

MINUTES OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

*At St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, The Fifth Day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine 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. George Bell, B. A., of Clifton.

*Sederunt*,—George Bell, *Moderator*; John Machar, James George, James Williamson, John B. Mowat, George McDonnell, and William Snodgrass, *Ministers*, and Judge Malloch and Andrew Drummond, *Elders*.

The Commission elected the Rev. George Bell to be Moderator of this meeting, and the Rev. William Snodgrass to be Clerk.

THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST.

The Commission having learned that Thursday, the third day of November next, has, by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, been appointed as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for his goodness in blessing the labours of the husbandman and vouchsafing a bountiful harvest, heartily concur in the propriety of the said appointment; issue this their recommendation to the Church to observe it in a becoming manner; and enjoin all ministers within the bounds of the Synod, to afford their congregations an opportunity of meeting together on the said third day of November next for public worship, with special reference to the occasion, and direct the Clerk to send an extract of this minute to each minister.

LETTER FROM MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The following circular letter was read:—

*To the Synods, and Presbyteries, and Members of the Churches in the Colonies of Great Britain and Ireland, in connection with the Church of Scotland:—*

DEAR BRETHREN,—

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has instructed me, as their Moderator, to address you with the assurance of our continued interest and sympathy, and of our remembrance of you and yours in our deliberations and prayers.

United to us through many bonds of nature and of grace, it would ill become us to forget you amid the hardships and trials for the Gospel's sake, which many of you are called to bear.

We recognise among you many of our brethren and early associates in our preparation for the Christian ministry; and we know that your flocks consist of the most part of those, who, having gone from our own shores, have left among our people many kinsmen and friends; and in