

Minutes of the Synod of the

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Explanation Clk.
of Durham Pres.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Durham, gave an explanation as to the failure in forwarding the Roll of that Presbytery. The explanation was received.

Duncan, Rev. J.,
question as to In-
duction of

A question was here asked by Mr. Jennings as to the circumstances in which the Rev. James Duncan had been received, by the Presbytery of London, and afterwards inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Bayfield.

Explanation.
Induction sus-
tained

Mr. Skinner explained on behalf of the Presbytery of London.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, and seconded by Mr. Aitken, it was Resolved—That the action of the London Presbytery, in inducting the Rev. James Duncan to the charge of the Congregation of Bayfield, be sustained now, as said induction has taken place; but feel it due to the Synod to declare that the Presbytery has committed an irregularity, by disregarding the law of Synod, stated on page 129, of printed minutes of 1850, to the following purport, namely, "that no preacher be ordained or installed till he have gone, at least, once over all the Presbyteries."

Irregularity of
Presbytery.

Mr. McCall to
correspond.

The Rev. Mr. McCall of Lewiston, N. Y., being present, was invited to sit in Synod as a corresponding member.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their Report, which was read and received, and is as follows:—

Report Commit-
tee of Bills and
Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, Report the following papers, and recommend that they be taken up in the following order:—

I. Papers remaining over from last meeting of Synod, marked IX. and XIII.

II. The Reports of the several Committees in the order following, viz:—Union, Missions, Education, Distribution, Increase of Salaries.

III. Overture on the subject of Union with Evangelical Presbyterians in this country.

IV. Petitions for Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

V. An Overture on a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

VI. Petition from Woodstock Congregation.

VII. A reference of Mr. Clarke's application for License.

VIII. Overture of London Presbytery, anent stipend.

IX. Memorial on Synodical Superintendence of Preachers.

Report adopted,
with one excep-
tion.

The Report of the Committee and the accompanying recommendation were adopted, with the exception that the second paper named in the report be the first matter taken up.

Eldership, Over-
ture on.

Took up the Overture of Mr. Skinner on the Eldership of the following purport:—