   | " R. Burnet.....           | 17 0 0   |
| Toronto .....                    | " John Barclay, D.D..      | 31 3 0   |
| Kingston .....                   | " John Machar, D.D..       | 21 0 0   |
| Pakenham .....                   | " A. Mann.....             | 3 5 0    |
| Milton & Esquesing.....          | " P. Ferguson.....         | 4 5 0    |
| St. Andrew's, Montreal.....      | " A. Mathieson, D.D..      | 36 0 0   |
| Hawkesbury .....                 | " W. Mair.....             | 1 10 0   |
| Osnabruck .....                  | " R. Dobie.....            | 3 0 0    |
| Indian Lands.....                | " P. M'Vicar.....          | 2 0 0    |
| Martintown.....                  | " do .....                 | 4 5 0    |
| Thorah.....                      | " D. Watson.....           | 6 0 0    |
| Cote St. George.....             | Mr. John M'Cuaig, Elder.   | 4 5 0    |
| King.....                        | Rev. John Tawse.....       | 1 10 0   |
| Williamsburgh.....               | " Thomas Scott.....        | 1 5 0    |
| Beech Ridge .....                | " John M'Donald.....       | 2 0 0    |
| Simcoe.....                      | " George Bell.....         | 3 0 0    |
| Nelson and Waterdown.....        | " John Skinner, D.D..      | 3 5 0    |
| Lancaster .....                  | " Thomas M'Pherson..       | 4 0 0    |
| Nottawasaga.....                 | " John Campbell.....       | 1 15 0   |
| Darlington.....                  | " J. H. McKerras.....      | 4 5 0    |
| Newmarket and Holland Landing..  | " John Brown.....          | 3 10 0   |
| Ottawa.....                      | " A. Spence.....           | 7 10 0   |
| Niagara .....                    | " J. B. Mowat.....         | 9 0 0    |
| Perth .....                      | " W. Bain.....             | 4 11 9   |
| Fergus.....                      | " George M'Donnell..       | 5 0 0    |
| Georgetown .....                 | " J. C. Muir.....          | 3 10 0   |
| Goderich.....                    | " A. M'Kid.....            | 4 5 6    |
| Bayfield .....                   | " do .....                 | 2 6 3    |
| Seymour.....                     | " Robert Neill.....        | 7 0 0    |
| Chinguacousy.....                | " Thomas Johnson....       | 1 0 0    |
| Ramsay .....                     | " John M'Morine.....       | 3 0 0    |
| Beckwith.....                    | " John M'Arthur Elder      | 4 0 0    |
| Woodstock .....                  | " James Stuart.....        | 3 0 0    |
| Renfrew .....                    | " George Thomson...        | 3 0 7    |
| Russelltown.....                 | " F. P. Sym.....           | 4 6 3    |
| Beauharnois.....                 | " Thomas Haig.....         | 3 0 0    |
| Three Rivers.....                | " G. D. Ferguson.....      | 5 0 0    |
| Woolwich.....                    | " James Thom.....          | 2 10 0   |
| Galt.....                        | " H. Gibson.....           | 3 0 0    |
| Shakespeare & North Easthope.... | " W. Bell.....             | 2 0 0    |
| Chatham C.E.,.....               | " W. Mair.....             | 2 5 0    |
| Williamstown.....                | " P. Watson.....           | 5 0 0    |
| Smith's Falls.....               | " Sol. Mylne.....          | 1 10 0   |
| Kitley .....                     | " D. Evans.....            | 2 0 0    |
| Laprairie.....                   | per Mr. Fenton, Elder..... | 1 11 1   |
| St. Louis de Gonzague.....       | Rev. J. T. Paul.....       | 1 5 0    |
| Dundas.....                      | " K. M'Lennan.....         | 5 13 4   |
| West Flamboro.....               | " K. M'Lennan.....         | 1 16 8   |
| Chatham C.W.....                 | " J. Robb.....             | 3 0 0    |
| Huntley.....                     | " J. Sinclair.....         | 3 0 0    |
| Pickering.....                   | " J. G. M'Gaughey...       | 3 0 0    |

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Grenville.....                  | Rev. W. Mair.....         | £ 1 0 0 |
| Lanark.....                     | " Thomas Fraser.....      | 2 10 0  |
| Eldon.....                      | " John M'Murphy.....      | 4 10 0  |
| Quebec.....                     | " John Cook, D.D.....     | 25 0 0  |
| Dundee.....                     | " W. McHutchison.....     | 2 5 0   |
| Brock, Reach, and Mariposa..... | " John Campbell.....      | 4 0 0   |
| Orms town.....                  | " James Anderson.....     | 2 10 0  |
| Scarboro.....                   | " J. Bain.....            | 7 13 6  |
| North Dorchester.....           | " W. M'Ewen.....          | 2 0 0   |
| South Gower.....                | " Joseph Anderson.....    | 1 0 0   |
| Clark.....                      | " S. Porter.....          | 1 0 0   |
| Belleville.....                 | " A. Walker.....          | 6 0 0   |
| Westminster.....                | " J. M'Ewen.....          | 2 10 0  |
| Huntingdon.....                 | " A. Wallace.....         | 2 0 0   |
| Dalhousie Mills.....            | Mr. A. Cattenach, Elder.. | 2 0 0   |
| Clifton.....                    | Rev. George Bell.....     | 4 10 0  |
| Valcartier.....                 | " D. Shanks.....          | 0 14 9  |
| Point Levy.....                 | " D. Anderson.....        | 3 0 0   |

Two Ministers on the Roll of the Synod have disregarded its injunction, and sent in no collection, viz., Rev. John Merlin, of Hemmingford, and Rev. Archibald Colquhoun, of Mulmur.

It will be observed that the smallest congregational collection on the list is 14s. 9d., and the largest £41 8s. 3d.; but while it is acknowledged that there is a commendable degree of liberality displayed by many congregations, and that the aggregate increase is very encouraging, it is nevertheless greatly to be lamented that many large and wealthy congregations should send in collections so very paltry in amount. Nevertheless, the increase over any former year from this source, amounts to £140 7s. But a part of this, say £60, properly belongs to last year.

The number of Ministers now having a claim upon the Fund, is 84. The increase to the revenue from this source is £4 10s. over last year.

The investments are considered secure, and consist of 13 Mortgages, on which is lent the sum of..... £4662 0 0

And one Railroad Bond, on which is lent..... 150 0 0

Total invested..... £4812 0 0

To this may be added the Cash on hand..... 297 14 8

Showing the total amount of the Fund to be..... £5109 14 8

From the statements now submitted it is abundantly evident that the most important element in this Fund is the Congregational Collections, and every effort should be made to make them larger in amount, and to induce Ministers to be more regular in returning them.

The loss sustained by the death of Hew Ramsay, Esq., is felt by every member of this Board, but more particularly by the Treasurer, as the nature of their duties to this Fund brought them very frequently together. There are few who would willingly devote so much time and labor to this work—fewer still who could bring to it such rare ability and sound judgment.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS.

Montreal, May 19, 1857.

Treasurer.

## APPENDIX C.

### SYNOG FUND.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF THE SYNOG FUND,

Received from 20th May, 1856, to 20th May, 1857.

|                                               |          | £ | s. | d. | £  | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| <b>PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.</b>                |          |   |    |    |    |    |    |
| Cornwall, per Rev. H. Urquhart,.....          | 1856     | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Finch, per Rev. D. Monro,.....                | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Williamsburgh, per Rev. T. Scott, 1853, 1854  |          | 1 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
| L'Original, per Rev. A. Bell,.....            | 1856     | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Osnabruck, per Rev. R. Dobie,.....            | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
|                                               |          |   |    |    | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| <b>PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.</b>                |          |   |    |    |    |    |    |
| Goderich, per Rev. A. McKid,.....             | 1856     | 3 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Guelph, per Rev. C. Grigor,.....              | 1856     | 1 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
| Stratford, per Rev. W. Bell,.....             | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Simcoe, per Rev. G. Bell,.....                | 1856     | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Niagara, per Rev. J. B. Mowat,.....           | 1856     | 2 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Galt, per Rev. H. Gibson,.....                | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Chatham, per Rev. J. Robb,.....               | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Saltfleet, per Rev. W. Johnson,.....          | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Fergus, per Rev. G. Macdonnell,.....          | 1856     | 2 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Dundas, per Rev. K. MacLennan,.....           | 1856     | 2 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
| Waterdown, per Rev. Dr. Skinner,.....         | 1856     | 1 | 6  | 3  |    |    |    |
| Hamilton, per Rev. R. Burnet,.....            | 1856     | 2 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
| Woolwich, per Rev. J. Thom,.....              | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Williams, per Rev. R. Stevenson,.....         | 1856     | 0 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
|                                               |          |   |    |    | 21 | 16 | 3  |
| <b>PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.</b>                |          |   |    |    |    |    |    |
| Perth, First Church, per Rev. W. Bell,..      | 1856     | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| South Gower, per Rev. J. Anderson,..          | 1854     | 0 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
| Pakenham, per Rev. A. Mann,.....              | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Kitley, per Mr. W. Smith, Elder, 1854-'55-'56 |          | 3 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Lanark, per Rev. T. Fraser,.....              | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Perth, St. Andrews, per Rev. W. Bain, 1856    |          | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Ramsay, per Rev. J. Macmorine,.....           | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Ottawa, per Rev. Alexander Spence,..          | 1856     | 2 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Beckwith, per Rev. D. Morrison,.....          | 1856     | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Macnab & Horton, per Rev. G. Thomson, 1856    |          | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Buckingham, per Rev. J. Lindsay,.....         | 1856     | 1 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
| Litchfield, per Rev. J. Lindsay,.....         | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Huntley, per Rev. W. Sinclair,.....           | 1856     | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Brockville, per J. McKerras, Elder,..         | 1855-'56 | 2 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    |
|                                               |          |   |    |    | 19 | 5  | 0  |
| <b>PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.</b>                |          |   |    |    |    |    |    |
| Kingston, per Rev. Dr. Machar,.....           | 1856     | 8 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Seymour, per Rev. R. Neill,.....              | 1856     | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
| Belleville, per Rev. A. Walker,.....          | 1856     | 1 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    |
|                                               |          |   |    |    | 10 | 10 | 0  |





|                                                           |     |    |   |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|---|----------|
| Cash paid to Prof. Weir,.....                             | £16 | 5  | 0 |          |
| Cash paid to Mrs. McGill, Widow of Dr. McGill,            | 16  | 5  | 0 |          |
|                                                           |     |    |   | £90 6 9  |
| Synod Clerk's Salary,.....                                | 25  | 0  | 0 |          |
| Usual Allowance for postage and travelling expenses,..... | 7   | 10 | 0 |          |
| Stationery furnished for Synod by J. Creighton            | 1   | 10 | 0 |          |
| Printing 100 copies of Synod Roll by Do.                  | 1   | 5  | 0 |          |
| Church Officer for attendance on Synod,.....              | 2   | 10 | 0 |          |
|                                                           |     |    |   | 37 15 0  |
|                                                           |     |    |   | £128 1 9 |
| Balance on hand,.....                                     |     |    |   | 15 4 6   |
|                                                           |     |    |   | £143 6 3 |

## ASSETS.

|                                             |    |   |   |        |
|---------------------------------------------|----|---|---|--------|
| Balance in hand from Receipts of 1856,..... | 15 | 4 | 6 |        |
| Balance in hand from previous year,.....    | 18 | 2 | 1 |        |
|                                             |    |   |   | 33 6 7 |

## LIABILITIES.

|                                                   |    |    |     |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----------|
| Balance due to Thompson & Co., for Printing,..... | 27 | 0  | 0   |           |
| Balance due to John Lovell, ".....                | 40 | 16 | 10½ |           |
|                                                   |    |    |     | 67 16 10½ |

## LIST OF ARREARS DUE TO SYNOD FUND UP TO 20TH MAY, 1857.

|                                                 | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|----|----|---|----|----|
| PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.                         |   |    |    |   |    |    |
| Lancaster, Rev. T. MacPherson,.... 1854-'56     | 2 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Williamsburgh, Rev. T. Scott,..... 1854-'56     | 1 | 10 | 0  |   |    |    |
|                                                 |   |    |    | 3 | 10 | 0  |
| PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.                         |   |    |    |   |    |    |
| Dorchester, Rev. W. McEwen,..... 1854-'56       | 2 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Wawanosh, J. Stuart,..... 1855-'56              | 2 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Westminster, J. McEwen,..... 1856               | 1 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
|                                                 |   |    |    | 5 | 0  | 0  |
| PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.                         |   |    |    |   |    |    |
| South Gower, Rev. J. Anderson,.... 1854-'56     | 1 | 10 | 0  |   |    |    |
| Smith's Falls, S. Mylne,..... 1853-'54-'55-'56  | 4 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
|                                                 |   |    |    | 5 | 10 | 0  |
| PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.                          |   |    |    |   |    |    |
| Thorah, Rev. D. Watson,..... 1854-'56           | 2 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Mulmur, A. Colquhoun,..... 1854-'55-'56         | 3 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
|                                                 |   |    |    | 5 | 0  | 0  |
| PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.                         |   |    |    |   |    |    |
| Ornstown, Rev. J. Anderson, 1853-'54-'55-'56    | 3 | 10 | 0  |   |    |    |
| Georgetown, Rev. J. C. Muir,..... 1854-'56      | 2 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Lachine, Rev. W. Simpson,..... 1855-'56         | 2 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Hemmingford, Rev. J. Merlin,.... 1854-'55-'56   | 3 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Huntingdon, Rev. A. Wallace,.... 1854-'55-'56   | 3 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| St. Louis, Rev. J. Paul, ..... 1853-'54-'55-'56 | 4 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |
| Beauharnois, Rev. T. Haig,..... 1854-'56        | 2 | 0  | 0  |   |    |    |

|                                          |    |   |   |          |
|------------------------------------------|----|---|---|----------|
| Beech Ridge, Rev. J. MacDonald,.....1856 | £1 | 0 | 6 |          |
| Russeltown, Rev. F. P. Sim,.....1856     | 1  | 0 | 0 |          |
|                                          |    |   |   | 21 10 0  |
|                                          |    |   |   | £40 10 0 |

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN CAMERON, *Treasurer.*

## APPENDIX D.

### *Professor George's Report of his mission to the Synod of Nova Scotia, in the Summer of 1856.*

Soon after the close of our Session of Synod of last year, I proceeded to the Lower Provinces to discharge the mission to which you had appointed me.

After meeting in private with various Brethren of the Synod of Nova Scotia, I went to Pictou, at which place the Synod met on the 3rd of July. I need scarcely say, that, as your Deputy, I was received with great kindness, and was invited to sit and take part in the deliberations of the Court. I shall ever look back to the meeting of this Ecclesiastical Court with no ordinary satisfaction. It is well known that our Brethren, in this portion of the Church, have had extraordinary difficulties to encounter ever since the unhappy Secession in 1844. It is true, that when they met in Pictou in July last, the state of things had very much improved. Still, from the small number of ministers in the field, those engaged in the work were not only oppressed with excessive labour, but were sorely perplexed in looking at their future prospects; yet, it was to me exceedingly cheering, and not a little instructive, to see the energy and zeal with which they entered on the business of the Church. Indeed, one could not help thinking, that men who could labour as these men were doing, and, as it were, hoping against hope, could not fail in the end to build up the cause of Christ. I am free to say, that I have never seen in any Church Court a finer manifestation of earnest-heartedness, wise charity, and oneness of spirit. Every man indeed seemed to feel that he was there to do business, and that the business to be done was the advancement of the Saviour's glory in the salvation of souls. Hence, I could not but notice with interest, that while the Synod was to some extent occupied in making new laws for the regulation of its affairs, the great anxiety, nevertheless, was to see how far the laws already made had been carried into effect in the schemes of the Church and in the management of the various congregations. It was indeed highly gratifying to observe, that our brethren did not appear satisfied that they had passed good resolutions, unless they found that these had been reduced to practice. It is needless to say, that a body of church rulers acting in this way will have schemes fruitful of good, because thoroughly wrought, and rigorously supervised, as well as wisely planned. I found all this to be so in the Synod of Nova Scotia. I cannot go into details; nor is this needful; but I am sure you will be pleased to learn that their scheme for aiding young men studying for the min-

istry has been carried on for a number of years with great zeal, and has been sustained with very commendable liberality. There appears indeed to be a deep conviction, among the people as well as the clergymen of the Synod, that the sorest and most indispensable of all wants is the want of a gospel ministry.

I remained about a month within the bounds of the Synod ; and during that time I not only visited several congregations in Nova Scotia, but also congregations in Prince Edward Island. It was cheering to witness in the Island, as well as on the main land, the multitudes that came together to attend on divine worship. Yet the large church, crowded with people, is by no means the most interesting part of the spectacle you witness. It has never been my privilege to address more devout and earnest worshippers than I addressed on these solemn occasions. As a stranger can only see the surface of things, he can judge but imperfectly ; yet, justice as well as charity will surely warrant the inference, that there is within the bounds of the Synod of Nova Scotia a large portion of earnest piety. Not only appearances, which are very pleasing, but substantial fruits, give very decisive evidence of this. Although I have travelled a great deal on this Continent, yet I have been in no part of America in which I have found the best points of Scottish character so entire as in the Lower Provinces. You see there the same love of gospel ordinances, the same becoming respect for the clerical office, and simplicity of mind which have been long prominent characteristics of Scotchmen at home. Apart from the ability, untiring labour and devoted zeal of their ministers, I stop not to enquire into the causes of this state of things among the people ; but I am sure you will join with me when I say,—may God in mercy grant that it may ever continue! For assuredly, in the healthy piety of a church, we must ever look for the real strength, peace and efficiency of that church.

It is known, I presume, to the members of this Court, that our Brethren of Nova Scotia have since last year received a great accession to their numbers. The pleasure which this intelligence has afforded will be greatly enhanced by learning, that the preachers sent out from home are men every way admirably fitted for being efficient labourers in the colonial field. For although I had not the pleasure of seeing any of these missionaries, yet I can, on the most reliable authority, speak of their high worth. Now, while we heartily rejoice with our Brethren in their increase of clerical labourers, yet it might be well for ourselves to keep in mind how wisely and zealously they have employed all means for the obtaining of this ; but especially that most powerful of all means—earnest and believing prayer. For I cannot but think, that while Church Courts were pleading with the Colonial Committee, and their able Commissioner was pleading energetically with the students and preachers in Scotland, there were many obscure but pious souls who had long mourned over the desolations of their Zion, who were wrestling in secret with God, that he would send men after his own heart to break among them the bread of life.

I have to state, with extreme regret, that I was not able to remain so long in the Lower Provinces as to attend the meeting of the Synod of New Brunswick. With the excellent brother who represented that Synod at Pictou, I had much pleasant and profitable

conversation. And I have the best reasons for thinking that fraternal intercourse with us is as much desired by the Church of New Brunswick, as by the Synod of Nova Scotia. Indeed, the part they have taken in this matter hitherto, not to speak of what you heard from the lips of their worthy Deputy last year, places this beyond question.

If the time be not just come, for an organic union into one General Assembly, of all the branches of the Church of Scotland in British North America; yet the consummation of this grand event is what our Brethren in the Lower Provinces look forward to with as ardent desires as this Synod has ever done. Whatever, therefore, of good, and that may not be little, which our present fraternal fellowship may yield, still it should only be regarded as preparatory to that more complete union—a one General Assembly. Nor can I entertain a doubt, that if we are faithful to our Lord, the day will come when the different sections of the Church of Scotland shall not only hold fellowship, for mutual counsel and brotherly love, but meet as one body, by their representatives, for the management of the affairs of a Church which shall extend through all parts of British North America; and which thus united, may be mightily instrumental in extending that simple form of gospel ordinances, and that scriptural faith with which our dear native land has been for ages so signally blessed.

## APPENDIX E.

### REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

*To the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada  
in connection with the Church of Scotland.*

The Central Committee on Church Property beg leave to report: That during the year that has passed they sustained, in common with other Boards of the Church, a severe loss in the removal of the late Hew Ramsay, Esq., from whose considerate counsel and calm judgment, they had hoped long to enjoy effective aid.

Owing to the absence of another member of the Board, and other circumstances, your Board were unable till the year was somewhat advanced, to enter upon the active discharge of their duties, and they believed that, owing to the injunction of the Synod laid upon Presbyteries to appoint Committees of their number, to co-operate with the Central Committee, more could be accomplished by allowing sufficient time to elapse for these Committees to be appointed and enter upon their duties.

The Committee, however, regret to state that but one Presbytery, that of Montreal, has, so far as they are aware, appointed such a Committee, at least that is the only Presbytery from which they have received co-operation by means of such a Committee.

The Committee issued a circular in the month of February, of which a copy is hereto attached, inviting congregations to supply the necessary information, and in April they issued another circular, calling the attention of Presbyteries to the injunction of the Synod.

At last Meeting of Synod, Reports had been received from the following places, viz :—

Beauharnois, Bathurst, Chinguaconsy, Chatham, C. E. Chatham C. W., Cote St. George, Cumberland, Camden, Darlington, Dalhousie Mills, Esquesing, Fergus, Finch, Hornby, Kingston, Kitley, Lancaster, Lanark, Litchfield, Mountain, Mono, Niagara, Nottawasaga, North Williamsburgh, North Easthope, Osnabrock, Oxford, Orangeville, Perth, Pakenham, Perth, Simcoe, Stratford, South Gower, Vankleekhill, Woolwich, and Wawanosh, in all 37.

And since that period returns have been received from Cote St. George, C. E., Dundas, Stratford, North Easthope, St. Louis de Gonzague, St. Paul's Montreal, Beechridge, Ormstown, Macnab, Horton, Williams, Lindsay, Galt, Cornwall, Hamilton, Huntingdon.

A Ledger has been prepared by the Chairman in which a tabular view is presented of the various particulars contained in these returns. It is laid upon the table herewith, and an examination of it will prove the importance of the duties intrusted to the Committee, and the necessity for the continuance of an efficient Board, placed pecuniarily in a satisfactory position, and clothed with the necessary powers.

From the returns already given in, the Committee glean the following particulars :—

Forty of the congregations reported possess Churches which cost the sum of £35,905 cy. From the others no return of the cost of their churches has been received. Nineteen of the congregations have given in the cost of their mansees at £7060. Six report having mansees, but have not given the cost of these. The large number of nineteen congregations report their being without mansees, or at least give no information as to, or mention of, them. Many of these, however, are possessed of valuable glebes. The statement of the fact points, however, to the necessity of the adoption of a new scheme by the Church designed to promote the erection of mansees and the purchase of glebes.

The Committee recommend that their successors should continue to prosecute the duties intrusted them, expressing the hope that the Synod and Presbyteries will continue to co-operate with them, and that thus a complete view of the actual position, cost and value of the church, manse, and glebe property of the Church may be obtained.

In the course of the investigation, the Committee have heard in several quarters of property belonging to the Church, but not in its possession, and in some instances lying vacant as wild land. The attention of Presbyteries should be directed to this matter, and the result of their inquiries should be communicated to the Central Committee. The injunction of last Synod to Presbyteries to deal with this important subject, and co-operate with the Committee, should, it is respectfully submitted, be renewed.

The Committee are satisfied that the result would be beneficial to the Church, if a complete view of its property could be presented. They believe firmly that were that once obtained, future annual reports would tell of much progress in church and manse erection, the moral effect of which is dissipated owing to its being unknown to the whole Church.

A subject which has attracted their attention is the debts which in some instances, though of but small amount, are yet suffered to rest as an incubus upon the energies of some churches.

Our Church is now passing through a transition stage. The Synod is, and that in an eminent degree, legisating for the future. All its interests spiritual, as well as material, are demanding increased attention, and in appealing to the sympathies of the people to come to the aid of our church, to help her by strengthening her hands, and enlarging her borders, it will be well for the matured wisdom of the Synod to be brought to bear upon the consideration of the matter, with the view of devising some scheme for grappling with this difficulty, and extinguishing these debts. The efforts of some of our churches in church erection, and the extinguishment of church debts have been noble. Their example may well stimulate others to follow it.

The Committee feel constrained to bring another matter under the consideration of the Synod, that is, the mode in which church property in Upper Canada may be disposed of.

The Act which gave the power, was the 12th Vic., cap. 91; but it expressly required the assent to the sale of the Synod, or other Superior Court.

This Act was modified by the Act 18 Vic. cap. 119, which gave the power of sale to the congregation, solely on consenting thereto, but without repealing the provisions of the previous Act in express terms at least.

Recently, too, several churches have obtained private Acts of the Legislature authorizing them to alienate certain of their properties.

The Committee without entering into or expressing any opinion upon the merits of these cases are clearly of opinion that the interests of the whole church would be best promoted were the consent of the Synod required in all cases of sale of property. That body can take a calmer and more dispassionate view of the whole circumstances of such cases with a view to the future, as well as the present interests of congregations than they may perhaps do themselves, if under the influence of any temporary pressure, or other local excitement.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Synod should petition the Legislature to place the law in such a position that the consent of the Synod should be requisite in all cases of sale of church property. The Committee think also that all Trustees of church property should be required to report annually to the several congregations on whose behalf they hold the trust as to their gestion of it.

The Committee, in the exercise of the power given them, at a recent meeting associated the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and the Rev. W. Snodgrass with them. They have only further to report that two of the congregations in Lower Canada took advantage of the Act prepared by the Committee to overcome the difficulties arising from the omission to provide for successors to the original Trustees, and if any others are in like position they should act immediately as the statute will speedily expire. The whole respectfully submitted.

ALEX. MORRIS, *Chairman.*

JOHN GREENSHIELDS, *Secretary.*

Montreal, 22nd May, 1857.

## APPENDIX F.

*Report of the Treasurer to the Synod appointed to receive contributions from Sabbath Schools and others for the support of Orphans in India, under the superintendence of the General Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions.*

This humble effort to interest the youth of our Church in the advancement of Christ's kingdom among the heathen—and especially in the efforts now being put forth by the Church of Scotland on behalf of the natives of British India—has met with a generous response during the past year; and it is with mingled feelings of joy and thankfulness that the Treasurer respectfully submits the following brief statement.

At the Orphanages at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, under the care of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India, twenty-two orphan girls are now being supported and educated by the youth of our Canadian Church. On behalf of these there has been contributed during the past year, per annexed statement .....

|                                                           |   |    |    |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---|----|----|---|
| .....                                                     | £ | 92 | 10 | 0 |
| Add special contribution from Fergus Ladies' Association, |   | 3  | 0  | 0 |
| Special contribution from Sabbath Schools to purchase     |   |    |    |   |
| Libraries for the Orphanages .....                        |   | 11 | 0  | 9 |

Making the total receipts, since April, 1856.....£106 10 9

A Statement is appended to this Report with full particulars as to the parties by whom the above was contributed, the names of the orphans, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands. The special contribution to provide Libraries for the orphanages was remitted direct by the Editor of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*, and therefore does not appear in the annexed statement.

The last Annual Report of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India, is also respectfully submitted.

Such are the simple statistics of the first year's operations in connection with this scheme, since it obtained the sanction of the Synod, and it is perhaps hardly necessary to dwell upon the effects produced, or which may be anticipated. Need we point to twenty-two of India's daughters rescued from vice, and from the darkness of heathenism, who are now the inmates of comfortable homes, and deriving the unspeakable advantages of a christian education. India, as a Province of our Queen's dominions, has the strongest claims upon our sympathies. For years all Missionary operations in that country have been confined to the male population; the females, from their peculiar position in society, seeming to be beyond the sound of the Gospel. Under circumstances such as these the hand of Providence appeared to indicate a scheme for female education as a grand means for christianizing the millions of India. Hundreds of orphan girls are now being trained for missionary work in the institutions and schools of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India. As Cat chists, Teachers, and Monitresses, as the wives of Native Missionaries and Preachers, as mo-

thers and sisters,—as such, penetrating the dense masses of Hindoo society and diffusing the leaven of the Gospel, even in the harem of the Mussulman and in the Zenana of the lordly Baboo, who among us can foresee what grand results may be produced through such apparently feeble instrumentality?

Nor is this all. While the children of our Sabbath Schools are thus watering others, there is a gracious promise that they will also themselves be watered; and the indirect effects of missionary enterprise among them are perhaps not less important than those to which allusion has been made above.

Next to an outpouring of the Spirit upon our Churches and Sabbath Schools, nothing is more earnestly to be desired than a more entire consecration of the energies and wealth of the Church to the service of the Lord. The more that this spirit prevails in our midst, the more we shall see our beloved Zion flourishing, and lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of her scattered folds. If the wealth of the Church is to be poured into the Treasury of the Lord, and if the energies of His professing people are to be devoted to His service, experience would seem to show that the lesson must be impressed upon the young—that it must be taught in our Sabbath Schools. Here, then, is a scheme appealing at once to the sympathies of the children, and making them feel a direct interest in Missionary work—a scheme, too, which they have taken hold of with youthful ardour and affection. In every Sabbath School which has adopted the plan, a lesson is being taught, which, under the Divine blessing, will bear good fruit in the future history of our Church. In Canada the Gospel must be supported and propagated by voluntary efforts; and when we have been removed from this earthly scene, the burden will fall upon those very children who are now being trained in our Sabbath Schools. Is it not then a duty, as well as a high privilege, to commence early the course of preparation for the work which lies before them?

In conclusion, the Treasurer respectfully begs to submit the Reports and Accounts; and to add the assurance, that if they meet with the approval of the Synod, and if he is continued in office for another year no exertion on his part will be spared to carry on the scheme which he has feebly endeavoured to commence. He begs further to express his deep obligations to the *Presbyterian*, and to the *Juvenile Presbyterian*, for the very valuable co-operation which they have afforded, and without which comparatively little could have been accomplished.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PATON, *Treasurer*.

Kingston, 15th May, 1857.



**AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR THE SUPPORT OF ORPHANS IN INDIA, FROM 30TH APRIL, 1856, TO 30TH APRIL, 1857.**

| BY WHOM PAID.                                                                                              | PLACE.                      | NAME OF ORPHAN.              | FOR WHAT PURPOSE.                 | AMOUNT.               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| St. And. Church Sabbath School.....                                                                        | Kingston .....              | Esther Munro.....            | For her support, 2d year.....     | £ 4 0 0               |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | Hannah Tooney.....           | do.                               | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | Esther Munro.....            | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | Hannah Tooney.....           | do.                               | 0 10 0                |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do, Portsmouth.....         | Ruth Iona.....               | For her support, 2d year.....     | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | Hamilton.....               | Mary Hamilton.....           | do.                               | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | Lydia Burnet.....            | do. 1st year.....                 | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | Toronto.....                | Ruth Toronto.....            | do. 2nd do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | do.                          | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| Do.                                                                                                        | Fergus.....                 | Elizabeth Fergus.....        | For her support, 2nd year.....    | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | do.                          | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| Do.                                                                                                        | Montreal.....               | Annie Morris.....            | For her support, 1st year.....    | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | Niagara.....                | Jessie Mowat.....            | do. 2nd year.....                 | 4 0 0                 |
| Mrs. E. Dow.....                                                                                           | Whitby.....                 | Elizabeth S. Dow.....        | do. 1st do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| St. And. Church Sabbath School.....                                                                        | Perth.....                  | Sarah Christiana Bain.....   | do. 1st do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| St. Paul's.....                                                                                            | Montreal.....               | Robina McGill.....           | do. 1st do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | do.                          | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| Sabbath School.....                                                                                        | Lochiel.....                | Alma Macdonald.....          | For her support, 1st year.....    | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | Scarboro.....               | Mary T. Scarboro.....        | do. 1st do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | do.                          | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | Margaret Bain.....           | For her support, 1st year.....    | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | do.                          | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| St. Andrew's Ch. Sabbath School.....                                                                       | Quebec.....                 | Mary Quebec.....             | For her support, 1st year.....    | 4 0 0                 |
| St. John's.....                                                                                            | Brockville.....             | Mary Brockville.....         | do. 1st do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| Rev. Wm. Bell.....                                                                                         | Perth.....                  | Mary Bell.....               | do. 1st do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| Church and Sabbath School.....                                                                             | Crosby Corners.....         | Sarah Markham.....           | do. 1st do.....                   | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | do.                          | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| St. Andrew's Church.....                                                                                   | Ottawa.....                 | Elizabeth Spence Ottawa..... | For her support.....              | 4 0 0                 |
| Church Sab. School, and Ladies.....                                                                        | Lachine.....                | Anne Simpson.....            | do.                               | 4 0 0                 |
| Do.                                                                                                        | do.                         | do.                          | To present her with a Bible.....  | 0 10 0                |
| Rev. T. Duncan.....                                                                                        | Charlottetown, P. E. I..... | Thomasina Duncan.....        | For the support of an orphan..... | 4 0 0                 |
| From the Ladies Association of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, in aid of the Scottish Ladies Association..... |                             |                              |                                   | 3 0 0                 |
| Deduct £76 10s. stg., remitted to Edinburgh.....                                                           |                             |                              |                                   | £93 14 8 cy. £95 10 0 |
| Postages, and sundry expenses.....                                                                         |                             |                              |                                   | 0 15 2 94 9 5         |
| Balance in the Treasurer's hands.....                                                                      |                             |                              |                                   | £ 1 0 7               |

Kingston, 15th May, 1857

JOHN PATON, Treasurer.

50 AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR THE SUPPORT OF ORPHANS IN INDIA.

## APPENDIX G.

*Report of Committee on the French Mission.*

The Presbytery of Montreal, being the Committee of the Synod on the French Mission of the Church, beg leave respectfully to report:—

That they entered upon the discharge of the duties devolving upon them, with a due sense of their importance, and with an anxious desire to discharge those duties, so as to promote the best interests of the Mission.

They accordingly held several meetings, and by the appointment of a Sub-Committee, correspondence, and otherwise, procured information relative to the matter intrusted to them, and as the result of their inquiries and deliberations, unanimously report and recommend, in the terms following.

And first, they conceive it fitting to state that the following properties belong to the French Mission, viz: a valuable property in Montreal, on which there is a wooden building, leased at present for £20 per annum, purchased with the view of being made the site of a French Church; and a lot in Sorel with a brick Church upon it, purchased with the funds of the Mission. In addition to these properties, there is a sum of £200 cy. in the hands of the Treasurer, Hugh Allan Esq. The property in Sorel is held in the individual name of Mr. Allan, and that gentleman wishes to be relieved from the responsibility.

Having thus noticed the material features of the Mission, the Committee come now to the consideration of the present condition of the Mission. Since the loss of the Milton Station last year, the facts connected with which are within the cognizance of the Synod, the Mission has been practically in abeyance. It is true that a sum of £10 was voted in aid of a former Missionary, who is now stationed near the Province Line and is partially engaged in Mission work, but with that exception, nothing has been done in the way of carrying on the Mission during the past year. Is it not time that we were up and doing? The Church, believing that a way was opened up to them in Providence, deliberately entered upon the work of this Mission. The Church recognized the manifest calls of duty in this matter. Dare we, having thus put our hand to the plough, turn back? The Committee think not. They believe that a path of usefulness is open to the Synod among our French Canadian fellow-citizens, and they think that they see the way to putting the Mission on a better footing than it has ever hitherto been. They recognize the responsibility which the Synod has deliberately incurred, and consequently suggest that a Committee should be appointed or continued, charged with the duty of reviving and carrying on the Mission. They rejoice to believe that this can be effectively done, and they have pleasure in stating that Queen's College is likely to furnish the means of doing so to some extent. They have had before them an application from Mr. P. L. Leger, a native of France, and a Divinity Student of Queen's College, requesting employment during the summer months as a catechist. Mr. Leger has still two sessions to attend the College before he will be entitled to receive license, and

is wholly dependent on his own exertions for a livelihood. He relinquished an appointment in the High School, Quebec, to become a Student and supported himself during the last session by teaching.

He states that he cannot do justice to his studies while thus engaged, and craves employment during the summer months, to enable him to pursue his studies more satisfactorily in the winter. The Committee have received very favorable accounts of his character and acquirements and think that he has claims upon the Church for encouragement and aid. They have therefore employed Mr. Leger during the summer months as a catechist, under the supervision of this Presbytery and stationed him at Sorel among the French and Scotch population there, and in that vicinity. They have promised him a salary of £50 for his services during the summer, but think it should be raised to £70. A double object will thus be obtained, and should the opening be found a favourable one, Sorel may be formed into a congregation, the few Scotch families being cared for, and the French Mission being also effectively prosecuted from that point as a centre of operations in that District.

In order to enable this desirable object to be effected the Synodical Collection might be taken up in June, and the Committee hereby memorialize the Synod to enjoin attention to it.

The Committee are persuaded that the members of our Church would cheerfully respond to this appeal, especially when a way thus appears to be opening up, in securing speedily the services of a competent Licentiate of our Church, to prosecute this important Mission. Already they are aware of tokens of renewing interest, and they feel satisfied that funds shall be forthcoming to meet all the requirements of the Mission.

The Committee further recommend, that during the ensuing year a correspondence should be entered into with Dr. Grandpierre of Paris, and the Church to which he belongs, with a view of directing their attention to this important field, and ascertaining whether, if circumstances justify the extension of the Mission, a Minister of character, ability and piety, could be obtained from that quarter. The Committee think that material aid might be thence obtained, and besides an interest might be awakened towards the great Mission field in Canada.

The Committee have now placed before you their views. They have endeavoured to discharge their duty. They trust that the Synod will concur in their proposals, and they hope that the Mission hitherto struggling with so many difficulties, will yet be placed in a satisfactory position and be productive of no little good. The field that stretches out to the view is a wide one. There is much darkness—much need of the enlightening influence of the gospel of light. May the feeble instrumentality of the effort be owned by the great Head of the Church, and be honoured to lead many to the knowledge of the great Salvation!

W. SNODGRASS,  
*Convener, Sub-Committee.*

ALEX. MORRIS,  
*Secretary, Sub-Committee.*

Montreal, May 6, 1857.

**THE FRENCH MISSION FUND, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
TREASURER.**

|                                          |      |    |   |          |
|------------------------------------------|------|----|---|----------|
| Balance on hand at last account.....     | £231 | 10 | 1 |          |
| Collections this year, Niagara.....      | £5   | 0  | 0 |          |
| Cornwall.....                            | 5    | 0  | 0 |          |
| Small Sums.....                          | 17   | 7  | 6 | 27 7 6   |
| Rent House Dorchester Street.....        | 20   | 0  | 0 |          |
| Less Assesment.....                      | £1   | 7  | 6 |          |
| Repairs.....                             | 5    | 3  | 9 | 7 11 3   |
|                                          |      |    |   | 12 8 9   |
|                                          |      |    |   | £271 6 4 |
| <b>PAYMENTS.</b>                         |      |    |   |          |
| To Mr. Caron, by order of Mr. Haig.....  | £10  | 0  | 0 |          |
| To Mr. Leger by order of Mr. Morris..... | 10   | 0  | 0 | £20 0 0  |
|                                          |      |    |   | £251 6 4 |
| <b>PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE FUND.</b>   |      |    |   |          |
| House Dorchester Street, North.....      | £450 | 0  | 0 |          |
| Church in Sorel.....                     | 200  | 0  | 0 |          |
| Balance as above.....                    | 251  | 6  | 4 |          |
|                                          |      |    |   | £901 6 4 |

A balance at least equal to the sum now on hand was taken out of the building fund collected by Mr. Lapelletrie—the whole is included in the above statement.

HUGH ALLAN, *Treasurer.*

## APPENDIX H.

*Report of the Committee on Jewish and Foreign Missions with  
state of Funds, &c. &c. Appended.*

The Committee appointed by the Synod of last year to correspond with the Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee, of the Church of Scotland, submit the following Report:—

The objects embraced by the action of your Committee have been comprised under three particulars:—The means,—the field—and the man.

On the first of these they have the gratification of presenting a statement calculated to produce the most unqualified satisfaction. They had scarcely entered upon the work committed to them, and their efforts brought to bear on its accomplishment had hardly been developed, when the Almighty in his kind providence raised up for them a distinguished agent in the acquirement of *means*—an agent totally unlooked for, and singularly opportune.

Your Committee had no sooner entered on their duties, than the Rev. Dr. Aiton, of Dolphinton, appeared to plead the cause of the Jewish people among the congregations of our own Church, and of other Christian denominations. His Mission to this Province was

marked by the most triumphant success. The response to his appeal on the part of the Presbyterians of Canada, has produced a most lively impression on your Committee, and they trust that the liberality displayed was actuated by a true faith and a heaven-born love. The issue has not only led your Committee to encourage hope for the future, but has even ministered them a rebuke for past faithlessness, and for former inactivity in foreign missionary effort. After a hurried but earnest pleading in behalf of God's once favoured people, Dr. Aiton placed the munificent sum of nearly £600 cy. at the disposal of your Committee, provided they began to preach the gospel to the Jews "at Jerusalem."

2 With regard to the field your Committee have had considerable difficulty. This difficulty has only arisen, however, from the conflicting opinions held in reference to the most eligible centre of operations. One opinion inclines towards Galilee, and another towards Jerusalem. Your Committee have weighed the reasons pro, and con, with care, and have tried to balance them, and after much consideration, they have agreed to recommend both localities as suitable for occupation;—Jerusalem for immediate occupation, and Tiberias for eventual adoption; because by assuming both, the views of the Committee of the Church of Scotland, under whose influence our Mission must be planted, are met, because means are already raised, secured, and pledged for that specific object, and because the views of your Committee would be found to coincide with the wishes of the people from whom the means have been derived.

In concluding to recommend both localities, your Committee confidently anticipate a cordial co-operation with their Brethren in the Lower Provinces.

3. Your Committee have hitherto failed in procuring any promise of the services of a suitable Missionary either from the Church in Canada, or from the Church of Scotland. They recommend the Synod to secure a Missionary in a similar manner as has been done by the Parent Church.

They recommend the appointment of a permanent Committee on Jewish and Foreign Missions, to be known as the "Jewish and Foreign Mission Committee of the Church." That to this Committee, under the supervision of the Synod, be intrusted the duty of engaging a Missionary with all convenient speed; and, that an annual collection be directed to be made in every congregation within the bounds of the Synod. The Fund arising from this source to be implemented by private subscription throughout the Provinces generally.

Your Committee are unanimous in the general recommendation of this cause. It is the Lord's. The motto of one of the greatest modern Missionaries has been assumed by your Committee, and they trust, that the spirit it breathes will become an encouragement to the Church, "Expect great things from God, and do great things for God."

The extraordinary and providential circumstance of an appeal having been so remarkably pled for this cause, at the very threshold of the undertaking has prevented your Committee from widening the sphere of their operations to India or any other foreign field.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith appended.

All which is submitted.

ROBERT BURNET, *Convener.*

Memorandum of collections received for the Jewish and Foreign Mission Scheme, of the Church of Scotland, viz :—

|                                                 |          |    |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|----|---|
| 1856, Feb. 20, Kitly, per Abraham Johnston..... | £0       | 2  | 6 |
| “ June 14, Perth, Rev. Wm. Bain.....            | 16       | 0  | 0 |
| “ Oct. 16, Litchfield, Rev. Mr. Lindsay.....    | 2        | 5  | 0 |
| 1857, May 26, Niagara, Rev. J. B. Mowat.....    | 12       | 10 | 0 |
|                                                 | £30 17 6 |    |   |

That your Treasurer for the scheme has only received the above-mentioned sums since he remitted in January, 1856, a detailed statement of which, and Mr. Alex. Murrie's letter acknowledging its receipt has been furnished to the Synod. That in the expectation of receiving further collections he has not remitted the small sum hitherto received and waits the instructions of the Synod as to its disposal.

JOHN MOWAT,  
*Treasurer.*

Kingston, May 26, 1857.

To the Moderator of the Synod of Canada,  
in connection with the Church of Scotland.

*Statement of the Financial Position of the Mission to Jerusalem, submitted to the Synod by the Interim Treasurer, viz :—*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |      |    |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|--------|
| The Collections of Dr. Aiton in Canada and elsewhere in 1856, now in the Montreal Savings Bank, inclusively of interest to 31st Dec., 1856.....                                                                                                                                | £342 | 8  | 5      |
| This amount deposited in the Western Bank of Scotland by Dr. Aiton, and as well as the previous amount is under his authorization, now offered by me to the Synod, if they assume the Mission to Jerusalem, and agree to apply the money to that object, say £140 Sterling.... | £170 | 6  | 8      |
| Total.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | £512 | 15 | 1, Cy. |

ALEX. MORRIS,  
*Interim Treasurer.*

Montreal, 26th May, 1857.

## APPENDIX I.

*To His Excellency, Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet,  
Governor General of British North America, etc., etc., etc.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled in Synod at Hamilton, embrace the opportunity of again assuring Your Excellency of our loyalty to our Most Gracious Queen, our attachment to the British Constitution, and our earnest desire to advance the best interests of this great country, in which Divine Providence has cast our lot.

We believe that nowhere is more true freedom enjoyed than in the dominions of Her Majesty, and that no form of Government is better fitted to promote the happiness of its subjects, than that which is established in Great Britain and her Colonies. And we therefore hope that Canada may long remain under the protection of the British flag, and in the enjoyment of those laws and institutions, which have raised the Mother Country to its present high rank among the nations.

But we know from the Word of God and from observation, that the happiness of a people is dependent, not so much on their outward privileges and advantages, as on their moral and religious character. And we therefore deeply feel the responsibility which devolves on us as office-bearers in the Christian Church, to use unwearied diligence in leavening the minds of our population with the principles of true Christianity. The influence of our Church however, is at present very much curtailed by the want of a sufficient number of Ministers, to undertake the charge of those who desire and need their services. And accordingly, besides applying for additional Clergymen from Scotland, we are endeavouring to increase the efficiency of Queen's College, Kingston, where our own students are trained for the sacred office. That Institution still flourishes. It is annually sending out young men highly qualified for the varied learned professions, and is well deserving of Your Excellency's assistance and patronage.

Our efforts for the welfare of our adherents would be vastly aided by the better observance throughout the Province, of that holy day, which the Almighty has specially set apart for religious instruction and worship. And we rejoice to learn that the Legislative Council has recently requested Your Excellency to take steps to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath, by public servants, and in those public works which are under Government control; and that the Legislative Assembly has passed the third reading of a Bill having the same object in view. We are persuaded that by carrying out such a measure, Your Excellency's administration will do honor to itself, impart high satisfaction to the religious portion of the community, and confer a great boon on the people of this land.

Our Church has always taken a profound interest in the education of the young. And while the present system of our Common Schools in Western Canada, has not our entire approval, we have been

pleased to know that the Bible is read in most of them, and that their advantages are enjoyed by children of all denominations. We, therefore utterly condemn the changes which some of our Roman Catholic brethren are striving to effect in their constitution, and in the mode by which they are sustained. We deprecate the success of every attempt to exclude from them that holy volume, which God has graciously given for our instruction in youth as well as for our guidance and consolation in riper years. And we trust that no enactment will ever be framed by our Legislature, or sanctioned by Your Excellency, for transferring any part of the taxes levied on Protestants for Common Schools, to the support of schools designed only for Roman Catholics; for such an appropriation would be, in our view, alike unjust to the former, and eventually injurious to the latter.

That the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon Your Excellency's person, family, and administration, and that after an honorable, useful, and happy life on earth, Your Excellency may be exalted to the inheritance of heaven, is our sincere prayer.

Signed at Hamilton, this second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven years; In name, in presence, and by appointment, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

GEORGE MACDONNELL,

*Moderator.*

## APPENDIX K.

### UNTO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :—

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, desire to approach the throne with this expression of our sincere and unabated attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

We heartily congratulate Your Majesty on the birth of another Princess, on whom we pray that the Divine Favour may be abundantly bestowed, in common with the rest of the Royal Children; and that Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort may have the high satisfaction of beholding all the members of Your Family growing up in the fear of the Lord, and successfully emulating all the virtues of the most illustrious of their ancestors.

The recent affliction with which it has pleased God to visit Your Majesty, in the removal by death, of Your Majesty's Aunt—the last of the immediate offspring of Your Royal Grandfather, calls for our sympathy and condolence, which we dutifully tender.

We sincerely trust that the announcement which Your Majesty has been pleased to make to the nation, of the betrothment of the Princess Royal, may be followed by a long and happy union between her and the object of her affections; and that the personal alliance thus about to be formed with the Princely Scion of a leading European Monarchy, may prove to be eminently conducive to the welfare of one whose happiness



cannot fail to engage Your Majesty's solicitude. We desire to tender our thanks to Almighty God, who hath appointed civil rule as his own ordinance for good to mankind, that in this important Province of Your Majesty's Dominions, your faithful people enjoy, under the mild rule of Your Majesty's sceptre, the numerous blessings secured to them by the time-honored Constitution of Great Britain—under which so many advantages flow to them as an integral portion of the Great Empire over which Your Majesty so worthily presides.

Whilst the spiritual oversight of the numerous adherents of our own Church in this land, and the maintenance of a healthy piety among them, must ever be our first care, we shall hail with satisfaction every wise and suitable enactment to which the Royal assent may be given, for checking public vice, and for granting facilities for spreading the influence of true religion among the general Community: and we humbly beg to assure Your Majesty that in our own sphere, it shall ever be our endeavour to cherish amongst all over whom our influence extends, that loyalty to their Sovereign and that respect to Religion, the combined influence of which is so conducive to individual and social prosperity.

That it may please "Him by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice," to establish in righteousness the throne which Your Majesty occupies; that He may enrich Your Majesty with the treasures of His grace, and abundantly bless You and all the members of Your Illustrious House; and that after a long and prosperous reign over an attached people He may finally receive You into His Eternal Kingdom, is our fervent prayer.

Signed in name, and by appointment, of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, this third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven years, by

GEORGE MACDONNELL,  
*Moderator.*

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