

## 28 MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, JUNE 9TH, 1863.

with full powers to investigate all matters bearing on the subject and to bring things to such an issue, as in their judgment and wisdom may best tend to promote the glory of God and the honour and welfare of the Church, and to report to next meeting of Synod. The motion was carried, and the Moderator declared accordingly.

Mr. Nicol, in behalf of the Presbytery of London, entered protestation of the Appeal having been fallen from, and craved extracts of its being admitted, which were granted.

### MEMORIALS OF D. TURNER AND OTHERS.

There was read a memorial from Duncan Turner of Saltfleet, praying to be relieved from his pecuniary obligations in the support of ordinances; also a memorial from parties describing themselves as representatives of the congregation of Saltfleet and Binbrook, craving that the decision of last Synod in the case of Rev. H. Niven against the Presbytery of Hamilton be reconsidered, and giving reasons for the application. The Synod deferred judgment.

### REPORT ON RECORDS.

Mr. Mann, Convener of the Committee appointed to revise Presbytery Records, read their report, bearing, That the Records of the Presbyteries of Toronto, Niagara, Glengary, Montreal, and Guelph, are carefully and correctly kept, that there are no Records from the Presbytery of Hamilton, and that the following Records are carefully and correctly kept *cum his notis* ;—

The Records of the Presbytery of London, page 127, show that a student of Divinity was permitted to occupy the pulpit of the Rev. A. Mackid, during his absence in Scotland; in the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec, page 62, Mr. Thomas Kydd is designated the Rev. Thomas Kydd.—pages 67 and 68, the words, “as wish to defend their right to their minister”, are used instead of, “should offer objections why he should not be translated”—page 69, it is not recorded of an Elder's Commission that it had been sustained—and page 72, the words, “who are present,” are superfluous; in the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston, page 111, the meeting held at Toronto during the meeting of Synod is improperly styled a *pro re nata* meeting, and from statements on page 114 it appears that the minutes of the former meeting were not read before proceeding to business; and in the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst, page 128, the examination, ordination, and induction of the Rev. J. B. Mullen at Spencerville are recorded as having taken place on the same day, and this also appears to have been the case in other three settlements, and that no mention is made of collections for the Temporalities Fund and the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Synod, having heard the Report, adopted the same, and the Moderator having asked if any member had any other observations to make on any of these Records, none were offered, and the Synod instructed their Clerk to attest them accordingly, and ordered Presbyteries to at-

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