

MINUTES OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

Kingston, 2nd October, 1862.

The Commission did not meet for want of a quorum.

St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, the Nineteenth Day of February, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two Years:—

Which day the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met by appointment of Synod and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, who had been called to the chair as Moderator.

Sederunt.—John Barclay, *Moderator*, John Tawse, Alexander Lewis, Samuel Porter, John Campbell (Nottawasaga), David Watson, John H. Mackerras, James Gordon, James Bain, John Campbell, (Brock), William McKee, Donald Ross, David Stott, *Ministers*, and Archibald Barker, *Elder*. Mr. McKerras was appointed to act as Clerk.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO THE QUEEN.

The Moderator referred to the sad bereavement with which, in the providence of God, the Queen had recently been visited; and suggested the propriety of the Commission of Synod presenting to Her Majesty an address of condolence under her present severe affliction. In this suggestion the Commission unanimously concurred. The Moderator then produced a draft address which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Tawse, seconded by Mr. Campbell (Nottawasaga), adopted. The Clerk was instructed to have it engrossed, signed on behalf of the Commission of Synod by the Moderator, and transmitted through the proper channel to be laid at the foot of the Throne. The address is as follows:—

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland now assembled in Commission of Synod at Toronto, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the expression of our heartfelt sorrow at the sad affliction with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit you in the removal by death of H. R. H. the late Prince Consort.

Into the privacy of domestic grief within the Royal Palace we would not venture to intrude. But we cannot refrain, in view of all the circumstances of this sad event, from begging permission to express our sympathy with our beloved Queen, who, after so brief an interval, has been called in the providence of God to sorrow under another bereavement.

Even under the shadow of this great affliction, which has befallen your Majesty, there is a melancholy satisfaction in knowing that the great and good Prince, thus taken away in the mid-time of his days, had dignified and adorned the high position he occupied near the Throne by the due appreciation and faithful discharge of the duties and responsibilities of his exalted station: that, endowed with many excellent qualities both of head and heart, he has left behind him a name that shall

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