

undoubted right not only to discuss but to decide this and every other question that has any bearing upon the interests of our Church and people.

THE SYNOD.

In our last we briefly alluded to the proceedings of this reverend court at Toronto for the first two days. In addition to what we then stated the report of the Juvenile Mission by John Paton, Esq., Kingston, was read on the evening of the second day, and the thanks of the Synod conveyed to Mr. Paton for his attention and zeal.

On the third day of meeting it was agreed that the next meeting of Synod should be held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the first Wednesday in June, 1863, at 11 o'clock A.M. The Jewish and Foreign Mission Scheme was considered, and the resignation of Dr. Epstein announced. Our brethren in the Lower Provinces were thanked for their liberal co-operation in this work. Reports were read by Rev. W. Bain from the Sabbath Observance Committee, and by Rev. W. Snodgrass on the French Mission. The dissent and complaint of Rev. Hugh Niven against the Presbytery of Hamilton were sustained, and Mr. Wm. Wright's name added to the roll of the Presbytery of Hamilton as an elder. Mr. Niven was also sustained in his appeal from the Presbytery of Hamilton as to the irrelevance of answer to libel, after which the Synod adjourned.

On the fourth day the report of the Examining Committee was read by the Rev. John Machar, D.D., and the remainder of this day was taken up with another of the Rev. Hugh Niven's cases, being a dissent and appeal against the Presbytery of Hamilton, which was decided in favour of the Rev. gentleman, the judgement of the Presbytery being reversed.

At the fifth diet the report of the Temporalities Fund was read, after which the appeal of the Rev. A. Mackid against the Presbytery of London was taken up and dismissed. The appeal of Mr. Thos. Kydd against the sale of certain church property at Goderich then came up, and a committee was appointed to inquire and report to next Synod. Another appeal from the same gentleman against the Presbytery of London, regarding the reception of a memorial from certain parties in the congregation at Goderich was sustained. The Synod agreed to reverse the act regulating public collections, and then proceeded to

consider the reference from the Presbytery of London anent the resignation of the Rev. A. Mackid, and the whole case of Mr. Thomas Kydd's complaint, which was not finished when the Synod adjourned.

At the sixth diet it was resolved to divide the Presbytery of Hamilton (very wisely, as we think), after which the Synod adopted the reports on Presbytery, Synod and Commission records, and ordered the name of Dr. George to be added to the roll of the Presbytery of Kingston. The Synod permitted the retirement on full allowance from Temporalities Fund of the Revs. Thomas Johnson, David Evans and Thomas Haig. The Synod then decided the case left over from the day before from the Presbytery of London, and decided in favour of the Presbytery. The appeal of Rev. W. Miller against the Presbytery of London was next considered, and referred back with a recommendation to the congregation at Stratford to fulfil their agreement. The "Instrumental Music question" occupied the remainder of this diet, and was decided, as we stated in our last, in favour of the congregation at Toronto on the memorial signed by Dr. Barclay and the Hon. Chief Justice McLean.

At the seventh diet the Synod considered the curriculum of study for the ministry and the representation of the eldership, and then took up the appeal of Mr. James Wallace against the Presbytery of Toronto, which was dismissed as being brought before the Court in an irregular manner. Leave was granted to the congregation at Pickering to sell a part of the glebe. The overture anent Hymns was considered and left over to next Synod. It was resolved that parties should not collect money for ecclesiastical purposes anywhere without the consent of the Presbytery of the bounds. A committee was appointed to draw up a form of judicial process for church courts, and leave was given to the congregations of Arthur, Lindsay and Huntingdon to apply for aid to the Colonial Committee.

An interim act anent the calling and settling of ministers was sent down to Presbyteries. Judge Logie read the report on Church Property, and received the thanks of the Synod. The Synod adopted an address to Her Majesty the Queen and also one to the Governor General.

The managers of the church at Clifton were permitted to collect money throughout the Church, and their case was recommended. The Committee on Business for 1863 was named, and the Commission of