

ling, Robert Dennistoun, John Lockhart, Robert Ross, Alexander Morris, Donald A. Livingston, John Greenshields, Walter Colquhoun, William Young, Richard Loucks, Farquhar B. McLennan, Alexander Robertson, Charles P. Treadwell, John Brockie, Alexander Logie, James Hamilton, David Allan, William Fraser, George Malloch, Archibald Petrie, and John Mitchell, *Elders*.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

Moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by A. Mackid, and passed unanimously. That the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, D. D., of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, be Moderator, and Dr. Mathieson being present took the chair.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Cook, seconded by A. Mann, and passed unanimously, the Moderator tendered to the Rev. John Macmurchy the thanks of the Synod for his conduct while in the chair, and for the excellent sermon preached by him at the opening of this Session.

HOURS OF MEETING.

The Synod agreed to meet during the present Session every morning at half-past nine, and before proceeding to any business, to engage in devotional exercises,—to continue each Diet till five o'clock, P. M., with an interval between one and half-past two—and to resume proceedings in the evening at seven when considered necessary.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Any Presbytery may meet and transact any competent business at any time during the Session when the Court is not sitting, but the intimation of meeting must be in writing, signed by the Moderator, or in his absence, any two members of the Presbytery of which a meeting is requested, and must be read by the Moderator of Synod from the chair.

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, *Convenor*, The Clerk, A. Walker, Dr. Barclay, J. H. MacVerras, J. Patterson, R. Dobie, G. Bell, J. McEwen, W. Bain, Dr. Cook, Dr. George, T. Macpherson, J. Bain, A. Morris, J. Greenshields, G. Malloch, J. Bruce, J. Cameron, Dr. Machar, Dr. Urquhart, with instructions to meet at the close of this Diet 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.—J. B. Mowat, *Convenor*, R. Neill, G. Neilson, J. Macmurchy, J. Campbell, D. Watson, J. S. Douglas, A. Barker, J. Saveright, G. D. Ferguson, Dr. Muir, J. Patterson, Dr. Livingston, T. Macpherson, P. Watson, W. Colquhoun, F. B. McLennan, G. McDonnell, H. Niven, C. Campbell, D. Allan, W. Miller, A. Mann, G. Thomson, and A. Petrie—to meet at the close of this Diet.

3. To revise the Synod Records.—Dr. Barclay, *Convenor*, G. Bell, J. Patterson, and A. Morris, to meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

4. To draft an address to the Queen.—Dr. George, *Convenor*, J. McMorine, and J. Greenshields.

5. To draft an address to the Governor General.—Dr. Cook, *Convenor*, Dr. Muir, R. Dennistoun.

6. To draft an address to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to Canada.—Dr. Barclay, *Convenor*, G. McDonnell, A. Morris, and A. Logie.

There was read a communication from the Secretary of the College, intimating that the Trustees had resolved to place the buildings at the service of the Synod while in Session. The Synod instructed the Clerk to reply, thanking the Trustees for their kind and considerate offer, and stating, that the Synod will be glad to take advantage thereof should they find occasion to do so.

The reply of his Excellency the Governor General to the Synod's address of last year was read.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Rev. John McMorine, Dr. Mathieson, and Dr. Cook were re-elected Trustees of Queen's College in accordance with the provisions of the Royal charter. their names are ordered to be placed at the top of the list of Clerical Trustees, and the Clerk is instructed to intimate this election to the Secretary of the College.

ELECTION OF CLERGY RESERVE COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs William Edmonstone and John Greenshields were re-elected Clergy Reserve Commissioners, agreeably to regulations of Synod 1848; their names are ordered to be placed at the foot of the list of Commissioners, and the clerk is instructed to intimate this election to the Board.

The Minutes of the Commission of Synod were read and sustained.

The reply of His Excellency the Governor General, to the Minute of the Commission of Synod expressive of sympathy with him in his late bereavement was read.

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Synod, having considered the reference by the Commission of the circular letter from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, appoint Dr. Cook, *Convenor*, Dr. Machar, Dr. Barclay, and Mr. Morris, a committee to draft an answer.

TRICENTENARY OF THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION.

The report of the Committee on the celebration of the Tricentenary of the Scottish Reformation having been called for was read by the Clerk. The Committee recommend the Synod to set apart the evening of Monday next to the hearing of addresses on the following subjects,—On the principal characters that figured in the Scottish Reformation; by the Rev. James Bain, of Scarborough; (2), on the leading results of the Scottish Reformation, by Professor George; and (3), on the responsibility and duty of our Church in Canada, in connection with the Reformation, by the Rev. George Bell, of Clifton. The Committee also recommend the Synod to instruct all the ministers of this Church to direct the attention of their people to the character and results of the Scottish Reformation, by appropriate discourses to be delivered on the sixteenth day of December next—the Sabbath next preceding the day on which the first General Assembly was held at Edinburgh. The Synod adopt the report, and instruct the Clerk to communicate the latter recommendation to the Moderator of the other Presbyterian Synods in this Province, and express the desire of this Court that these Synods would include a like arrangement in their mode of celebration, and further instruct the Clerk to send a printed extract of the said recommendation to each minister of the Church in sufficient time before the 10th of December next.

The Synod appoint the following ministers to conduct Divine service on Sabbath next,—in this Church, Rev. J. Hogg on the forenoon, Rev. Dr. McGillivray on the afternoon, and Rev. J. Livingston on the evening; on Wolfe Island, Rev. J. S. Douglas; at Pittsburgh, Rev. D. Morrison.

TEMPORALITIES FUND.*

The report and financial statement of the Temporalities Board for the past year were read by Dr. Cook. A draft code of By-laws in printed form was also laid upon the table. The Synod refer all documents from this Board to the following Committee to consider and report thereon, namely, Dr. Cook, *Convenor*, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Muir, Dr. McGillivray, J. Greenshields, A. Mann, W. Fraser, G. Neilson, K. McLennan, G. Macdennell, G. Bell, A. Logie, D. Allan, A. Mackid, J. Rannie.

CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of Correspondents having been called for, Mr. Morris stated, that, being in Scotland last summer on College business, he was prevented from fulfilling his appointment. The Rev. Alexander Spence, the other Correspondent, read a full and interesting report of his attendance at the last annual meetings of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Synod record their sense of the faithfulness of Mr. Spence in attending to this duty, and thank him for the report he has read.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

At St. Andrew's Church Kingston, Thursday, the Thirty-first Day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment and was constituted; devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. George Bell, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

An extract minute of the action of the Presbytery of Glengarry on the Commission of Charles P. Treadwell was read, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Presbytery his name was added to the Roll.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

The Synod re-elected Rev. Wm. Simpson, John Greenshields, and Joseph M. Ross, to be Trustees for the management of the Ministers' Widows', and Orphans' Fund; directed their names to be placed at the top of the lists of ministers and laymen respectively composing the Board; and instructed the Clerk to intimate their election to the Board.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE AND ADMISSION.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Bathurst, for leave to take George Porteous, Student of Divinity, on trials for license. The same application was made by the Presbytery of Kingston, in behalf of