

a highly respected minister in the Baptist church, and another whose language and habits specially fit him for labouring among our German population. We trust all these may be faithful and successful labourers in our portion of the vineyard.

We express what we believe to be the universal feeling of the members of the Synod, when we say that, for the orderly and expeditious way in which so much important business was transacted, we are largely indebted to the combined firmness and gentleness of the Moderator, who discharged in a very admirable manner, all the important duties of his high and responsible position. May all the decisions of Synod be followed by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church and by an abundant outpouring of the Spirit.

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### MEETING OF SYNOD.

The sixth annual meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church was appointed to take place in the Central Church Hamilton on the 5th day of June; and, notwithstanding the excitement which had prevailed for some days previously, the session was opened at the time appointed. The attendance was not large at first, and it seemed doubtful whether the business of the Synod could be transacted. But as, in the good providence of God, the excitement gradually subsided, and the danger of invasion from the misguided men who threatened the peace of the country passed away, the numbers in attendance increased, and the business was transacted maturely, and with a large measure of harmony and good feeling.

The devotional exercises at the opening of the Synod were conducted by the retiring moderator, the Rev. W. Aitken, M. A. When about to commence the sermon, he was taken with a sudden aggravation of the indisposition under which he had been for some time labouring, and was obliged to retire from the pulpit. His place was kindly taken by the Rev. W. Gregg of Cooke's Church, who preached from Rev. V: 6. The roll was made up and called; and thereafter a statement read of the changes affecting the roll which had taken place during the year. From this statement it appeared that there had been four deaths viz. Rev. J. Skinner, Rev. M. Y. Stark, Rev. J. McKinnon, and Rev. P. D. Muir. There had been *thirteen* demissions, *one* suspension, *two* depositions, *sixteen* ordinations; *five* inductions, *eight* inductions, *three* ministers received from other churches, and *ten* students of Theology licensed.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator, when the Rev. D. Inglis, of McNab street Church Hamilton, was elected unanimously, and, on taking the chair addressed the Synod in appropriate terms. After appointing a committee to draw up a loyal and dutiful address to the Queen, and also to the Governor General, and appointing several Committees, the Synod closed its first sederunt.

The first part of the morning Sederunt of Wednesday 6th, was spent in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator, Dr. Thornton, Mr. W. McLaren, and Mr. Proudfoot. Thereafter, applications were taken up from Presbyteries for leave to license certain students, and to receive certain ministers from other churches. Leave was granted to Presbyteries to license