

*To the Reverend the Moderator and other Members of the United Presbyterian Synod, to meet in Toronto, June, 1853, the following Overture is respectfully submitted:—*

That, whereas, the undersigned, at the making up of the Synod Roll, in June 1852, gave in the name of a Ruling Elder from each of the two Sessions in which he presides, believing that in so doing he was acting in accordance with the recognised principles of Presbytery, and with the law and wonted practice of the Church—and whereas, some of the members of Synod objected to the relevancy of each congregation and session being represented in Synod by a Ruling Elder, especially when more than one congregation are under one pastoral superintendence—and whereas, this question, so seriously affecting the interests of our congregations and Sessions, in relation to their full and proper representation in our Church Courts, was then left in abeyance, and at no subsequent Sederunt brought up for further consideration:—It is hereby respectfully overtured that this Synod, in their present session, do relieve the minds of vacant congregations, as well as of those where more than one fully organized congregation are under the pastoral care of the same minister, by affirming the law of the church, as recorded in the "Rules and Forms of Procedure, in the Church Courts, in the United Presbyterian Church," Chap. I. par. 12, 'It is the right and duty of every session, whether in a settled or a vacant congregation, to appoint one of the elders to sit as its representative in the Presbytery and Synod.' Also, section III. para. 1. 'The Synod is the Supreme Court of the Church, and is composed of the whole ministers having charges, with an elder from each session, holding a commission for that purpose.'

All which is respectfully submitted by  
(Signed)

JAMES SKINNER.

After reasoning for some time, a motion was read by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, with a view to dispose of the question, when the hour of noon having arrived the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 2 o'clock.

Reasoning on  
Overture.

Closed with the benediction.

### III. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY,  
June 6, 1855, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the former Sederunt were read and approved.

Resumed the business interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

Eldership, Mo-  
tions on.

1. Mr. Jennings, seconded by Dr. Ferrier, moved, That the Rev. Mr. Skinner's overture, requiring that the Synod affirm it to be the law of the Church, that every Session (though several be con-