

## ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN CONNEXION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, BEGAN AT SAINT JOHN, ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, AND TERMINATED THE 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1863.

## SESSION XXVI.

## DIET I.

*At Saint John, and within St. Andrew's Church there,—Wednesday, the twelfth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three years :—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, met by appointment.

After sermon by the Rev. Charles S. Ogg, A. M., the Retiring Moderator, on the Text, John IV. 20, "God is a Spirit, &c.," the Synod was constituted with prayer, by the said Rev. Charles S. Ogg.

The Presbytery Rolls having been given in by the respective Clerks, the Synod Roll was made up and read.

Thereafter, the Roll being called, sederunt William Murray, A. M., James A. Murray, John Wells, A. M., John M. Brooke, D. D., John Ross, William Donald, D. D., Peter Keay, A. M., Henry J. McLardy, B. A., James Mackie, James Kidd, A. M., William Henderson, D. D., James Murray, Charles S. Ogg, A. M., *Ministers*; together with John Duncan and John McDougall, *Elders*.

The Rev. Dr. Leitch, Principal of Queen's College, Canada, Corresponding Member from the Synod of Canada, being present, was introduced by Dr. Donald, cordially welcomed by the Synod, took his seat as a member of Court, and his name added to the Roll.

Dr. Leitch stated that the Rev. William Snodgrass, of Montreal, who had been appointed along with him, as Corresponding Member to the Synods in the Lower Provinces, had been prevented, by unavoidable engagements, from being present at the meeting of this Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Blackie, a Presbyterian minister from Boston, was introduced by Dr. Donald, and shortly addressed the Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. James A. Murray, being nominated by the Retiring Moderator, was unanimously chosen, and took the chair accordingly.

The Minutes of the proceedings of Synod, during the several Diets held at Newcastle, in the month of August, last year, being put into the hands of the respective members, were held as read, and were sustained.

The Synod appointed the Moderator, the Clerk, Dr. Donald, Dr. Leitch, Mr. Duncan,

and Mr. McDougall, a Committee on Bills and overtures, instructing them to meet to-morrow, at half-past 9 A. M., and all papers, intended to come before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee.

It was agreed that, during the present session, the Synod should meet daily, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that there should be an interval, each day, from half past one to three o'clock.

The Synod authorized Presbyteries to meet, on the summons of their respective Moderators, at any time while the Synod is assembled, when it is not actually in session.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were produced, and a Committee consisting of Rev.'ds Dr. Henderson, Dr. Donald, and William Murray, were appointed to examine the same.

The Synod resolved that, in accordance with their usual practice, some portion of time, each day, during the session, should be spent in devotional exercises, and appointed the Rev.'ds James Murray, H. J. McLardy, W. Murray, and James Kidd, to conduct the same.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Closed with the Benediction.

## DIET II.

*At St. Andrew's Church, St. John, 13th August, 1863 :—*

Which day the Synod met, pursuant to adjournment. Sederunt as yesterday.

Some time was spent in devotional exercises, consisting of praise, reading Scriptures and prayer; which services were conducted by the Rev. James Murray.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

A Commission from the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in favor of the Rev. George Monro Grant, of Saint Matthew's Church, in the city of Halifax, and Dr. Avery, Elder, of the said Church was produced, and they being present, were cordially welcomed by the Synod, took their seats as members of Court, and their names were added to the Roll.

On motion, the thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Ogg, from the Chair, for his very excellent sermon, preached at the open-