

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN TRURO, JANUARY 10th, 1854.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Truro, January 10th, 1854, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Special Meeting.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia met, being summoned by the Moderator in terms of the Synod's Resolution passed in New Glasgow, on the fifth day of July last, and a Sermon by Rev. Professor Ross, having been previously preached, was constituted by the Moderator.

Members present.

Were present Rev. Messrs J. L. Murdoch, James Ross, William McCulloch, Peter G. McGregor, James Bayne, James Waddell, John Cameron, James Watson, Robert Sedgewick, Eben. E. Ross, George Patterson and Alex. L. Wylie, Ministers, and Messrs. D. McCurdy, from the Congregation of Onslow, David W. Archibald from the Congregation of Truro, Daniel Cameron from the Congregation of West River, Anthony Peppard from the Congregation of Upper Londonderry, Welwood Reynolds from the Congregation of Musquodoboit, William Creelman from the Congregation of Stewiacke, and Cameron McDonald from the Cong. of Shubenacadie Ruling Elders.

Reports of Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Pictou reported that since last meeting of Synod they had inducted Rev. D. Honeyman lately of Shubenacadie to be assistant and successor to Rev. T. Trotter of Antigonish and that his name had been added to their Roll.

The Presbytery of Halifax reported that Mr. Honeyman's name had been removed from their roll in consequence of his accepting the call from Antigonish, and that having ordained Mr. George M. Clark, Preacher to the Pastoral charge of the Shelburne Congregation (including Shelburne, Clyde, Barrington and Ragged Islands) they had added his name to the roll of Presbytery. Ordered that his name be added to the Synod Roll.

Reasons for calling Meeting.

The Moderator then stated his reasons for calling the present Meeting, viz.: that he had been notified by the Secretary of the Board of Superintendence of the Seminary that they had agreed upon a person to be recommended to the Synod, to fill the situation of Second Professor and requesting him to call the Synod to meet at the time and

place provided for by Resolution of Synod passed at New Glasgow, July 5th, 1853.

On motion of Rev. Professor Ross, seconded by Rev. J. Waddell, it was agreed unanimously, "That the Synod approve of the procedure of the Moderator in calling this meeting." Approved.

The Moderator having called upon the Board for a statement of their proceedings respecting the nomination of a Professor, the Secretary submitted as their report the minutes of their proceedings together with their correspondence with Mr. Thomas McCulloch, the person recommended and in favour of whom Synodical appointment was desired. Boards Nomination.

The correspondence shewed that the Board had inquired from Mr. McCulloch if he would accept the nomination upon the following terms. First. This Board have only the power to nominate and recommend, the nomination may be accepted or rejected by the Synod. Conditions.

Secondly. That if appointed Mr. McCulloch would be expected to undertake the teaching of Latin, Mathematics and Natural Science including Chemistry.

No specific promise was made as regards Salary. To which inquiry Mr. McCulloch, after some delay to enable him to procure competent medical advice respecting the sufficiency of his health to undertake the duties of the situation, wrote accepting the nomination. Nomination agreed to.

It was then moved by Rev. J. Cameron and seconded by Rev. P. G. McGregor, "That the nomination of the Board be accepted and confirmed." The Resolution passed unanimously. Appointment of Professor.

The Synod approved of the division of labour suggested by the Board in their letter to Mr. McCulloch as a general outline, leaving the minor arrangements to the Professors themselves, subject to the approval of the Board. Division of Labour.

On motion of Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by Mr. D. McCurdy, it was agreed that the Salary shall be £150, payable half yearly in advance.

The Synod adjourned, closing its meeting with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

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