

MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 3RD, 1863. 15

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

It was moved by Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Mann, and passed unanimously, that the Rev. John Campbell, M.A., minister at Nottawasaga, be Moderator for the year,—and he being present took the chair.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Spence, and passed unanimously, the Moderator tendered to Principal Leitch the thanks of the Synod for his whole conduct as Moderator, and for his discourse this day at the opening of the Synod, and requested him to print his discourse in such way as he may think best.

REPORT ON BUSINESS.

The Report of the Committee on Business was called for and read. The Synod agreed to follow the order of business prepared by the Committee and the recommendations contained in their report.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. On Bills and Overtures :—The Moderator, *Convener*, the Clerk, Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. George Bell, J. McDonald, Nicol, Mackerras, W. Bain, G. Thomson, T. G. Smith, J. Greenshields, and Judge Malloch, with instructions to meet to-day, and thereafter by adjournment as they see cause, to consider all papers intended to be brought before the Synod, and to report any recommendations that may occur to them in regard to their disposal.
2. To revise Presbytery Records :—Mr. Mann, *Convener*, Messrs. Patterson, Campbell (Brock), Mair, Sym, Wallace, Ferguson, McPherson, Clark, G. Bell, Niven, Livingstone, Macdonnell, R. Campbell, Mylne, Lindsay, Wilson, Neill, Walker, Gordon, McLaren, A. Robertson, Colquhoun, Cadenhead.
3. To revise Synod and Commission Records :—Mr. Spence, *Convener*, Messrs. Wallace, P. Watson, and Colquhoun.
4. To draft an Address to the Queen :—Dr. Williamson, *Convener*, Principal Leitch, Dr. Barclay, and Judge Malloch.
5. To draft an Address to the Governor General :—Mr. G. Bell, *Convener*, Messrs. Walker and Barker.
6. To Report upon Returns on Overtures and Interim Acts :—Mr. Black, *Convener*, Messrs. Patterson, K. McLennan, and Neilson.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

There was read a letter from the Secretary of the Governor General, of date 31st July, 1862, intimating that the Secretary of State for the Colonies laid before the Queen the Synod's Address of last year, and that Her Majesty received, with much satisfaction, the expression of loyal attachment it contains. There was also read, the reply of His Excellency, the Governor General, to the Synod's Address of last Session.

The Minutes of Commission of Synod were read and sustained.