

MINUTES OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, Wednesday, the Tenth Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-Three Years:—

Which day the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment of Synod, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator of Synod, who was chosen Moderator of the Commission.

Sederunt.—John Campbell (Nottawasaga), *Moderator*, John Cameron, Kenneth McLennan, George Bell, John H. Mackerras, William Bain, George D. Ferguson, John Cook, John Barclay, Francis Nicol, and William Snodgrass, *Ministers*, and Alexander S. Cadenhead and John Greenshields, *Elders*.

Mr. Snodgrass was chosen to act as Clerk.

There was read a remit of Synod respecting Memorials from persons describing themselves as the representatives of the congregation of Saltfleet and Binbrook, and from the Rev. Wm. Miller of Zorra.

The Commission adjourned to meet in this place this evening at eight o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, the Evening of Wednesday the Tenth, Day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-Three Years:—

At which time the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to adjournment *ut supra*, and was constituted.

In reference to the Memorial of the Rev. Wm. Miller of West Zorra, the Clerk of the Presbytery having stated that he personally explained the nature of the deliverance of last Synod, given at Toronto on the 3rd day of June, 1862, to the Stratford congregation, and that the same was explained to a deputation from the congregation at a meeting of the Presbytery of London, the Commission resolved not to take any action on the matter, especially as the Clerk of the Presbytery of London reported to the Commission that Mr. Miller has carried his case into the civil courts.

In reference to the Memorial from parties describing themselves as the representatives of the congregation of Saltfleet and Binbrook, the following deliverance was agreed to:—That inasmuch as the Synod, at its meeting at Toronto, in June, 1862, did, upon reviewing the whole case then before it, unanimously sustain the Complaint of Mr. Niven against the Presbytery of Hamilton finding certain counts of the libel served upon him proven, the Commission does not perceive any force in the ground alleged by the Memorialists for the reconsideration of the case, and therefore dismiss the Memorial; and, as regards the condition of matters at Saltfleet and Binbrook and the grave questions affecting the interests of the Church at large involved in what has come to the knowledge of the Commission, defer further consideration of the matter to an