

the progress of their infant seminary, and specially to advert to the very efficient services rendered to the same during the session of last winter, by one of the deputies from the Free Church, the Rev. Dr. Willis, to whom the best wishes of the Synod are due, and are hereby tendered.

At half-past 10 P. M., the Synod was closed with prayer.

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SESSION V.

HAMILTON, 5th June,  
Friday, 9 A. M.

The Synod met for devotional exercises, and engaged in praise, prayer, and reading the Scriptures.

At 10 A. M. the Synod had a recess, to allow committees an opportunity of meeting.

At 11 A. M. the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of the sessions of the afternoon and evening of yesterday were read.

The Synod took up the subject of the Sustentation Fund, when there was read—1st. An overture from the Presbytery of Montreal to have the fund assimilated to that of the Free Church of Scotland—2nd. The report of the Sustentation Board, together with a printed circular from the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board to the office-bearers and members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; and 3rd. A letter from Mr. James Balfour, Junior, of date Edinburgh, 29th January, 1846. Mr. Walker was heard on the report. The Synod had read the Minutes of the session of Synod of 10th June last, and those also of the Commission of the 14th January last, on the subject of the minimum of salaries of ministers admissible to the fund.

After considering the report, it was moved by Mr. Rintoul, and seconded by Mr. Smellie, that the report be received, and the diligence, faithfulness, and disinterestedness of the Board in the matters intrusted to them, approved of.

It was moved, in amendment, by Dr. Burns, and seconded by Mr. Alexander, that while the Synod approve of the report in all its financial statements, and also of the fidelity of the Board in all their transactions, they decidedly disapprove of the comment in the preamble to the report, as being uncalled for, and calculated unnecessarily to wound the feelings of congregations.