

The Synod renewed the injunction.  
Adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock.  
Closed with prayer.

*Friday, 24th August, 1849.*

Which day the Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained. The Committees appointed to examine the Records of Presbyteries, reported that they had attended to the duties entrusted to them, and found them regularly and accurately kept. The Synod, therefore, ordered them to be attested, which was accordingly done.

Mr. Brooke, as Clerk of the Presbytery of St. John, read the Minute of said Presbytery, relative to the admission of Mr. Hunter, the whole proceedings of which case had been referred to the Synod. The Synod, after deliberation, resolved to record their sanction of the conduct of the Presbytery of St. John, in admitting Mr. Hunter into connection with the Church of Scotland in this Province, and desire to express their high satisfaction at receiving a Christian Minister from another denomination.

The Committees on Bills and Overtures transmitted to the Synod the following Overtures:—

1. Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Miramichi, held at Bathurst, 18th July, 1849.

The Presbytery agree to Overture the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick, in regard to the propriety of publishing monthly, a small religious publication for the young, to be conducted by members of Synod.

2. Extract Minute of Presbytery of Miramichi, held at Newcastle, 20th August, 1849.

The Rev. Mr. Henderson brought forward the Overture, of which he gave notice at last meeting of Presbytery, which was seconded by Mr. Stephen. It was therefore unanimously resolved to transmit it as follows:

Whereas, it is the duty of the Church Courts to attend to everything that has a tendency to promote the spiritual welfare of every congregation, under their superintendence; and whereas the spiritual welfare of congregations, at least in so far as the continuance of a stated Ministry, and the regular administration of divine ordinances are concerned, depends in a great measure on the temporal support afforded to the Ministers of the Gospel.

It is, therefore, overtured to the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick, to appoint a committee to enquire into the state of temporal matters in all the Churches under jurisdiction, with the view of devising a remedy where a deficiency of means may exist.

3. Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Miramichi, at a meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, 22d March, 1849.

Mr. McDonnell brought forward the following Overture to be transmitted to the Synod of New Brunswick, which the Presbytery unanimously agreed to transmit.

Resolved, That it be overtured to the Synod of New Brunswick at its next ensuing meeting, that a volume of discourses with prayers be published by the Synod; that this volume shall consist of one or more Sermons or Lectures, by each of the Ministers of Synod, who may be willing to furnish them, together with a prayer preceding and following them, such as would render the volume more devotional and edifying either for private or public use.

4. Extract Minute of meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi, held at Bathurst, 18th July, 1849.

The Presbytery agree to Overture the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick, in regard to the propriety of appointing a special week-day service, in reference to the present peculiar circumstances of the times, and suggest that it should be some time in the end of September, or the beginning of October.

5. It is overtured to the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick, on the part of the Rev. William Donald—that a committee be appointed to devise means for vindicating the right of this Synod in all Churches and properties, formerly belonging to this Church, that may now be in possession of other bodies, not in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

6. It is overtured to the Rev. the Synod of New Brunswick on the part of the Rev. George McDonnell—that the Synod issue a pastoral address to their people.

The Synod agreed to take up, first, the Overture anent the publication of a volume of discourses and prayers.

Mr. McDonnell was heard at some length in support of the overture, when, after reasoning, it was moved and seconded that Mr. McDonnell be requested to correspond with publishers in Scotland or elsewhere to ascertain the amount of expense of such a publication as that contemplated, whether, and on what terms, any of them would be willing to undertake it, and to report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod then agreed to take up the Overture anent the appointment of a week-day service in reference to the peculiar circumstances of the time.

After reasoning, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed—That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Memorial to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to pray him to appoint a Fast-day, on account of the peculiar state of the country, owing to the depression of trade, and other circumstances of distress.

Messrs. Henderson, Brooke, and McDonnell, were then appointed a Committee to prepare the Memorial.

The Synod then agreed to take up the Overture from the Presbytery of Miramichi, anent the publication of a small monthly religious periodical for the young.

After reasoning, the Synod gave the following deliverance:—Approve of the object, and appoint Messrs. Donald, Brooke, and McDonnell to make all needful enquiries, to ascertain the practicability and expediency of such a periodical, and to report to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod then took up the Overture recommending the appointment of a Committee to look into the temporal affairs of the different congregations within their bounds.

Mr. Henderson was heard in support of the Overture, when, after reasoning, it was unanimously adopted by the Synod, and Messrs. Brooke and Donald, and T. Nesbit, Esq., were appointed a Committee for the Presbytery of St. John, and Messrs. Henderson, Steven, and Smith for the Presbytery of Miramichi, with instructions to report on each congregation to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod then took up the Overture anent the issuing of a pastoral address. It was moved and seconded that this be delayed for the present; and to this the Synod unanimously agreed.

The Synod then took up the Overture anent the appointment of a Committee on Churches and property belonging to the Synod, now in the hands of other parties.

The Synod unanimously adopted the Overture and appointed the following a Committee to carry out the object in view—the Moderator, Messrs. Brooke, Donald, and Stewart. It was also agreed that the Hon. John Robertson, Hon. Alexander Rankin, Hon. Harris Hatch, and Hon. John Montgomery, be requested to favour the Committee with their advice and assistance. The Committee were instructed to report to next meeting of Synod.

Adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock.  
Closed with prayer.

*Saturday, 25th August, 1849.*

Which day the Synod of New Brunswick met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Mr. Brooke brought under the notice of Synod the present extremely defective mode of registering marriages, and the entire want of all authorized registration of births and deaths in this Province, contrasting it with the very effective and simple plan pursued in Canada. Whereupon the Synod, after consideration, resolved to appoint the Moderator, Mr. Brooke, and Mr. Donald, a Committee to bring the subject before the Legislature by memorial, or otherwise, as they may consider best for the accomplishment of the object in view.

The Clerk read the draft of a Memorial to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the appointment of a Fast-day throughout the Province, which was approved of by the Synod, ordered to be engrossed, signed by the Moderator in the name of the Synod, and transmitted to His Excellency, now in St. John.

To His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick.

The Memorial of the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That whereas it is the duty of all men to "humble themselves under the mighty hand of God," and to "learn wisdom, when the judgments of God are abroad in the earth;" and whereas Scripture invites us to the throne of grace, "by prayer and by supplication to make known our requests unto God;" and whereas it has often pleased Almighty God to "turn away from his fierce anger," and to remove his chastisements, when those who were exercised thereby, or threatened therewith, were led to repentance and reformation; and whereas the example of the King of Nineveh, and the pious Kings and Rulers of Israel, in appointing days of fasting and humiliation for the averting of God's anger, is approved in the Word of God; and whereas God has evidently been pouring out his judgments on this Province in the great commercial distress which lately prevailed, and the depression of trade which still continues, in the extensive failure of crops for several preceding seasons, in the prevalence of small pox and various other diseases during the past winter, the inroads of pestilential disease in various adjoining parts, and the prospect of its appearing also in this Province.