

venerable men face to face? They sent an *agent*—(Hicar.)

They asked if the deputation had any more powers than those which they knew had been conferred by the Commission, if the deputation could reponc them, though they knew they could only be reponed by the Presbytery or the General Assembly. They knew that whenever they declared their readiness to obey the Church, that moment their sentence would fall. An answer being returned, of course, that the deputation had no power but from the sentence of the Commission, instead of meeting them face to face as brother ministers of the gospel, the suspended ministers sent them a paper drawn up several days before the reverend deputation had left Edinburgh, giving reasons why they would hold no conference. They refused to listen to the counsels of christian piety and wisdom. But though they had refused such conference, still the Church ought to make one effort more; not from the consideration as

to how their proceedings should be viewed elsewhere, but for the sake of those men themselves. And what he now proposed was, that, in respect of the proceedings of those parties in violating the orders of the Commission and of the General Assembly, with regard to the settlement of Mr. Edwards, this Assembly do find that they are censurable; and, with regard to the other matters brought up, that they are liable to be proceeded against according to the laws of the Church, but that before pronouncing any sentence, and determining the nature of that sentence, a Committee of this House shall be appointed to deal with those men, and and report to a subsequent diet of the present Assembly. He proposed to sever the act of insubordination from those charges which he regarded as far more heinous. Those other charges made them liable to be proceeded with in the way of discipline; he would have them dealt with, however, upon all of them.

PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

The Annual Session of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was holden at Toronto, commencing on the 2d, and terminating on the 7th day of July. At the opening of the Synod the Rev. Robert McGill of Niagara, Moderator for the preceding year, preached an able and appropriate discourse from Ephesians, iv. 11, 12, 13, which the Synod afterwards requested him to publish.

After Sermon, the Synod was constituted with prayer by Mr. McGill, and the Synod Roll was made up and called, from which it appeared that there were upwards of sixty Ministers connected with the Synod,—thirty-four Ministers and the ruling Elders answered to their names and took their seats in Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, and on the motion of Dr. Mathieson, the Rev. Mr. Urquhart of Cornwall was unanimously chosen to that office, and at the Synod's desire took the chair.

The Rev. Mr. David Rintoul, ordained missionary from the Presbytery of Toronto, and the Rev. Mr. Simon Fraser, Minister of the Church of Scotland, from New Brunswick being present, were invited to take seats in the Synod.

The first day was principally employed in reading the Minutes of last Session of Synod, and the Minutes of Commission in the appointment of Committees, and in receiving various documents from the former Moderator, and the Commission. It was resolved that the same order as was followed last year in regard to devotional exercises, be adopted by the Synod, during this Session, viz:—in the morning before the commencement of business, a suitable portion of time to be spent in reading the Scriptures with prayer and praise, and in the evening at seven o'clock a sermon, or other exercise, according to arrangement by a committee appointed for that purpose.

On Friday the 3d instant, after devotional exercises, the Synod first called for the Records of Presbyteries which were given in, and referred severally to committees for revision, and thereafter for the reports of various committees appointed at last session. Reports were accordingly presented as follows:—1st—On Presbyterial Visitations. 2d—On the census of Religious denominations in Upper Canada as taken last year. 3d—On Missions. 4th—on Synod Library. 5th—On Psalmody. 6th—On Printing and Book establishment in connection with Synod. 7th—On rules and re-