

recommending to our choice a person or persons in their view qualified to fill the office of Professor.

It was moved by Mr. Thornton, seconded by the Rev. Thos. Christie, that it be further resolved, That this Synod undertake immediately the entire expense of the Professor.

2nd. That inasmuch as his duties will be confined to the Theological department, it is the wish of this Synod that he undertake a pastoral charge; and it is resolved that £250 of salary shall be given to him.

3rd. That inasmuch as some time must elapse before such a pastoral relation can be formed, and as our funds are at present exhausted, the Synod in Scotland be requested to aid in his support for one year.

4th. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to communicate these resolutions to the Secretary of the Mission Committee, as soon as possible.

5th. As the Rev. Mr. Taitt is about to visit Scotland, resolved further, to request him to undertake this business, and by intercourse with the Mission Committee, at the Synod and otherwise, to do everything in his power to forward the objects of this Synod.

6th. That in order to be in time for the meeting of Synod in Scotland, it will be necessary that Mr. Taitt come by steamer, and as additional expense will thus be incurred, this Synod agrees to pay this addition.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dick, that this Synod engage to give to each Professor as may be appointed the stipend of £250, it being understood that he shall have no pastoral charge, but superintend the studies of the students as far as possible during their literary course as well as theological, and when time permits, that he visit the congregations, and advocate the claims of the Theological Institute, and also further the moral reforms of the Church.

The question being put, the motion of Mr. Thornton was carried.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING.

Hamilton, Wednesday.

4th June, 1851—Seven o'clock, P.M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after Session by the Rev. Alexander Ritchie, Moderator, from 2 P.M. to 3, was constituted.

The Presbytery of Flanders reported, "That on the 23rd October last, they inducted the Rev. John Duff into the Pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Eliza and Nichol; that they had ordained Mr. Robert Rodgers to the charge of the congregation of Blanford, on the 4th of December last; and that on the 24th of September last, Dr. Ferrier, together with his Congregation, had been added to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada. Also, that Mr. Henderson, of St. Catharines had demitted the charge of that Congregation."

The Presbytery of Toronto reported, "that they had at their meeting on the 17th of September last, received into the communion of the Church and placed upon the list of Probationers, Mr. Thomas Dickson, Preacher of the Gospel, formerly in Connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada; also, that they had received the Pastoral relation of the Rev. John Duff of Probationers the Rev. Alexander Kennedy, formerly Missionary of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, in the Island of Trinidad; also that they had on the 17th of September, inducted the Rev. John Duff from the Pastoral Charge of the United Presbyterian Congregations of Albion and Vaughan; also that they had, on the 3rd of December last, inducted the Rev. Alexander Kennedy to the Pastoral charge of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Darlington, and that Mr. Kennedy's name had been added to the roll of Presbytery."

The Presbytery of Canada East reported, "that they had inducted the Rev. Walter Scott as Lecturer on the 21st of May last."

The Presbytery of London reported, "that it had pleased the Lord in His providence, on the 16th of January, to remove by death the Rev. William Proudfoot, of London, the father of our Presbytery. That on the 6th of May, they inducted the Pastoral relation of the Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot to the Congregations of Blanshard and Downie; that on the 24th of May last, they ordained the Rev. John Fraser to the office of the Holy Ministry, and to the Pastoral Charge of the Congregations of Chatham and Tilbury; that on the 29th May, they inducted the Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of London."

The name of the Rev. William Proudfoot being taken from the roll of the Presbytery of London, and the name of Mr. Henderson being taken from the roll of the Presbytery of Flanders, their names were taken from the roll of Synod; and the names of the Rev. Andrew Ferrier, D.D., of the Rev. Messrs. Robert Rodgers, Alexander Kennedy, Walter Scott, and John Fraser, being added to the rolls of their respective Presbyteries, were thereupon added to the roll of Synod.

The Rev. William Taylor, D.D. was now chosen Moderator.

It was moved and carried unanimously, that the Rev. William Fraser be appointed Clerk of Synod, and that his salary be £10 per annum.

Mr. Dick reported from the Committee on the Draft of Deed for Congregational property.

The Report was received, and Presbytery Clerks were requested to apply to Mr. Dick, to obtain copies of said Draft of Deed, in order that the intentions of Synod may be carried out.

The minutes of the *pro re nata* meeting, held on the 2nd day of April last, were now read, and approved by the Synod.

Read an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto respecting the Clergy

Resolves, of the following tenor, viz:

Inter Alia,

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Lawrence, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, That the Presbytery of Toronto regarding the division of

the proceeds of the Clergy Reserve Lands amongst several denominations, as exceedingly injurious, both to the interests of religion and to the welfare of the Province; and considering the benefits that would result from their appropriation to the Presbyterian Ministry, agreed that the Synod, at their first meeting, to take this matter into their serious consideration, and give a deliberance accordingly. The Presbytery unanimously and cordially adopted the above, and hereby overture the Synod accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Dick, that a Committee be appointed to draft a set of resolutions in terms of the Overture, and expound of the mind of Synod upon the whole subject; and "Constitute in terms of the Overture."

The motion was adopted, and Dr. Ferrier, Messrs. Lawrence, Jennings, and Alexander Kennedy, were appointed a Committee in terms of the motion.

Took up Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, respecting the proper observance of the Sabbath, of the following tenor:

Inter Alia,

Toronto, June 3, 1851.

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery overture the Synod at its first meeting on the 4th June, to take into their serious consideration the question respecting the proper observance of the Sabbath, and give a deliberance, (with a special reference to the duty of members of the Church under their inspection) as to this matter.

The Presbytery agreed to adopt the above, and overture the Synod accordingly.

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dick, that a Committee be appointed to draft Synodical Memorials, to be sent to the houses of the Legislature and to the Executive Council, in regard to Sabbath observance, and to report draft of said memorials for the decision of Synod.

It was moved in amendment, by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Barrie, that the members of this Court do in their individual capacity and as Ministers of Religion and members of civil society, use their most efficacious influence upon the minds of their people and on all over whom they have influence, the importance of petitioning the Government to close all public offices of business, on the Lord's Day.

The amendment of Mr. Proudfoot being put, was lost. The original motion was then carried by a large majority.

Messrs. Proudfoot, Barrie, McEllen, Roy, Thos. Christie, and Aitkin, Ministers, Elder, were appointed a Committee, in the spirit of the Synod's Memorials, to Parliament, and that all Ministers be recommended to direct the attention of their Congregations, by special Sermon, as soon as may be, to this most vital question.

Messrs. Jennings, Dick, Lawrence, and Thornton, Ministers, and Mr. Young, Elder, were appointed a Committee, in terms of the original motion.

It was further moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dick, that all Congregations be requested, without delay, to send memorials or petitions to the Houses of the Legislature, in the spirit of the Synod's Memorials, to Parliament, and that all Ministers be recommended to direct the attention of their Congregations, by special Sermon, as soon as may be, to this most vital question.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Drummond, that the members of this Synod be respectfully recommended to employ all their legitimate influence in their various localities, to get up petitions to the Houses of the Legislature, pressing on them the propriety of closing all Offices under their control on the Sabbath.

The vote being taken, an equal number voted for the amendment and for the original motion. The motion was then carried by the casting vote of the Moderator.

Messrs. Proudfoot, Roy, McEllen and Barrie, Ministers, and Mr. Dols, Elder, craved that their dissent from the decision be marked in the Minutes.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Thornton, it was resolved, that while there is some diversity of opinion among the members of this Synod as to the means to be employed for promoting the Sanctification of the Sabbath, yet all are agreed regarding the necessity of employing every legitimate effort to arrest the progress of its deterioration.

Mr. Drummond informed the Synod that a Deputation from the Congregational Union of Canada West to this Synod, were in town. It was agreed to invite the attendance of the Deputation.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson, Deputy from the Congregational Union of Canada West, was introduced, and conveyed to the Synod in a brief address the assurance of the fraternal regards of that body, and expressed the hope that the intercourse thus commenced may be continued.

Mr. Jennings and the Moderator addressed the Deputy at length.

On motion of Dr. Taylor, and Messrs. Jennings and Thornton were appointed a Deputation from this Synod, to wait upon the Congregational Union, which meets at Toronto next week, in order to convey to that body our Christian and brotherly regards.

The Synod then engaged in praise, by singing the cxxviii. Psalm.

Mr. Robinson was then invited to correspond and take his seat in Synod.

Messrs. Skinner, Christie and Barrie were appointed a Committee to draw up minutes expressive of the mind of the Synod on the heretofore mentioned which they have suffered by the death of the Rev. William Proudfoot.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke, of London, and Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Simcoe, of the Congregational Union, being introduced by Mr. Skinner, were invited to correspond.