

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF CANADA,
IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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SESSION XV.  
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HOLDEN AT MONTREAL, 18TH—24TH SEPTEMBER,
1844.



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1844.

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Synod's French Mission Committee.*

The Synod's Nine Commissioners, under the Clergy Reserve Act.

REV. EDWARD BLACK, D. D., MONTREAL, *Convener.*

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REV. ALEXANDER MATHIESON, D. D., MONTREAL.

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Natural Philosophy.*

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SESSION XV.

DIET I.

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

MONTREAL,
Wednesday,
Sept. 18, 1844.

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to appointment, and, after sermon by the Rev. John Cook, D. D., Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, and Moderator of the Synod, from Rom. x. 13, 14, 15, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator's
sermon.

The Synod
constituted.

Rolls of the several Presbyteries having been called for, and given in, the Synod Roll was made up, and read over as follows :

Synod roll.

ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

1. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John Cruickshank, A. M.	James Morris	Brockville.
Thomas C. Wilson	William Rutherford	Perth.
John Smith		Beckwith.
George Romanes, A. M.	John Rutherford	Smith's Falls.
William Bell		Perth.
Joseph Anderson, A. M.		South Gower.
Alexander Mann, A. M.	Robert White	Packenham.
David Evans	Anthony Phillip	Richmond.
Alexander McKid	Hon. Thomas McKay	Bytown.
Thomas Fraser	Robert Mason	Lanark.
George Bell	Archibald Petrie	Cumberland & Buckingham.

• The Rev. JOHN CRUICKSHANK, A. M., Presbytery Clerk.

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2. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John Machar, A. M.	John Mowat	<i>Kingston.</i>
Robert Neill	Robert Cleugh	<i>Seymour.</i>
Thomas Liddell, D. D., Principal and Professor of Divinity		<i>Queen's College, Kingston.</i>
Peter C. Campbell, A. M., Professor of Classical Literature		<i>Queen's College, Kingston.</i>
	Herman Ziericks	<i>Belleville.</i>
The Rev. P. C. CAMPBELL, A. M., <i>Presbytery Clerk.</i>		

3. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Andrew Bell	George Miller	<i>Toronto Township.</i>
Peter Ferguson		<i>Esquesing.</i>
James George	James A. Thomson	<i>Scarboro'.</i>
Thomas Johnson		<i>Chinguacousy.</i>
John Tawse, A. M.		<i>King.</i>
George Galloway, A. M.	James Daniels	<i>Markham.</i>
Alexander Lewis		<i>Monro.</i>
James Lambie, A. M.	William Gourlie	<i>Pickering and Whitby.</i>
John McMurphy	Archibald McFadyen	<i>Eldon.</i>
John Barclay, A. M.		<i>Toronto City.</i>
	Donald Cameron	<i>Vuughan.</i>
The Rev. ANDREW BELL, <i>Presbytery Clerk.</i>		

4. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Alexander Mathieson, D.D.	Hugh Brodie	<i>St. Andrew's, Montreal.</i>
Edward Black, D. D.	John Bruce	<i>St. Paul's, Montreal.</i>
Duncan Moody		<i>Dundee.</i>
William Muir		<i>Chatham.</i>
Walter Roach	James Lang	<i>Beauharnois.</i>
W. Montgomery Walker		<i>Huntingdon.</i>
James Anderson		<i>Ormestown.</i>
James C. Muir		<i>Georgetown.</i>
William Simpson		<i>Lachine.</i>
David Shanks	James Marshall	<i>St. Eustache.</i>
John Marlin	John Reay	<i>Hemmingsford.</i>
Emile Lapelletrie		<i>French Church, Montreal.</i>
Thomas Henry		<i>Lachute.</i>
John Davidson		<i>La Prairie.</i>
The Rev. WALTER ROACH, <i>Presbytery Clerk.</i>		

5. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John Mackenzie, A. M.	Hon. John McGillivray	<i>Williamstown.</i>
Hugh Urquhart, A. M.	Hon. Justice McLean	<i>Cornwall.</i>

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5. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY—(CONTINUED.)

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John McIsaac, A. M.	John McPhee.....	<i>Lochiel.</i>
Daniel Clark	John McRae	<i>Indian Lands.</i>
John MacLaurin	Alexander McMartin ..	<i>Martintown.</i>
Isaac Purkis	Joseph A. Bockus	<i>Williamsburgh.</i>
Thomas McPherson, A. M. John McPherson		<i>Lancaster.</i>
Donald Sinclair	Angus Cattanach	<i>Dalhousie Mills & St. George</i>
Colin Grigor		<i>L'Original.</i>

The Rev. JOHN McISAAC, *Presbytery Clerk.*

6. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Robert McGill	George Dawson.....	<i>Niagara.</i>
James Smith		
William King.....	Andrew Hall	<i>Nelson.</i>
John Bryning.....		<i>Mount Pleasant.</i>
George McClatchey	Joseph Simmerman	<i>Beamsville.</i>
Daniel Eastman	Francis Robertson.....	<i>Grimsby.</i>
Alexander McColl	George Henry	<i>Aldboro'.</i>
Alexander Ross		<i>Woolwich.</i>
Thomas Scott.....	John Polley	<i>Simcoe.</i>
	Dr. William Craigie ..	<i>Dundas and Ancaster</i>
	John Robson	<i>Port Sarnia.</i>
	Alexander D. Fordyce ..	<i>Fergus.</i>
	John McGregor	<i>St. Thomas.</i>
	Robert Martin	<i>Guelph.</i>

The Rev. ROBERT MCGILL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

7. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John Clugston	James Gibb	<i>St. John's, Quebec.</i>
John Cook, D. D.	John Thompson.....	<i>St. Andrew's, Quebec.</i>
John McMorine.....	John Fraser	<i>Melbourne.</i>
James Geggie.....	William Brown	<i>Valcartier.</i>
Alexander Buchan.....	John Lambie	<i>Leeds.</i>
Simon C. Fraser, A. M.		<i>St. Charles, Belle Alliance.</i>

The Rev. JAMES GEGGIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

Sederunt Dr. John Cook, *Moderator*, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. David Evans, Mr. Alexander McKid, Mr. George Bell, Mr. John Machar, Principal Liddell, Professor Campbell, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. James George, Mr. John Barclay, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. Edward Black, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James Anderson,

Members present
at the opening of
the Synod.

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Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. David Shanks, Mr. John Marlin, Mr. Emile Lapelletrie, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. John Mackenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John McIsaac, Mr. John MacLaurin, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. John Clugston, and Mr. John McMorine, *Ministers*; together with Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. Archibald Petrie, Mr. John Mowat, Mr. John Bruce, Hon. John McGillivray, Dr. William Craigie, Mr. James Gibb, and Mr. John Thompson, *Elders*.

Committee on
Synod records

The Synod appointed the following committee to revise the Records of the Synod, and report, viz., Mr. Romanes (Convener), Mr. Roach, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Petrie.

Committee on
Bills and
Overtures.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, viz., the Moderator, and Clerk, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Romanes, Mr. Machar, Dr. Liddell, Professor Campbell, Mr. George, Mr. Barclay, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Black, Mr. Muir, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McGill, Mr. McMorine, *Ministers*;—and Hon. T. McKay, Mr. Mowat, Dr. Craigie, Hon. J. McGillivray, Mr. Bruce, and Mr. Thompson, *Elders*;—with instructions to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock; and all papers to come before the Synod, were ordered to be given in to said Committee.

Leave for
Presbyteries to
meet.

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

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

The Synod was closed with prayer.

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DIET II.

Thursday,  
Sept. 19, 1844.

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

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

Sederunt, as before, with the addition of Mr. Thomas Fraser, *Minister*, Mr. Hugh Brodie, and Mr. Angus Cattach, *Elders*.

Additional  
members present.

The minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read, and sustained.

Mr. Clugston having intimated his intention to secede from the Synod, and assigned his reasons for coming to this conclusion, the Synod appointed the following committee, to deal with him, tenderly and affectionately, viz., Mr. Machar, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Mowat.

Committee to  
deal with  
Mr. Clugston.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a variety of papers from the adherents of the church, both in the congregations whose ministers have seceded, and those formerly vacant, craving the counsel, advice, and assistance of the Synod in various matters. The said papers having been read, and deliberated on, the Synod referred the whole of them to the following committee, viz., Mr. McGill (Convener), Dr. Liddell, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. George, Mr. Thompson, and the Hon. Mr. McGillivray,—with the following instructions:—*First*—To enquire into the course which should be pursued by the adherents of this church in regard to property belonging to the church, now in the hands of the seceding brethren:—*Secondly*. To enquire into the course of duty to be recommended to the adherents of this church, in localities where there are no ministers of the church, as to their attending on the ministry of the Seceders:—And *Thirdly*—To consider the course to be pursued in regard to session books:—And to report to the Synod to-morrow.

Communications  
from adherents of  
the Church.

Committee and  
instructions to  
them.

The Synod next had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, the following papers on missionary operations, viz., an overture from the Presbytery of Toronto anent procuring a supply of preachers, and looking out and encouraging young men to study for the ministry, &c. &c.;—an overture from the Presbytery of Bathurst anent encouraging young men to study for the ministry and employing them as Catechists;—And an overture from the

Overtures on  
Missionary  
operations.



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Committee.

Presbytery of Toronto anent the better organization of the Synod's plans for prosecuting missionary operations. The same, having been read, were referred to the following committee, viz., Mr. Romanes (Convener), Mr. Machar, Mr. McMorine, Mr. Muir, Hon. Mr. McKay, and Mr. Mowat:—to consider them, and report to the Synod.

Presbytery Record  
Committees.

The Synod called for those Presbytery Records which were not revised at the meeting of the Synod at Kingston, and the same having been produced, the Synod appointed the following committees to revise them, viz.—

Bathurst.

Mr. McMorine, Mr. Barclay, and Mr. Scott, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst.

Toronto.

Mr. Roach, Mr. Shanks, and Mr. Bruce, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Montreal.

Professor Campbell, Mr. Romanes, and Mr. Mowat, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Hamilton.

Mr. McKid, Dr. Liddell, and Dr. Black, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Quebec.

Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. MacLaurin, and Mr. Brodie, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Kingston.

The Records of the Presbytery of Kingston having also been produced, Mr. Fraser, Mr. George Bell, and Mr. Petrie, were appointed to revise so much of them as have been engrossed since the meeting of Synod at Kingston.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned till three o'clock to-morrow ;—and was closed with prayer.

### DIET III.

Friday,  
Sept. 20, 1844.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church  
there:—Friday, the Twentieth Day of  
September, One Thousand Eight Hun-  
dred and Forty Four 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's wedurunt were read, and sustained.

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It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to Dr. Cook for the excellent sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Synod, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

The Moderator produced and read a letter from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to this Synod. The tenor whereof follows :—

**To the Moderator and other Members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.**

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland embrace the earliest opportunity of conveying to you an expression of their sympathy in the painful and peculiar circumstances in which you are placed, as well as an expression of their highest approbation of your conduct in the trials with which you have been visited.

The Committee deeply regret that the dissensions which have so much disturbed the peace of the Church in our own land should have found their way to the land of your adoption, and that divisions so unseemly, and so injurious to the interests of religion, should have found a place among those, who, as the servants of one Master, and the ministers of one Church, had dwelt so long together, like brethren, in unity.

But we are fully persuaded that you are not the cause, and therefore not chargeable with the consequences, of this unhappy strife. You have maintained your principles with great steadfastness, and defended them with great ability, and you will have this testimony from the intelligent and upright of every country, that you have acted like consistent men and Christian ministers.

Your great offence, in the eyes of your opponents, seems to be this, that you refuse to disown a Church, which has done nothing to forfeit your affection, or call for such a deed on your part. The Church of Scotland has never claimed any authority, nor exercised any control over your Synod ; neither has she ever possessed, nor desired to possess the right of any such interference. Her ambition and her efforts have been limited to the cultivation of brotherly affection, and the rendering of pecuniary aid to those who had many claims on her regard. The accusations lately brought

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Thanks to Dr.  
Cook.

Letter from the  
Colonial  
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Committee.

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against her in your Synod, as formerly in many of her own courts, are as destitute of truth as they are devoid of charity, and we feel refreshed with the meekness and the power with which you have exposed and refuted all such errors.

You have our best thanks for the able manner in which you have pleaded the cause, and vindicated the principles of our national establishment. The Church of Scotland continues to possess, as she has ever done, spiritual independence and spiritual freedom ; and those who say that she has surrendered her liberty, either ignorantly misunderstand or wilfully misrepresent her condition. She is jealously alive to all undue interference with her rights and privileges, and as she never has compromised, so we trust she never will compromise, her character, by giving up what necessarily belongs to her as a Church of Christ. And adhering to her in her day of trial, you will be gratified to learn that almost all the vacancies created by the painful and extensive secession which took place in May, 1843, have been filled up with able and acceptable ministers, and that she is now in a state of as great efficiency as in the brightest days of her past history.

Attached as you are to our country by the ties of birth and kindred, and to our Church by a full approbation of her doctrines and discipline, we cannot doubt that the remembrance of former times will cause you to feel more than a common interest in all that is passing amongst us : and we beg to assure you that such recollections strengthen the affection we should ever cherish toward you, as they will increase our efforts to promote your peace and advance your prosperity. With you the harvest is great, and the labourers are few, and we feel ourselves called on, by every consideration, to assist you to the utmost of our power.

We are not ignorant of the means that have been employed to entice the people among whom you labour, to leave your ministry; of the efforts that have been made to sow the seeds of dissention among yourselves ; and though these endeavours have been attended with partial success, we yet rejoice to think that so large a majority of the office-bearers of your Synod and of your people have resolved to maintain their connection and intercourse with the Church of Scotland. This resolution we regard as alike worthy of your

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intelligence, integrity, and Christian feeling ; and it affords us sincere pleasure to know that your opponents have not succeeded in their endeavour to separate you from a church which has ever taken a lively interest in all that concerns your welfare.

We could wish that those who boast so much of Christian freedom would allow others to enjoy the Christian liberty they claim for themselves, and that you were left undisturbed to prosecute the important work to which you have been called, by disseminating among your people the glad tidings of the gospel. It is our confident hope, as it is our earnest prayer, that the Master whom you serve may support you under all your trials, and direct you in the path which He himself will approve, so that all events, however seemingly adverse, may be overruled for promoting His own glory and the good of those that love Him.

Knowing well the peculiar difficulties with which you are encompassed, we beg to repeat the expression of our sympathy with you in all your trials, and to renew the assurance we have given, that you shall have all the assistance at our command, in whatever way and at whatever time it can be rendered.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Acting Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, by

(Signed) THOMAS CLARK, *Sub-Convener*.

The Synod agreed to record the high satisfaction with which they have received this kind and affectionate letter of the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, feeling, in present circumstances, the importance, to this church, of the ample recognition, therein contained, of the spiritual independence of this court, and duly appreciating the affectionate and Christian temper which the whole communication manifests. And the Synod do further declare the deep interest which they must ever take in the well-being of the Church of Scotland, and their earnest desire that all its divisions may be healed,—that every thing in its condition or its administration fitted to impair its usefulness and efficiency may be removed,—and that the time may speedily come when the national church shall embrace the whole population of our beloved country.

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Letter from the  
Colonial  
Committee.

Record of the  
Synod's  
sentiments anent  
the letter.

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The Synod instructed the Moderator to transmit an extract of this minute to the Convener of the General Assembly's Colonial Committee.

Synod Records  
attested.

The Committee appointed to revise the Records of the Synod reported that they had examined the same, and found them accurately and carefully kept,—and recommended the Synod to attest them. The Synod ordered the records to be attested, which was done by the Moderator accordingly.

Synod Clerk  
appointed.

The Synod appointed Mr. Andrew Bell to be Synod Clerk.

Report of  
committee anent  
advice to  
adherents of the  
church.

The Synod having called for the report of the Committee on the circumstances of the adherents of the Church in those congregations whose Ministers have seceded from the Church, the same was given in and read by Mr. McGill.

The Synod sustained the report, and, after mature deliberation, ordained as follows :—

I. Respecting the property of the Church that may be put in peril by the recent secession.

Resolutions anent  
the property of  
the church.

Where the majority of a congregation have seceded and continue to hold the Church property clearly deeded to a congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland or with this Synod, the Synod recommend that the minority shall not relinquish their right to the property, but, for the sake of peace and with the hope that the present division shall be healed, that they shall use all forbearance and discretion in the assertion of their rights ; and that they shall not bring the matter to issue in a court of law, unless they are constrained thereto by continued and wrongful possession on the part of the majority.

With the view of preventing, so far as possible, the evils of litigation, the Synod appoint the following committee to meet a committee to be appointed by their Seceding brethren, if they shall approve of the measure, to whom conjointly all disputes and difficulties connected with church property, shall be submitted for advice, viz. :

Committees.

*For Canada West.*—Rev. John Barclay, Toronto ; John Cameron, Esquire, Toronto ; Dr. Telfer, Toronto ; Archibald Barker, Esquire, Markham.

*For Canada East.*—Rev. Dr. Black, Montreal ; Hon. Peter McGill, Montreal ; Andrew Shaw, Esquire, Montreal ; John Boston, Esquire, Montreal.

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And in case the protesting body do not appoint a committee at their next meeting of Synod, the committees appointed by this Synod shall act by themselves.

II. The Synod, taking into consideration the lamentable evils of the recent disruption,—continuing to regard with sincere affection their protesting brethren,—and earnestly desiring the restoration of union, declare their willingness to enter into correspondence with them on this subject, and appoint the following as a committee to confer with any committee to be appointed by their protesting brethren, should they deem it expedient to make such appointment, viz., Rev. Dr. Cook, Quebec; Rev. Robert McGill, Niagara; Hon. Judge McLean, Toronto; Rev. Principal Liddell, Kingston; Hon. John Hamilton, Kingston; Rev. Hugh Urquhart, Cornwall; Hon. William Morris, Montreal; Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Montreal; Hon. Peter McGill, Montreal.

Resolution anent  
re-union.

Committee on  
re-union.

To meet on the call of the Rev. Robert McGill; and instruct said committee to intimate to any committee, that may be appointed by the protesting body, that, during the negotiations that may be carried on with a view to reconciliation, there must be a suspension of operations which cannot be regarded in any other light than that of hostility,—and, in the event of no such pledge being given on behalf of the protesting body, by their committee, that all negotiation must necessarily terminate.

III. In reference to the question contained in certain memorials to the Synod, as to the duty of such bodies of adherents as may be without a minister, and are unable in present circumstances to obtain one, Presbyteries are instructed to grant them such occasional supply of sermon as it may be in their power to give, and to recommend to the people to avail themselves humbly and diligently of the means of spiritual improvement that may be within their reach.

Resolution anent  
supply of  
ordinances.

IV. In regard to Session Records that may be in the possession of either a majority or a minority who may have separated from this Church, the Synod recommend to Presbyteries to use all diligence to obtain these records, and to deliver them over to the adhering members of Session, if there be any, and if not, to retain them until a new session be formed.

Resolution anent  
Session records.

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Answer to  
protest given in.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft an Answer to the Reasons of Dissent given in at last meeting of Synod by the Seceding Ministers and Elders. The said Committee reported that they had prepared an answer, which was given in and read by Mr. George, the Convener. The further consideration of the same was deferred until to-morrow.

Finance  
committee.

The Synod appointed the following committee to attend to the financial concerns of the Synod, viz., Mr. Urquhart (Convener), Mr. McKid, Mr. George Bell, Mr. Petrie, and Dr. Craigie.

Reports on  
Presbytery records

The Reports of the Committees appointed to revise Presbytery Records having been called for, reports on the Records of the Presbyteries of Quebec, Toronto, and Bathurst, were given in, read, and sustained.

Quebec  
Presbytery records  
attested.

The Synod ordered the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec to be attested as correctly and carefully kept ;—and although, as appears from page 18, the Presbytery, through some misapprehension as to the time of one of their meetings, failed to meet on the day appointed, the Synod agreed to declare the subsequent proceedings of the Presbytery to be valid, and ordered this to be embodied in the attestation.

Totonto and  
Bathurst  
Presbytery records  
attested.

The Synod ordered the Records of the Presbyteries of Toronto and Bathurst to be attested as carefully and correctly kept.

Committee to  
draft an Act  
anent spiritual  
independence.

The Synod appointed the following committee, viz., Mr. Romanes (Convener), Mr. Fraser, Professor Campbell, Mr. George, Mr. Scott, the Hon. Mr. McKay, and Mr. Bruce, to draw up an act, in terms of the second resolution passed by the Synod at Kingston, July 9th, 1844, declaring the independent spiritual jurisdiction of this Synod, to be read over to, and assented to by, Ministers and Probationers on their admission to the body.

Committee to  
draft an Address  
to the Queen.

The Synod appointed the Moderator, together with Dr. Mathieson and Mr. Romanes, to draft an address to the Queen.

Committee to  
draft an address  
to the Governor.

The following committee was appointed to draft an Address to his Excellency the Governor General, viz., Mr. McGill (Convener), Dr. Liddell, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. George, Mr. Thompson, and the Hon. Mr. McGillivray.

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The Moderator made the following appointments for the public services of the Sabbath, viz. :—In St. Andrew's Church, Professor Williamson to preach in the forenoon,—Mr. Romanes in the afternoon,—Mr. Maclaurin, in Gaelic, in the afternoon,—and Mr. McGill in the evening. In St. Paul's Church, Principal Liddell to preach in the forenoon,—Mr. Barclay, to the military, at half-post one,—and Mr. McKid in the afternoon.

Appointments  
for Sabbath.

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

Adjournment.

DIET IV.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there : — Saturday, the Twenty First Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four Years :—*

Saturday,  
Sept. 21, 1844.

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.

Mr. Evans, on the call of the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Devotional  
exercises.

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

Minutes read.

The Synod appointed Mr. Muir, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Romanes, Mr. McKid, and Mr. George, to draft a letter of remonstrance to the "Free Church" of Scotland, and to report on Monday.

Committee to  
draft a letter to  
the Free Church.

The Synod called for the draft of an act declaring the independent spiritual jurisdiction of the Synod, which was given in by Mr. Romanes ; and having been read, it was, after mature deliberation, adopted by the Synod, and is as follows :—

*AN ACT declaring the Spiritual Independence of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.*

Whereas this Synod has always, from its first establishment, possessed a perfectly free and supreme jurisdiction over all the congregations and ministers in connection there-

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with ; and although the independence and freedom of this Synod, in regard to all things spiritual, cannot be called in question, but has been repeatedly and in most explicit terms affirmed, not only by itself, but by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, yet as in present circumstances it is expedient that this independence be asserted and declared by a special act :

It is therefore hereby declared, That this Synod has always claimed and possessed, does now possess, and ought always, in all time coming, to have and exercise a perfectly free, full, final, supreme and uncontrolled power of jurisdiction, discipline and government, in regard to all matters, ecclesiastical and spiritual, over all the ministers, Elders, Church Members and congregations under its care, without the right of review, appeal, complaint or reference, by or to any other Court or Courts whatsoever, in any form or under any pretence ; and that in all cases that may come before it for judgment, the decisions and deliverances of this Synod shall be final. And this Synod further declares, that if any encroachment on this supreme power and authority shall be attempted or threatened, by any person or persons, court or courts whatsoever, then the Synod, and each and every member thereof, shall, to the utmost of their power, resist and oppose the same. And whereas the words in the designation of the Synod, "in connection with the Church of Scotland," have been misunderstood or misrepresented by many persons, it is hereby declared, that the said words imply no right of jurisdiction or control, in any form whatever, by the Church of Scotland over this Synod, but denote merely the connection of origin, identity of standards, and ministerial and church communion. And it is further enacted and declared, that this supreme and free jurisdiction is a fundamental and essential part of the constitution of this Synod ; and that this may be fully known to all those who may hereafter seek admission into our church, it is enjoined that all the Presbyteries shall preserve a copy of this Act, and cause it to be read over to, and assented to by, every Minister and Probationer who may apply for ordination or induction into any pastoral charge.

Report of  
Finance  
Committee.

The Synod called for the report of the Finance Committee, which was given in and read by the Convener, stating that

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the Committee had audited the accounts of the Treasurer, and found them carefully and correctly kept,—and showing the amount of the claims on the Synod Fund. The Synod sustained the report, and ordered it to be kept *in retentis*:— And inasmuch as it appears from the said report that there are many of the congregations in arrears for several years to the Synod Fund, the Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee, instruct the clerk to transmit to the minister of each congregation a circular informing him of the years for which the congregation is in arrears,— and in the case of vacant congregations, to transmit the circulars through the Presbytery Clerks. The Synod also instructed the clerk to furnish the clerk of each Presbytery with a summary of the arrears specified in the circulars sent to the several congregations within the bounds of such Presbytery. The Synod further enjoin ministers and congregations to pay immediate attention to this matter, and remit their arrears through the Presbytery Clerks,—and instruct Presbyteries to take immediate action to secure the payment of arrears by the congregations within their bounds.

Instructions anent  
arrears to the  
Synod fund.

Mr. Mowat gave in his resignation of the office of Synod Treasurer. The Synod accepted of the same;—and it was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Mowat for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has so long attended to the interests of the church.

Resignation of  
Mr. Mowat.

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed to deal with Mr. Clugston,—when Mr. Machar (the Convener) reported on behalf of the committee that they had met with Mr. Clugston, and Mr. Gibb, the elder from the session of St. John's Church, Quebec, and dealt with them, but that both Mr. Clugston and Mr. Gibb had persisted in their determination to withdraw from this church. The Synod, thereupon, instructed the Presbytery of Quebec to call upon Mr. Clugston to give in to them a statement of his resolution and his reasons for it, and to deal with him according to the laws of the church.

Report of the  
committee to deal  
with Mr. Clugston

Instructions to  
the Presbytery of  
Quebec.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a memorial from Mr. McMorine, representing the exceedingly destitute condition of certain large Highland settlements, in the townships of Bury and Lingwick, and the neighbouring townships, and praying the

Anent supply of  
ordinances for  
Highland  
settlements in  
Lower Canada.

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Synod to take some steps to provide the administration of ordinances in the Gaelic language, in said settlements. The Synod, after mature deliberation, instructed the Presbytery of Quebec to take such steps as to them may seem best for procuring a Gaelic missionary for these destitute settlements, and, in the mean time, appointed the Rev. Thomas McPherson, of Lancaster, to labour among them for at least one month during the ensuing winter.

Act anent  
ministers without  
charge  
administering  
ordinances.

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from the Presbytery of Montreal anent the administration of ordinances by ministers not having pastoral charges. The Synod, in conformity with the recommendation of the committee, and after full deliberation, ordained that no minister of this church, not having a pastoral charge, shall administer baptism, dispense the Lord's supper, or celebrate marriages, within the bounds of any Presbytery, without the sanction of such Presbytery having been previously obtained, or within the bounds allotted to any settled minister, without the consent of such minister;—and that any contravention of this rule shall incur censure, and, if repeated, such other exercise of discipline as the Presbytery of the bounds may see meet to inflict.

Memorial from  
church members  
at Smith's Falls.

The Synod had also transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a memorial from certain members of the church at Smith's Falls, employed as lockmasters and lock-labourers on the Rideau canal, anent their exclusion from church privileges by the session of Smith's Falls, on the ground of their being obliged, under the present system of arrangements on the canal, to attend the locks on the Lord's Day, stating their case at large, and craving that the Synod would take their case into consideration and grant such relief as may seem to be required. The Synod referred the memorial to Mr. Urquhart, Dr. Mathieson, and Dr. Liddell, to consider the same and report to the Synod.

Memorial from  
Messrs. Armour &  
Ramsay anent  
school books.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a memorial from Messrs. Armour & Ramsay, booksellers and stationers, in Montreal, stating, that being convinced of the ill effects resulting from the use of a great variety of elementary school books, as well to teachers and pupils as parents and guardians, they had

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turned their attention to the subject with the view of procuring such a series as would supersede the use of others;—that the books published by the National Board of Education had been strongly recommended to them, and, having obtained the necessary permission, they intended reprinting the said books for the use of Common Schools in Canada;—that a list of the books and copies of the same were submitted for the inspection of the Synod, and that said list did not include any of the publications called “Scripture Lessons” in the series, because, though they themselves believed them to be quite unexceptionable, yet they were not ignorant that a prejudice existed against them on the part of some religious bodies, and they therefore thought it more prudent to leave out every thing that might excite discussion or hostility:—and respectfully craving that the Synod would examine the books submitted, and, if satisfied of their adaptation to the end in view, give their approval of the same.

The Synod having read the said memorial and accompanying papers, referred the same, with the copies of the books, to the following committee, viz., Mr. James George, Principal Liddell, Dr. Black, Mr. James C. Muir, and Dr. Craigie,—with instructions to examine the books and report to the Synod.

Committee on the  
memorial anent  
school books.

The Synod having resumed the consideration of the Answer to the Reasons of Dissent, and the Protest, given in by the seceding ministers and elders, at last meeting of Synod, agreed to approve the diligence, zeal and talent displayed by the committee appointed to prepare said Answer, and acknowledge the obligation thus laid on the church by the preparation of that document.

Answer to the  
protest  
approved of.

The Synod called for the draft of the address to the Governor General, and the same was given in and read by Mr. McGill. After full consideration, and after being variously amended, the Synod adopted the same, and ordered it to be engrossed and signed by the Moderator.

Address to the  
Governor adopted.

The Synod appointed the members of the Glengary Presbytery, to be a committee, to translate into Gaelic the Answer to the Reasons of Dissent and the Protest given in by the seceding ministers and elders,—the letter, from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, received yes-

Committee to  
translate several  
documents into  
Gaelic.

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terday,—and the act, declaring the spiritual independence of the Synod, passed by the Synod to-day;—and to print 1,000 copies of the translation, and circulate the same.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned until Monday, at ten o'clock,—and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there:—Monday, the Twenty Third Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four Years:—*

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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.

Minutes read.

The minutes of Saturday's sederunt were read and sustained.

Reports of  
Presbyteries anent  
seceding ministers

The Synod having called upon Presbyteries to report whether they had obtemperated the instructions of Synod anent the Seceding Ministers, the Presbytery of Kingston reported that they had declared the Rev. John M. Roger of Peterboro', the Rev. Thomas Alexander of Cobourg, the Rev. Henry Gordon of Gananoque, the Rev. William Reid of Grafton and Colborne, the Rev. James Douglas of Cavan, the Rev. James Rogers of Demorestville, the Rev. Alexander McLean of Picton, and the Rev. Thomas Wightman of Camden, to be no longer ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, or of the Church of Scotland in Canada. The Presbytery of Toronto reported that they had declared the Rev. William Rintoul, of Streetsville, to be no longer a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, or of the Church of Scotland in Canada. The Presbytery of Montreal reported that they had declared the Rev. Henry Esson, of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, and the Rev. David Black of St. Therese, to be no longer ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, or of the Church of Scotland in Canada.

The Presbytery of Bathurst reported that, according to the instructions of the Synod at last meeting, they had disposed of the case of the Rev. William Smart of Brockville, and the Rev. Robert Boyd of Prescott, and that Mr. Smart and Mr. Boyd had both withdrawn from the body. The Synod instructed the Presbytery of Bathurst to intimate to the Governor General the withdrawal of Mr. Smart and Mr. Boyd, and that they are no longer ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, or of the Church of Scotland in Canada.

Mr. McGill reported on behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton, that they had not been able to meet, since the last meeting of the Synod, on account of several difficulties in their way. Whereupon the Synod declared, as they hereby do declare, that those ministers in the Presbytery of Hamilton who signed the dissent and protest, given in to the Synod at last meeting, thereby seceding from the Synod, viz., the Rev. Mark Y. Stark of Dundas and Ancaster, the Rev. Alexander Gale of Hamilton, the Rev. Donald Mackenzie of Zorra, the Rev. John Bayne of Galt, the Rev. Angus Mackintosh of Thorold, the Rev. Daniel Allan of Stratford, the Rev. Duncan McMillan of Williams, the Rev. William Meldrum of Puslinch, the Rev. William McAlister of Port Sarnia, the Rev. George Cheyne of Saltfleet, the Rev. Robert Lindsay of Ayr, the Rev. George Smellie of Fergus, and the Rev. Robert Peden of Amherstburgh, are no longer ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, or of the Church of Scotland in Canada,—and instructed the clerk to intimate the same to the Governor General.

The Synod instructed the Presbytery of Hamilton to meet at an early day, on the call of Mr. McGill,—and to ascertain, in regard to the Rev. James Smith, of Guelph, or any others, in whose case a fama may exist of their having seceded, whether they adhere to the seceding party,—and on ascertaining this, to proceed according to the laws of the church, and to intimate the same to the government.

The Synod had read a letter from the Rev. William McKillican, formerly minister of St. Thomas, in the Presbytery of Hamilton, stating that he was on his way to Scotland, and that, not having applied to the Presbytery, at the time

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in the Presbytery  
of Hamilton  
declared to be no  
longer ministers of  
this church.

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the Presbytery of  
Hamilton.

Letter from Mr.  
McKillican anent  
a certificate,  
referred to  
Hamilton  
Presbytery.

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of his release from the congregation of St. Thomas, in September last, for an extract minute of his release and a Presbyterial Certificate, he was unable at this time to obtain them, in consequence of the unsettled state of matters in that Presbytery since the secession of the clerk and a portion of the other members,—and requesting the Synod either to grant him the necessary documents, or authorise the Presbytery of Hamilton to do so. The Synod referred this case to the Presbytery of Hamilton, with instructions to furnish Mr. McKillican with whatever documents he may be entitled to.

Letter anent Mr.  
Colquhoun,  
referred to  
Kingston  
Presbytery.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a letter anent Mr. Archibald Colquhoun, from some members of his former congregation, wishing him to be restored. The Synod remitted the letter, and the whole matter, to the Presbytery of Kingston, to deal with the case as they see meet.

Overture anent  
representative  
elders.

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from the Presbytery of Bathurst, that the Synod would adopt some specific rule, defining the extent to which sessions in vacant congregations, and where two or more congregations are under the charge of one Pastor, should be represented in the Superior Courts. The Synod having fully considered this overture, agreed to declare, as they hereby do declare, that elders representing the sessions of such vacant congregations only as have been fully organized by their once having had ministers, shall be admissible as constituent members of Presbytery and Synod, on their being duly elected and commissioned at a meeting of session moderated in by a minister appointed by the Presbytery;—that where two or more congregations are, or have been, under one minister's charge, with separate sessions in each, the whole eldership in such ministerial charge shall, for the purpose of representation in the higher courts, be considered as one session, and shall be represented in Presbytery and Synod by one elder, to be elected either by each session in turn, or by a joint meeting of the whole, as may be most convenient;—and that while elders from missionary stations and newly formed congregations, that have never been fully organized by having settled ministers, shall not be considered admissible as members of

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representative  
elders.

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Presbytery and Synod, Presbyteries are nevertheless instructed to encourage such elders to be present at their meetings, in order that they may have an opportunity of learning the condition of the new congregations and of giving them such counsel and assistance as their case may require.

The committee on the memorial of Messrs. Armour & Ramsay, booksellers and stationers, in Montreal, reported that they had carefully examined the following school books which Messrs. Armour & Ramsay proposed to reprint, viz., Nos. 1, 2.—Lessons to be hung up in schools. 3.—First Book of Lessons. 4.—Introduction to Arithmetic. 5, 6, 7, 8.—Four Reading Books. 9.—First Book of Arithmetic. 11.—Elements of Book-keeping. 12.—English Grammar. 14.—Introduction to Geography. 15.—Elements of Geometry. 16.—Mensuration:—And that they considered these books extremely well adapted to facilitate the various branches of education to which they refer. Whereupon the Synod agreed heartily to recommend these school books to the notice of parents and teachers, and all others who feel an interest in the mental improvement of the youth of this country, or who exercise an influence over their education. And instead of No. 10, the Treatise on Arithmetic, the Synod, on the suggestion of their committee, agreed to recommend to Messrs. Armour & Ramsay the re-publication of Murray's Commercial Arithmetic, on account of the clearness and fulness which the principles of the rules and the reasons of the several operations are explained and illustrated in that work.

Report on Messrs.  
Armour &  
Ramsay's school  
books.

Recommendation  
of the  
school books.

The Synod called for the report of the committee on the memorial of certain members of the church at Smith's Falls, which was given in and read by Mr. Urquhart. After long deliberation, the Synod agreed to approve of the diligence of the session of Smith's Falls in this case; but, at the same time, considering the hardship of singling out for discipline a few out of the many persons, who, it is a matter of notoriety, are similarly situated, the Synod recommend to the session that the memorialists be dealt with in all tenderness; and, inasmuch as that the suspension bears partially and injuriously on individuals instead of the numbers similarly circumstanced, the Synod recommend to the session to

Deliverance in the  
case of certain  
church members  
at Smith's Falls.



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review the case, and, should the memorialists appear before the session and make a solemn declaration that they engage with reluctance in these occupations in which the moral guilt does not rest wholly with them, that the suspension be removed until every effort has been urgently tried, and utterly failed, to remedy an evil of so heinous a nature :— and, in the mean time, the Synod resolve to press, with all diligence, on the constituted authorities, the sacred duty of putting an end as far as possible to all unnecessary Sabbath traffic, as at variance with National prosperity, because at variance with the Divine law.

Memorial on  
Sabbath traffic  
adopted

The Synod then called for the report of the committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to draw up a memorial to the Governor General, on the subject of the Sabbath traffic on the Rideau Canal,—when the Convener, Mr. Romanes, reported a draft, which, having been read and fully considered, was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for the Moderator's signature.

Address to the  
Queen agreed to.

The Synod next called for the draft of the Address to the Queen, which was given in and read by Mr. Romanes, and having been fully considered, the Synod adopted the same, and ordered it to be engrossed and signed by the Moderator.

Annual reports  
from Presbyteries.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture anent annual reports from Presbyteries of such of their principal proceedings as may be of historical interest, for the purpose of being printed along with the minutes of Synod. The Synod agreed to the said overture, and instructed Presbyteries to send up to the annual meeting of Synod, along with their records, a short and well condensed report of their principal proceedings during the past year,—for the purpose of being embodied in the minutes of Synod,—including the licensing of probationers, the ordination and admission of ministers, the removal of ministers by death or otherwise, the formation of new congregations, the organization of new sessions, the employment of missionaries, their principal missionary operations,—and all such notices as it would be desirable should appear in the printed minutes of Synod, as historical data.

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture that the Synod would publish a complete and uniform sett of their whole

minutes, from the commencement of the Synod in 1831. After mature deliberation, the Synod instructed the Clerk to institute the necessary enquiries, and should it appear that the undertaking will meet with sufficient encouragement on the part of the office-bearers and members of the Church to ensure the defraying of the expense of publication without involving the Synod in any pecuniary responsibility, or should the publication be undertaken by a bookseller or publisher on his own responsibility, the Synod authorize the Clerk to publish a complete and uniform set of their whole minutes from the organization of the Synod in 1831, and to add, in the shape of notes or appendices, such further materials, drawn from the Records of Presbyteries and the documents in possession of the Synod as may be deemed useful or necessary for illustrating the minutes as well as the history and progress of the Church,—and for this purpose the Synod instruct Presbytery Clerks to furnish, from the records of their respective Presbyteries, the dates of the ordination and admission of their several ministers,—of their removals and deaths, where there have been any,—of the organization of congregations and sessions,—and short memoranda of any other matters that may be of historical interest :—and the Synod further appoint the remaining members of the first meeting of Synod in 1831 to be an advisory committee, to any of whom the Clerk may apply for counsel and direction in any matter connected with the publication of the minutes, or the selection of matter for the illustrative notes.

The Synod, on the recommendation of the Presbytery of Quebec, authorize Mr. John Paul to be admitted to the Divinity Hall of Queen's College, as a Student of Divinity,—he at the same time attending such of the Literary and Philosophical Classes as the Senatus Academicus may direct.

The Synod appointed Mr. Romanes to prepare a Draft of a Model Constitution, to be engrossed in the title deeds of all new Churches, and report the same to the Synod at next meeting.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to superintend the French Mission in Canada East, which was given in and read by Dr. Mathieson, the Convener. The Synod sustained the report, and agreed to

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printing a uniform  
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minutes of Synod.

Mr. John Paul,

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drafted.

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Committee  
re-appointed.

Instructions to  
the committee.

Injunctions anent  
contributions for  
the French  
Mission.

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record their high satisfaction with the zeal, diligence, and prudence displayed by Dr. Mathieson and the Committee in reference to this interesting and important mission. The Synod re-appointed the Members of the Presbytery of Montreal to be a Committee to carry on the French Mission, Dr. Mathieson to be Convener,—and instructed them to print the report just given in, or such portions thereof as they may see fit, with a list of the contributions, and circulate the same through the bounds of the Church ; and, besides their Annual Report to the Synod, the Synod instructed them, hereafter, to print and circulate throughout the Church, Quarterly Reports on the progress of the mission. The Synod further instructed the Committee to take all prudent steps to raise a fund sufficient to pay off the debt on the French Church property lately purchased, and, if necessary, to send a deputation to the United States to receive contributions for this object ; and appointed trustees to receive and hold the said property in the name of the Synod.

The Synod, further, enjoin those congregations which have not, during the past year, contributed to the funds of the French Mission, to send in their contributions immediately,—and also recommend, to all the sessions and congregations in connection with the Synod, increased liberality and punctuality in contributing to the support of this important mission.

The Synod called for the Draft of the Letter to the Free Church of Scotland, which was given in and read,—and, having been maturely and deliberately considered, was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for the signature of the Moderator.

The address to the Governor General was signed in presence of the Synod, and is as follows :—

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable SIR  
CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Baronet,  
G. C. B., 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, approach your Excellency with the expression of our sincere

regard, and of our attachment to the British Throne and to the Government of which you are the Administrator.

The grand object for which we are called, as ministers and rulers of the Church, is to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to our fellow-sinners, and it will be our aim, with all diligence and prayer, to lead our people in the path of duty and finally to the inheritance of a blessed immortality. To this great work we trust we shall be enabled to devote ourselves with a diligence and fidelity that our Divine Master will bless and approve.

It is known to your Excellency that at our late meeting in Kingston a number of our Brethren conceived it to be their duty to separate from us mainly on the ground of our connection with the Church of Scotland, and the responsibility which that connection appeared to them to involve concerning recent events in that Church.

We have no wish to conceal that differences of opinion exist among ourselves on these points, but being in full and undisputed possession of all the freedom and privileges necessary to a Christian Church, and apprehending no danger of interference on the part of the Civil Powers with our Spiritual Jurisdiction, we are thoroughly persuaded that this diversity of opinion is a proper subject of mutual forbearance, and no valid ground for separation.

The evils arising from religious dissensions, especially in this land, both as it respects the progress of the Gospel, and social order, are so manifest that we shall continue to use every just and reasonable means to bring back our Seceding Brethren into their former fellowship with us. We are perfectly agreed in our adherence to the same Standards of Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship,—and the sole point at issue between us is, not any thing arising from our circumstances in this colony, but from the judgment formed respecting the circumstances which occasioned the disruption in the Parent Church, and the mode in which we should act on that judgment.

We have not abandoned the hope that our Brethren who have left us may yet be brought to concur with us in thinking that diversity of opinion on the proceedings of the Parent Church does not warrant the breach of our Ecclesiastical

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union at the hazard of the numerous and deplorable evils that must result from it. The evils to which we refer, do not affect our spiritual and religious interests alone. Questions of property are involved, which, we have reason to fear, will give rise to irritating and vexatious litigations, and to cases of individual hardship which we would most gladly avert. We most solemnly assure your Excellency that we are ready to enter upon negotiations to prevent these sad evils, from which, if they are permitted to befall us, nothing can result but the most painful heart-burnings and contentions, in a community hitherto united, and second to none in the Province for numbers and intelligence.

We renew our assurance of our steadfast and devoted allegiance to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and of our dutiful regard to your Excellency as her Majesty's Representative in this valuable portion of the British dominions ;—and that we shall, not only from our loyal attachments, but for conscience sake, always render that respect and submission to the civil authorities, which we owe as subjects of the British Crown.

That our Heavenly Father may graciously support and direct your Excellency, in the administration of the Government of this Colony, and also make your Excellency a partaker of all spiritual and eternal good, is our sincere and constant prayer.

At Montreal, this Twenty Third Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four Years :—  
Signed, in name, presence, and by appointment of the Synod.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Moderator.*

Deputation to  
present the  
Address to the  
Governor General.

The Synod appointed the following members to be a Deputation to wait upon the Governor-General, and present the foregoing Address, viz. :—The Moderator, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Liddell, Mr. McGill, Mr. Machar, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. McKid; the Honourable Mr. McKay, Mr. Petrie, and Dr. Craigie.

The Memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General, on the subject of the Sabbath traffic on the Rideau Canal, was signed in presence of the Synod, and is as follows :

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir  
CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Baronet,  
G. C. B., Governor-General of British  
North America, &c. &c. &c.*

The Memorial of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of  
Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland—

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That your Memorialists observe, with deep regret, the evils which result from the traffic carried on, upon the Sabbath, on the Rideau Canal.

That your memorialists regard the devout observance of the Sabbath as one of the most important duties of religion, and one of the chief supports of virtue, morals, and good order ; and hence, they cannot but deplore the open, public, and continual desecration of that Holy Day, which is practised every season along the whole of that canal.

That by this practice, those numerous persons who are employed on, or in connection with the canal,—in the management of the steamboats, propellers, and barges,—and the lock-masters and lock-labourers, are deprived of that rest which every individual in a Christian country ought to enjoy on the Sabbath; and, in various ways, the habit of Sabbath-breaking is formed or cherished in many, especially the young and thoughtless,—a habit which generally leads to other vices and crimes.

That, besides the evil consequences to which the practice directly or indirectly leads, and the offence which it gives to all well-disposed persons, your memorialists regard it as in itself sinful, an act of rebellion against that God, who commands all to keep the Sabbath holy, and, from the public nature of the offence, and from its being sanctioned in some degree, by the Government, involving the guilt of national sin.

That, so far as your memorialists can ascertain, no injurious effects, as regards the trade of the canal, would follow from closing it on the Sabbath ; and that, by a little attention, the owners and captains of steamboats could so arrange their business as to perform it on the six lawful days of the week :—in confirmation of which opinion, it may be men-

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Memorial to the  
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tioned that on the Lachine Canal, where Sabbath traffic is prohibited, no inconvenience is thereby produced.

May it therefore please your Excellency to take the premises into your consideration, and to adopt such measures as you may see advisable for removing this evil, and your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed at Montreal, this Twenty Third Day of September,  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four Years,  
—in name, in presence, and by appointment of the  
Synod.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Moderator.*

The Synod also agreed to request his Excellency to lay the foregoing memorial before the Board of Ordnance, and specially call their attention to the necessity for putting a stop to the Sabbath traffic on the Rideau Canal.

The Address to the Queen was signed in presence of the Synod, and ordered to be transmitted by the Moderator, through his Excellency the Governor General. The Address is as follows :—

*Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, embrace this opportunity of renewing the expression of our heartfelt attachment to your Majesty's royal person and government.

Admiring, as we do, the principles of the British constitution, and the grandeur of the British empire, we regard it as the highest of our civil privileges that we enjoy the protection of its power ; and we trust that nothing will ever occur that will tend to dissolve or weaken the connection now so happily existing between the parent country and this province, or to deprive us of the manifold advantages arising from it.

Connected as we are by many ties with Scotland, we cannot but deeply deplore the division which recently occurred in the Established Church in that part of your Majesty's dominions, both on account of the injury thereby done to the cause of religion, and also on account of the

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detrimental effects which must thence arise in regard to the peace and good order of society. The evil consequences of that division have unhappily extended to this province, although we entertained the hope that the wide difference between the position of our church and that of the Church in Scotland, would have exempted us from being involved in these contentions. In this expectation we have unhappily been disappointed, but no efforts shall be awaiting on our part to restore that union which is so essential to the social order and spiritual well being of the Presbyterian body in this province, and which, as it appears to us, our relation to the Church of Scotland should never have disturbed.

In the prosecution of our labours, we are exposed to many difficulties and hardships; and when we consider the benefits which the diffusion of divine truth is calculated to confer on a country, we indulge the hope that your Majesty will ever preserve us in the secure possession of all our rights and privileges, so that we may be enabled to extend more widely throughout this province the blessings of religious and moral instruction.

We renew our wishes and our prayers for your Majesty's health, prosperity, and happiness, for your domestic happiness, and the success and glory of your reign. We implore the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, that He may endow your Majesty and your Royal Consort richly with all spiritual and temporal blessings, and, that after a life employed in the exercise of every public and private virtue, you may be at last received into His heavenly glory, through the merits of the Divine Redeemer.

Signed at Montreal, this Twenty Third Day of September,  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four Years,  
—in name, in presence, and by appointment of the  
Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Moderator.*

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their committee of Bills and Overtures, applications from various adherents of the church in the upper part of the province, craving that they might be visited by a deputation of the ministers of the Synod, one of whom should be able to preach in Gaelic.

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Mr. McLaurin to  
visit the Highland  
settlements.

Instruction to the  
commissioner and  
a deputation.

Report of  
convener of the  
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sioners given in.

Alteration in the  
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commissioners.

Instructions to  
the nine  
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After mature deliberation, the Synod agreed that the Rev. John Maclaurin, of Martintown, be sent as soon as possible on a missionary visit to the various Highland settlements in the western part of the province, where no regular minister is stationed, and to explain to the people, if he shall deem it expedient, the true independent position of this Synod. The Synod instructed the Presbytery of Glengary to devise means for defraying his travelling expenses, and supplying his pulpit during his absence;—and recommend the ministers, who are stationed in the vicinity of those places which Mr. Maclaurin may visit, to accompany him in his visitations and assist him by their advice and co-operation. And in the event of the negotiations for re-union with the seceding brethren failing, and of the continuance of their attempts to alienate the affections of the people from this church, the Synod instruct the Commission to select at least two ministers, suitably qualified, and to send them forth to the places where their services may be most needed, to vindicate the Synod in its present position and use their best endeavours to build up the church in those places, to organize congregations, and to direct them, as they best can, into the means by which they may procure the settlement of pious and able ministers among them.

The Synod called for the report of the Commissioners on the Clergy Reserves, which was given in and read by the Convener. The Synod ordered the said report to be kept *in retentis*.

The Rev. John Machar having resigned his office as a Commissioner of the Synod under the Clergy Reserve Act, the Synod appointed Charles Tait, Esquire, of Montreal, to be a Commissioner of the Synod in his stead, and instructed the Clerk to communicate to the Governor General this alteration in the list of the Commissioners.

The Synod enjoin the Clergy Reserve Commissioners to use all diligence to ascertain the legal rights of this church, in regard to lapsed salaries of ministers, and to the Clergy Reserves generally, and to obtain possession of such sum or sums as may be lawfully due to this church; and, further, the Synod instruct the Commissioners, in the event of any such sum or sums being obtained, to divide them among the unendowed brethren, to an amount not exceeding Forty

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Pounds a year to each. The Synod also recommend a meeting to be held without delay, and a sub-committee to be appointed of residents in Montreal, who may act with greater promptitude and decision.

The Deputation appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor General, reported his answer to the Address of the Synod, which was read and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes; and is as follows :—

*“To the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.*

“I thank you, gentlemen, cordially, for your kind wishes and benevolent prayers, and for the expression of your loyal attachment to the British Throne and to the government entrusted by our gracious Sovereign to my administration.

Governor's  
answer to the  
address.

“I deeply lament, with you, the separation which has taken place in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and shall heartily rejoice if a re-union can be accomplished. I trust that the only difference which exists does not necessarily render such a measure impossible; and I have great gratification in learning that your endeavours will not be wanting to produce that desirable result. Religious dissensions can hardly fail to be followed by great evils; while blessings are sure to attend on union, harmony, and brotherly love.”

The letter of remonstrance to the Free Church of Scotland was signed in presence of the Synod, and was ordered to be transmitted. The said letter is as follows :—

Letter to the  
Free Church.

**To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Protestant Church of Scotland.**

REVEREND SIR,—We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, feel ourselves constrained by an imperative sense of duty to ourselves, and the people under our care, to address to your church a few words of remonstrance, respecting the course of conduct which you have pursued towards the Presbyterian Church in this country. Placed as we are, in a position, entirely different from that of the Church in Scotland,—exempted from all the grievances, either real or imaginary, which gave rise to the disruption there; and possessing a full, free, and

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unquestioned right of jurisdiction in all things spiritual ; we naturally supposed, that we were not called either by duty or expediency, to agitate questions which neither did, nor could practically concern us.

Amid many difficulties and privations, which are neither experienced, nor conceived of, by ministers of any denomination in Scotland, we were engaged in the peaceful prosecution of our labours in this extensive region. In such circumstances we should naturally have expected, from all churches professing the same faith, every possible encouragement and assistance. It was therefore with much surprise and regret, that we observed in some of the organs of the Free Church, expressions of a desire to produce, or at least to countenance, a disruption in our Synod, and division and strife among our congregations. We were for a time willing to ascribe this to ignorance of our condition, or to a want of due consideration of the position of our church ; but from the subsequent conduct of the Free Church in publishing and sending out letters, addresses, and other documents, calculated to excite the feelings of our people, and commissioning deputations for the same purpose, we are compelled, however unwillingly, to conclude, that there exists a desire, on the part of the leaders of that church, to disturb and distract the congregations under our care. We cannot regard such conduct, as wise, generous, or christian, but still, when we think of the high character, and the beneficent efforts of many of the members of your church, we cherish the hope, that when the case is fully and fairly represented, you will see cause to adopt a different line of conduct.

We enjoy the very same liberty, and stand in the very same position, as that for which those who now constitute the Free Church so long contended ; a position similar to that of the Irish Presbyterian Church. We are as entirely free, in every sense of the word, as the Free Church itself, or as any church in the world, whether established or not established. It was admitted by every member of Synod, present at Kingston, in July last, even by those who left us, "that none of the causes which led to the disruption in Scotland exist here," and in the published words of one of those very persons, it is declared, "whatever may be the differences, between the Established and Free Churches in

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Scotland, they utterly vanish in Canada." It cannot therefore be regarded as unreasonable, that, when called upon suddenly to make a change in our position, which we clearly saw would plunge us in unnumbered evils, without the smallest corresponding benefit, we should at least pause, and deliberate, before taking a step, which would be attended with such fearful consequences; and we certainly had a right to expect, that before being accused of acting from unworthy motives, and exposed to unjust censures, both here and in Scotland, as being indifferent, or hostile to the Redeemer's cause, we should have been, at the very least, requested in a calm and christian manner, to state the reasons of our conduct.

We claim for ourselves the same liberty of judging and acting which we concede to others, and we solemnly declare, that in all we have done in this matter, we have acted according to our conscientious convictions of duty, and with the most earnest desire to do what would be most conducive to the spiritual welfare of our people,—and we cannot but feel ourselves therefore deeply aggrieved, when we see charges which we must characterise as reckless and unwarrantable, brought against those who, to say the least, have been as faithful and laborious in the service of the Lord, as they who bring forward such allegations; men who have borne the burden and heat of the day, who have spent years of ill-requited labour in gathering in those, who but for their exertions would have been strangers to the means of grace.

Let it not for a moment be supposed, that we entertain any hard, or hostile feelings towards the Free Church. Many of its members we revere and love; we admire their devotedness and their zeal; and we cannot doubt that in taking the position they assumed, they acted on the most sincere convictions of duty; we should therefore gladly welcome that church, as a fellow-labourer with us, in evangelizing this country, and surely the land is wide enough for us both; there is work enough to employ all our exertions, and all our means. Why then may we not say to each other, "Let there be no strife I pray thee between thee and me; Is not the whole land before us?" Why should our feelings of Christian regard, and our desire of friendly co-operation, be thwarted by the stern aspect of hostility? Why should

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the late division in our Synod, a division which may justly be termed, the most perfectly uncalled for, the most utterly unaccountable schism, which ever took place in the Church of Christ,—be encouraged and perpetuated by your influence, instead of being healed, as it might possibly be, by your interposition? Why should the able and zealous Missionaries you send among us, exert their energies in endeavouring to distract, that is, to destroy, our settled congregations, instead of carrying the message of salvation into those numerous places in our land, where a Preacher's voice is seldom heard? Why should two bodies of Christians, agreeing in doctrine, worship, and discipline, differing only in name, and very little even in that, fill the land with their contentions, and excite the grief of the Christian, and the scorn of the ungodly?

We trust that this representation will be taken, as it is intended, in good part. We are fully convinced that the conduct adopted by your church towards ours, has tended to excite feelings of dislike in the minds of many persons in this country, who were once disposed to regard the Free Church with affection and esteem; and that it would conduce to *your honour and advantage*, no less than to *our peace and welfare*, to adopt a course of conduct, more liberal, more conciliatory, and more Christian.

Signed, at Montreal, this Twenty Third Day of September, 1844, in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod, by

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Moderator.*

The Synod called for the reports of the committees appointed to revise Presbytery Records, when reports on the Records of the Presbyteries of Kingston, Montreal, and Hamilton, were given in, read, and sustained.

The Synod ordered the Clerk to attest the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston as carefully and correctly kept.

The Synod ordered the Clerk to attest the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal, *cum hac nota*, that at page 89, vol. ii. it appears that the Presbytery could not obtain admission into St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, their usual place of meeting; and the cause of this not being apparent on the face of the minute, explanation was called

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Presbytery record  
committees.

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attested.

Montreal Presby-  
tery's records  
attested.

for and given, and there being reason to believe that the exclusion of the Presbytery from the Church arose from the late secession of the Minister, the Synod cannot pass over this occurrence without a strong expression of their surprise and regret, that the Presbytery could not obtain admission into a church under their jurisdiction, when it was officially intimated that the Presbytery should meet there on that day.

The Synod ordered the Clerk to attest the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton *cum his notis*, that on page 248, vol. i. it appears the Presbytery met on the call of the Clerk, and not by adjournment,—that, on page 253, no adjournment is marked at Saltfleet, and the next meeting took place at Hamilton, without any appointment;—that many of the minutes are not signed by the Moderator;—that (page 8, vol. ii.) a *pro re nata* meeting was held at London, without the Moderator's conduct being approved of in calling the meeting, nor is there any notice taken of such meeting at next ordinary meeting;—that in regard to some of the recently admitted members of the Hamilton Presbytery, it appears that so far as Mr. Lindsay is concerned, he was received by the Presbytery of Hamilton, in *July*, 1843, on presenting certificates of ordination and appointment by the Colonial Committee as Missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, and inducted into the charge at Ayr, on *October 11th*, 1843,—and so far as regards Mr. Smellie, testimonials in his favour were received on *October 11th*, 1843, and sustained, and he was inducted to the charge at Fergus, on *December 13th*, 1843,—and in respect to Mr. Peden, an application was made (*July 11th*, 1843) through Rev. George Cheyne, by Mr. Peden, Student of Divinity in connection with the Secession Church in Scotland, to be taken on trials for license by the Presbytery of Hamilton,—the application was sustained and referred to the Synod for leave to take him on trials, which leave, being asked, was granted by the Synod,—and it appears that *the Presbytery, at a pro re nata meeting, held at London, February 1st*, 1844, *licensed and ordained, on the same trials, the said Mr. Robert Peden*,—and also that the conduct of "*the Convener of the Western Committee*" was not approved of in calling said *pro re nata* meeting, neither were the minutes of said *pro re nata* either read or approved of at next meeting of

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Presbytery;—from a consideration of all which facts it is evident that Messrs. Lindsay, Smellie, and Peden, having *at the times above specified, voluntarily connected themselves*, by application, with the Synod of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, through one of its Presbyteries, must have been cognizant of the fact that a disruption of the Church of Scotland had then taken place, and also of the fact that this Synod is in connection with the Church of Scotland, and having separated themselves from this Synod, in July last, ought to be regarded as having voted with the minority at the time of the separation, under the influence of considerations altogether inadmissible in the case of those who would act free from bias in taking part in the pronouncing of a solemn ecclesiastical decision;—and that *the remaining members* of the Presbytery of Hamilton are admonished to be more careful in all these matters in future.

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

### DIET VI.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church  
there:—Tuesday, the Twenty Fourth  
Day of September, One Thousand Eight  
Hundred and Forty Four 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's sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from Mr. George, anent meetings for conference and prayer. The Synod, having taken this matter into their serious consideration, recommend Presbyteries, so far as possible, to institute clerical prayer and fellowship meetings, for the purpose of mutual edification,—and, at ordinary meetings of Presbytery, to spend so much of the time in exercises of a devotional kind, as the circumstances of the members present will permit.

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Lay Association.

The Synod had also transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture anent the formation of a Lay Association, for the advancement of the general interests of the church. The Synod having duly considered this matter, and being well assured that there are many adherents and members of the church, who, although not office bearers and not of course admissible to sit in her courts, are nevertheless well qualified, as well by their zeal for the well being of the church as their business habits, to advance those interests of the church which are more connected with secular things, and are desirous of lending their aid, appointed the following committee, viz., Mr. Lambie (Convener), Mr. George, Dr. Liddell, and Dr. Mathieson, to digest a plan for the formation and operations of a Lay Association, and to report to the Commission of Synod, and, as soon as the Commission shall have approved of said plan, the Synod recommend the formation of a Lay Association, for the advancement of the general interests of the church, with branches or committees of the same in the several cities and principal towns throughout the Province.

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed to consider the various papers transmitted to the Synod anent missionary operations, which was given in and read by Mr. Romanes. The Synod sustained the said report, and, in accordance with the recommendations thereof, the Synod instruct Presbyteries to make every effort to obtain preachers from Scotland, or other countries, where sound and able Presbyterian Ministers may be found, and particularly to enter into correspondence with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, for this purpose. The Synod also enjoin Ministers to look out pious young men in their several congregations, and to take all suitable steps to encourage such to study for the ministry. The Synod approve generally of the plan, contained in an overture anent Home Missionary operations, as to Presbyteries dividing the destitute localities within their bounds into Missionary Districts, and assigning to each of their Ministers the charge of one of these Districts, and recommend the adoption of such a plan wherever practicable, leaving details to the discretion of Presbyteries. The Synod further recommend, in order to greater punctuality in raising funds

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for missionary purposes, that the collection for the French Mission be made some time in the month of February, and the collection for Home Missions some time in the month of June,—and also that Missionary Associations, for further aiding these funds, be formed wherever practicable.

The Synod appointed John Bruce, Esq., of Montreal, to act as Synod Treasurer until next meeting of Synod.

The Synod appointed the following members, as the Commission of Synod, to watch over the general interests of the church, and to transact any business devolved upon it, viz. :

Dr. John Cook, *Moderator* ; and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Synod Clerk* :—

*From the Presbytery of Bathurst* :—Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. Thomas C. Wilson, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. William Bell, Mr. Joseph Anderson, *Ministers* ; the Hon. James Morris, Mr. William Rutherford, the Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. Archibald Petrie, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Kingston* :—Mr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Dr. Thomas Liddell, Mr. Peter C. Campbell, *Ministers* ; Mr. John Mowat, Mr. Robert Cleugh, Mr. Herman Ziericks, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Toronto* :—Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. James Lambie, Mr. John Barclay, *Ministers* ; Mr. George Miller, Mr. James A. Thomson, Mr. James Daniels, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Montreal* :—Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. Edward Black, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. William Simpson, *Ministers* ; Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. John Bruce, Mr. James Lang, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Glengary* :—Mr. John Mackenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John MacLaurin, Mr. Thomas McPherson, *Ministers* ; the Hon. John McGillivray, the Hon. Judge McLean, Mr. Alexander McMartin, *Elders* :—

*From the Presbytery of Hamilton* :—Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. William King, Mr. George McClatchey, *Minis-*

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*ters ; Mr. George Dawson, Dr. William Craigie,  
Mr. John Robson, Mr. Alexander D. Fordyce,  
Elders :—*

*From the Presbytery of Quebec :—Mr. John McMorine,  
Mr. Alexander Buchan, Ministers ; Mr. John Thomp-  
son, Mr. John Fraser, Elders.*

The Synod appointed the Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, at Toronto, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of February, at seven o'clock, P. M.;—and in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of May, at twelve o'clock, noon.

The Synod appointed their next meeting to be holden in St. Andrew's Church, at Kingston, on Wednesday, the second day of July, 1845, at seven o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod ; when, after prayer, and singing Psalm cii. 13-18, the Synod was closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

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