

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland.

DIET I.

At Fredericton, and within St. Paul's Church there, Wednesday, the ninth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-five 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. James Kidd, A. M., the retiring Moderator, from this text, 2 Cor. iv. 3, 4, "If our gospel be hid," &c., the Synod was constituted with prayer by the said Mr. Kidd.

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

Thereafter, the Roll being called, *secedunt* John M. Brooke, D.D., John Ross, William Donald, D.D., Peter Keay, A.M., Henry J. McLardy, B.A., James Kidd, A.M., ministers, George J. Caie, A.M., missionary, and Robert Robertson, Esquire, Elder.

The Rev. Simon McGregor, A.M., of West Branch, East River, Pictou, together with Alex. Inglis, Esquire, LL. D., Principal of the Prince of Wales' College, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Corresponding Members from the Synod of Nova Scotia; also, the Rev. Daniel McCurdy, Wallace River, William McMillan, Earlton, and Robert McCunn, A.M., River John, a deputation from the said Synod, produced their respective Commissions, which were cordially received, and the names of the Brethren mentioned were added to the Roll.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. W. Donald, D.D., 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 Chatham, in the month of July, last year, having been printed and sent to the respective members, were held as read, and were sustained.

The Synod appointed Dr. Henderson, Dr. Brooke, Mr. Murray, Dr. Inglis, and Robert Robertson, Esq., a Committee on Bills and Overtures, instructing them to meet to-morrow at half-past 9 A. M., and all papers intended to be laid before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee, at that or a subsequent meeting.

It was agreed that, during the present session, the hour of meeting should be, as heretofore, 10 o'clock, A. M., and that the daily interval should be from half-past 1 to 3 o'clock.

The Synod authorized Presbyteries to meet, on the summons of their respective Modera-

tors, at any time while the Synod is assembled, and when it is not actually in session.

The Synod called for the Records of Presbyteries, which were produced; and Messrs. Ogg, McGregor, McMillan, Murray, and McLardy were appointed a Committee 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. Robert McCunn to conduct the same to-morrow.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M., closing with the Benediction.

DIET II.

*At St. Paul's Church, Fredericton,
10th August, 1865.*

The which day the Synod met pursuant to adjournment. *Scedunt* as yesterday.

Some portion of time was spent in devotional exercises, which services were conducted by the Rev. Robert McCunn.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that they had met according to instructions, that one Overture and certain other papers had been laid before them, which they had agreed to transmit to the Synod. The Overture was read, and the Synod resolved to take it up, after the business on their Minutes shall be exhausted.

The Commission of the Rev. Simon McGregor and Dr. Inglis as Corresponding Members, as also that of the Rev. Daniel McCurdy, William McMillan, and Robert McCunn, as a Deputation from the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, having been laid on the table last evening, were now read, and the brethren were cordially welcomed, and invited to take their seats as members of Court.

The Rev. Simon McGregor moved that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Kidd, the retiring Moderator, for the excellent and appropriate sermon preached yesterday, and also that he be requested to prepare the same to be printed in the *Monthly Record*. Several other members expressed their approbation of the proposal. The thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Kidd from the Chair, and he consented to allow his sermon to be printed, as requested.

Mr. Ogg read Report of his attendance at the late meeting of the Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, mentioning briefly certain subjects which had occupied the attention of the said Synod.

The Report was received, and ordered to be kept *in retentis*; whereupon Mr. Murray moved that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Ogg for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Corresponding