

168 Minutes of the United Presbyt'n Synod in Canada.

Memorial.

pectfully maintain, that your Honorable House ought to take all legitimate steps to remove all obstructions and abuses, in any of the Public Departments which prevent the proper observance of that most blessed day, which God made for man, and which he has commanded all men to hallow.

Signed in name and in the presence of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, met in the City of Hamilton on this 10th day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One.

W. TAYLOR, D. D.

Moderator.

W. FRASER,

Synod Clerk.

Dissent.

The following reasons for dissent from the resolutions regarding memorials on Sabbath observance passed at the fourth Sederunt of this Session of Synod were given in, viz :

REASONS FOR DISSENT.

1. That the object desired in the petition or memorial to Parliament is a thing, which, in our civil capacity, we are entitled to demand from the Government of our country.

2. That we are decidedly opposed to confounding things civil and ecclesiastical and consider that our legitimate and consistent course of conduct, as a voluntary Church, to obtain for our people their civil rights which have a religious aspect, is to enlighten the people themselves, and to stimulate them to use all constitutional means to obtain such rights; inasmuch as we, as a Church Court, acknowledge no superior, nor even equal in any civil power in the world; and inasmuch as we have avowed this principle openly, as a Synod, by making it the basis of the views expressed in the proceedings of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

(Signed)

JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT.

WM. BARRIE.

ROBT. CHRISTIE.

THOS. CHRISTIE.

JAMES ROY.

WM. M. CHRISTIE.

WILLIAM AITKEN.