

A communication having been made to the Synod, that the Rev. James Lambie, of Pickering, who had been prevented by indisposition from meeting with the Synod, was apparently drawing near to the gates of death, the Synod resolved to suspend business, and commend their brother to God in prayer. On the call of the Moderator, Mr. Urquhart led the prayers of the Synod.

There was produced and laid upon the Table a Report from the Synod's Clergy Reserve Commissioners. The Synod appointed the following Committee to consider and report upon the same, viz., the Moderator, Dr. Cook, Mr. McGill, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Romanes, Dr. Machar, and Mr. George.

The Synod called for Reports upon the Model Constitution, which were given in. Thereafter, the Synod had read the said Constitution, clause by clause, and amended the same. The Synod then adopted the Constitution as now revised and amended,—and enjoin Presbyteries not to receive any congregation into the Church till they have solemnly adopted this Constitution.

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR NEW CHURCHES.

I. The property of the Church, and all real estate belonging to, or that may hereafter be acquired by, this Congregation, shall be vested in Trustees, to be held by them and their successors in office, in Trust for the sole and proper use of the congregation of ———, adhering to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

II. The Trustees shall be persons in full communion with the Church, or who shall declare their intention of being so at the earliest opportunity. They shall be elected at a meeting of the congregation called for the purpose by public intimation after Divine service, on at least one Sabbath, ten days previous to the day of meeting. They shall be chosen by the majority of votes of the male persons present, of the full age of Twenty-one years, who are members, or adherents, of this Church, and profess their intention to support religion in this congregation, and who reside within the bounds of the same.

III. The Trustees shall hold office until disqualified by removal from the congregation or by ceasing to be members of the Church, or until they shall resign. Vacancies occurring in the number of Trustees shall be supplied at a meeting called in the manner specified in the preceding section.

IV. The persons who shall be eligible for the Office of the Ministry in this congregation shall be,—1. Any regularly ordained Minister, or duly licensed Probationer of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.—2. Any Minister or Probationer of the Church of Scotland.—3. Any Minister or Probationer of any Presbyterian Body holding the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, who shall be willing to take the usual