

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick in connexion with the Church of Scotland,

Began at Newcastle on the 8th day of August, and terminated on the 13th day of the same month, in the year 1866.

DIET I.

At Newcastle, and within St. James' Church there, Wednesday, the 8th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six 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. W. Donald, D. D., the retiring Moderator, from this text, "Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season," &c., 2 Tim. iv. 2, the Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the said Dr. Donald.

A letter was here read from the Rev. Dr. Brooke, Synod Clerk, by the Moderator, expressing his great regret that he was unable to be present at this meeting through ill health, and requesting that the Synod would be pleased to permit the Rev. P. Keay, who had consented, at his request, to act as Clerk for him during the meeting, to act in that capacity. The Synod agreed to the request thus made by Dr. Brooke, expressing their deep regret at his absence from such a cause.

The Synod Roll was then made up and read.

Thereafter, the Roll being called, *sederunt* John Wells, A. M., William Wilson, William Henderson, D. D., Charles S. Ogg, A. M., Frederick Home, William Donald, D. D., Peter Keay, A. M., James Kidd, A. M., George J. Caie, B. A., with Messrs. Robert Robertson, William Russell, and Alex. Logie, Elders.

Commissions were received in favor of the Rev. Allan Pollok, Minister of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and Alex. Inglis, Esq., LL. D., Principal of Prince of Wales' College, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Corresponding Members from the Synod of Nova Scotia, which were sustained, and their names were added to the Roll; and the name of Dr. Inglis, who was present, was added to the *Sederunt*.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. John Wells, A. M., of New Richmond, being nominated by the retiring Moderator, was unanimously chosen, and took the Chair accordingly.

Dr. Inglis moved that the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Dr. Donald for his excellent and most appropriate Sermon preached at the opening of the Synod; and also that he be requested to prepare the same to be printed in the *Monthly Record*. Mr.

Kidd seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

The thanks of the Synod were given by the Moderator to the Rev. Dr. Donald, who briefly acknowledged the same.

The Synod appointed the Moderator, Dr. Henderson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Keay, and Mr. Robert Robertson, a Committee on Bills and Overtures, instructing them to meet to-morrow at half-past nine, A. M.; and all papers to be laid before the Synod were ordered to be given in to the said Committee, at that or a subsequent meeting. The Minutes of the proceedings of Synod during the several Diets held at Fredericton last year, having been printed and sent to the respective members of Synod, were held as read and sustained. It was agreed that, during the present Session, the hour of meeting should be, as heretofore, ten o'clock, A. M., and that the daily interval should be from half-past one till three o'clock.

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. Mr. Wilson to conduct the same to-morrow.

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

DIET II.

At Newcastle, and within St. James' Church there, 9th day of August, 1866:

THE which day, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment. *Sederunt*, as yesterday.

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

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

The Synod authorized Presbyteries to meet, on the summons of their respective Moderators, 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 a Committee, consisting of the Clerks of the respective Presbyteries, with Dr. Inglis and Mr. Robert Robertson, was appointed to examine the same.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that they had met according to instructions; when there was laid before them "A Draft of a proposed Minute" from the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, and other papers, which they had agreed to transmit to the Synod. The Synod resolved to take up these, after the business on their Minutes shall have been exhausted.

The Moderator here conveyed the cordial welcome of the Synod to Dr. Inglis, as Corresponding Member of the Synod of Nova Scotia, and invited him to take his seat as a member of the Court, expressing also the deep regret the Synod felt that unavoidable