

Toronto, an ordained Minister of this Church, to a seat in the Synod, and in the Presbytery within whose bounds he resides. The Synod, after due deliberation, agreed to dismiss the Overture on the following grounds, viz.:—Although, from the exigency and peculiarity of the case, the Professors of Queen's College, holding Chairs of Literature and Science, were admitted to seats in our Church Courts, yet at the time this was done, many thought the measure unconstitutional, and as this opinion has acquired greater strength, and from the fear of what was but a necessary expedient being drawn in to be a precedent and general principle,—be it therefore resolved, That, while this Synod regard with the greatest respect the character of Professor Murray, knowing him to be a man of great Christian and Ministerial worth; and while the Synod would be exceedingly sorry to lose his valuable counsel and services in their Church Courts, in any of which they would be most happy at any time to see him take his seat as an honorary member, yet from what is stated in the premises, they do not deem it advisable to grant the prayer of the Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Synod appointed Mr. McMorine to draw up an Address to the Members of the Church on Parental Responsibility, to be submitted to the Commission of Synod for their approval, and to be afterwards printed and circulated through the several Congregations of the Church.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, to have an amendment made to Article IV. in the Model Constitution. After some discussion, the Synod referred the said Overture to the following Committee, to consider and report on the same, viz.:—Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Muir, Mr. George, and Mr. Roach.

The Synod then adjourned till Monday morning, at Eleven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*At Montreal and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Monday, the Seventeenth Day of July, One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Forty-eight Years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

MINUTE

On the call of the devotionals and prayer.

Sederunt.—

The Synod met on the 17th inst. for holding a Session for the consideration of the Scheme for the better regulation of the Synod. After lengthened deliberation, That the Synod be constituted, viz.:—Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Muir, Mr. George, and Mr. Roach; with instructions to consider and report on the same, that the Report be referred to the several Presbyteries, and send in their respective Reports, that in case the Synod be constituted, as to the mission shall be empowered and enjoined of the Widows' Parliament embrace.

The Synod then adjourned till Monday morning, at Eleven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

The which day, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and was constituted.

On the call of the devotionals and prayer.

Sederunt.—The Ministers of the Synod called on the 17th inst. for the consideration of an Act, anent the constitution of the Synod.