

Minutes of the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada. 77

VII. SEDERUNT.—6½ o'clock, p. m.

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

Read the Minutes of former Sederunt.

Took up the Overture by the Presbytery of Toronto on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, of the following tenor:

Overture by the Presbytery of Toronto on the Clergy Reserves.

"That the endowment of the Church from the public funds of the nation being in our opinion unscriptural, unjust, and impolitic; and inasmuch as notice has been officially given of a surplus having accrued from the sale of the Clergy Reserves, which is offered to such bodies as the act of disposal embraces, who may choose to apply; the Presbytery agreed to overture the Synod to take up this subject, and to give a public declaration of the views entertained upon this subject, as well as upon the injudicious disposal of the Reserves by the late Act."

After a full expression of their approbation of the object of the Overture, the Synod appointed Messrs. Proudfoot, Thornton, and Dalrymple, a Committee to draft a petition to the Governor in Council, embodying the views of the Synod in this matter. To report tomorrow forenoon.

Com'tee appointed to draft Petition thereon.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Grant of the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, reported: That they have examined his accounts, have found them correct and orderly kept, and that there is a balance in his hand of £112 7s. 7½d. Reported also, that they have examined the books of the Synod's Treasurer, have found them correct and orderly kept, and that there is in his hands a balance of £37 11s. 9½d. to Mission fund, and a balance of £13 0s. 10d. to the Institute and Synod fund.

Report of Auditors of the Treasurer's Accounts.

Received and read a petition from the congregation of Goderich, praying that a sum of money, say £20, be paid to the Rev. Mr. Fletcher to defray in part his expenses in removing his family to Goderich. The Synod, knowing that there are many claims of a similar kind which, if this be granted, would have an equal right, which would embarrass the fund, and which, moreover, is not designed to be appropriated to such objects, declines granting the prayer of the petitioners.

Petition for aid from Goderich.

Resolved, That the Stipend of all Ministers and Preachers on the Preachers' List be supplemented to the minimum stipend, i. e., inclusive of what may be

All Stipends to be supplemented.