

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed

That the report of the Sustentation Board be received and sustained; and that the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Sustentation Board, and specially to their Secretary for the unwearied and disinterested attention bestowed by them on the great interests of the Church, involved in the sustentation of the ministry.

The Moderator accordingly tendered the thanks of the Synod to Mr. Walker.

The Synod having further considered the Report of the Sustentation Board, adopted the following Resolution:—

The Synod record their deep regret that the resolutions of last year have not been carried into effect by the several Presbyteries, and ministers, and congregations, except in a few instances—and that it hence appears that this Church is not prepared as a whole to sustain a general scheme for providing for the support of the ministry; that, therefore, the proceedings of the Synod, in this matter, be no farther prosecuted for the present,—and that Presbyteries be enjoined to exercise such care as they can, in regard to the provision made for the ministry within their bounds—advising in this matter, as they see cause, with any agent or agency committee that may be appointed by the Synod, to superintend the general financial affairs of the Church; such agent or committee to report on this subject to next Synod.

The Synod closed with the blessing.

## SESSION XVII.

TORONTO,

Wednesday, 27th June, 1849, 3½ o'clock, P.M.

The Synod was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read.

Mr. Smellie gave in a report on the Widows' Scheme, and stated that he had received from only one Presbytery, answers to the queries issued in accordance with the directions of last Synod.

A verbal report was made in behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton, and there was read a report as to the actings of the Presbytery of Toronto in the matter.

The Synod agreed

To sustain the report of Mr. Smellie, and tender thanks to him for his diligent attention to the matter, and farther to reappoint the Committee, and remit the scheme to them with instructions to proceed according to the directions of last Synod.

The report of the Committee on union with the United Presbyterian Church was called for. Mr. Bayne reported verbally, that owing to special circumstances no action had been taken by the Committee since last meeting of Synod.

The Synod sustained the report, and appreciating very highly the benefits that would arise from union among Presbyterians, continue the Committee, with instructions to proceed in such a way as may appear most suited to lead to a union on sound and scriptural principles.

Dr. Burns and Mr. Gray gave in reasons of dissent from the judgment of Synod, on the report of the commission for visiting con-