

SYNOD OF TORONTO.

ABSTRACT.

The Synod of Toronto, of the Canada Presbyterian Church met within Gould Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Monday the 31st day of March, 1873, at half past seven o'clock, p. m., and was opened with an appropriate sermon, on Luke xxiv, 45-47, by the retiring moderator, the Rev. R. H. Thornton, D.D., who thereafter constituted the Synod by prayer.

The roll was then called. About 60 ministers and 40 elders attended the several sederunts.

The usual summary statement of the changes affecting the roll since last meeting was submitted.

After a short address from the retiring moderator, the Synod proceeded to elect a moderator.

It was moved and seconded, that Mr. R. Monteath, minister without charge, be moderator of Synod.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded, that Mr. John Paterson, of Bobcaygeon, be appointed moderator of Synod.

On the vote being taken, the amendment was carried.

By the cordial consent of the court, the election of Mr. Paterson was made unanimous, whereupon he took the chair, and thanked the Synod for the honor conferred upon him.

The thanks of the court were given to Dr. Thornton, the retiring moderator, for the efficient discharge of his duties, and for his able and suitable discourse.

On the report of the Business Committee, the members composing the Committee of Bills and Overtures were appointed, as well as the several committees for the examination of the respective Presbytery records.

Arrangements were made for the diets of Synod for business.

Members of the other Synods present at any of the sederunts, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Presbyteries comprising the Synod, were permitted to meet during the intervals between the diets of Synod, and leave was granted to the Presbyteries of Cobourg and Ontario, to meet in conference.

The Synod adjourned to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, when the first hour was to be spent in devotional exercises.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

The Synod met at ten o'clock a.m., and engaged in devotional exercises for an hour, the moderator being followed in prayer by Messrs. J. Dick, J. M. Roger, M.A., and W. Meikle.

The minutes of the first sederunt were read and sustained.

In accordance with report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, there was read, the report of the committee, of which Mr. T. W. Taylor was convener, appointed at last Synod to visit Owen Sound, in connection with a Protest and Appeal of Mr. Hugh Mackay, in relation to certain Church property there.

The report which was to the effect that the Protest and Appeal be dismissed, was received and adopted, and thanks were tendered to the committee for their diligence.

The Synod then took up the Dissent and Appeal of Mr. W. Chisholm against a decision of the Presbytery of Toronto.

The papers in the case were read.

While the court was citing the parties, the hour for adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet at two o'clock p.m., and was closed with the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

The Synod was constituted at two o'clock, p.m., prayer being offered by Mr. R. Monteath.