

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, begun at Montreal the 10th day of January, and concluded the 11th day of January, 1855 years.

SESSION XXVI.

DIET I.

*At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there :—
Wednesday, the Tenth Day of January, One
Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five
Years :—*

The which day, after sermon by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, from Psalm xlviii. 12, 13, "Walk about Zion, and go round about her, tell the towers thereof; mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following," the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, *pro re nata*, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. James Williamson, A. M.

Sederunt, Mr. James Williamson, *Moderator*; Mr. John McMurphy, Mr. John Barclay, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Mr. James Anderson, Mr. James C. Muir, Dr. John Cook, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. Alexander Wallace, Dr. Robert McGill, Mr. James T. Paul, Mr. Thomas Haig, Mr. Archibald H. Milligan, Mr. John McDonald, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John McLaurin, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Æneas McLean, Mr. Donald Monro, Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Robert Dobie, and Mr. John Whyte, *Ministers* :—together with Mr. Alexander Morris, Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Thomas A. Gibson, and the Hon. Thomas McKay, *Elders*.

The Moderator laid before the Synod a requisition which had been addressed to him, calling on him to summon a meeting of Synod; also a copy of his circular calling the present meeting. The same were read, as follows :—

QUEBEC, 11th Dec., 1854.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—I beg to intimate to you that it is the opinion of the Committee of Synod, appointed to watch the progress of legislation in respect of the Clergy Reserves, that, the Bill introduced by Government having now passed both Houses of the Legislature, it is desirable that a Meeting of Synod should be called as early as possible for the purpose of taking such steps as may be necessary