

the instructions of the Synod, in preaching and directing the attention of their Congregations, in December last, to the subject of the Reformation, gave an account of their proceedings on the occasion, whereby it appeared that they had all, less or more, complied with the injunction.

Mr. Ross applied for leave of absence from the Synod after this day's session. The Synod, while deeply regretting Mr. Ross's absence, yet, in the peculiar circumstances of the case, granted him the leave requested.

At this stage the Rev. Robert Falconer, arrived, and his name was added to the Sederunt.

Read extract Minutes of the Presbytery of Miramichi, bearing that the Rev. James A. Murray, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, had applied to be admitted as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Ogg, that the Synod refer the matter back to the Presbytery of Miramichi, instructing them to admit the Rev. James A. Murray as an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, according to the rules of the Church. This motion was agreed to.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Closed with prayer.

DIET III.

Saint Paul's Church, Fredericton, 16th August, 1861.

Which day the Synod met, pursuant to adjournment. Some time was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. Wm. Henderson. The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Sederunt as yesterday, with the exception of Mr. Ross who had left by permission, and the addition of the Rev. James Mackie, of Moncton, who had arrived this morning.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

The Clerk read Letter from Mr. Steven stating his inability to attend the meeting of Synod on this occasion, on account of his late frequent absence from home. The Synod agreed that his reasons were sufficient.

Mr. Henderson, Clerk of the Presbytery of Miramichi, reported that said Presbytery had met yesterday, and admitted the Rev. James Allister Murray as an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland. Whereupon it was moved by Dr. Donald, seconded by Dr. Brooke, and unanimously agreed, that Mr. Murray, being now present, should take his seat as a member of Court, and that his name be added to the Roll.

Mr. Murray took his seat accordingly, and received the right hand of fellowship from all the members, and the Moderator, in name of the Synod welcomed him most cordially, and expressed their satisfaction at receiving him as one of their number.

Mr. Murray then expressed his thanks to the Synod for the cordial manner in which he had been received, and his firm resolution as God should enable him, to discharge faithfully, and to the utmost of his power, the duties to which he might be called in connexion with the Church into which he had now been admitted.

The Clerk read Letter from the Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Harvey, expressing the most kind and fraternal feelings towards this Synod, his earnest desire to enjoy the sympathy and co-operation of the Ministers belonging to it, and his deep regret that circumstances had put it out of his power to attend the present meeting of Synod.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge Mr. Johnson's letter, and to assure him of the earnest desire of all the members of Synod that the same friendly intercourse that has heretofore existed, may ever continue, between him and that Presbyterian Body to which they belong.

The Synod then took up the first Overture, which is as follows:

Whereas it is expedient that all measures brought up before the Synod be duly considered; and

Whereas it has hitherto been the practice to bring up Overtures without any previous deliberation or discussion upon their merits;

It is, therefore, humbly overtured to the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, that they enjoin that all Overtures intended to be brought before the Synod, shall henceforth be submitted to some Presbytery before being laid before the Committee on Overtures.

After reasoning, the Synod resolved to pass the Overture, and enjoin in terms thereof.

The Synod took up the second Overture, which is as follows:—

Whereas it is desirable to adopt some plan for the guidance of Presbyteries in the admission of ministers belonging to other denominations;

It is, therefore, humbly overtured to the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, that they take this matter into their serious consideration; and adopt such means as may appear to them most suitable for preparing such a plan as may remove all difficulties in such cases.

After reasoning, a Committee consisting of the Moderator, the Clerk, Dr. Donald, Mr. Henderson, Mr. W. Murray, and Mr. Ogg, was appointed to prepare such a plan, as may seem fitted to answer the object in view, and to report to the Synod on Monday.

Dr. Donald, Convener of the Committee