

allowance granted to the Synod of Canada be received by the Moderator of the Synod or a Lay Commission, and be subdivided among all the Ministers now settled in the Upper Province. Whereupon the Roll was called and the votes marked, and there voted for the amendment seven, for the motion eighteen. The motion was accordingly declared to be carried. Against the decision Mr. McKillican entered his dissent for reasons to be given in due time.

This Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, 5th September, 1837.

The Synod met, and having been constituted with prayer by the Moderator Mr. Ketchan, on the call of the Moderator, read the Scriptures with prayer and praise.

The minutes of the Diet of yesterday were read and revised.

The Committee on Complaints, References, and Appeals transmitted a letter from Mr. William Smart, Brockville, setting forth that he was a travelling agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and craving for himself in this character the recommendation of the Synod to the Congregations within their bounds. The Committee reported on this application that there were in their judgment various reasons for not granting it. The Report was received, and the Synod in conformity therewith resolved to decline a recommendation of Mr. Smart's agency, and the Moderator was requested to write a respectful letter to Mr. Smart informing him of this decision.

The Committee of correspondence with the Dutch Church reported progress, and Messrs. Rintoul and McDowall were added to it.

The Committee on Overtures and Reports transmitted an Overture for the appointment of a Committee of Synod, for raising a fund for aiding ministers who receive no government allowance. The same was received, and after lengthened discussion, it was resolved that the standing Commission, to be afterwards appointed, shall be authorized and instructed to use their best exertions to obtain from the General Assembly's Committee on Colonial Churches, the Glasgow Colonial Society, and any other quarter, such funds as can be obtained for the aid of destitute congregations in this country; and in the event of their obtaining the same to distribute them equitably among the different Presbyteries, in proportion to the number of Congregations that are not endowed by Government. The Synod further resolved that Presbyteries should report the number of such Congregations to the Commission, and that they shall also endeavour to raise funds within their own bounds, and make an equitable distribution of the same among the ministers of such congregations within their bounds, respectively increased by such grants as may be obtained from the Commission.