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From this date my whole time was occupied in preparing a report for Synod. It grew up in my hand till it reached extended to 150 pages of foolscap, beside the state tent sheet and many returns in 27 Columns from 126 Congregations. It occupied me 15 hours per day for a month and I have gladly avowed that it was completely tolerable to my own satisfaction at noon the

1<sup>st</sup> of June 1867.

During this long sedentary the weather has been very wet and unpropitious for out-of-door work. Even now we have not planted a potato, and there is little grain sown in the County.

5<sup>th</sup> to 12 June 1867.

The Synod sat in Montreal. The proceedings were interesting, and conducted in a harmonious spirit. Portions of my report were read and approved. The whole ordered to be printed. The Corner Stone of St Paul Church was laid on Saturday. There was a large number of Spectators. Principal Crofton prayed. Dr Matheson read Scripture. The Concourse

Saw the "Old Hundred." Dr Jenkins spread  
 the matter and carried off the silver bowl.  
 On Sunday 9th St G. I. Mc Donnell of Petabon  
 preached in St Andrews Church. He is  
 a young man of high promise: destined to make  
 a mark and be a credit to the Kirk in Canada  
 In the afternoon Dr Snodgrass, Mc Donnell & I addressed  
 the Sabbath School of St Paul. & the Moderator of  
 St Andrews. On Monday he had a  
 Missionary Meeting in St Andrews with a  
 good attendance. We held quite a  
 number of meetings of the Collee Board &  
 devised liberal things. Dr Snodgrass is  
 deputed to Nova Scotia. A variety of  
 considerations however induced me to  
 change my mind in that respect. It  
 is better that I should not go. Snodgrass &  
 Mc Leenan went and I saw them off: promising  
 that I would join them at St Johns. I did.

It is long road that has no turning,  
 long looked for, welcome again! Come at last.  
 Thrice welcome!