

V. SEDERUNT.

TORONTO, THURSDAY,  
June 4, 1857, 9 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Porteous, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Proceeded to fix the time and place for the next meeting of Synod. Synod, next It was agreed that the next meeting shall be held in the City of meeting of. Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, 1858, at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Clerk laid on the table an overture, transmitted by the Statistics, Committee of Bills and Overtures, from the Rev. David Coutts, in overture on. relation to Statistics.

Called for the Report of the Committee on a Foreign Mission. Mission, Foreign, report of committee. The Report was read by the Rev. Dr. Ferrier.

On motion, the Report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Committee, for the zeal and diligence with which they had attended to the duty intrusted to them. Received, and thanks to committee.

Took up, in connection with this matter, an overture from the Presbytery of Durham, representing the duty and consistency of Mission, Foreign, overture on. formally relinquishing all aid from the Mission Fund in Scotland, on the part of this Synod, before taking any further step towards engaging in a Foreign Mission.

Heard Mr. Thornton and Mr. Lawrence, on behalf of the Presbytery of Durham, in support of the overture.

After lengthened reasoning, the following resolution was submitted, on the motion of Mr. Ormiston, seconded by Dr. W. Taylor:

That this Synod rejoices to learn, from the Report of the Committee on a Foreign Mission, that the Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada are prepared to enter with so much zeal into a Foreign Mission to the Heathen, and also that there is a prospect of obtaining a missionary. Therefore, appoint a Committee to proceed with and mature the business, with as little delay as possible, and to correspond with the Churches on this important undertaking, with the view of enlisting the prayers and liberality of our people to a still greater extent; so that, at next meeting of Synod, we may have the man and the means ready for the work; that, as it is necessary that this Synod should first be independent of all aid from the parent Church in Scotland, therefore be it resolved, to relinquish all aid from Scotland in future, (without interfering with any arrangements which the Board of Missions at home have made, or may make, with ministers and preachers whom they send out to Canada); and that the minimum stipend shall be £125, and that it be left to the Committee on Missions to carry out this part of the resolution.

Motion on Foreign Mission.