

SESSION XII.

TORONTO,

Tuesday, 11th June, 1850, Two o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted.

The minutes of last Session were read and sustained.

The Committee on the case of Donald McIntyre, complainant against the Presbytery of London, gave in a report, which was received and sustained; and the Synod, in conformity with the recommendation of the same, adopted the following deliverance:—

That the Presbytery of London appear to have paid all due attention to the charges brought against Mr. Sutherland by D. McIntyre, and had unanimously found them frivolous; that D. McIntyre had precipitately left the meeting of Presbytery, at which his case was under consideration, before its close, and that no advantage whatever had been taken of his ignorance of forms of Court; and that his conduct in the whole case is vexatious, and that he be admonished by the Moderator of Synod.

On Mr. McIntyre's name being called, it was found that he had left the Synod.

Dr. Burns, in name of the Committee for drafting a motion respecting the Clergy Reserves and Rectories, produced a draft, and moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that it be adopted as the deliverance of Synod.

The draft is as follows:—

The Synod, taking into consideration the manifold evils, both religious and social, which have resulted from the Clergy Reserve system in the Province—the glaring injustice, as well as impolicy, of an attempt to set up an exclusive Ecclesiastical Establishment, by means of Patented and Endowed Rectories—as also the iniquitous manner in which these Rectories were constituted, without the knowledge and against the mind of the Province at large—resolve to memorialise the Government and the Legislature of Canada, to the effect, that they will be pleased to adopt immediate measures for the appropriation of the Lands, at present held as Clergy Reserves and Rectory Endowments, to the purposes of Education.

The Synod would also desire, that in making such new appropriation, Academies, as well as Common Schools, may be included; and that in both, the Word of God shall be distinctly recognised as the basis, and as the guardian of education.

The Synod further recommend that similar memorials, or petitions, shall be presented by all the congregations under their charge; and they appoint a Committee to draft said Memorial, to present it to the Executive and Legislature, and to co-operate with other bodies in watching the progress of any public measures that may be devised for the successful prosecution of the great object of such memorial, and to report to next meeting of Synod. Committee—Dr Burns, convener; Mr. Gale, Mr. Esson, Mr. Boyd of Markham, Mr. Wightman, ministers; Messrs. Osborne, McLellan and Heron, elders.

The amendment of Mr. McMurray, submitted at a former Session, was read, and, after discussion, on the calling of the

Roll, there were 16 having done

The motion of the Synod resolved.

From this dissent, for

The Committee an applicant in a Report, recommendation

That Mr. Porter within the bounds or occasional labor session at Knox's

At the request was appointed Presbytery, in business during

The Synod of Perth, in the case, and suspended for last

The Synod, bytery of Perth Johnstone, minister, and that the Presbytery of the office of the office of the office, for reasons it desirable, that by the Synod, G. Johnstone first

Before proceeding Synod engaged

The Moderator Christ, the sole of the power and Mr. W. G. Johnstone, Ministry, and perhaps, or any party

It was agreed that such steps, as to