

Minutes of Durham Presbytery.

Mr. Barrie reported from the Committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Durham, that no minutes were presented to them. The explanation of the Clerk, why the minutes were not laid before the Committee, was sustained.

Minutes of London Presbytery.

Mr. Caw reported from the Committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of London, that no minutes were presented to them. The excuse of the Presbytery of London for the absence of the minutes was sustained.

Minutes of Toronto Presbytery.

Mr. Drummond reported from the Committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, that they had examined those minutes and found them correctly kept, and the business regularly transacted with the exception of a reference to a rule of Synod, at the bottom of the second page of minutes for 5th August, 1851, they are of opinion that it clashes with the Synod's minutes, (see page 161) and that the last clause on the above page of Presbytery above mentioned, commencing with "in accordance," &c., should be expunged. The report was received and adopted.

Minutes of Lanark Presbytery.

Mr. McClure reported from the Committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark, that no minute book was forthcoming from that Presbytery on account of the absence of the Clerk of Presbytery. The reason given for the absence of the minutes was sustained.

Report on Supply and Contribution.

Mr. Torrance reported from the Committee appointed under the Resolution passed at the close of last Sederunt, as follows, viz:—

Your Committee report, that on referring to the laws that have been passed to guide the Missions' Committee in the transaction of their business, they find that all applications for aid from weak congregations must be submitted to them through Presbyteries; that they have power to obtain by letter, or special deputation of one of their number, in conjunction with a member of Presbytery if advisable, such information as they may judge necessary: and to call upon each Presbytery to furnish statistical reports of the congregations and vacancies which are in their bounds.

Your Committee further recommend the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Synod:—

1. That it be a law of this Church that each congregation shall pay for each Sabbath of a preacher's services, the sum of £1 10s., and that it be an instruction to Presbyteries and the Mission Committee to have respect to this in granting supply, and that said supply shall always be regulated by the amount contributed by the congregation or station requiring supply.
2. That no station within five miles of an existing congregation, shall receive supply of preaching from the Synod unless they promise to bear the entire expenses.
3. That no station in ordinary circumstances, shall receive supply longer than one year, unless they raise the sum required by Synod for each day's supply.
4. That the existing law of Synod, page 162, No. 1 of printed minutes, be enforced in all the Presbyteries, to wit: (1.) "That it shall be a law of this Church, that under the direction of their respective Presbyteries, ministers, whose congregations receive aid from the Synod Fund, shall