

Proceedings of Synods and Presbyteries.

SYNOD OF TORONTO.

This Synod held its second periodical meeting within Bay Street Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 6th April, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. About eighty members were present.

An appropriate sermon from John xiv: 2, was preached by Dr. Jennings, the retiring Moderator.

The Roll having been called, the Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator. Two names were submitted, viz.: Messrs. J. M. Roger, M. A., and W. Fraser. Mr. Roger having, at his own urgent request, been permitted to withdraw his name, Mr. Fraser was unanimously chosen. Thanks were voted to the retiring Moderator for his efficient discharge of his duties, and for his suitable sermon.

After sustaining the Minutes of the third Sederunt of 6th October last, the Synod appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, and also Committees for examining the Records of the several Presbyteries. Mr. D. H. Fletcher was appointed Convener of the Committee of Bills and Overtures. Its first meeting was fixed at 9 o'clock the following morning. The Synod agreed to meet from 9 to 12 noon, from 2 to 6 p.m., and from half-past 7 till 10 o'clock, p.m.

Presbyteries were granted permission to meet in the intervals between the diets of Synod.

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

The Standing Orders of the Supreme Court were adopted *ad interim*, so far as applicable to the Synod.

Dr. Topp and Mr. J. M. Roger, M.A., were appointed to unite with the Moderator in conducting the opening devotional services in the morning.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

This diet began at 10 o'clock, a.m., and was entirely occupied with the opening devotional exercise and with a Conference on the State of Religion. Addresses bearing on this important point were delivered by Principal Willis, Dr. Topp, Messrs. Roger, M.A., R. Rogers and others. During this Conference Professor Young occupied the Chair.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

After the usual opening exercises and the reading of the Minutes, the Synod proceeded to consider the mode of electing a Moderator.

It was moved and seconded, That, in appointing a Moderator after this time, the Synod shall proceed by electing one of a list from the nominees of Presbytery, as was provided by the late General Synod in such cases. It was moved in amendment and seconded, That the motion now before the house be laid on the table, and no legislation on the subject be adopted in the meantime.

The amendment was carried.

The Committee on Finance, appointed at last periodical meeting, gave in their Report. In accordance with its recommendations, the salary of the Clerk was fixed at fifty dollars, exclusive of expenses, and the sum of one hundred dollars was ordered to be raised for the present year from the several Presbyteries, in the following respective amounts, proportioned to the number of communicants, viz.: Cobourg, \$18; Ontario, \$16; Toronto \$36; Simcoe, \$15; and Owen Sound Presbytery, \$15.

Mr. James Brown, Gloucester Street, Toronto, was appointed Treasurer of the Synod.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held within Bay Street Church, on the first Tuesday after the last Sabbath of April, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.