

Mr. Ormiston reported, from a Committee to draw up a Report of Committee on Clergy Reserves and Rectories, to the following tenor, viz:

*Resolved*, 1. That whereas, a certain member of the British Government, holding an office closely connected with this Province, is reported to have stated, that the Established Church of England is also the Established Church of the Colonies, the Synod takes this opportunity of publicly dissenting from said statement, and of declaring that, in the Colonies of Great Britain, no Church has ever been recognised, by law, as the established Church: That, on the contrary, attempts to give exclusive privileges to the Church of England, or to any other sect, have been found injurious to the connexion between them and the Mother Country, and would, in the opinion of this Court, be followed by a similar result in Canada; And that, as they believe a Parliamentary Church to be without foundation in the Word of God and essentially different from the Church of Jesus Christ, they are persuaded that any endeavour, on the part of the British Government, to thrust such a Church on this Province, would be destructive to the interests of true religion, as well as to the temporal peace and prosperity of the country.

2. That this Synod admits, with regret, that, in the Clergy Reserve Lands and the Rectories, there are some of the elements of an Established Church amongst us, but takes this opportunity, also, of declaring them to be contrary to the principles of the Word of God and of this Church, and the general wishes of the people of this country, and that it is still our determination to prosecute every lawful means to have them abolished.

3. That this Synod begs to call the attention of the Congregations under its care to the Resolutions adopted at last stated meeting of Synod, and requests them to carry them out in a spirit of Christian wisdom, and a firm determination to maintain the principles of this Church.

4. That, as the settlement of the Clergy Reserves, by the Act of 1840, has proved unsatisfactory to those who have pecuniary interest in them, as well as to all others, this Synod is of opinion that said Act ought to be repealed and the whole question left to the disposal of the Legislature of this Province; and the Synod takes this method of calling the attention of the Ministers and Members of this Church to this important subject.

The Resolutions were considered seriatim, and with slight Resolutions alterations were unanimously adopted. adopted.

Ordered that the Resolutions be printed in the Minutes— Order on. that a copy be furnished to the Editor of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, and other leading papers, in order to publication; and that 1000 copies be printed separately, to be supplied to Clerks of Presbyteries, for distribution as widely as possible throughout their bounds.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a paper marked XII., being an appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, in the case of Mr. Ure; also a paper marked XIII., being an Overture from Mr. Thornton, and recommended that those papers be considered.

Took up Mr. Thornton's Overture of the following tenor, Mr. Thornton's Overture. viz.:

That inasmuch as there has long been experienced a deficiency in supply of Books suitable to the wants of our people, especially of those exhibiting the principles of the United Presbyterian Church, and as there is