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*The Commission of Synod.*—Meets at Montreal on November 7, 1867, at Noon; and at Toronto on January 22, 1868, at Noon.

*The next meeting of Synod.*—Is appointed to begin in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on June 2, 1868, at seven o'clock, P.M.

LIST OF MODERATORS FROM THE FORMATION OF THE  
SYNOD IN 1881, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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| 1881.—REV. J. MACKENZIE, M.A.  | 1850.—REV. J. M. SMITH, M.A.     |
| 1882.—REV. A. MATHIESON, D.D.  | 1851.—REV. ROBERT NEILL,         |
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| 1845.—REV. WILLIAM BELL, M.A.  | 1865.—REV. GEO. THOMSON, M.A.    |
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| 1847.—REV. WALTER ROACH.       | [D.D.]                           |
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| 1849.—REV. JAS. C. MUIR, D.D.  |                                  |

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MR. CHAS. A. DOUDIET, *Missionary to the French Canadians in Montreal.*



## MINUTES OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;—Thursday, the Eighth Day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six Years :—*

Which day the Commission of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer.

*Sederunt.*—Alexander Mathieson, Frederick P. Sym, James Patterson, William C. Clark, John Jenkins, Joshua Fraser, Donald Ross (Chatham), *Ministers*; James S. Hunter, Archibald Ferguson, *Elders*.

The Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Joshua Fraser, B.A., Clerk of this meeting.

There were produced and read Petitions from the congregations of Leith and Bishop's Mills to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, soliciting pecuniary aid so as to enable them to complete their respective places of worship. After due deliberation upon the merits of these cases, the Commission unanimously agreed to recommend the same to the most favourable consideration of the Colonial Committee, and to request the Moderator to transmit these applications with accompanying documents.

There being no other business before the meeting, the Commission adjourned, and was closed with prayer.

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*At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;—Wednesday, the Sixteenth Day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Years :—*

Which day the Commission of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer.

*Sederunt.*—George Bell, John Hogg, John Barclay, John Campbell, David Camelon, James Carmichael, Kenneth Maclellan, Alexander Maclellan, Alexander Macdonald, *Ministers*; John McMurchy, *Elder*.

The Rev. George Bell, B.A., was appointed Moderator, and the Rev. John Campbell, M.A., Clerk of this meeting.

There being no business before the meeting, the Commission adjourned, and was closed with prayer.

# SYNOD ROLL,

&c., &c.

June 5th, 1867.

REV. KENNETH MACLENNAN, B.A., *Moderator.*

REV. J. H. MACKERRAS, M.A., *Clerk.*

\*The column of dates gives the times of the appointment of Ministers to the first charges held by them in connection with the Synod.

The reference letters *a, b, &c.*, indicate the Post Office addresses of Ministers when these are not expressed by the names of their charges.

1. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—REV. DUNCAN ANDERSON, M.A., *Clerk.*

*Meets at Quebec on the third Wednesday of May and October.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Cook, D.D.	25 Dec., 1835.	John Thomson	Quebec.
David Shanks	2 Jan., 1841.	William McBain	Valcartier.
Dun. Anderson, M.A.	26 Dec., 1854.	Alexander Fraser	Point Levi, <i>a.</i>
Alexander Forbes	5 Jan., 1859.		Leeds and Inverness. <i>b.</i>
R. G. McLaren, B.A.	14 Aug., 1862.	John Houlieston	Three Rivers.
Joseph Evans, M.A.	3 Nov., 1858.	Rev. J. E. Tanner	Sherbrooke.
James McCaul, B.A.	24 Aug., 1864.	Colin McIver	Melbourne.

R. P. Smith, *Ordained Missionary.*

John Bennett, *Catechist.*

James Douglas, B.A.	} <i>Licentiates.</i>
George Weir, M.A.	
Alex. N. McQuarrie, B.A.	

Windsor and Brompton Gore, Brompton Falls, New Durham, Oakhill,

*Mission Stations.*

*a*, Point Levi West; *b*, Inverness.



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### 2. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—REV. JAMES PATTERSON, *Clerk.*

*Meets at Montreal on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and Nov.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS	CHARGES.
Alex. Mathieson, D.D.	19 Oct., 1826.	James S. Hunter . . .	Montreal, <i>St.</i> [ <i>Andrew's.</i> ]
James C. Muir, D.D.	29 Sep., 1836.	Daniel Macdougall . . .	Georgetown, <i>a.</i>
William Simpson . . .	16 Mar., 1840 . . . . .		Lachine.
Alex. Wallace, B.A. . .	1 Oct., 1845 . . . . .		Huntingdon.
John McDonald . . . .	28 June, 1854.	Hugh McLeod . . . . .	Beechridge, <i>b.</i>
Frederick P. Sym . . .	29 Sep., 1852.	James Lang . . . . .	Beauharnois.
James Patterson . . . .	8 Sep., 1858.	Thomas Kyle . . . . .	Hemmingford.
William Masson . . . .	15 Sep., 1858.	Adam J. B. Reay . . .	Russelstown Flats,
William C. Clark . . . .	28 Oct., 1858.	William White . . . .	Ormstown.
John Jenkins, D.D. . . .	27 June, 1865.	Arch. Ferguson . . . .	Montreal, <i>St.</i> [ <i>Paul's.</i> ]
Joshua Fraser, B.A. . .	21 Sep., 1865.	William Dunlop . . . .	Montreal, <i>St.</i> [ <i>Matthew's.</i> ]
Donald Ross, B.D. . . .	8 Oct., 1865.	Robert Wilson . . . . .	Chatham and [ <i>Grenville, c.</i> ]
Donald Ross . . . . .	20 July, 1859.	John Cruikshanks . . .	Dundee, <i>d.</i>
William Cochrane . . . .	18 Sep., 1866 . . . . .		Elgin, <i>e.</i>
Robert Campbell, M.A.	10 April, 1862.	Douglas Brymner . . .	Montreal, <i>St.</i> [ <i>Gabriel's.</i> ]
John Barr . . . . .	8 June, 1867.	John T. Adams . . . . .	Laprairie. St. Louis de [ <i>Gonzague.</i> ]

Andrew Paton, *Assistant and Successor*, St. Andrew's Montreal.

Thomas Fraser, Montreal, 14 June, 1844, *Retired Minister.*

James T. Paul, Ormstown, John Balmain, *Ordained Missionaries.*

Augmentation of Grenville, Griffintown, *Mission Stations.*

[*a.*, North Georgetown; *b.*, St. Remi; *c.*, Cushing; *d.*, Dundee Centre; *e.*, Trout River.

### 3. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.—REV. ROBERT DOBIE, *Clerk.*

*Meets at Cornwall on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and Nov.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Hugh Urquhart, D.D. . .	18 Feb., 1827.	William Mattice . . .	Cornwall.
T. Macpherson, M.A. . .	28 Dec., 1836.	John Macpherson . . .	Lancaster.
Robert Dobie . . . . .	7 Oct., 1858.	James Croil . . . . .	Osnabruck, <i>a.</i>
Peter Watson, B.A. . . .	4 Sep., 1856.	F. B. McLennan . . .	Williamstown.
John Davidson . . . . .	Sep., 1844 . . . . .		Williamsburgh, <i>b.</i>

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Thomas Scott..... 12 Jan., 1844 William Presley... *Plantaganet. c.*  
 James Mair..... 27 Sep., 1860. Peter W. Conroy... *Martintown.*  
 Arch. Currie, M.A.... 23 Oct., 1861. Murdoch Campbell. *Cote St. George. d.*  
 Hugh Lamont..... 22 Feb., 1865. John N. McMillan... *Finch. e.*  
 John S. Lochead, M.A. 21 Sep., 1866..... *Matilda. f.*  
 ..... Angus Cattanach... *Dalhousie Mills.*  
 ..... Daniel Campbell... *Indian Lands and*  
 ..... Ewan B. McMillan. *Lochiel. [Roaboro].*

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☞ *a*, Woodlands; *b*, North Williamsburgh; *c*, Curtan, North Plantaganet; *d*, Peveril, C. E.; *e*, Newington; *f*, Dixon's Corners, Matilda.

4. PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.—REV. WILLIAM BAIN, M.A., *Clerk.*

*Meets at Perth on the second Tuesday of January, May and September.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
William Bain, M.A....	29 Oct., 1845.	Alex. Morris, D.O.L.	<i>Perth.</i>
Solomon Mylne.....	16 Oct., 1850.	John Hogg.....	<i>Smith's Falls.</i>
James Wilson, M.A....	11 June, 1862.	Alexander Stewart..	<i>Lanark.</i>
Walter Ross, M.A....	15 Oct., 1862.	Dugald Ferguson...	<i>Beckwith. a.</i>
Donald J. McLean, B.A.	11 Feb., 1863.	William Morris..	<i>Middleville and Dal-</i>
William White.....	24 June, 1857.	Charles Ross.....	<i>Kitley. c. [housie. b.]</i>
.....	.....	George Malloch.....	<i>Brockville.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Ramsay.</i>

William Millar, *Ordained Missionary.*

Darling, Merrickville, and Burrit's Rapids, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, Franktown; *b*, Middleville; *c*, Toledo.

5. PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—REV. JAMES B. MULLAN, *Clerk.*

*Meets at Ottawa on the second Wednesday of January, May and September.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Alex. Spence, D.D....	27 July, 1848.	Francis B. Crosby....	<i>Ottawa.</i>
James Sinclair.....	24 Oct., 1853.	Robert Holmes.....	<i>Huntley.</i>
G. D. Ferguson, B.A..	16 May, 1855.	Charles P. Treadwell..	<i>L'Orignal and</i> <i>[Hawkesbury. a.]</i>
William T. Canning...	10 Oct., 1859.....	.....	<i>Oxford. b.</i>





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8. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO. { REV. JOHN BARCLAY, D.D., *Clerk.*  
 { REV. KENNETH MACLENNAN, B.A., *Asst. Clerk.*

*Meets at Toronto on the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Tawse, M.A.....	8 Mar. 1837.....		<i>King.</i>
John Barclay, D.D....	6 Dec. 1842.....	William Mitchell....	<i>Toronto.</i>
David Watson, M.A..	30 Aug., 1853.....		<i>Thorah. a.</i>
William Cleland.....	2 Aug., 1854.....		<i>Scott and Uxbridge. b.</i>
John Brown.....	30 Aug., 1854.....	Jacob Wells.....	<i>Newmarket.</i>
James Bain.....	10 Oct., 1854.....	Thomas Brown.....	<i>Scarboro' c.</i>
John Campbell, M.A..	10 Sep., 1856.....	John Canning.....	<i>Markham.</i>
William McKee.....	3 Mar., 1858.....		<i>W. Gwillimbury and Innisfl. d.</i>
Wm. E. McKay, B.A..	29 Oct., 1856.....	James H. Curry....	<i>Orangeville.</i>
David Camelon.....	12 Dec., 1859.....		<i>Port Hope.</i>
James Carmichael....	2 Oct., 1860.....	Arch. McMurchy....	<i>West King. e.</i>
Ken'th Maclellan, B.A.	8 Mar., 1853.....	James Young.....	<i>Whitby.</i>
Walter R. Ross.....	6 Feb., 1861.....		<i>Pickering.</i>
James S. Mullan, B.A.	31 Dec. 1861.....	Alexander Bradley..	<i>Clarke. f.</i>
Alex. Maclellan, B.A..	2 July, 1862.....	Samuel Robinson....	<i>Mulmur. g.</i>
John Gordon, B.A....	21 Feb., 1865.....	Peter Bisset.....	<i>Georgina. h.</i>
William Aitken.....	1 Nov., 1865.....	Wm. McNaughton...	<i>Vaughan. i.</i>
Alex. Macdonald, B.A.	31 Jan., 1866.....	John McMurchy....	<i>Nottawasaga. j.</i>
William Hamilton...	31 July, 1866.....	Robert Dodds....	<i>Caledon &amp; Mono. k.</i>
D. J. Macdonnell, B.D.	20 Nov., 1866.....	Robert Dennistoun..	<i>Peterboro'.</i>
George Law.....	18 Dec., 1866.....	James Curry.....	<i>Chinguacousy. l.</i>
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.....	.....	.....	<i>Cobourg.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Dummer, Otonabee and Belmont.</i>

Samuel Porter, Oakville, 29th April, 1846..... }  
 Archibald Colquhoun, Mansfield, 14th July, 1832.. } *Retired Ministers.*  
 Alexander Lewis, Mono, 4th Aug., 1840..... }

James Nimmo, appointed to Cobourg.

Adam Spenser, James S. Douglas, M.A., *Ordained Missionaries.*

Sunnidale and New Lowell, Artemisia and Melancthon, Stouffville, Utica, Rear of Eldon and Thorah, *Mission Stations.*

*a*, Beaverton; *b*, Uxbridge; *c*, Woburn; *d*, Bradford; *e*, Laskey; *f*, Newtonville; *g*, Rosemont; *h*, Sutton; *i*, Maple; *j*, Duntroon; *k*, Caledon; *l*, Brampton.

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9. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—REV. ROBERT BURNET, *Clerk.*

*Meets at Hamilton on the third Wednesday of April, August and December.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Robert Burnet.....	26 Oct., 1853.	Alex. Logie...	<i>Hamilton, St. Andrew's</i>
Martin W. Livingstone.....	19 May, 1858.	J. E. McColl..	<i>Simcoe.</i>
William Stewart.....	26 Dec., 1860.	George Ford..	<i>Hornby &amp; Trafalgar. a.</i>
Henry Edmison, M.A. . . . .	18 Oct., 1866.	John Glasgow.	<i>Nelson &amp; Waterdown, b.</i>
.....	.....	Alex. Mitchell.	<i>Ancaster.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Hamilton, St. John's.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Brantford.</i>

James Stuart, Brantford, 22nd Aug., 1849..... }  
 Wm. Johnson, M.A., Hamilton, 15th Nov., 1852. } *Retired Ministers.*

Dover, Lyndoch, and Windham, *Mission Stations.*

*a*, Hornby; *b*. Waterdown.

10. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—REV. FRANCOIS NICOL, *Clerk.*

*Meets at London on the first Wednesday of January, May and September.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
William Bell, M.A. . . . .	17 May, 1848.	.....	<i>North Easthops. a.</i>
James McEwen, M.A. . . . .	12 Oct., 1854.	Gilbert Taylor...	<i>Westminster. b.</i>
John Rannie, M.A., . . . . .	15 Sep., 1859.	Henry Robertson.	<i>Chatham. c.</i>
William Barr. . . . .	28 Sep., 1849.	.....	<i>Wawanosh. d.</i>
Francis Nicol. . . . .	22 Dec, 1859.	James Cowan.....	<i>London.</i>
Hamilton Gibson. . . . .	13 Nov., 1850.	Charles Tough.....	<i>Bayfield and Var-</i>
James George, D.D. . . . .	4 Aug., 1834.	John Hunter.....	<i>Stratford. [na. e.</i>
James Gordon, M.A. . . . .	26 Sep., 1854.	Robert Woods.....	<i>N. Dorchester. b.</i>
Ewan Macaulay, B.A. . . . .	3 Oct. 1866.	.....	<i>Southwold. f.</i>
John M. McLeod. . . . .	6 Jan., 1867.	.....	<i>East Williams. g.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Goderich.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Woodstock and Norwich.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Glencoe.</i>
.....	.....	.....	<i>Kippen.</i>

William McEwen, M.A., London, 9th Nov., 1850, *Retired Minister.*

Robert Stevenson, }  
 Daniel McDougall, } *Ordained Missionaries.*  
 Bosanquet, Aldborough, Parkhill, *Mission Stations.*

*a*, Shakespeare; *b*, London; *c*, Chatham, C. W.; *d*, Dungannon;  
*e*, Bayfield; *f*, Fingal; *g*, Nairn.

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11. PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—REV. GEORGE MACDONNELL, *Clerk.*

*Meets at Guelph on the second Wednesday of January, May and September.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Macdonnell...	17 Nov., 1852.	John Moffat.....	<i>Fergus.</i>
James Thom.....	18 Oct., 1844.	James Burnett.....	<i>Woolwich. a.</i>
John Whyte.....	6 Aug., 1851.....		<i>Arthur.</i>
John Hogg.....	30 June, 1859.	David Allan.....	<i>Guelph.</i>
Alex. Hunter, B.A....	27 Oct., 1864.....		<i>Leith and John</i>
Matthew W. Maclean..	15 Aug. 1866.	George Brockie.....	<i>Paisley. [son. b.</i>
Duncan Morrison, B.A.	22 Oct., 1851.....		<i>Owen Sound and Derby.</i>
James B. Muir, B.A....	31 May. 1865.	John Rose.....	<i>Galt.</i>
.....			<i>Mount Forest.</i>
.....			<i>Kincardine.</i>

Priceville, Southampton, *Mission Stations.*

*a*, Winterbourne; *b*, Leith.

12. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.—REV. GEORGE BELL, B.A., *Clerk.*

*Meets at Olifton on the first Wednesday of April, August and December.*

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
George Bell, B.A.....	30 May, 1844.	George Henderson..	<i>Olifton.</i>
Hugh Niven.....	17 Feb., 1857.	James Duff.....	<i>Saltfleet and Bin-</i>
James Herald.....	30 June, 1858.	Wm. Macdonald....	<i>Dundas. [brook.a.</i>
Charles Campbell....	25 Aug., 1858.	George Dawson....	<i>Niagara.</i>

Beamsville, *Mission Station.*

*a*, Mount Albion.



ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection  
with the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal on the  
5th, and concluded on 12th day of June, 1867 years.

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SESSION XXXIX.

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DIET I.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;— Wednesday, the Fifth Day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Years ;—*

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment, after sermon by the Very Rev. William Snodgrass, D.D., Principal of Queen's University, Retiring Moderator, on this text, Matthew VI. 10, "Thy Kingdom come," and was constituted with prayer by the said Very Rev. Principal Snodgrass.

The Synod Roll was made up and read.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

*Sederunt.*—Kenneth MacLennan, *Moderator*; George Macdonnell, John Whyte, John Hogg, Duncan Morrison, James B. Muir, James McEwen, John Rannie, Alexander Spence, George D. Ferguson, William T. Canning, James Sieveright, James B. Mullan, James C. Smith, Alexander Mann, George Thomson, Peter Lindsay, Hugh Cameron, Duncan Macdonald, William Bain, Solomon Mylne, James Wilson, Walter Ross, Donald J. McLean, William White, Archibald Walker, Alexander Buchan, George Porteous, William M. Inglis, William Snodgrass, John H. Mackerras, John Barclay, William Cleland, James Bain, John Campbell, William E. Mackay, James S. Mullan, John Gordon, Alexander Macdonald, William Hamilton, Daniel J. Macdonnell, John Cook, Robert G. McLaren, Joseph Evans, James

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McCaul, Alexander Mathieson, James C. Muir, William Simpson, Alexander Wallace, John Macdonald, Frederick P. Sym, James Patterson, William Masson, William C. Clark, John Jenkins, Joshua Fraser, Donald Ross (Chatham), Donald Ross (Dundêe), William Cochrane, Robert Campbell, John Barr, Hugh Urquhart, Thomas Macpherson, Robert Dobie, Peter Watson, John Davidson, James Mair, Archibald Currie, Hugh Lamont, John S. Lothead, Robert Burnet, Martin W. Livingstone, Henry Edmison, George Bell, Hugh Niven, *Ministers*; John Moffat, James Burnet, David Allan, Francis B. Crosby, Charles P. Treadwell, James McGowan, James Henry, Abel H. Dowsell, Alexander Morris, George Malloch, John Paton, James Balcanqual, Thomas Brown, Robert Dennistoun, John Campbell, Neil Macdougall, John Houlieston, John E. Tanner, Colin McIver, James S. Hunter, Jas. Lang, Adam J. B. Reay, Archibald Ferguson, John Cruikshanks, Douglas Brymner, John T. Adams, William Mattice, John Macpherson, Jas. Croil, Farquhar B. Maclellan, Peter W. Conroy, Murdoch Campbell, *Elders*.

The attention of the Synod having been drawn to the circumstance that, since their last annual meeting, no less than four Ministers, who at one time occupied charges of this Church, but who had for a longer or shorter period previous to their final illness retired from active duty in the Ministry, had been called away by death, viz. :— the Rev. Thomas Johnson, formerly of Chinguacousy; the Rev. John Hay, formerly of Mount Forest; the Rev. John Merlin, formerly of Hemmingford; and the Rev. Donald Munro, formerly of Finch,—the Synod resolved to record their sorrow for this afflictive dispensation of Providence, their esteem for the memory of these departed brethren, their high appreciation of the character of the deceased, and their strong sense of the earnestness with which these laboured in the Master's vineyard, until compelled by advancing age or enfeebled health to retire from the exercise of their Ministerial functions. The Synod further record their sympathy with the bereaved families and surviving relatives of the deceased; and commend them affectionately to the grace and consolation of Him, who comforteth His people in all their tribulations.

### THE LATE REV. JOHN MACMORINE, D.D.

The Synod record, with very deep regret, the death of the Rev. **John McMorine, D.D.**, Minister of Ramsay, which took place at Almonte on the 22nd day of May last, in the 68th year of his age, and the 28th of his Ministry. Of excellent natural talents, a ripe and accomplished scholar, a sound expositor of God's Word, a most faithful and diligent pastor, eminent for the simplicity and gentleness of his nature, and for humble and unobtrusive piety, he enjoyed the universal esteem and respect of his brethren in the Ministry of the Church, and was carried to the grave amid the tears and lamentations not only of

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an attached congregation, but of the whole neighbourhood in which he had so long lived and laboured.

### THE LATE REV. JOHN MACMURCHY.

The Synod unanimously agree to express their sense of the very great loss which the Church has sustained by the death of the Rev. **John Macmurchy**, Minister of Eldon. By his removal, the Congregation of Eldon have lost a tried pastor and trusted friend—the Presbytery of Toronto a judicious counsellor—and the Home Missionary operations of the Church an able, ready, and active promoter. Mr. Macmurchy was a man of vigorous intellect, unbending uprightness, singular acumen, and marked disinterestedness of character. Firm in his convictions as well as frank and fearless in his expression of these, he was yet genial in his temperament and ever ready to render kindness to those from whom he differed most widely in opinion. The dignity and courtesy with which, as Moderator, he presided over the deliberations of this Court will long be remembered. While he maintained a watchful oversight of the flock intrusted to him, and was thus held by them in high and deserved esteem; he had at the same time secured a foremost place in the affectionate regard of all the Gaelic charges in the Presbytery of the bounds, by the indefatigable zeal with which he ministered to them in word and ordinances during the periods of their vacancy. The Synod further express their unfeigned sympathy with the bereaved family, whose head has so suddenly been called away; and commend them to the care of Him, who has promised to be a Husband to the widow and Father to the fatherless.

### THE LATE JOHN GREENSHIELDS, ESQ.

**John Greenshields**, Esq., for many years a member of this Court and a prominent member of the Synod's Boards and Committees for prosecuting its Schemes, a devoted officebearer of the Church of Scotland in Canada, a faithful friend of its Ministers, a generous contributor to all the funds of our Church, a man of catholic spirit and of noble hospitality—the loss which our Church has sustained by his lamented death is felt to be irreparable. There has not been discussed during this present meeting of Synod any matter involving the welfare or extension of this Church, in which this loss has not been referred to and deplored. The Reports of the several Boards and Committees presented to this meeting furnish abundant testimony of the high estimation in which Mr. Greenshields was held by our whole Church, as well in his representative as in his private character. The Clerk is instructed to forward to the widow and family of our late friend and brother a copy of this minute, expressing the sympathy of the Synod in this afflictive dispensation, and the assurance of their prayers to the



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God of all grace, that they may be sustained and comforted under their trying bereavement.

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON REVIVED.

Intimation having been made that the Presbytery of Hamilton had become defunct owing to the want of a quorum at a meeting appointed to be held on April 17th, last, it was unanimously resolved, That the members of the Presbytery of Hamilton present, together with Messrs. G. D. Ferguson and Dennistoun as Assessors, be authorized to meet at once in this church and constitute, with power to adjourn, in order to prepare and send up a duly attested Roll of the Presbytery to the Synod.

### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

It was moved by Mr. George Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. James B. Muir, and passed unanimously, That the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, B.A., Minister of Whitby, be Moderator for the year; and he, being present, took the chair.

### THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion to that effect, the Moderator tendered to the Very Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D., the thanks of the Synod for his most satisfactory conduct while in the Moderator's chair, and for the able and appropriate sermon preached by him this day.

### REPORT ON BUSINESS.

The Report of the Committee on Business was called for and read. The Synod agreed to follow the recommendations contained therein.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Synod proceeded to appoint the following Committees:—

1. On Bills and Overtures:—The Moderator, *Convener*; The Clerk, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Snodgrass, Dr. Spence, Dr. Jenkins, Messrs. Macpherson, Simpson, George Bell, William Bain, Thomson, George Macdonnell, Dobie, Burnet, Walker, Inglis, Patterson, Rannie, John Campbell, James B. Mullan; Allan, Treadwell, Morris, Malloch, Dennistoun, Macdougall, Hunter, Croil.

2. On References, Complaints and Appeals:—The Moderator, *Convener*; The Clerk, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Snodgrass, Dr. Muir, Messrs. George Bell, Hogg, Mann, J. B. Muir, Walker, James Bain, Robert Campbell, Mair; Henry, Morris, Paton, Macdougall, Tanner, Arch. Ferguson, Mattice.

3. To revise Synod and Commission Records:—Mr. Morrison, *Convener*; Messrs. Wilson, John Campbell; McIver, Allan.

4. To revise Presbytery Records:—Mr. Rannie, *Convener*; Messrs. J. B. Muir, Canning, Smith, Mylne, Duncan Macdonald, Ross (Beck-

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with), Donald J. McLean, William White, McCaul, John Campbell, McKay, Alexander Macdonald, Hamilton, Cleland, McLaren, Masson, Cochrane, John Barr, Macpherson, Peter Watson, Lamont, Davidson, Edmison, Livingstone, Niven; Crosby, Blackburn, Connery, Balcanqual, Brown, William Mitchell, McIver, Hunter, Lang, Cruikshanks, Adams, Mattice.

5. To draft an address to the Queen:—Dr. Jenkins, *Convener*; Messrs. Cleland, D. J. Macdonnell; Brymner.

6. To draft an address to the Governor General:—Dr. Barclay, *Convener*; Messrs. Inglis, Burnet, Smith, Ross (Chatham); Paton.

7. On applications to the Colonial Committee:—Mr. Dobie, *Convener*; Messrs. Whyte, G. D. Ferguson, Sieveright, Lindsay, Buchan, David Watson, Evans, John Macdonald, Fraser, Currie; Dennistoun, Moffat, Morris, Treadwell, John Macpherson, F. B. Maclellan.

8. On applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry:—Mr. George Macdonell, *Convener*; Messrs. Rannie, Sieveright, Thomson, Cameron, Mylne, James S. Mullan, John Gordon, Wallace, Sym, Clark, Ross (Dundee), Peter Watson, Lothead; Allan, Malloch, McGowan, Neilson, Brown, Dunlop, Conroy.

There were read and referred to the Committee on applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry Petitions from the Rev. Alexander Spence, D.D., and the Rev. William Johnson, M.A.

### REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

There was received and read a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General, intimating that the Synod's Address of last year had been "laid at the foot of the Throne, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously," and further "that the spirit of loyalty displayed by the people of Canada in repelling the recent invasion of their Frontier had afforded Her Majesty sincere satisfaction." There was also read an acknowledgment of receipt of the Synod's Address of last year to His Excellency the Governor General.

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

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

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees of the University of Queen's College in room of the Rev. George Bell, Rev. Duncan Morrison, and Rev. Francis Nicol, who retired according to the requirements of the Charter; when it was unanimously agreed to re-elect Rev. George Bell and Rev. Francis Nicol, and to elect Rev. Dr. Jenkins.

### FORMULA FOR NON-THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORS.

Dr. Barclay, on behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a Formula to be signed by Professors not in the Faculties of Theology

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and Arts of Queen's University, reported that the Committee had not yet been able to complete the business intrusted to them. It was agreed to re-appoint the Committee.

### REPORT OF TEMPORALITIES' BOARD.\*

The Synod next called for the Report and accompanying Financial Statements of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities' Fund, which were produced and read. On motion of Mr. George Bell, seconded by Mr. Morris, it was unanimously resolved to refer these for consideration to a Committee, consisting of Principal Snodgrass, Messrs. Hogg, Thomson, William Bain, Inglis, David Watson, Fraser, Robert Campbell, Mair, Burnet, Evans; Allan, Crosby, Brown, Brymner, and F. B. Maclellan, with instructions to report at a subsequent Diet;—Principal Snodgrass to be Convener.

### PROPOSED MINUTE OF THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

The Clerk produced and read a communication which had been received, addressed by the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to this Synod, and enclosing for the consideration of this Court the draft of a proposed Minute of that Committee, regulating the future distribution of the funds intrusted to them. After due deliberation, it was unanimously agreed to appoint a Committee, consisting of Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Snodgrass, Messrs. Dobie, William Bain, Walker, James Bain, Hogg; Malloch, Morris, Croll, Dennistoun, and Brymner, with instructions to consider fully said Minute, and report a suitable deliverance thereon at a subsequent Diet;—Dr. Barclay to be Convener.

The Rev. Thomas Fraser, Retired Minister; Rev. Andrew Paton, Assistant and Successor, St. Andrew's Church, Montreal; Rev. John S. Burnet, Assistant, Cornwall; and Rev. Messrs. Smith, Spenser, Neil Macdougall, and Daniel Macdougall, Ordained Missionaries, being present, were invited to sit and deliberate with the Court.

### RETURNS ON OVERTURE ANENT REVIVING DEFUNCT PRESBYTERIES.

Returns from the Presbyteries of Kingston, Toronto, Perth and Renfrew on the Overture anent reviving defunct Presbyteries, sent down by Synod at last meeting to Presbyteries for consideration, approving of the same, having been read, and no dissent from any Presbytery having been intimated; it was resolved to pass the same into a permanent enactment of this Church, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

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

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\*Appendix A.