

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE SYNOD
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SESSION XIX.

HELD AT MONTREAL, 12TH JULY,
1848.

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1. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.—*Clk, Rev. T. McPherson, A.M., Lancaster.*
Meets on the third Wednesday of January, April, July and October.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Williamstown.</i>	John McKenzie, A.M.	Hon. John McGillivray.
<i>Cornwall.</i>	Hugh Urquhart, A.M.	James Pringle.
<i>Osnabruck</i>	Isaac Purkis.	William R. Croil.
<i>Williamsburgh.</i>	John Dickey.	Henry Merkle.
<i>Martintown.</i>	John McLaurin.	Alexander McMartin.
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Thomas McPherson, A.M.	John McPherson.
<i>Dalhousie Mills and Cote</i> } <i>St. George.</i>	Æneas McLean.	Angus Cattanach.
<i>Lochiel.</i>		John Fraser.
<i>I'Orignal.</i>		Charles C. Treadwell.
<i>Finch.</i>		Duncan McMillan.
<i>Coteau du Lac</i>		Duncan McIntyre.
<i>Indian Lands</i>		
<i>William Dunbar, Ordained Missionary.</i>		

2. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—*Clerk, Rev. Andrew Bell, Dundas.*
Meets at Hamilton on the second Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

<i>Nelson.</i>	William King.	
<i>Mount Pleasant.</i>	John Bryning.	
<i>Clinton</i>	George McClatchey	Francis Comfort.
<i>Niagara.</i>	John Cruickshank, A.M.	James Cooper.
<i>Goderich</i>	Alexander McKid	
<i>Dundas and Ancaster.</i>	Andrew Bell	Alexander Turnbull.
<i>Fergus</i>	Hugh Mair, D. D.	A. D. Fordyce.
<i>Guelph.</i>	Cclin Gregor.	Hugh Wilson.
<i>Stratford & N. Easthope.</i>	William Bell, A. M.	George Hyde.
<i>Galt.</i>		Walter Cowan.
<i>Hamilton.</i>		Andrew Steven.
<i>Simcoe and Port Dover.</i>		
<i>London and Westminster.</i>		
<i>Woodstock and Norwich.</i>		
<i>Sarnia.</i>		
<i>Amherstburgh.</i>		
<i>Aldboro'.</i>		
<i>Yarmouth.</i>		
<i>Onondaga.</i>		
<i>John William Baynes, Ordained Missionary.</i>		

3. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.—*Clerk, Rev. William Bain, A. M., Perth.*
Meets at Perth on the second Wednesday in January, May and September.

<i>Beckwith,</i>	John Smith.	Donald McLaurin.
<i>Perth, 1st Church,</i>	William Bell, A. M.	John Ferguson.
<i>South Gower,</i>	Joseph Anderson, A.M.	John Martin.
<i>Pakenham,</i>	Alexander Mann, A. M.	Hugh Dickson.
<i>Richmond,</i>	David Evans.	
<i>Lanark,</i>	Thomas Fraser.	John Hiddreck.
<i>Buckingham & Cumberland</i>	George Bell, A. B.	Archibald Petrie.
<i>Perth, St. Andrew's.</i>	William Bain, A.M.	William Rutherford.
<i>Ramsay</i>	John McMorine.	Robert Bell.
<i>Dalhousie,</i>	John Robb	Archibald Nairne.
<i>Bytown,</i>	Alexander Spence.	Hon. Thomas McKay.
<i>Brockville,</i>		George Malloch.
<i>Smith's Falls,</i>		William Williamson.
<i>Newburgh & Bedford.</i>		
<i>Kitley.</i>		

SYNOD ROLL—JULY, 1848.

4. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—Clerk, REV. JAMES WILLIAMSON, A. M.,
Kingston.—Meets at Kingston on the first Wednesday of every month.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Kingston, St. Andrew's</i>	John Machar, D.D.	Geo. Davidson.
<i>Seymour</i>	Robert Neill.....	David Allan.
<i>Queen's College, Kingston</i>	James Williamson, A. M.	
<i>Queen's College, Kingston</i>	George Romanes, A. M.	
<i>Camden</i>	Thomas Scott.	
<i>Belleville</i> .		
<i>Otanabee</i> .		
<i>Dummer</i> .		
<i>Asphodel</i> .		
<i>Percy</i> .		
<i>Belmont</i> .		
Archibald Colquhoun, <i>Ordained Missionary.</i>		

5. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Clerk, REV. J. BARCLAY, A. M., *Toronto City*.
Meets on the third Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

<i>Esquering</i>	Peter Ferguson	John Storey.
<i>King</i>	John Tawse, A. M.	
<i>Chinguacousy</i>	Thomas Johnson.	
<i>Mono</i>	Alexander Lewis.	
<i>Toronto, St. Andrew's</i>	John Barclay, A. M.	Rev. Professor Murray.
<i>Eldon</i>	John McMurchy.	
<i>W. Gwillimbury & Innisfil</i>	Alexander Ross.	
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<i>Hornby and Trafalgar</i>	William Barr.	
<i>Scott and Uxbridge</i>	William Brown.	
<i>Scarboro'</i>	James George.....	Robert Hamilton.
<i>Pickering and Whilby</i>	William Gourlie.	
<i>Toronto Township</i>	George Miller.	
<i>Caledon, Newmarket, Markham, Thorah, Darlington, Nottawasaga and Sunnidale, Brock, Mara.</i>		
James Calhoun, <i>Ordained Missionary.</i>		

6. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—Clerk, REV. WALTER ROACH, *Beauharnois*.
Meets at Montreal on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and Novr.

<i>St. Andrew's, Montreal</i>	A. Mathieson, D.D.	Hugh Brodie.
<i>Dundee</i>	Duncan Moody.....	James Buchan.
<i>Chatham</i>	Wm. Mair.....	John Somerville.
<i>Beauharnois</i>	Walter Roach ..	Robert Norval.
<i>Ormston</i>	James Anderson.....	Neil Campbell.
<i>St. Andrew's, Quebec</i>	John Cook, D.D.....	John Thompson.
<i>Georgetown</i>	James C. Muir.....	William Kerr.
<i>Lachine</i>	William Simpson.....	John Anderson, M.D.
<i>Valcartier</i>	David Shanks.....	William Brown.
<i>Hemmingford</i>	John Marlin.....	John Rea.
<i>Montreal, French Church</i>	Emile Lapelletrie.....	Pierre Dupuis.
<i>Laprairie</i>	John Davidson.	
<i>Three Rivers</i>	James Thom.....	John Houliston.
<i>Huntingdon</i>	Alexander Wallace.....	Hugh Barr.
<i>St. Paul's, Montreal</i>	Robert McGill.....	John Bruce.

<i>Frampton</i>	James Stewart, <i>Ordained Missionary.</i>
<i>Metis</i>	James T. Paul, <i>Missionary.</i>
<i>Melbourne</i> .	

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with
the Church of Scotland, Session XIX., held at
Montreal, July 12, 1848.**

DIET I.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Wednesday, the Twelfth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years :—*

The which day, after sermon by the Rev. Walter Roach, Minister of Beauharnois, Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from Matthew vi. 10, "Thy kingdom come," 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 Moderator.

Presbytery Rolls having been given in, the Synod Roll was made up and read over.

Sederunt—Mr. Walter Roach, *Moderator*, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. John McLaurin, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Æneas McLean, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. William Bell (Stratford), Mr. John Smith, Mr. William Bell (Perth), Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. David Evans, Mr. George Bell, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. John Robb, Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. James George, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Duncan Moody, Mr. James Anderson, Dr. John Cook, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Marlin, Mr. Emile Lapelletrie, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. James Thom, Mr. Alexander Wallace, and Mr. Robert McGill, *Ministers*; together with the Hon. John McGillivray, Mr. Alexander Turnbull, Mr. Andrew Steven, Mr. Archibald Petrie, the Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. George Malloch, Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. James Buchan, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. John Houliston, and Mr. John Bruce, *Elders*.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. John Barclay, A. M., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, was unanimously elected, and, at the Synod's desire, took the Chair.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of Three Trustees for Queen's College, at Kingston, in room of the Rev. James George, the Rev. William Bain, A.M., and the Rev. John Cruickshank, A.M., who retire from Office at this time according to the terms of the Royal Charter of Queen's College, when the Rev. James George, the Rev. John Cruickshank, A.M., and the Rev. James C. Muir, were unanimously elected; and the Clerk was instructed to intimate the same to the Board of Trustees.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, with instructions to meet to-night on the rising of the Synod, and to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; and all Papers to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee, viz. :—the Moderator and Clerk, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Isaac Purkiss, Mr. William Bell (Stratford), Mr. John Smith, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James Anderson, Dr. John Cook, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. James Thom, Mr. Robert McGill, Hon. John McGillivray, Mr. Alexander Turnbull, Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. Hugh Brodie, and Mr. John Bruce.

Leave was given to Presbyteries to meet in Montreal for all competent business, during the sitting of the Synod, at such hours as the Synod may not be met.

Dr. Mathieson introduced to the Synod the Rev. Alexander Spence, the Minister elect of Bytown, lately arrived from Scotland. Mr. Spence having been welcomed by the Moderator, was invited to sit with the Synod.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Records and report, viz. :—Mr. Romanes, Mr. McPherson, and Mr. Mann.

It was agreed that an hour should be spent in devotional exercises, each morning during the sitting of the Synod; and that the hour of adjournment in the afternoon shall be Four o'clock.

The Synod adjourned until Twelve o'clock, to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

*At Montreal and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Thursday, the Thirteenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. William Bell, of Perth, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.—The Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures made a Report on the business to come before the Synod, and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, it was agreed that the following arrangement should be adopted in regard to certain parts of the said business, viz. :—the consideration of the state of the Church, in regard to the number and condition of vacant Congregations, to-day ; the French Mission to-morrow ; all Papers anent the College on Saturday ; and the subject of a Corporation for holding Church Property, on Monday.

The Moderator of Synod for last year laid before the Synod a communication from the Governor General's Secretary, intimating that His Excellency having transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies the Synod's Address to Her Majesty the Queen, he had received a Despatch from Earl Grey, stating that His Lordship had laid the Address before the Queen, and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive it very graciously.

The late Moderator also laid before the Synod the reply to the Synod's Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. Romanes, Mr. Muir, and the Hon. John McGillivray, were appointed to draft an address to the Queen ; and Mr. George, Mr. McKenzie, and the Hon. Thomas McKay, to draft one to the Governor General. The said drafts were ordered to be given in at Ten o'clock to-morrow morning ; and the Hon. Thomas McKay was requested to wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, and ascertain at what time it would be convenient for him to receive the Address.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were given in ; when the following Committees were appointed to revise the same

and report on them, viz. :—Mr. McMorine, Mr. Thom, and Mr. Bell (Stratford), to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary; Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Robb, and Mr. Marline, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton; Mr. Roach, Mr. Purkis, and Mr. Neill, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst; Mr. Romanes, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Smith, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto; Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Bain, and Mr. McPherson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal; Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Simpson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston.

The Records of the Commission of Synod having been called for and produced, and the Synod having had read the Proceedings of the Commission during the past year, the Synod approved and sustained.

The Synod appointed Mr. Wallace, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Neill, Mr. Roach, the Hon. Thomas McKay, and Mr. Turnbull, as a Committee to attend to the Financial concerns of the Synod; and the Synod instructed Presbytery Clerks and others to pay over to the said Committee all monies collected for the Synod Fund, and ordered all accounts against the Synod to be given in to them.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Series of Queries to be proposed to Presbyteries in regard to the State of the Church, and especially the number and condition of vacant Congregations. The Synod agreed to take up the consideration of them at the evening Sederunt.

The Synod made the following appointments for the public services of the Sabbath, viz. :—In St. Andrew's Church—Mr. Spence to preach in the forenoon, Mr. Romanes in the afternoon, and Mr. Andrew Bell in the evening. In St. Paul's Church—Mr. McLaurin to preach in the forenoon, Mr. Neill in the afternoon, and Mr. William Bell, of Stratford, in the evening; Mr. Evans to preach at Sorel, and Mr. McPherson at Beech Ridge.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Petition from Mr. William Ferguson, A.M., Teacher of the Grammar School at Williamstown, Glengary, praying the Synod to restore him to his former status as a Preacher. After full consideration, the Synod resolved, that they have not sufficient evidence before them from his walk and conversation since he came to the country, to warrant the conviction that his penitence is sincere, or that it is expedient to restore him; and therefore for the present decline to comply with the prayer of the Petition.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in room of the Rev. Robert McGill, John Greenshields, Esquire, and Andrew Shaw, Esquire, who retire from office at this time, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, when the said Rev. Robert McGill, John Greenshields, Esquire, and Andrew Shaw, Esquire, were unanimously re-elected.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the principal order of the day, viz., the consideration of a set of Queries, transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, in regard to the state of the Church, when it was agreed that in the way of friendly conference the said Queries should be put to Presbyteries, and as full information as possible, on the several points of enquiry, be given to the Synod by Members of the Presbyteries. After lengthened conference and enquiry, the Synod were gratified in having the most ample testimony to the fact, that in many parts of the country, where the people had been represented as having entirely fallen away from the Church, there were still numerous adherents displaying a devoted attachment to the Church of their Fathers; and the Synod resolved, before the close of the Session, to take some step towards obtaining Ministers from Scotland for some of the most needful Congregations in each Presbytery.

The Synod then adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Friday, the Fourteenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. John McMorine conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.—The Minutes were read and sustained.

The Synod called for the Drafts of the Addresses to the Queen and Governor General, which were given in. The same, having been read

and duly considered, were adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

There was laid before the Synod, a Statement from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners in regard to the state of the Fund ; and the Synod, having examined the same, expressed their fullest satisfaction therewith.

The Hon. Thomas McKay reported to the Synod that His Excellency the Governor General would receive the Address of the Synod tomorrow at two o'clock.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to carry on the French Mission in Canada East, which was given in and read by Mr. Roach, showing the success the Rev. Mr. Lapelletrie had met with in collecting Funds for a French Church and Mission House, and that two French Evangelists had been brought out from Switzerland to assist in the work of the Mission, who were now actively engaged therein,—Monsieur Jacquemart in Montreal, and Monsieur Baridan in Quebec. Further, that the Committee contemplated sending the Rev. Mr. Lapelletrie to the Saguenay and Gaspé, to make arrangements for extending the Mission in these quarters, where there are said to be many of the descendants of the French Huguenots. Messieurs Jacquemart and Baridan were introduced to the Synod and received a cordial welcome, on its behalf, from the Moderator. Mr. Lapelletrie was thereafter heard in regard to the Mission.

It was then moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. Roach, That the operation of the Second and the Eighth Articles in the Suggestions of the Synod to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, passed on the 11th of July, 1846, be departed from, so far as they respect Mr. Lapelletrie. The same was agreed to without a vote.

It was thereafter moved by Mr. George, and seconded by Mr. Urquhart, That there be a re-consideration of the motion made by Dr. Mathieson, and passed without being clearly understood by some members of Synod as to what it involved, and that the re-consideration take place on Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock. The Roll was called and the votes marked, when the motion was carried by a majority of one.

Dr. Mathieson read to the Synod extracts of certain letters from the Rev. J. M. Brooke, of Fredericton, the Clerk of the Synod of New Brunswick, and the Rev. James Stiven, of Restigouche, requesting a correspondence with this Synod either by Deputies or by letter. The Synod, having had the matter under their consideration, agreed to

express the high gratification which such correspondence would afford them, and appointed Dr. Mathieson to acknowledge receipt of said letters, and express to Mr. Brooke the readiness with which this Synod will enter into such correspondence.

A communication having been laid before the Synod from the Lay Association of Montreal, requesting to know at what time it would be convenient for the Synod to receive a Deputation of the Lay Association, the Synod appointed Eleven o'clock to-morrow.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Report of the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Committee appointed by the Synod last year, to prepare Regulations for the election of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, which was given in and read, accompanied by a set of Regulations, which were read over one by one, and fully considered, when the whole were adopted by the Synod, as follows :—

Whereas, according to an Act of the Imperial Parliament, III. & IV. Victoria, Cap. lxxviii., on the subject of the Clergy Reserves in Canada, it is provided that the monies accruing from the said Reserves apporportioned to the Church of Scotland in Canada, shall be paid to a Board of Nine Commissioners, to be elected by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, under such Regulations as shall be from time to time established by the Governor of Canada, with the advice of his Executive Council, the Synod agreed to the following Rules anent the election of the said Commissioners, and the Constitution of the Board, to be respectfully submitted to the Governor and Council, for their concurrence, if they shall see fit:—

I. That the said Board of Commissioners shall be composed in part of Ministers, and in part of Laymen, of said Church;—that the number of Ministers shall not, at any time, be less than two nor greater than three, and the number of Laymen shall not be greater than seven, nor less than six, so that the united number shall together form the Board of Nine Commissioners.

II. That on the Second day of the next meeting of Synod, the two of the present Board of Commissioners whose names now stand on the top of the list, shall retire, and two Commissioners shall be chosen in their place, whose names shall be placed at the bottom of the list;—retiring members being eligible for re-election;—and on the first day of every subsequent annual meeting of Synod, the same course shall be pursued.

III. That in the event of the death, resignation or ceasing to be a member of this Church, of any one or more of the Commissioners, between any one meeting of Synod, and the next following, then his or their places shall be supplied by the remaining Commissioners, or by a majority of them assembled for that purpose, subject, however, to the approval or rejection of the Synod at its next meeting thereafter.



IV. That in the event of *two* or more vacancies occurring and being supplied as provided in Rule III., there shall then be no new Commissioners elected at that meeting of Synod ; and in the event of *one* vacancy being supplied as provided in that Rule, then one new Commissioner shall be elected by the Synod.

V. That the appointment of Commissioners, in terms of the above, shall be regularly certified to the Government by the Clerk of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned until Eleven o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Saturday, the Fifteenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. David Evans conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt—The Minutes were read and sustained.

The Hon. Peter McGill, and a large Deputation of the Montreal Lay Association appeared in the Synod, and presented an Address to the Synod, which was replied to by the Moderator, on behalf of the Synod.

The Address to Her Majesty the Queen was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod. The said Address is as follows :—

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, embrace this opportunity of our meeting in Synod, to renew our assurance of sincere attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

At this remarkable period of the history of the world, when so many of the kingdoms of the earth are convulsed by revolutions, and overwhelmed with all the miseries that anarchy and disorder bring down upon every rank of the community, it is, to us, matter of sincere rejoic-

ing and grateful acknowledgment to God, that from those dreadful evils the British Empire has been mercifully preserved—that Your Majesty's Throne, firmly established in the affection and loyalty of your people, stands unshaken—and that the attempts which have been made by some desperate and misguided men, to disturb the public peace, have only served to call forth, in a manner the most unequivocal and enthusiastic, the expression of the nation's loyalty, and their adherence to the cause of public order and true liberty.

These happy results, we ascribe, under the blessing of God, to the unparalleled excellence of the British Constitution, the virtuous and religious principles of the British nation, and the high and deserved estimation in which Your Majesty is personally held by all classes of your people.

In this part of Your Majesty's dominions, we are happy to state, that, notwithstanding the unprecedented depression of the times, the utmost peace and tranquillity prevail; and we trust that, under the benignant sway of the British Sceptre, these Colonies may long continue to be loyal and attached Provinces of Your Majesty's Empire.

That Almighty God may long preserve Your Majesty, that He may abundantly bless, with every temporal and spiritual mercy, all the members of Your Illustrious Family, and receive you at last to His Eternal Kingdom, is our sincere and fervent prayer.

Signed at Montreal, this Fifteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years:—In Name, in Presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

JOHN BARCLAY, A. M.,
MODERATOR.

The Address to His Excellency the Governor {General was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod. The said Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Governor General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, embrace this opportunity of again approaching your Excellency as the Representative of our Gracious Sovereign, to express to you our sincere respect for yourself, and, through you, our attachment to the Constitution and Government under which we live.

A regard for the institutions of their country, and especially a veneration for the government of that great Empire of which this Province



forms a part, are well known to have been, all along, characteristics of the Presbyterians in connection with the Church of Scotland, not only in Canada, but in every British Colony in which they have sought and found a home.

The office-bearers of this Church regard it as a very solemn duty, to keep alive and deepen those sentiments and feelings in the bosoms of the people over whom they are appointed to watch; entertaining, as they do, a thorough conviction, that while British institutions make ample provision for those legitimate changes which the well-being of society may demand, they also possess the equally necessary and powerful elements of stability, for the conservation of all that is valuable in civil and religious liberty.

And although it has not been the practice of the Ministers of this Synod, to take any active or prominent share in those party topics, on which good and even loyal men may differ, and which are only of a local and temporary nature, yet it has ever been, and we trust ever will be, a grand object with them to teach those great *principles*—the fear and love of God—reverence for law—respect for duly constituted authority—and justice, truth and benevolence towards all men—principles which they are well assured, when properly inculcated, cannot fail, with the Divine aid, to make a peaceable, orderly, industrious and loyal people.

We rejoice to think, that under the Divine blessing on your Excellency's administration, the Province has all along enjoyed, and still continues to enjoy, a large measure of tranquility and substantial prosperity. And our prayer to Almighty God is, that He may not only bless your Excellency in the public and high station which you now fill, but that He may also bestow upon you all domestic happiness, and all the precious graces of His Holy Spirit.

Signed at Montreal, this Fifteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years:—in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

JOHN BARCLAY, A. M.,

MODERATOR.

The Synod appointed a Deputation to wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, and present the Synod's Address. The Synod adjourned for a short time.

The Synod having resumed, the Moderator announced that he and the Deputation appointed by the Synod, had presented the Synod's Address to His Excellency the Governor, who had been pleased to return the following answer:—

Reverend Gentlemen and Gentlemen:—

I thank you for these renewed expressions of personal esteem, and of devotion to Her Majesty, and to the best interests of our common country.

I am no stranger to the service in the cause of peace, order and Godliness, which the Church of Scotland has rendered, both at home and in the Colonies, and I therefore receive the assurances contained in your Address, with entire confidence in their sincerity.

I join with you in devout gratitude to Almighty God, for the large measure of tranquility which this Province enjoys. The afflictions which have visited less favoured lands, should teach us the more highly to prize this blessing, and incite us to endeavour, by a faithful adherence to the principles of Religion, and duty to God and man, to procure its continuance.

The Committee appointed at last meeting, to answer, in detail, the communication from the General Assembly's Colonial Committee anent Queen's College, laid before the Synod a copy of the answer transmitted by them, which was read and approved of. The same was ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Report from the Presbytery of Kingston, as instructed at last meeting of Synod, on the course of Study to be pursued at Queen's College, by Students for the Holy Ministry. The same was read and referred to the following Committee, with instructions to report, on Tuesday, the Draft of an Act for the adoption of the Synod, viz.:—Professor Romanes, Mr. George, Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Muir, and Mr. Roach.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the existing laws for the licensing of Students, and receiving Probationers and Ministers from other Churches, viz.:—Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Muir, Mr. George, and Mr. Roach.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Congregation of Milton, under the Ministry of the Rev. Peter Ferguson of Esquesing, in the Presbytery of Toronto, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, for aid in regard to their new Church:—also an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, sanctioning the application, and stating that the Title Deed of the Property had been laid before the Presbytery, and found perfectly satisfactory. The Synod, having heard a full statement of the case, agreed to approve in the fullest manner of the application, and instructed the Clerk to transmit the same to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, with Extract Minutes both of Presbytery and Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, for the Synod to admit the Rev. Robert Murray, one of the Professors of King's College,

Toronto, an ordained Minister of this Church, to a seat in the Synod, and in the Presbytery within whose bounds he resides. The Synod, after due deliberation, agreed to dismiss the Overture on the following grounds, viz.:—Although, from the exigency and peculiarity of the case, the Professors of Queen's College, holding Chairs of Literature and Science, were admitted to seats in our Church Courts, yet at the time this was done, many thought the measure unconstitutional, and as this opinion has acquired greater strength, and from the fear of what was but a necessary expedient being drawn in to be a precedent and general principle,—be it therefore resolved, That, while this Synod regard with the greatest respect the character of Professor Murray, knowing him to be a man of great Christian and Ministerial worth; and while the Synod would be exceedingly sorry to lose his valuable counsel and services in their Church Courts, in any of which they would be most happy at any time to see him take his seat as an honorary member, yet from what is stated in the premises, they do not deem it advisable to grant the prayer of the Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Synod appointed Mr. McMorine to draw up an Address to the Members of the Church on Parental Responsibility, to be submitted to the Commission of Synod for their approval, and to be afterwards printed and circulated through the several Congregations of the Church.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, to have an amendment made to Article IV. in the Model Constitution. After some discussion, the Synod referred the said Overture to the following Committee, to consider and report on the same, viz.:—Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Muir, Mr. George, and Mr. Roach.

The Synod then adjourned till Monday morning, at Eleven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*At Montreal and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Monday, the Seventeenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. Isaac Purkis conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.—The Minutes were read and sustained.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Dr. Mathieson, on the subject of a Corporation for holding Church Property. The said Overture, embodying a Scheme for the consideration of the Synod, was received and read. After lengthened discussion, it was moved by Mr. George, and agreed to, That the Synod refer the whole matter to the following Committee, viz.:—Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Roach, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Muir, and Mr. Smith; with instructions to prepare the Scheme as fully as they possibly can in all its details, and report to the Synod during their present session; that the Report be printed, and a copy sent to each Minister; that the several Presbyteries be called on to consider the whole scheme fully, and send in their Reports to the first Meeting of Commission; and that in case there be a substantial agreement in the Reports of Presbyteries, as to the leading elements of the Scheme, then the Commission shall be empowered and enjoined, as they hereby are empowered and enjoined, to take steps, in connection with the Managers of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, to have a Bill passed through Parliament embracing said Scheme.

The Synod then adjourned until Ten o'clock, to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET VI.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—
Tuesday, the Eighteenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. Alexander Mann conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer.

Sederunt—The Minutes were read and sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft an Act, anent the course of Study to be pursued at Queen's College, by

Students for the Holy Ministry, which was given in by Mr. Romanes. The same having been read clause by clause, and considered, was adopted, and is as follows:—

Whereas it is expedient, that the course of Study to be henceforth pursued by those who look forward to the office of the Holy Ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, should be more definitely prescribed than it has heretofore been: It is hereby enacted, by the Synod of the aforesaid Church, that the literary and scientific Course of Study shall embrace four sessions' attendance on the classes of Queen's College; each session to consist of six months; and the classes to be attended in the following order:—

1st year, Junior Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

2nd year, Senior Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

3rd year, Third Latin and Greek, Third Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy.

4th year, Logic, Rhetoric, and Moral Philosophy.

And it is also enacted, that the Theological Course shall consist of three sessions of six months each, the subjects of study to be arranged as the Professors of the Faculty of Theology shall see fit; always providing that the study of the Hebrew language shall form a part of the business of each session, unless in cases where a dispensation may be obtained from the Synod or the Senatus; and providing also, that all the discourses and exercises prescribed by the rules of the Church of Scotland, shall be delivered by each Student during his Theological course.

And it is also enacted, that before a young man enters on his literary course, he shall come before the Presbytery in whose bounds he resides, or before such a Committee as they may appoint, and after due examination, shall receive a certificate of his being of good moral and religious character, and also of his proficiency in the ordinary branches of education, and in those subjects which are required by the rules of Queen's College, as qualifications for matriculation; such certificate to be presented by him when he applies for admission.

And it is also enacted, that if any young man shall have gone through a part of his literary or theological course at any College or University, and produce certificates thereof, the same shall be held and accounted as part of his course of study as prescribed by this Act; providing always that his progress, when examined, either by a Presbytery or a Committee of Synod, or the Senatus of Queen's College, shall be found to be such as to entitle him to assume the standing which he may claim.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the existing laws anent the licensing of Students and the receiving of Probationers and Ministers from other Churches, which was given in and read by Dr. Mathieson, embodying an Act anent the same. The same having been duly considered, it was moved by Mr. Romanes, and

seconded by Mr. Mann, That the Act, as reported by the Committee, be adopted. It was then moved by Dr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Muir, in amendment—

That a Committee be named at every meeting of Synod, for the purpose of licensing Students and receiving Preachers or Ministers coming from other Churches not in connection with this Church, which Committee shall meet quarterly, and exercise all powers, in regard of licensing Students and receiving Preachers and Ministers, which are now exercised by Presbyteries: it being understood that no Preacher or Minister thus licensed or received, shall exercise his gifts within the bounds of any Presbytery till received by such Presbytery as a Preacher or Minister within their bounds, and that all parties have the right of appeal to the Synod from the decision of this Committee.

It was also moved in amendment, by Mr. George, and seconded by Mr. Evans,—That a Committee be appointed by the Synod, to be known as the Examining Committee,—that said Committee shall be empowered to meet with all Students of Theology applying for license, and shall examine said Students; and to examine the certificates of all Ministers and Preachers coming from other Churches, and also examine said Ministers and Preachers as to their Literary and Theological attainments,—and as to their possessing suitable gifts for the work of the Holy Ministry in this Church; and that, on the Committee being satisfied with the qualifications of the Students, and as to the qualifications of the Ministers and Preachers on the points referred to, said Student, Minister, or Preacher shall be recommended to any Presbytery to which he may wish to be recommended:—And that it shall not be advisable for any Presbytery to receive any one of the above persons without such recommendation. But nevertheless, he may, on his own responsibility go forward to the Presbytery.

The votes were then taken on the motions of Dr. Cook and Mr. George, when Mr. George's motion was carried by a majority of votes. The votes were next taken on the original motion and Mr. George's, when the original motion was carried by a large majority, and the Act was accordingly adopted as an Interim Act, and is as follows:—

Whereas the prosperity and efficiency of a Church as an Institution for carrying forward the work of Christ in the world, depends, with the blessing of God, in a great measure, on the high literary and theological attainments and devoted piety of her Ministers:—And whereas it is the duty of those who have rule to take especial care that no one shall be admitted into the sacred office of the Ministry, but after the most faithful and searching examination into their ministerial gifts and qualifications:—And whereas it is desirable and necessary to the carry-

ing into effective operation the Act of Synod anent the Reception of Ministers, Licentiates, and Students of Divinity from other Churches, not in connection with this Church, that more full provision be made in regard to the conducting of the examinations required by the said Act, the Synod hereby resolve that a Committee of Synod be formed, whose duty it shall be to examine thoroughly and strictly such candidates as shall be recommended to them by any Presbytery under the jurisdiction of the Synod, on Literature, Philosophy, Exegetical and Systematic Theology, and Hebrew, and, if satisfied, shall, in good faith to the Church and to the applicant himself, certify the same.

All Students of Divinity, Probationers, or Ministers from Churches not in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, desirous of joining this Church, shall, first, place their Certificates of Character and of Literary and Theological Curriculum on the Table of the Presbytery of the bounds within which they reside, who shall examine the same, and decern,—and, if sustained, shall transmit the same, with their Deliverance thereon, to the Synod at its next meeting or to the Examining Committee who are authorised to receive and act on the same. The applicant shall then compare before the Examining Committee and undergo a thorough examination on the several branches of education required by this Church.

The Examining Committee shall then certify to the kind and degree of knowledge and acquirements the said applicant has been found to possess; and this certificate shall be laid on the Presbytery table before any further action be taken in the case, and being considered, the Presbytery shall proceed according to the Standing Rules of this Church, viz., that they shall examine him, and, if a Student of Divinity, shall determine what further course of study he shall pursue, or issue circulars announcing their intention of taking him on trials for license,—and, if a Probationer or Minister, shall proceed according to the Act of Synod, September 14, 1847, anent the Reception of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches.

And Presbyteries are enjoined, notwithstanding the appointment of this Synodical Committee of Examination, to take special care that there be no relaxation in the trials of Candidates for the Holy Ministry, but to remember that some of the most important interests of the Church are involved in the faithful discharge of their duty in this matter.

The Synod then appointed the following Examining Committee under the above Act, viz:—Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. Andrew Bell, Dr. Hugh Mair, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. John McMorine, Dr. John Machar, Professor Williamson, Professor Romanes, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. James George, Dr. Alex. Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Dr. John Cook, and Mr. Robert McGill.

The Synod instructed the above named Committee to report for the consideration of the Synod, such arrangements as may seem to be necessary for carrying out the objects of their appointment.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed alteration in the 4th Section of the Model Constitution, which was given in and read, recommending the Synod to decern, in terms of the Overture, that the whole article shall simply stand thus—

“IV. The person who shall be elegendible for the Office of the Ministry in this Congregation, shall be, any regularly ordained Minister or duly licensed Probationer of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.”

It was moved that the Synod adopt the Overture. It was also moved in amendment, That there be no change made. The Roll having been called and the votes marked, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod accordingly decerned that there be no change made in 4th article of the model constitution.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the French Mission, when Dr. Mathieson agreed, with leave of the Synod, to withdraw his motion in regard to Mr. Lapelletrie, it being understood that he may be at liberty to bring it forward on some future occasion.

It was then moved by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Roach,—That inasmuch as reference is made, in the 8th article of the suggestions to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, passed July 11th, 1846, to the Rev. Emile Lapelletrie, be it resolved, that said eighth article be rescinded. It was also moved, in amendment, by Dr. Cook, that it be not rescinded. The votes were called and marked “Rescind” or “Not,”—when it was carried by a large majority of votes that the said eighth article be rescinded.

It was then moved, seconded, and agreed to,—*First*, That the Synod receive and approve the Report, anent the French Mission, which has been given in, and read to the Synod, and present their thanks to the Convener, the Rev. William Simpson, and the Committee generally, for the ability, zeal, and faithfulness, with which they have managed the important trust which has been committed to them; and instruct the Committee to print such an abstract of the Report as they may judge useful, for the information of Congregations, and circulate the same throughout the Church;—and that the Synod express their gratitude to the Christian people in Great Britain and other parts of Europe, as well as the United States, for their liberal contributions towards building a Church or Mission House for the French Congregation in Montreal, and other purposes specified in the Committee’s instructions to Mr. Lapelletrie.

Second, That the French Mission be placed under the management of two separate Committees, the one to attend to the spiritual superintendence, and the other to the financial concerns, of the Mission;—That

the Committee for the spiritual superintendence of the Mission, be the Members of the Presbytery of Montreal—the Rev. William Simpson, Convener:—and that the following persons be requested to take charge of the financial concerns of the Mission, viz.:—Hugh Allan, Hew Ramsay, John Greenshields, and H. E. Montgomerie, Esquires; and that both Committees report to the Synod at the next meeting.

Third, That, considering the Synod have now three Missionaries in the field, it has become more than ever necessary that every exertion should be made efficiently to maintain this Mission—that Ministers are hereby enjoined to bring the claims of this Mission before their Congregations at least once in the year, at as early a date as may be considered expedient, but not later than the first Sabbath in the month of May, and to give them an opportunity of contributing, by an extraordinary collection—that Congregations be strongly recommended to form associations to raise funds for this purpose, by subscriptions, donations, and otherwise—and that Ministers of Congregations in arrears be enjoined to make collections on this behalf, and remit the same forthwith to the Financial Committee above named.

A communication having been made to the Synod, that Hugh Allan, Esquire, had made a donation of One Hundred Pounds, the interest of which was to be employed as a bursary, for ever, for a Student in Queen's College, the following motion was unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of this Synod be respectfully tendered to Hugh Allan, Esq., for the many valuable services rendered by him to this Church, more especially for his generous donation of One Hundred Pounds for a Bursary for a Student in Queen's College.

The Presbytery of Kingston having applied for leave to take Mr. John B. Mowat, and the Presbytery of Bathurst to take Mr. Joseph Lowry, Students of Divinity, on trial for license; and it having been ascertained that the usual circular letters had been received by all the Presbyteries in due time, Mr. Romanes, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Urquhart and Mr. McGill were appointed as a sub-committee to examine the said Students, and report to the Synod on the following day.

References having been made to the Synod, on the part of the Presbytery of Toronto, and also of the Clerk of the Synod, for advice in regard to certain Minutes not duly signed by the Moderators of the respective meetings, It was agreed that in the event of any Minutes not being duly signed, in consequence of the death, or secession of either the Moderator or Clerk, the Minutes shall be signed by the Moderator or Clerk, as the case may be, for the time being, in the presence of the Presbytery or Synod, *cum nota* of the cause.

The Synod called for the Reports of the Committees appointed to revise the Records of the Synod and Presbyteries. A Report on the Synod Records was given in, read, and sustained :—and the Synod ordered the Records to be attested by the Moderator as carefully and correctly kept : and they further, on the recommendation of the Committee, directed that an amended form of the Minute of last year, anent the Statement of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be inserted in the margin, to the effect that “the Synod had laid before them a Statement by the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, with which the Members of the Synod expressed their high satisfaction.” Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of Glengary, Hamilton, Bathurst, Kingston, Toronto and Montreal. The same were read and sustained, and the Clerk ordered to attest the Records of the several Presbyteries, as correctly and carefully kept.

The Synod then adjourned till Twelve o'clock to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

DIET VII.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Wednesday, the Nineteenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. John McLaurin conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer.

Sederunt,—The Minutes were read and sustained.

There was laid before the Synod a Report from the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphan's Fund. The same was read. It was then moved by Mr. Andrew Bell, and seconded by Mr. Urquhart, and unanimously agreed to, that the Report be received, and that the Synod record their high satisfaction with the wise and able manner in which the Board have managed the trust confided to them ; and that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to them for their valuable and disinterested labours :—that Presbyteries be enjoined to deal with those Ministers who have not complied with the instructions given by last

Synod, viz. :—Mr. Lapelletrie, Mr. Gregor, Mr. King, Mr. Romanes, Mr. Wm. Bell, (Perth), Mr. Durie, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Brown ; and that Presbyteries be further instructed to make appointments for preaching in the several vacant Congregations, and on such occasions to have collections made in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund :—and in regard to all other suggestions contained in the Report, the Synod declare their full confidence in the management of the Board in such matters.

The examining (sub) committee appointed to examine Mr. John B. Mowat and Mr. Joseph Lowry, Students of Divinity, presented the following Report :—

“ The Committee appointed to examine Mr. John B. Mowat and Mr. Joseph B. Lowry, have to report that they held a meeting this day. Mr. Lowry sent a letter addressed to the Convener, withdrawing his application, on the ground of indisposition.

“ The Committee examined Mr. Mowat in *Latin*, on the Third Oration of Cicero against Catiline ; in *Greek*, on the Second Book of the Iliad, and the Epistle to the Romans ; in *Hebrew*, on the Second Psalm ; also, on Logic and Moral Philosophy ; in *Theology*, on the Evidences of Christianity, the Jewish and Christian Systems, the peculiar doctrines of the Gospel, and the great outlines of the History of the Church : and the Committee have to express their very high satisfaction with the manner in which he acquitted himself on all the different subjects of examination.

“ Signed in name of the Committee.

“ GEORGE ROMANES, *Convener.*”

The Synod having heard the Report of the Committee, granted leave to the Presbytery of Kingston to take Mr. John B. Mowat on trials for license.

The Synod then took up the consideration of the several matters brought before them by the Address of the Lay Association ; and agreed to the following recommendations, viz. :—

1. The Synod recommend Ministers and Congregations to form Lay Associations for the advancement of the several schemes of the Church, in connection with the Lay Association in Montreal ; and request the office bearers of the Montreal Lay Association to explain, as fully as possible, the nature of the objects of such associations, through the pages of “ *The Presbyterian.*”

2. The Synod recommend Ministers and Congregations to use their best endeavours to increase and extend the circulation of “ *The Presby-*

terian," as a medium for conveying Ecclesiastical and Missionary Intelligence to the several congregations.

There was laid before the Synod a letter from Hew Ramsay, Esquire, in regard to the publication of a work consisting of Discourses and Prayers, for the aid of Elders and others who may conduct the devotions of meetings for worship in settlements destitute of the services of a Minister, and for the benefit of families and individuals. The Synod agreed to express their high sense of the value of such a work, and of the kindness and generosity of Mr. Ramsay in making that proposal:— and, while the Synod declines taking upon itself such a responsibility as a formal sanction of the work would imply, the members declare that they will cheerfully assist in the undertaking, both by contributing suitable discourses, and by promoting its circulation and employment in all the places where it shall appear useful and desirable to introduce it.

Dr. Cook and Mr. Simpson reported that according to the appointment of the Moderator they had waited upon the gentlemen requested to take the management of the financial concerns of the French Mission, and given them a statement of the affairs of the Mission, and that they had consented to take the management of the same.

The Committee appointed to report on such arrangements as might seem necessary, for carrying out the objects for the appointment of the Committee of Examination of Students of Divinity, and Ministers and Probationers from other Churches not in connection with this Church, reported the following Plan of Procedure:—viz.

The subjects of examination shall be as follows:—

I. *In Latin.* To read, *ad aperturam libri*, in the Odes and Epodes of Horace, and in the Orations of Cicero against Cataline, with examinations on the scanning, parsing, &c.

To write a few paragraphs of Latin from English dictated.

II. *In Greek.* To read in the Greek New Testament, in the first Six Books of the Iliad, and in the Anabasis of Xenophon.

To write a few sentences of Greek, from English dictated.

III. *Mathematics.* The first six books of Euclid, Elements of Plane Trigonometry, and Algebra as far as Quadratic Equations.

IV. *Logic, Moral and Natural Philosophy.*

V. *General Knowledge,* as Geography and the leading facts of History.

VI. *Composition.* A specimen of the applicant's ability in respect of English Composition, by writing in a certain time a short Essay on some moral or general subject.

VII. *In Theology.* 1. The Evidences of Christianity.

2. The peculiar Doctrines of the Gospel; the harmony and difference between the Jewish and Christian systems.
3. Difference between the Calvinistic and Armenian systems.
4. The principles of Presbyterian polity and Church Government.
5. A general view of the great outlines of Church History, and especially of the Church of Scotland.
6. Hebrew and Chaldaic, — the principles of the grammar, and of Hebrew Poetry,—and to read portions both of the Hebrew and Chaldee parts of the Old Testament.

The Committee shall meet during the meeting of Synod or immediately after its rising; and if it shall be found necessary to hold any other meetings, on account of any applications that may be addressed to the Convener, and which require to be disposed of without delay, the Convener may appoint a meeting to be held at such time and place as shall appear most convenient for the majority of the members, and if possible at the same time and place as the then next meeting of the Synod's Commission is to be held,—notice of which shall be given by Circular to all the members of the Committee in time sufficient to allow them to attend, and stating the object of their meeting.

The Synod approved of the proposed Plan of Proceedings, as an interim act—and ordered the same to be transmitted to Presbyteries.

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Montreal, and to the Presbytery of Kingston to meet in Montreal to-morrow.

There was transmitted to the Synod, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for leave to proceed with the induction of Mr. Baynes, Missionary, as soon as he shall receive a call, although within a year of the date of his reception. The Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Hamilton, if they see meet, to settle Mr. Baynes after the expiry of a year from his admission in conformity with the act anent the reception of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches.

Reports on the order of Ministers' names in Presbytery Rolls, were called for and given in, and, in accordance with these, the Synod ordered that in the making up of Presbytery Rolls, the Ministers' names shall stand in the order of the dates of their admission to the Presbytery.

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in and read, showing the amount paid, the arrears due, and the claims against the Fund. The Synod ordered the said claims to be discharged. The Clerk was directed to send a list of those in arrears to the several Presbyteries, and the Synod enjoined all such to remit to the Treasurer immediately. Upon a motion to raise funds for the contingent expenses of the Synod, by the assessment of a certain sum upon each Presbytery, the Roll was called and the votes marked, when it was carried by a majority of votes, that the former mode of collection should be continued; and congregations were recommended to contribute more liberally.

The Committee to whom was referred the scheme for a Corporation for holding Church Property, reported a draft, which was considered. It was agreed that copies of the same be sent to Presbyteries that they may report thereon to the Commission in terms of the Minute of July 17th.

Reports from Presbyteries, on the form of Procedure in the calling and settling of Ministers, were called for and given in. The Presbytery of Montreal was appointed a Committee to perfect the measure and report to next meeting of Synod; and the Synod enjoined the several Presbyteries after a careful consideration of the measure, to come to a deliverance and report the same to the Committee.

An application having been made on behalf of the Trustees of Queen's College, praying, if it should be found requisite to employ any of the Ministers of this Church in carrying on the work of instruction, that leave of absence should be granted to such Ministers for that purpose, the Synod instructed Presbyteries to grant leave of absence accordingly, for such time as may be necessary.

The Synod, in view of the information obtained, on a previous day, from Presbyteries, regarding congregations within their bounds destitute of religious instruction, and the determination thereon to make an effort to procure additional Ministers, agreed that the Rev. Dr. Machar, now in Scotland, be commissioned on behalf of the Synod, to use every exertion to procure two Ministers or Probationers, suitable for the work of the Ministry in this country, for each of the six Presbyteries, at least three or four of the whole number to be qualified to preach in Gaelic; that the Colonial Committee be requested to co-operate with Dr. Machar in this matter, and to grant, should they see fit, Fifty Pounds, sterling, per annum, to each Minister or Probationer so sent out, for three years at least;—that the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be requested to suspend their Bye-law, regarding grants of public money in reference to this

particular case ; that Presbyteries be enjoined to obtain from two or three of the most needful congregations, in their bounds, obligations for at least Sixty pounds currency, per annum, in behalf of any of the said Ministers or Probationers, so sent out, as they may choose for their Pastors, and transmit the same with as little delay as possible to Dr. Machar ;—and that the Moderator write to Dr. Machar, explaining the plan fully and particularly, as well as the views of the Synod thereon.

The Synod appointed Mr. John Barclay, *Moderator*, and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Clerk of Synod* ; and *from the Presbytery of Glengary*, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Thomas McPherson, *Ministers* ; the Hon. John McGillivray, Mr. James Pringle, Mr. Alexander McMartin, *Elders* :—*From the Presbytery of Hamilton*, Mr. William King, Mr. John Cruickshank, Dr. Hugh Mair, *Ministers* ; Mr. Alexander Turnbull, Mr. Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, Mr. Walter Cowan, Mr. Andrew Steven, *Elders* :—*From the Presbytery of Bathurst*, Mr. Wm. Bell, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, *Ministers* ; Mr. Robert Bell, the Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. George Malloch, *Elders* :—*From the Presbytery of Kingston*, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. George Romanes, *Ministers* ; Mr. George Davidson, Mr. David Allan, *Elders* :—*From the Presbytery of Toronto*, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. James George, *Ministers* ; Professor Murray, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. George Miller, *Elders* :—*And from the Presbytery of Montreal*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Dr. John Cook, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. Robert McGill, *Ministers* ; Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. Robert Norval, Dr. John Anderson, and Mr. John Bruce, *Elders* :—To BE COMMISSIONERS of this Synod, to the effect after mentioned, with power to the said Commissioners or their quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Five of the said Commissioners, whereof Three are always to be Ministers, to meet in St. Andrew's Church at Montreal, on the First Wednesday in November next, at Twelve o'clock noon ; and in St. Andrew's Church at Kingston, on the First Wednesday in May next, at Twelve o'clock, noon, and oftner when and where they shall think fit and convenient :—And the Synod fully empower their said Commissioners, or their quorum above mentioned, to transact all business referred to them by this Synod, and to determine in the same as they shall see cause, —also to attend to such emergent cases as may require immediate action on the part of the Church,—and to watch over the general interests of the Church, that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice which they can prevent :—Further, the said Commission is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made them from Presbyteries, and ripen such affairs for next Synod, and to give all needful

advice to Presbyteries, upon application to them for that end:—And in all their actings, they shall proceed according to the laws of the Church, and they shall be accountable for the same to the next meeting of Synod. And this Commission is to continue until the next meeting of Synod; and members are required to attend the diets of the said Commission. And for the better securing a full attendance of members on the Commission, the Synod prohibit any of the Presbyteries from meeting on any of the days or weeks appointed for the meeting of this Commission; and such members of the Presbytery within whose bounds the Commission meets, as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to attend,—and other Presbyteries are to take care that at least two of their members, who are named on the Commission, shall attend.

It was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to the members of the Church in Montreal, for the hospitality extended to members of Synod on this occasion.

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Kingston and the Presbytery of Montreal, to meet in Montreal to-morrow.

The Minutes were read over, and Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Muir, were appointed a Committee along with the Clerk, to revise the same.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on the second Wednesday in July, 1849, at Seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod:—when, after prayer and singing the last half of the 122nd Psalm, the Synod was closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

APPENDIX.

MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

1847.—September 28. The translation of the Rev. James George to Belleville, agreed to by the Presbytery of Toronto.

November 16. Scarboro' declared vacant by the Presbytery of Toronto.

1848.—February 2. The Rev. Hugh Mair, D. D., inducted as Minister of Fergus, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

February 3. The Rev. Colin Gregor, formerly of L'Original, inducted as Minister of Guelph, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

May 15. The Rev. John William Baynes, admitted by the Presbytery of Hamilton, and employed as a Missionary.

May 17. Mr. William Bell, Probationer, ordained to the office of the Holy ministry, and inducted as Minister of Stratford and North Easthope, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

May 17. The Rev. James George, having been called back by the congregation of Scarboro', is re-inducted there, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

June 14. The Rev. Alexander McKid, formerly of Hamilton, inducted as Minister of Goderich, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

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TO INCORPORATE THE MANAGERS OF THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

[28th July, 1847.]

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the Legislature of this Province, that it is highly expedient and desirable that provision should be made for the establishment of a fund for the support of the Widows and Orphans of Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland; and whereas the due and proper collection, administration, investment, application and management of such a fund will be best secured by the erection of a Corporation for that purpose, composed of members of the said Church: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Reverend Alexander Mathieson, Doctor in Divinity, the Reverend John Cook, Doctor in Divinity, the Reverend Walter Roach, the Reverend Robert McGill, Alexander Simpson, Esquire, Hew Ramsay, Esquire, Thomas Wilson, Esquire, William Whiteford, Esquire, William Edmonstone, Esquire, Hugh Montgomery, Esquire, John Greenshields, Esquire, and Andrew Shaw, Esquire, and their successors, to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be a Body Corporate and Politic in name and in deed, by the name of *The Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland*, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change, alter, break, or make new the same as often as they shall judge expedient; and that they and their successors by the same name, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any Court of Record or place of Judicature in this Province; and that they and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess and retain, without license in mortmain, or *lettres d'amortissement*, all messuages, lands, tenements, and immoveable property, money, goods, chattels, and moveable property which have been, or hereafter shall be, paid, given, granted, purchased, appropriated, devised or bequeathed in any manner or way whatsoever to, for, and in favour of the said *The Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland*,

to and for the use and purpose aforesaid, provided the same shall not exceed at any time in yearly value the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds currency.

II. And be it enacted, That one Minister and two Laymen shall retire from the said Corporation annually, in rotation, on the second day of the annual meeting of the said Synod, and their places shall be supplied by one Minister and two Laymen who shall be then and there chosen for that purpose by the said Synod, the retiring members being eligible for re-election; and whenever a vacancy shall occur by the death, removal, resignation or secession from the said Church of any member of the said Corporation, his place shall be supplied by a Minister or Layman as the case may be, chosen by the rest of the members thereof, or the major part of them who shall be present at a general meeting duly convened for that purpose, (subject however to the approval of the said Synod at its then next meeting,) so that the said Corporation shall always consist of twelve Members, of whom four shall be Ministers and eight shall be Laymen, all being Members of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

III. And be it enacted, That the retirement of the first Members of the said Corporation shall take place in the inverse order to that in which they are named in this Act, so that the Minister and the two Laymen who are last above named shall be the first to retire, and the Minister and the two Laymen who are first above named shall be the last to retire; and when there shall no longer be one of the Ministers above named in the said Corporation who shall not have once retired in annual rotation, that Minister shall retire therefrom each year as above directed, who shall have been longest a Member thereof without having been re-elected; and in like manner when there shall no longer be any of the Laymen above named in the said Corporation, who shall not have once retired in annual rotation, those two Laymen shall retire therefrom each year as above directed, who shall have been longest Members thereof without having been re-elected; and if it should happen that there should remain at last, from any cause, but one of the said Laymen above named who shall not have once retired in annual rotation, and two or more Laymen who shall have been longest Members without having been re-elected, shall have so been Members during an equal time, or if at any time, from any cause, it shall become a question which of two or more Lay Members of the said Corporation, having been equally long Members thereof, without having been re-elected, should retire therefrom in rotation, that one or those two of such Members shall so retire who shall have been elected at his or their last election by the fewest votes, in the said Synod.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Reverend Alexander Mathieson may call a meeting of the Members of the said Corporation at such time within twelve months from the passing of this Act, and at such place as he may see fit to appoint, at which meeting the Members of the said Corporation, or the major part of such of them as shall be then and there present, shall choose from among the Members of the said Corporation, one Chairman, one Treasurer and one Secretary, who shall hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the said Corporation, and whose places shall be filled by new elections from among the Members of the said Corporation, as often as occasion shall require.

V. And be it enacted, That the Members of the said Corporation, or the major part of such of them as shall be present at any General Meeting of the said Corporation duly convened, shall have power and authority to frame and make Statutes, By-laws, Rules and Orders, touching and concerning the good government of the said Corporation, and the income and property thereof, and the collection, administration, investment, application and management of the fund aforesaid, and any other matter or thing which to them may seem fit or expedient for the effectual attainment of the objects of the said Corporation, and the administration of its concerns, and for fixing, ascertaining, and establishing the scale or rate of contribution to the said Fund by the Ministers or others entitled to contribute thereto under the provisions of this Act, and the scale or rate of annuities payable to the Widows and Orphans of such contributors; and also, from time to time, by such new Statutes, By-laws, Rules and Orders as to them shall seem meet, to alter or repeal those so made as aforesaid: Provided always, that no such Statutes, By-laws, Rules or Orders shall be repugnant to the Laws of the Province or to this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Professors of Queen's College, at Kingston, for the time being, whether Ministers or Laymen, shall, at all times, be entitled to the benefit of the said fund on the same terms and conditions as any Minister of the Synod of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Officers and Members of the said Corporation for the time being, to prepare annually and to cause to be laid before the Synod at its yearly meeting, a full account of the receipts and disbursements of the said Corporation during the year next preceding such meeting.

VIII. And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Courts, Judges and Justices of the Peace, and by all others whom it may concern, without being specially pleaded.

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