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

OF THE

**Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection
with the Church of Scotland, Session XVIII. held at
Toronto, September 8, 1847.**

DIET I.

*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Wednesday, the Eighth Day of September, One
Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven Years :*

The which day, after sermon by the Rev. George Romanes, of Smith's Falls, the Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from 1 Cor. i. 23, "We preach Christ crucified", 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. George Romanes, *Moderator*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. Walter Roach, Dr. John Cook, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. Colin Grigor, Mr. George McClatchey, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. John Cruikshank, Mr. Alexander McKid, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. Peter McNaughton, Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. Alexander Lewis, Mr. John Barclay, Mr. Alexander Ross, Mr. William Brown, and Mr. William Barr, *Ministers* :—together with Mr. Andrew Hall, Mr. James Durham, Hon. James Crooks, Mr. Walter Cowan, Mr. Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, Mr. Joseph Bruce, Mr. William Patterson, Mr. Donald Cameron, and Mr. George Miller, *Elders*.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Walter Roach, Minister of Beauharnois, 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. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., the Rev. John Cook, D.D., and the Rev. Robert Neill, who retire from Office at this time, according to the terms of the Royal Charter of Queen's College, when the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., the Rev. John Cook, D.D., and the Rev. Robert Neill were unanimously re-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-morrow morning at half-past nine 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. McGill, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Romanes, Dr. Machar, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Neill, Mr. George, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Tawse, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Miller.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Records of the Synod, and report;—viz., Mr. Williamson, Mr. Barclay, and Mr. Cruickshank.

Leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet in Toronto, for all competent business, during the sitting of the Synod.

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 half-past Ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

*At Toronto, Thursday, the Ninth Day of September,
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-
Seven Years :—*

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

The Rev. Dr. Machar, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.—The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures made a Report of the business to come before the Synod.

The Synod instructed Presbytery Clerks, in making up the Rolls, to follow the order of the dates of the ordination of Ministers:—and it was afterwards agreed that it be remitted to Presbyteries to report their opinions to next Synod, as to the best order to be followed in making up Presbytery Rolls.

The Rev. Professor Murray, of King's College being present, was invited to sit with the Synod.

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 said Proceedings. On motion, the Synod appointed a Committee to report specially on a Minute of a meeting held at Kingston on the 22nd Oct'r., 1845, viz., Mr. McGill, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. George, Mr. McKid, and Mr. Romanes.

The Synod having had intimation made to them that a Deputation from the Church of Scotland, consisting of the Rev. James C. Fowler, Minister of Ratho, the Rev. Robert Stevenson of Dalry, and the Rev. Simon Mackintosh, of Aberdeen, was now in the country, appointed Mr. Romanes, Dr. Machar, Mr. George, Mr. McGill, Mr. McKid, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Fordyce, and Mr. Durham, to be a Committee to meet with said Deputation on their arrival, and furnish them with suggestions in regard to their visit to the Western part of the Province, and also to prepare a Draft of an expression of the views and feelings of this Synod, in reference to the Deputation.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Draft of a Form of Procedure, in regard to the calling and settling of Ministers, prepared by the Presbytery of Montreal in conformity with the instructions of the Synod at last meeting. The same having been read, the Synod remitted it to the Presbytery of Montreal, with instructions to revise it, and then to print it, and transmit it to Presbyteries. The Synod further instruct Presbyteries to report on it to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Memorial to the Synod from certain Elders in the Townships of Dummer, Asphodel, Belmont, &c., praying that the services of the Rev. Archibald Colquhoun, as a Missionary, should be continued among them. The same having been read, the Synod, after mature deliberation, remitted the said Memorial to the Presbytery of Kingston, with instructions to them to continue Mr. Colquhoun as a Missionary under their jurisdiction, in his present field of labour, and to take all competent measures to procure for Mr. Colquhoun the usual Clergy Reserve Allowance, during the time of his being a Missionary within the bounds.

The Synod had transmitted to them, an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, anent the formation of Presbyterial Clerical Associations. The said Overture was read, considered, and amended; when, after mature deliberation, it was moved by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Romanes, that the Overture be adopted. It was also moved by Mr.

McGill, seconded by Dr. Machar, that the Overture be rejected. The votes having been called and marked, it was carried by a majority of votes that the Overture be adopted, and the Synod decerned in terms of the Overture as follows:—"Whereas, it is desirable, with the view of striving after a higher order of piety, as well as for obtaining greater aptness for the discharge of certain weighty and difficult parts of Pastoral duty, that one or more Clerical Associations should be formed in each Presbytery for devotional exercises, for free converse, and for mutual brotherly help; which things can be but imperfectly accomplished at meetings intended solely for the transaction of Ecclesiastical business, the Synod therefore recommend the formation of one or more Clerical Fellowship Meetings, in each Presbytery, where it is practicable and desirable; and appoint Mr. George, Mr. Romanes, and Mr. McClatchey a Committee to prepare a plan for the conducting of the Clerical Associations". Mr. McGill dissented from this decision, because, he conceives a Clerical Association unnecessary, and that the object may be obtained much better Presbyterially. Dr. Machar also dissented.

Mr. Cruickshank and Mr. McGill were appointed to draft an Address to the Queen;—and Mr. McKid and Mr. Barclay to draft one to the Governor General.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures was appointed to meet at half-past Nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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

DIET III.

*At Toronto, Friday, the Tenth Day of September,
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-
Seven 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. Dr. Cook conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise; reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Sederunt.—The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Paper from the Board of Trustees of Queen's College on the

subject of the University Bills. The same was read, and, after some consideration, was referred to the following Committee, viz., Dr. Cook, Mr. McGill, Mr. George, Professor Murray, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Romanes, Dr. Machar, Dr. Mathieson, Professor Williamson, Mr. Crooks, and Mr. Pateison, to report on the same for the action of the Synod.

The Synod made the following appointments for the services of the Sabbath, viz., Dr. Cook to preach in St. Andrew's Church in the forenoon, Mr. Neill in the afternoon, and Mr. Cruickshank in the evening, —in case the Deputation from Scotland had not arrived;—Mr. Barr to preach in Markham, and Mr. Ferguson in Pickering.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures an extract Minute of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, with reference to the present condition and future prospects of Queen's College. The same having been read, the Synod referred it to the Committee on the University Bills, to report on it.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto on the subject of Bursaries, and proposing the institution of a Fund to be employed in loans to deserving Students in indigent circumstances. The Overture having been read and fully considered, the Synod agreed to transmit the said Overture to Presbyteries, that their opinions on the same, and as to the most advantageous mode generally of affording pecuniary aid to young men of merit, studying for the Ministry, who may be in indigent circumstances, may be sent up to the Synod at next meeting.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were produced; when the Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the same, and report on them, viz., Mr. Ferguson, Mr. McClatchey, and Mr. Urquhart to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal; Mr. McNaughton, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Ross to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary; Mr. Romanes, Dr. Machar, and Mr. Barclay, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton; Mr. Neill, Mr. Johnson, and Professor Williamson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst; Mr. McKid, Mr. Tawse, and Mr. George, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston; Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Purkis, and Dr. Cook, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past Ten o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

*At Toronto, Saturday, the Eleventh Day of September,
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-
Seven 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.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Kingston, to the effect that the Synod should enact Regulations regarding the attendance of Students intended for the Ministry at the Literary and Theological classes of Queen's College. The Synod remitted the same to the Presbytery of Kingston, with instructions to draw up Regulations and report the same to the Synod at next meeting.

There was produced and read a communication from the Civil Secretary's Office, to the late Moderator, intimating to the Synod that His Excellency the Governor General had received a Despatch from the Secretary of State, acknowledging the Receipt of the Address to the Queen from the Synod, and stating that he had laid the Address before Her Majesty, and that she had commanded it to be signified to the Synod that she had received their Address with much satisfaction.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Communication from the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, in reference to Glebes. The Synod referred the said Communication to the following Committee, viz., Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Barclay, with instructions to report some suggestions as the basis of a scheme to be transmitted to the Colonial Committee, indicating the views of the Synod in this matter.

The Synod appointed Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Urquhart, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Andrew Hall, as a Committee to attend to the Financial concerns of the Synod, in conjunction with the Treasurer; and the Synod instructed Presbytery Clerks and others to pay over to the Treasurer all monies collected by them for the Synod Fund.

The Synod had brought before them, through their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for advice and direction in regard to the Church property at London, C. W. The Synod having had read the documents in the case, approved of the conduct of the Presbytery, and instructed them to take legal counsel, and report to the next meeting of the Commission.

The Synod had brought before them, through their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for advice and direction in regard to the application of Mr. David McKenzie to be reponed to the office of the Ministry. The members of the Presbytery of Hamilton present were heard on the case, who stated that previously to the late Secession, the Presbytery had had correspondence with the Church in Scotland, and that leave had been granted by the Commission of the Free Church, and by the Free Church Presbytery of Tongue to reponer said Mr. David McKenzie, but that they were not in possession of the original documents, but only attested copies. The Synod, after long deliberation, agreed to instruct the Presbytery of Hamilton to commence the case *de novo*, to correspond with the Presbytery of Tongue stating all the circumstances of the case, to appoint Mr. McKenzie to labour as a Catechist under the inspection and superintendence of the Presbytery, and to report their diligence in this matter to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod had laid before them an application from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for leave to take Mr. William Bell, Probationer within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, on trials for ordination and admission into this Church as a Minister, in view of his being settled over the congregation of Stratford and North Easthope. There was produced and read a Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Monaghan, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, certifying him to be a Licentiate of that Presbytery, in good and regular standing,—also a certificate in his favour from the Secretary of the Irish General Assembly's Mission Committee. The Synod, having taken the whole matter into their serious consideration, resolved that leave be granted to the Presbytery of Hamilton to proceed as they see meet; but, at the same time, instructed them to employ him at least six months in Missionary labour, previously to moderating in a call.

The Synod had laid before them an application from the Presbytery of Hamilton, for leave to admit the Rev. Dr. Mair as a minister of this Church, in view of his being settled over a congregation within their bounds. The Presbytery agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Hamilton, to act in the matter as they see meet.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the Act passed at last Synod anent the admission of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches, viz., Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Mr. Cruickshank, and Mr. Barclay.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, for advice and direction in the case of Mr. Lewis, in regard to the secular employ-

ments in which he is alleged to have been engaged, and the consequent withdrawal of his allowance by the Clergy Reserve Commissioners. The Synod had read the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto in the case, and the members of the Presbytery were fully heard thereanent: when, after mature deliberation, the following deliverance was come to:—The Synod enjoin the Presbytery of Toronto, as speedily as possible, to visit the congregation of Mono, to ascertain whether Mr. Lewis is, *bona fide*, giving himself to the work of the Ministry and rendering that service to the Church which might be reasonably expected in the sphere in which he is placed; and the Presbytery are instructed, if they find that Mr. Lewis has discontinued all secular employment and is devoting himself to the discharge of his Ministerial duty, to report him to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, as duly entitled to the usual allowance.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, to the effect that the Synod should rescind the Act of last year, in reference to the sum of Fifty Pounds per annum, as a minimum stipend, being required from congregations. The said Overture was read and considered, when the Synod agreed to reject the same, inasmuch as the special cases contemplated in the Overture are already provided for in the Act of last Synod, through a special application to the Synod, and therefore the Overture is unnecessary.

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

DIET V.

*At Toronto, Monday, the Thirteenth Day of
September, One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Forty-Seven 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 singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved of.

The Rev. James C. Fowler, of Ratho, one of the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was introduced to the Synod by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and was thereafter invited by the Moderator to sit with the Synod, and take part in their deliberations.

A communication having been made to the Synod, that the Rev. James Lambie, of Pickering, who had been prevented by indisposition from meeting with the Synod, was apparently drawing near to the gates of death, the Synod resolved to suspend business, and commend their brother to God in prayer. On the call of the Moderator, Mr. Urquhart led the prayers of the Synod.

There was produced and laid upon the Table a Report from the Synod's Clergy Reserve Commissioners. The Synod appointed the following Committee to consider and report upon the same, viz., the Moderator, Dr. Cook, Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Romanes, Dr. Machar, and Mr. George.

The Synod called for Reports upon the Model Constitution, which were given in. Thereafter, the Synod had read the said Constitution, clause by clause, and amended the same. The Synod then adopted the Constitution as now revised and amended,—and enjoin Presbyteries not to receive any congregation into the Church till they have solemnly adopted this Constitution.

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR NEW CHURCHES.

I. The property of the Church, and all real estate belonging to, or that may hereafter be acquired by, this Congregation, shall be vested in Trustees, to be held by them and their successors in office, in Trust for the sole and proper use of the congregation of ———, adhering to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

II. The Trustees shall be persons in full communion with the Church, or who shall declare their intention of being so at the earliest opportunity. They shall be elected at a meeting of the congregation called for the purpose by public intimation after Divine service, on at least one Sabbath, ten days previous to the day of meeting. They shall be chosen by the majority of votes of the male persons present, of the full age of Twenty-one years, who are members, or adherents, of this Church, and profess their intention to support religion in this congregation, and who reside within the bounds of the same.

III. The Trustees shall hold office until disqualified by removal from the congregation or by ceasing to be members of the Church, or until they shall resign. Vacancies occurring in the number of Trustees shall be supplied at a meeting called in the manner specified in the preceding section.

IV. The persons who shall be eligible for the Office of the Ministry in this congregation shall be,—1. Any regularly ordained Minister, or duly licensed Probationer of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.—2. Any Minister or Probationer of the Church of Scotland.—3. Any Minister or Probationer of any Presbyterian Body holding the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, who shall be willing to take the usual

ordination vows and obey the Laws and Rules of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland; and who shall have been received as a Preacher by the Presbytery of the bounds; it being always understood that such Minister or Preacher shall have undergone such course of education, Literary, Scientific and Theological, as is now, or may hereafter be, required by the Synod, or other Supreme Court of this Church.

V. The Minister of this Church shall be a member of the Synod, or other Supreme Court, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and shall acknowledge that Synod, or other Supreme Court, as his Supreme Ecclesiastical Judicatory, so long as he shall continue to be Minister of this Church.

VI. The first Minister shall be called by a majority of votes of all male persons above Twenty-one years of age who shall be resident within the bounds of the congregation, and who profess their adherence to the Presbyterian form of worship and their willingness to join with and support this Church. But in all future calls there shall be a majority of male communicants, of at least three months standing on the Roll, and free of Church censure, in order to render the call valid.

VII. All meetings for the election of a Minister shall be called by authority of the Presbytery, by public intimation after Divine Service, on at least one Sabbath ten days previous to the day of meeting; and all the procedure shall be in accordance with the Laws and usages of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and such regulations as the Presbytery of the bounds may adopt, agreeably to the said Laws and usages.

VIII. The temporal affairs of the Church shall be managed by a Committee of not less than Five fit and proper persons, who shall be members or adherents, and who shall be styled the Managers of the Temporal affairs of the congregation. The manner of election shall be as in Article II.—A majority shall be a quorum.

IX. At the annual meeting of the congregation, the two senior Managers, or the two whose names stand highest on the list, shall retire from office, and the meeting shall choose two in their room, whose names shall be placed at the foot of the list. The retiring Managers may be re-elected.

X. Any Manager who shall leave the bounds of the congregation, or cease to be a member of the Church, shall be disqualified for holding office. Casual vacancies occurring during the year, from these or any other causes, shall be temporarily supplied by the remaining Managers until the annual meeting, when the nomination shall be confirmed, or set aside, as it may seem proper to the congregation.

XI. The duties of the Managers shall be:—to take care of the Church, and all buildings belonging to the congregation:—to attend to the repairs, insurance, cleaning, warming and lighting of the Church, and the providing of all things necessary for the decent and orderly performance of Divine Worship:—to see to the due support of the Minister, to arrange with him in regard to the amount of stipend, and the times and mode of payment, and to sign engagements, if necessary, in name and on behalf of the congregation:—and to provide ways and means for raising the amount required for the Minister's support, and the other necessary expenses of the Church:—for which purpose they shall have power to let the seats in the Church, to fix the rent, appoint the time and manner of letting, and the times and mode of payment.

XII. The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held on ——. It shall be notified by public intimation, after Divine service on the preceding Sabbath, and shall consist of all male persons above Twenty-one years of age, who shall be supporters of the ordinances of religion therein. The meeting shall appoint a Chairman and Secretary, from among their own number, and the proceedings shall be recorded in the Minute Book of the Managers.

XIII. At the annual meeting, the proceedings of the Managers for the past year shall be submitted for inspection, and approved of or disallowed, as shall seem proper; the accounts of revenue and expenditure by the Managers shall be laid before them; two new Managers shall be elected; and all business requisite for the welfare of the congregation shall be transacted,—provided that nothing be done repugnant to this Constitution, or to the Laws of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

XIV. The Precentor shall be appointed by the Kirk Session, and the Church Officer by the Managers.

XV. In regard to all things not specified herein, the Laws, customs and usages of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, shall be followed;—and if any difference of opinion arise, as to the meaning or interpretation of any part of this Constitution, it shall be referred to the Presbytery of the bounds for advice and decision thereon, subject to appeal to the Synod, or other Supreme Court, whose deliverance shall be final.

On the motion of Mr. Urquhart, it was agreed that the above Model Constitution be submitted to Legal Counsel as to its serving legally the purposes for which it is intended.

The Act incorporating the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was laid upon the Table. The Synod having maturely considered the provisions of the Act, and the proper means of carrying them into effect, agreed to the following deliverance:—

That Whereas, to the working of the Act incorporating the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, it is required that monies be raised, it is hereby enacted that each Minister shall pay annually the sum of Three Pounds, for the securing of the payment of which each Presbytery shall cause Bonds for said payment to be signed in duplicate by each Minister within the bounds, authorizing the Synod's Clergy Reserve Commissioners to retain in their hands said annual payment of Three Pounds in half-yearly instalments out of the payments rendered him by said Commissioners, one copy of which Bond shall be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners and the Duplicate kept by the Clerk of the Presbytery. The Bond to be as follows:—

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I, ———, Minister of ———, and member of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, hereby authorise the Board of Commissioners of Clergy Reserves to retain the yearly sum of Three Pounds, Halifax Currency, in half-yearly instalments, out of the annual payments that may be rendered to me as a Minister of said Church and Synod, during the period of my incumbency, and remaining within the bounds of this Church, which annual sum of

Three Pounds shall be paid over to the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and their receipt shall be received by me in lieu of the same.

_____,
Minister of _____.

And further, Presbyteries are enjoined not to ordain or induct any Probationer or Minister into a Pastoral charge, without his first having signed the above Bond in the presence of the Presbytery, and which Bond shall be attested by the Moderator and Clerk.

And further, each Minister is enjoined to have a yearly collection on the first Sabbath of January in behalf of said Fund, and to use all diligence to obtain donations or subscriptions from his people, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Fund:—and Presbyteries are enjoined to see that Ministers show all diligence in this matter, and send yearly returns to the Synod.

The Synod agreed that the first instalment for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be payable on the First day of January, 1848:—and the Synod's Clergy Reserve Commissioners are required to see that the Bonds are forwarded to them in due time.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor General reported a Draft, which was read and considered. The Synod adopted the same, and ordered it to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

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 their Moderator, as carefully and correctly kept. Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengary, Hamilton, Bathurst, Kingston, and Toronto. The same were read and sustained, and the Synod ordered their Clerk to attest the Records of these several Presbyteries, as carefully and correctly kept. A Report was given in by the Committee on the Commission Records, recommending, in regard to the Minute of the 22nd of October, 1845, that it be deleted. The Synod sustained the Report, and ordered that the said Minute be deleted, and that it be marked in the margin that it was so deleted by order of the Synod of this date.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; and was closed with prayer.

DIET VI.

*At Toronto, Tuesday, the Fourteenth Day of
September, One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Forty-Seven 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.

The Rev. Peter Ferguson, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Robert Stevenson, of Dalry, one of the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was introduced to the Synod by the Rev. Dr. Cook ; and was, by the Moderator, invited to take a seat with the Synod and to deliberate with them.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee in reference to the University Bills, which was given in and read. It was then moved by Mr. Neill, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the deliverance recommended by the Committee be adopted by the Synod, as follows :—

“That the Synod, feeling the just claims of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to a share in the management and benefits of the public endowment of King’s College, have, on previous occasions, expressed their approval of the union scheme. That scheme, however, has not obtained that support to which they think it was entitled. But, as their just claims still remain unsatisfied—claims which they can never consent to forego—the Synod declare that they will give their countenance to any proper measure which shall provide for their equitable settlement ;—and in so far as their satisfaction is, to a considerable extent, provided for by the University Bills introduced into last session of Parliament, approve of the same, with such modifications as may seem proper ;—resolve to petition the different branches of the Legislature, that such measures may be adopted by them, as shall be best fitted to satisfy the claims of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, to secure an equitable settlement of this important question, and put an end to a source of most unhappy dissension ;—and they recommend to the Presbyteries and congregations, if they see meet, to petition the Legislature to the same effect.”

It was also moved, in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Dr. Cook :—

That this Synod has, on former occasions, and especially in the year 1843, adopted and declared certain principles in reference to Universities in this country, to the effect that, in the present circumstances of Canada, students could not be found for more than one University ;—that

great mutual and public benefit would be experienced were the youth of this Province who may be destined for a University education to prosecute their Literary and Scientific studies together in the same place, and under the same teachers;—and that this might be attained, were the University of King's College to be placed on such a footing as should command the confidence of the public in general: And the Synod did, in that year, and after full deliberation, solemnly and unanimously pledge itself to use every effort to accomplish a union of Queen's College with King's on that basis, "as manifestly fraught with great advantage to the community in general." The principles then declared have in various ways been brought under the attention of the Government and the Presbyterian body, by long reasonings and defences. In these circumstances the Synod cannot consistently resile from their declared principles and defined position. Yet it is at the same time clear from several limitations contained in the Synod's documents in this matter, as well as from the nature of the thing, that should any other fair and equitable mode of settling the matter at issue be formally proposed, the Synod would be at perfect liberty to accept of the same. And inasmuch as it appears that the union scheme has been abandoned by the Government, and that a new Bill has been introduced into Parliament for the settlement of the University Question; and inasmuch as it seems probable that no Bill can now be carried through the Legislature which does not involve the principle of that Bill, the principle, namely, of division among different sects, the Synod, considering a settlement of the question of paramount importance for the peace of the country, are content to acquiesce in that principle; and only trust that the measure recently introduced into the Legislature by the Government will receive such modification as will fully secure the just rights of that large and influential body represented by the Synod; and the Synod do further appoint a Committee to watch the progress of this measure, and to take all competent means to carry into effect the views now expressed, and to obtain the necessary modifications of the Bill. The Synod, further, resolve to express their views in a Petition to the three branches of the Legislature.

After mature deliberation, the votes were called and marked, when the motion was carried by a majority of votes;—and the Synod decerned accordingly. Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Mr. McGill, Mr. McKid, Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. Barclay entered their dissent against this decision.

The Synod called for the Draft of the Address to the Queen, which was given in by Mr. Cruickshank. The same, having been read and duly considered, was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Communication of the General Assembly's Colonial Committee anent Queen's College, which was given in and read. The same having been considered, the Synod appointed the following Committee, viz., the Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, and Dr. Cook, to whom were committed the several documents, with instructions to prepare and transmit to the Colonial Committee a detailed answer to the said Communication anent the College.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Act passed at last Synod anent the reception of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches, which was given in and read by Dr. Cook. After due deliberation the Synod approved of the same, and in terms thereof ordained as follows:—

“Whereas there is at present a great and lamentable want of Ministers, and, from the laudable desire on the part of Presbyteries to supply the congregations under their care, destitute of fixed Pastors, with the stated dispensation of ordinances, there is reason to fear that Presbyteries might be disposed to settle Ministers with undue haste:—And whereas, the circumstances of the Church at all times, but more especially at present, call for the exercise of the greatest care and faithfulness on the part of Presbyteries, in settling Ministers over vacant charges,—the Synod enjoin Presbyteries to take special care in settling Ministers, that they be men of great prudence, undoubted piety, and highly respectable Ministerial gifts; and further, not to ordain or settle Ministers coming from other churches, whatsoever be their credentials, except in accordance with the following rules:—

“1. That no Probationer or Minister belonging to any Church, not in communion with this Church, shall be received by any Presbytery, without examination of his Literary and Theological attainments, his reasons for joining this Church, and his views of its constitution and government, as well as ample certificates of his good standing in the body from which he comes.

“2. That no Probationer or Minister shall be taken on trials, to be received into this Church, until he has produced evidence satisfactory to the Presbytery, of his having gone through a course of education analogous to that required by this Church, and by the Church of Scotland.

“3. That every such Probationer or Minister shall reside at least one year within the bounds of the Synod after his being received, and be reported to the Synod by the Presbytery, before he can receive a call from any congregation in this Church; but he may, in the meantime, be employed as a Missionary, under the direction of the Presbytery.

“4. That the whole proceedings of each Presbytery in regard of receiving any such Probationer or Minister, shall be read and approved in Synod, previous to his being ordained or inducted as a Minister of this Church.

“5. That before receiving any Probationer or Minister known to be under censure of any Church, in communion with this Church, Presbyteries shall correspond with such Church.”

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from Mr. George anent more fully carrying out the provisions of the Act of 1842 anent Presbyterial Visitations.—The Synod, having referred to the Act of 1842 anent Visitations, after due deliberation, recommend that Presbyteries shall take full inspection of the several congregations within their bounds by Presbyterial Visitations, or such other means as may by the Presbyteries be deemed more for edification, and report to the Synod at next meeting.

The Synod agreed to meet at Seven o'clock this Evening for friendly

conference with the members of the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, now present.

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

DIET VII.

*At Toronto, Wednesday, the Fifteenth Day of September,
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven
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.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved of.

The Synod had a meeting, as arranged, last night, with the members of the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, now present, which was occupied in mutually giving and receiving information, in regard to the condition and prospects of the Church, and in friendly conference as to the various means to be employed in advancing the well being of the Church in Canada.

The Address to Her Majesty the Queen was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod; and the Synod directed it to be transmitted through His Excellency the Governor General. The 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, in Synod assembled, beg leave to convey to Your Majesty, renewed assurances of our undiminished attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

Enjoying, as we do, under Your Majesty's just and benignant sway, the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty, and perfect freedom in the exercise of all our spiritual and ecclesiastical duties, we take this opportunity of expressing our grateful sense of those benefits which, as subjects of Your Majesty, we possess.

We confidently rely on Your Majesty's protection and countenance while engaged in the important and deeply interesting work of instructing, in the great principles of Religion and Morality, the people whom Divine Providence has committed to our spiritual care.

That the best of Heaven's blessings may be plentifully poured out upon Your Royal Person, upon the Prince Albert, the Prince of Wales, and all Your Royal Offspring;—that the Crown may long flourish upon

Your head ;—and that at length You may inherit immortal glory, are, and shall be, our earnest prayers.

Signed at Toronto, this Fifteenth Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven 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

WALTER ROACH, *Moderator*.

The Address to His Excellency the Governor General was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod ; and it was ordered to be presented by the Ministers of Montreal, and such other Members of the Church as they can conveniently associate with them. The 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 Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, embrace this first opportunity of conveying to Your Excellency our congratulations on Your assuming the Government of the British North American Provinces, and our wishes for Your welfare and prosperity.

We rejoice that a Nobleman, who, we have reason to believe, is deeply convinced of the incalculable benefits secured to Scotland by education and religion, has been selected by our Gracious Sovereign to represent Her in this part of Her dominions. From the situation in which we are placed, we have ample opportunities of judging of the intellectual and moral condition of the inhabitants of this Province, and have frequent reason to regret that a country so highly favoured in regard to natural resources should be so greatly deficient in the means of mental and religious cultivation. We confidently hope, that to supply this want will be one great object of Your Excellency's Administration, since nothing is more evident than that the best laws prove ineffectual, unless sustained by the moral feeling and intelligence of the people.

That Almighty God may long spare Your Excellency's life, and direct you by His counsel, and give success to all Your efforts to promote the welfare of the country, is our fervent and constant prayer.

Signed at Toronto, this Fifteenth Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven 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

WALTER ROACH, *Moderator*.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee to enquire into the manner in which Church Property is held ; but in consequence of the illness of the Convener, no Report was given in. The Synod re-appointed the Committee, with the same instructions as were given to them last year.

The Committee on the Clergy Reserve Commissioners' Report, gave in the following Minute, which was unanimously adopted :—

The Synod had submitted to them the Report of the Clergy Reserve Commissioners, which they examined and approved; and the Synod resolved that the thanks of the Synod be communicated by the Moderator to the Commissioners, and especially to Hugh Allan, Esquire, Honorary Secretary to the Board, for their zeal and attention in conducting the important business entrusted to them.

The Synod having called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare Regulations for the election of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, the Committee reported that no Regulations had been as yet agreed upon. Whereupon, the Synod, deeply impressed with the importance of establishing a wise and proper Rule to be submitted to the Government, in regard to the election of Clergy Reserve Commissioners, enjoined the Presbytery of Montreal to prepare a Report on this subject, to be presented to next meeting of Synod, and, in the meantime, the Synod express their entire confidence in the wisdom and diligence of the present Commissioners.

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in and read, detailing the payments made to the Synod Fund for the last year, the claims on the Fund, and the arrears due. The Synod ordered the claims approved by the Committee to be paid, so far as the funds admit;—instructed the Clerk to furnish the Clerks of the several Presbyteries with lists of the arrears due within their bounds;—and enjoined those Ministers and Congregations who are in arrears to the Synod Fund, to make payment of the same without delay to the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries, or to the Treasurer at Toronto. The Synod, further, on the recommendation of the Committee, agreed that the travelling expenses of the Clerk and all postages of letters, on the public business of the Church, be defrayed out of the Synod Fund.

The Synod having had their attention called to certain claims, in regard to debts due on behalf of the *Christian Examiner*, it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that—

“The Synod, having taken into consideration Mr. McGill's claims in regard to the *Christian Examiner*, resolved that though Mr. McGill has no legal claim on the Church for the satisfaction of this debt, there is a strong claim morally, inasmuch as Mr. McGill undertook the *Christian Examiner* at the request of many Ministers and Members of the Church, and conducted it gratuitously with a view only to the interests of the Church,—and that the Synod do therefore undertake the debt, and take measures to obtain such additions for this present year to the Synod Fund as shall meet the claim.”

It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Urquhart,

That, the Synod being in no way responsible for this debt, the claim be dismissed.

The Roll having been called, and the votes marked, the amendment was carried by a large majority of votes,—and the Synod accordingly dismissed the claim.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to furnish some suggestions as the basis of a Glebe Scheme, which was given in by Dr. Mathieson. The Synod, in accordance with the recommendations of the report, resolved, that the Glebe Scheme be entrusted to the management of a Corporation to be formed for that purpose ;—that the importance of the subject requiring that the schemes of management be cautiously matured, it be remitted to the Managers of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, as a Committee, to prepare Drafts of a Plan of Management, and to take such legal advice as to them may seem proper, and report to the Synod :—and, in order that the advantages of the Scheme may be secured as soon as possible, that the said Committee be instructed to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and with the several Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to carry on the French Mission in Canada East, which was given in by Dr. Mathieson. The Synod approved of the same, and ordered it to be printed by the Committee, and circulated throughout the Church, with as little delay as possible. It was also resolved that the thanks of the Synod be given to Dr. Mathieson and the Committee for the diligence and zeal with which they have attended to the affairs of this Mission. The Synod reappointed the members of the Presbytery of Montreal to be a Committee to carry on the French Mission in Canada East,—Mr. Simpson to be Convener ;—and enjoin Ministers and Sessions to bring the claims of this interesting and important Mission before their congregations, and afford them an opportunity of contributing towards its support.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft an expression of the views and feelings of this Synod in reference to the Deputation from the Church of Scotland, which was given in and read by Mr. Romanes. The Synod, having considered the same, agreed unanimously to record the following :—

The Synod, having had the pleasure of the presence of the Rev. James C. Fowler, of Ratho, and the Rev. Robert Stevenson, of Dalry, two of the members of the Deputation from the Church of Scotland, resolve to express the very great satisfaction which they have experienced from the intercourse they have enjoyed with these gentlemen, and their grateful sense of the kindness and courtesy displayed by

them in the various conferences which they have held with the Synod in reference to the affairs of our Church. And the Synod further express their gratitude to the Church of Scotland for the benefits she has conferred on this Synod, and the churches under our care, by sending forth Ministers so eminent for their abilities, zeal, piety, and prudence, to preach the Gospel of Christ, to inquire into our spiritual wants, and to consult with us in regard to the best means of relieving these wants and extending the Redeemer's kingdom in this land. The Synod rejoices in this as an additional proof of the maternal care of the Church of Scotland over her Colonial branches; and, being deeply interested in the welfare of that Church, the Synod is gratified by hearing of its increasing efficiency and prosperity.

The Synod reappointed the Committee on the formation of a Lay Association, with instructions to use their diligence in corresponding with the friends of the Church throughout the Province, and endeavouring to promote the formation of such Associations, in accordance with the principles indicated in the Deliverance of the Synod, on this subject, last year.

The Synod reappointed the Committee on the preparation of a Model Deed and Memorial, for the holding of Church Property, with instructions to submit Drafts of the said Deed and Memorial to the Commission for their consideration, and to report them to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod had laid before them a Communication from the Montreal Lay Association in regard to the publication of a Monthly Missionary Magazine, after the model of the Church of Scotland Missionary Record, as contemplated by them. After mature deliberation, the Synod agreed to give the proposal their cordial support, and recommend Ministers and Elders to give their best efforts to obtain subscribers and promote the circulation of the Magazine.

Dr. Mathieson intimated to the Synod his dissent from that part of the deliverance of the Synod, at last meeting, July 11th, in regard to Mr. Lapelletrie not being entitled to be put on the Clergy Reserve Fund;—inasmuch as Mr. Lapelletrie was a member of the Synod before the passing of that rule; said rule being retrospective in regard to him, and only prospective in regard to others, and therefore injurious to his status as a Minister.

It was unanimously resolved to offer the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Barclay and his congregation, for the hospitality extended to the members of the Synod on the present occasion.

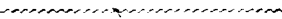

The Synod appointed Mr. Walter Roach, *Moderator*, and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Clerk of Synod*;—and from the *Presbytery of Montreal*, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. John Cook, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. Robert McGill, *Ministers*; Mr. Hugh Brodie,

Mr. James Lang, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. John Bruce, *Elders* :—*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, Mr. Alexander McKid, *Ministers* ; the Hon. James Crooks, Mr. James Cooper, Mr. Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, *Elders* :—*From the Presbytery of Bathurst*, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. William Bell, Mr. George Bell, Mr. William Bain, Mr. John McMorine, *Ministers* ; Mr. Archibald Petrie, Mr. John Lockhart, the Hon. Thomas McKay, *Elders* :—*From the Presbytery of Kingston*, Dr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Mr. James Williamson, *Ministers* ; Mr. Joseph Bruce, Mr. James Watson, *Elders* :—*And from the Presbytery of Toronto*, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. John Barclay, *Ministers* ; Mr. William Paterson, the Hon. Judge McLean, and Mr. George Miller, *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 *Third Wednesday in January next*, at Twelve o'clock, noon ;—and in St. Andrew's Church, at *Kingslon*, on the *Fourth Wednesday in May next*, at Twelve o'clock, noon, and oftener, 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 to 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 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.

The Minutes were read over.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Montreal, on the Second Wednesday in July, 1848, at Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod ;—when, after prayer and singing, the Synod was closed with the Apostolical Benediction.


 *An attempt was made, previously to the meeting of Synod, to collect the dates of the ordinations of all the Ministers, but with only very partial success. It is requested that Presbytery Clerks will still keep this in view, through the year, and make a Return not only of the dates of the ordinations, but also of the correct Post Office address, of all the Ministers, so as to furnish a list as complete and satisfactory, in all respects, as that of the Ministers of Scotland, published in the Edinburgh Almanac.*



The Publishers regret the delay that has taken place in printing these Minutes ; but, for various causes, it was unavoidable.

APPENDIX.

MEMORANDA, FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

1846. *July 11.*—Mr. Robert Penney appointed by the Presbytery of Kingston to labour as a Catechist at Belleville and its vicinity.

July 18.—Dr. Liddell ceases to be a member of the Presbytery of Kingston, having resigned the Office of Principal of Queen's College.

August 5.—Mr. John B. Mowat appointed to labour temporarily as a Catechist, by the Presbytery of Kingston.

August 18.—The Rev. Peter McNaughton, formerly Minister of Vaughan, having returned from Scotland in consequence of an urgent call from his former congregation, accepts of the same, and his induction is appointed by the Presbytery of Toronto.

August 20.—The Rev. William Brown, an ordained Minister, from the Presbytery of Ahoghill, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, was received, by the Presbytery of Toronto, as a Minister in good and regular standing, admitted as a Probationer within their bounds, and appointed to act as an ordained Missionary in the Townships of Scott, Uxbridge, and Reach.

August 20.—Mr. James Colhoun, a Missionary, from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, for the Presbytery of Toronto, arrived.

September 1.—Mr. John Dyer licensed as a Preacher, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

September 10.—The Rev. Peter McNaughton inducted as Minister of Vaughan, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

October 7.—The Rev. Archibald Colquhoun has his sentence of suspension, from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry, removed by the Commission of Synod, and is appointed to labour as an ordained Missionary, in the Townships of Dummer, Belmont, Asphodel, Otanabee, and Percy, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston.

October 14.—The Rev. Alexander McKid, of Hamilton, released from Dundas and Ancaster, as part of his Pastoral Charge, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

November 17.—Mr. William Barr, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Glendermot, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, admitted by the Presbytery of Toronto, as a Probationer within their bounds.

November 18.—Mr. James Colhoun, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Glasgow, and a Missionary from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, admitted by the Presbytery of Toronto, as a Probationer within their bounds.

December 1.—Mr. John T. Paul, of Queen's College, licensed to preach, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

1847. January 13.—A call from the congregations of Dundas and Ancaster, for the Rev. Andrew Bell, of Toronto Township, sustained by the Presbytery of Hamilton and transmitted to the Presbytery of Toronto.

January 14.—The Rev. William Durie, from the Church of Scotland, inducted as Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Bytown, by the Presbytery of Bathurst.

January 20.—The Rev. Andrew Bell released from the pastoral charge of the congregation of Toronto Township, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

February 3.—The Rev. Andrew Bell inducted as Minister of the congregations of Dundas and Ancaster, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

February 16.—Mr. John Park Chambers' license as a Preacher withdrawn, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

April 19.—Mr. John Dyer's license as a Preacher withdrawn, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

May 26.—The Rev. David Shanks, of St. Eustache, translated to Valcartier, by the Presbytery of Montreal.

June 10.—The Draft of a Bill, for incorporating the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, agreed to by the Commission of Synod, and the Three Branches of the Legislature petitioned to pass it into a Law.

June 15.—Mr. William Barr, Probationer, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted as Minister of the congregations of Hornby and Trafalgar, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

June 23.—The Rev. William Brown inducted as Minister of the congregations of Scott, Uxbridge, and Reach, by the Presbytery of Toronto.

August 4.—The Rev. Thomas Scott appointed, by the Presbytery of Montreal, to act as an ordained Missionary at St. Eustache.

September 1.—The Rev. James Stewart admitted by the Presbytery of Montreal, as a Probationer within their bounds.

September 7.—Mr. William Bell, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Monaghan, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, admitted, by the Presbytery of Hamilton, as a Probationer within their bounds.

September 12.—The Rev. William Durie, of Bytown, died.

September 16.—The Rev. James Lambie, of Pickering and Whitby, died.



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