

persons, viz.: Messrs. Torrance, Porteous, Roy and Drummond, Ministers; Messrs. Thornton, Christholm, and T. Sandilands, elders. Mr. Torrance, Convener.

Resumed the case of Mr. Fisher and the complainants of the Congregation of Esquimaux, appeal from the Presbytery of Flamboro'.

Heard the Presbytery of Flamboro' by Messrs. Porteous and Drummond, in reply to Mr. Fisher and in defence of their decision.

Appeals of Mr. Fisher and Presbytery of Flamboro'.

Heard the complainants, by their deputies Messrs. McNaughton & Stewart, in defence of their protest and appeal.

Heard the Presbytery of Flamboro' by Messrs. Barrie and Torrance, in reply.

Heard Mr. Fisher in explanation.

Heard the Complainants in explanation.

Parties were then removed and the Synod proceeded to give judgment.

The Roll was called and opinions of members heard until the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

ALEX. RITCHIE, Moderator.

VI. SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. David Coutts, Moderator, *pro tem.*

Mr. Fisher's Demission.

The Rev. George Fisher here laid on the table a paper announcing to Synod his retirement from this court and his withdrawal from all connexion with the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, of the following tenor:

"I hereby give up all connection with the United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

REASONS:

"1st. Because my views regarding doctrine, especially the atonement of the Lord Jesus, are essentially different from those entertained by the majority of the Ministers.

"2d. Because in my opinion their views regarding the duties of a Minister of religion are defective and false.

"3d. Because in my opinion the minds of the