

MINUTES OF SYNOD, KINGSTON, JUNE 1ST., 1864. 17

3. To revise Presbytery Records :—Mr. Mann, *Convener*, Messrs. P. Watson, Darroch, Niven, R. Campbell, Hogg, Rannie, G. D. Ferguson, Borthwick, Evans, Mylne, W. C. Clark, Wilson, W. Bell, Neill, Gordon, Mullen, Cleland, W. R. Ross, Wallace, J. Cameron, Currie, W. Masson, Fordyce, McLaurin, Boulter, Colville, Stirling, W. Smith, Hall, Dingwall.
4. To revise Synod and Commission Records :—Dr. Spence, *Convener*, Campbell (Brock), Col. Thomson.
5. To draft an Address to the Queen :—J. Campbell (Nottawasaga), *Convener*, Messrs. Nicol, John Thomson.
6. To draft an Address to the Governor General :—Mr. Inglis, *Convener*, Dr. Muir, A. Ferguson.
7. On Applications of Ministers for leave to retire :—Dr. Cook, *Convener*, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Barclay, Messrs. J. Bain, Barker, J. Thomson, A. Ferguson.
8. On applications to the Colonial Committee for aid in the erection of Churches :—Mr. Macmurchy, *Convener*, Messrs. Cleland, K. McLennan, Darrach, Davidson, Dennistoun, T. Masson, J. McKinnon.

DISSENT AND COMPLAINT.

The Synod took up a Dissent and Complaint of Rev. J. S. Douglas against a judgment of the Presbytery of Toronto, of date 18th November, 1863, overruling his objection to the right of Mr. Dennistoun to sit as Representative Elder in the said Presbytery. Papers having been read, parties were called. Mr. Douglas appeared for himself, and Messrs. Mackerras and K. McLennan for the Presbytery. Parties having been heard were removed. It was moved by Mr. George Bell, seconded by Mr. Rannie, and passed unanimously, That inasmuch as no evidence was adduced by the Complainant to show that Mr. Dennistoun had ceased to be a *bona fide* acting elder and member of the Session of Peterboro, there was no competent ground on which to found a protest and complaint in the premises, and that, therefore, the same be now dismissed. The Moderator intimated accordingly.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

There was received a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General, intimating that the Synod's Address of last year had "been submitted to Her Majesty, who was pleased to accept it very graciously, and was much gratified by the expressions it contained of loyalty to Her Throne and Person." There was also read an acknowledgment of receipt of the Synod's Address of last year to His Excellency the Governor General.

The minutes of Commission of Synod were read and sustained.