

case was the Dissent and Complaint of the Rev. George Sutherland against the decision of the Presbytery of Charlottetown, granting supply to the Queen's Square church till meeting of Synod. Parties being called to the bar, Mr. Sutherland's reasons of dissent were read, and he was heard in support of them. The members of the Presbytery were heard in defence of their own course. Questions were asked by several members of Synod, when the hour of adjournment arrived.

EVENING SESSION.

Half an hour been spent in devotional exercises, the complaint of Mr Sutherland was resumed. After discussion in which a considerable portion of the Synod took part, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to :

"That the Synod having read all the papers and heard all the parties in the case, while sympathizing with Mr Sutherland in the circumstances, do not sustain his appeal, but sustain the action of the Presbytery."

The Synod then took up the dissent and complaint of the Rev. Messrs. Allan and Isaac Murray, against a decision of the same Presbytery, refusing to receive Mr David Laird as representative elder from the Queen's Square Congregation. It appeared that the Presbytery did not see its way clear in the circumstances to receive Mr Laird, but referred the whole matter to the Synod. This was the ground of complaint of Messrs. Allan and Murray. Parties having been heard and several members of Synod having expressed their views, it was resolved unanimously (on motion of Rev. James Bayne seconded by Rev. W. Murray) that "the Synod having read papers and heard parties dismiss the complaint and sustain the action of Presbytery." It was agreed to meet at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

FOURTH DAY.—SATURDAY.

There was but one sederunt to day, as is usual—many members having to travel great distances to preach on Sabbath.

The reference from the Presbytery of Charlottetown was taken up. The Presbytery sought advice and decision from the Synod respecting the case of Mr David Laird, representative elder of Queen's Square congregation. It appeared that the Rev. Mr. Allan had acted, in ordaining elders there, on authority which he had received before the Union, but which he did not act upon till March last. Mr. Allan stated that he considered his appointment to preside in the election and ordination of elders did not lapse by the Union, and that as he supposed the new Presbytery to enter into all the engagements of the old, he did not deem any application for a renewal of his powers necessary, and so he proceeded without consulting the existing Presbytery. After mature deliberation the Synod resolved as follows:

"That the Synod express regret that the ordination of elders was proceeded with, without authority from the existing Presbytery and without consulting them, but resolve that notwithstanding any irregularities in the mode of procedure in this case, the Session of Queen's Square be recognized as *de facto* constituted and Mr Laird as its representative elder." Mr. Laird's name was then added to the Synod Roll as the representative elder from Queen's Square congregation, Charlottetown.

Then came the Memorial of the Queen's Square congregation, which gave an outline of its history both before and after the Union and stated the reasons why it sought to maintain a separate existence. Mr. Laird, Elder, spoke in support of the memorial. After a patient discussion of the whole case the following resolution, moved by Rev. William Duff, was agreed to without division:—"That the Synod regret that the efforts made to unite the two congregations in Charlottetown have as yet been unsuccessful—are still convinced that such a union, if effected in a spirit of brotherly love, is extremely desirable; but as they do not see that at present the way is open to the accomplishment of this object in this manner,—agree to allow both, in the meantime, to remain in their present position—namely, Mr. Sutherland to receive the same supplement that he would have received under the late Free Synod, and the congregation of Queen Square to receive supply of preaching at their own expense:—and urge upon the adherents of this Church in Charlottetown and all interested in or connected with movements there,