

MINUTES OF SYNOD, KINGSTON, JUNE 3RD., 1864. 23

The Synod referred a Dissent and Complaint of Rev. J. S. Douglas against a finding of the Presbytery of Toronto as the result of a Presbyterial visitation of his congregation, and also a Reference from the said Presbytery on the state of matters in the congregation of Peterboro', to a Committee consisting of Dr. Cook, *Convener*, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Spence, Dr. Muir, and Dr. Urquhart, to report thereon.

FORM OF JUDICIAL PROCESS.

Dr. Barclay reported in behalf of the Committee on the preparation of a Form of Judicial Process. The Committee were re-appointed with instructions to give their best attention to this subject before the next meeting of Synod.

REFERENCE FROM PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

A Reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton respecting a debt incurred for missionary services before the formation of Presbyteries of Guelph and Niagara was discharged, on assurance obtained that the said Presbyteries have agreed to pay their share of the debt as claimed by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

APPLICATIONS OF MINISTERS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

The Report of the Committee on applications of Ministers for leave to retire was read by Dr. Cook, *Convener*, recommending that leave be granted to the Rev. Joseph Anderson of South Gower, Rev. James Thom of Woolwich, and Rev. Donald Monro of Finch, to retire on full allowances from the Temporalities Fund, with the understanding that they report semi-annually to their Presbyteries,—the two former to do such missionary work on the call of their Presbytery as their health will permit, the latter to be permitted to return to Scotland; and that the Rev. William Johnson of Lindsay be permitted, in consideration of the state of his health, to retire from the active duties of the ministry for three years, retaining his allowance, on the condition that he shall then either return to these duties or resign his claim to the allowance; but it shall be competent for the Synod then to continue the allowance if it shall appear on consideration of his health and circumstances that such continuance is necessary. The recommendations of the report were adopted, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

SALE OF GLEBE LANDS AT CLARKE.

The Synod heard a Petition of the Congregation of Clarke containing a proposal to sell their glebe and invest the proceeds, and there was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto bearing thereon. The Synod instructed the Presbytery to authorize the proposal according to the terms of their Extract, on condition that the grant of one hundred and fifty pounds from the Clergy Reserve Commissioners be inalienably secured.

HYMN BOOK.

The Rev. F. Nicol read a Report from the Committee appointed to take