

144 MINUTES OF SYNOD, TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 5, 1837.

jects, by securing to them the blessing of instruction in the pure Word of God, the only foundation of National happiness and prosperity.

May that Word be Your Majesty's counsellor, and through all the cares of an earthly Crown, Your guide to a Crown of Glory.

At Toronto, this Fifth Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Seven years.

Signed, in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of Synod.

Reports on the Sabbath were given in by the Presbyteries of Toronto, Hamilton, and Quebec, and the same were approved of. The Presbyteries which did not report were instructed to do so at next session of Synod, and it was recommended that all Presbyteries use continued diligence to promote the scriptural observance of the Lord's Day, amongst the Congregations under their charge and throughout the community at large.

The Committee on Correspondence with the Reformed Dutch Church of the United States produced a report, which was read and received. The Synod approves of the recommendation in the Report of the appointment of a Presbytery to correspond with the aforesaid Synod, and appointed the Presbytery of Kingston a Committee for this purpose.

The Committee to whom had been referred the consideration of a Deputation to Great Britain, the Overture of the Presbytery of Bathurst respecting the licensing of Probationers, and the application of Mr. Williamson, produced a report which was read and received, and the Synod resolved in terms of it:—*First*, that a Memorial be prepared for the Colonial Office, setting forth the claims of this Church to a portion of the interest accruing from the proceeds of the sales of the Clergy Reserves.

*Secondly*, that a Memorial to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, through its Committee on Colonial Churches, be prepared, which Memorial shall set forth the need, which already exists, for a modification of the Declaratory Enactment, in 1833, recommending the formation of Presbyteries and Synods in the Colonies, in respect to the education of Candidates for the Ministry, within the bounds of the Synod, and the licensing of Probationers; and that the same Memorial shall crave the renewed application of the General Assembly's Committee to the Colonial Office in behalf of the claims of this Church.

*Thirdly*, that an urgent appeal be made to all the Synods in Scotland, in behalf of the spiritual destitution of these Provinces, with the view of at once obtaining an increase of Missionaries, and the means of supporting them.

Mr. McGill, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Machar were appointed a Committee to prepare the first of the said Memorials.

The Presbytery of Hamilton was instructed to prepare the Memorial for the General Assembly, and the Address to the Synods in Scotland, and the said Presbytery was authorized to issue queries, if they see fit,