

Georgia, U. S.; and that Mr. Robert Fleming had been settled as minister of the congregation at New Glasgow. Moderations in a call were granted to Knox Church, Montreal, and to Rockburn and Gore; also to Henry's Church, Lachute. Mr. John Bethune accepted a call offered to him by the congregation of Inverness, and steps were taken for his trials and ordination. Dr. Taylor reported that Mile End Station had been erected into a congregation. A committee was appointed to confer with another committee appointed by the Presbytery of Montreal, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, connected with the Established Church of Scotland, anent Home Mission work. The Rev. John Morrison, Madrid Springs, U. S., was nominated to be next Moderator of the Synod of Montreal, and twenty commissioners were appointed to go to the next meeting at the General Assembly.

The Presbytery required Sessions to send in their reports on the state of religion to the clerk before the end of March next.

The Presbytery adopted the following List of Answers to Reasons of Dissent and Complaint by the Rev. Dr. Taylor (see H. and F. Record, November, 1870, page 387):

1. The Dissentient states correctly that the Report in question is "the property of the General Assembly," and therefore should not have been published without the authority of that court. The Presbytery respectfully claims the right of dealing with any such unauthorized publication as, in its judgment, is fitted to prove injurious to the interests of the Church, in view of Union or otherwise. The Presbytery has not pronounced a judicial sentence upon the report; it only expresses its "conviction" as to the effect of a certain part of said report.

2. The terms in which this reason is expressed are scarcely respectful to the Presbytery. The Dissentient declares that "the main statement in the resolution of Presbytery is not true." It is answered that the utmost that can be said is, that the word "basis" is used instead of the word "resolution." But this is quite immaterial, as the Dissentient is aware that the document referred to by the Presbytery has been published, and is to be presented to the General Assembly as essentially entering into negotiations anent Union.

3. The words of the published Report of the Union Committee are: "that the earnest attention of the United Church should be given at the earliest possible moment to secure the maintenance, in thorough efficiency, of a Presbyterian University." The Presbytery accepts this statement as it reads, notwithstanding the Dissentient's interpretation.

4. The Presbytery does not claim "the power to declare the views of the Canada Presbyterian Church on this question;" but it claims the liberty of stating, as it has done in the resolution complained of, what the Supreme Court has declared on this question. Reference is made accordingly to the minutes of Synod for 1862, page 47; motion by Mr. Kemp.

5. The Presbytery is of opinion that its Resolution may prove very useful in correcting the impression likely to be made throughout the Church, by the unauthorized publication of the report in question. It is, further, of opinion that the arguing of this complaint before the Synod of Kingston, and possibly before the General Assembly, may be injurious to the proposed Union.

6. The Presbytery submit that it is contrary to Presbyterian order, and incompetent for the Dissentient, to bring his complaint before the General Assembly, without first being heard before the Synod of Montreal; *vide* Book of Forms of Procedure, page 23; Forbes' Book of Procedure, page 108; Hill's Practice, page 32.

Dr. Macvicar and Mr. W. B. Clark were appointed to plead for the Presbytery at the bar of the Synod of Montreal.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet again at Montreal, in Erskine Church, on Wednesday, the 5th day of April next, at ten o'clock, forenoon.

JAMES WATSON, Clerk.