

MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 9TH, 1863. 29

tend to the remarks made, and cause the necessary corrections as far as is now practicable; and further appointed the Presbytery of Hamilton, which, as reported by the Rev. M. W. Livingstone, has become defunct, to meet in St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, on the seventeenth instant at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The Synod heard and adopted the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Synod and Commission Records, bearing that the same are carefully and correctly kept, and instructed their Moderator to attest them accordingly.

ADDRESSES TO THE QUEEN AND GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Dr. Barclay read a draft address to the Queen,* and Mr. G. Bell a draft address to the Governor General† which were approved of, and ordered be transmitted in the usual manner.

OVERTURES AND INTERIM ACTS.

The report of the Committee on Overtures and Interim Acts was read. Agreeably thereto, the

COLLECTION OF HYMNS,

Published by authority of a Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was declared to be unsuitable to supply the want of the Synod, and a Committee consisting of the Rev. Francis Nicol, Congregationalist, Dr. Cook, and Dr. Barclay, was appointed to take such steps as they may consider meet in the preparation of a Hymn Book, and report to next meeting of Synod.

Agreeably to the same report the Interim Act on the representation of the Eldership, having been approved by a majority of Presbyteries, was passed, and is hereby passed, into a permanent law of the Church, as follows:—

Act anent Representation of the Eldership.

I. It shall be the duty of every Kirk-session to elect one of their number, being a *bond fide* acting elder of the congregation, to represent the Session in the Superior Courts for the year; and it shall be the duty of the Minister or any Ordained Minister of the Church acting by his authority, or, in the case of a vacancy, by the authority of the Presbytery, to call a meeting of Session for the purpose of such election on some convenient day within two months after the annual meeting of Synod; and it shall be the duty of the Elder elect to transmit or present his Commission to the Presbytery without delay, it being competent for any meeting of Presbytery to receive and sustain Elders' Commissions.

II. It shall be the duty of Presbyteries to ascertain that Kirk-sessions and Ministers perform their several duties in this respect, and take order, where from any cause an election has not taken place within the two months specified in this Act, that it be made with all convenient speed.

* APPENDIX K.

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