

Mr. Gordon was heard on the subject of the Overture. After deliberation, the Synod agreed to refer the Overture to the following Committee, viz.:—Mr. Smellie, Mr. Gordon, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Mr. Lowry, Ministers; Mr. Davidson, Mr. Blain, Mr. McLellan, Elders; with instructions to give the same their mature consideration, and report on Tuesday next.

The Synod took up an Overture from various members of Synod, on the support of the Ministry.

The Synod had conference on the subject of the Overture, and it was agreed that the same should be continued for one hour, at the session in the evening.

The Synod was closed with prayer.

#### SESSION IV.

TORONTO,

*Thursday, 6th June, 1850, Seven o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of the Afternoon Session were read and sustained.

The Synod resumed the conference on the support of the Ministry. After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Willis, and seconded by Mr. Roger,—

That, impressed with the urgent necessity of a Fund for the assisting of weaker congregations, a Committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the failure of the scheme lately attempted to be worked, and which was so far in operation for the sustentation of the Ministry among us; and to consider if a scheme, in its nature supplementary, might not with advantage be substituted. Also, whether a part of the late sustentation plan might not be retained in connection with a supplementary one.

It was thereafter moved in amendment, by Mr. Bain, and seconded by Mr. McGregor.

That the matter be left in the hands of Presbyteries, according to the deliverance of last Synod.

After reasoning, a vote was called for, when it was agreed that the vote should be motion or amendment; and on the roll being called, there voted

For the motion ..... 31  
For the amendment ..... 18

The motion was accordingly declared to be carried, and in terms of the same, the following Committee was appointed, viz: