

VII. SEDERUNT.

Same day and place, 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Alex. Ritchie, Moderator.

Took up an Overture from the Presbyteries of Overtures on Statistics.
Toronto respecting statistical reports, with a list of the necessary questions for such purpose.

After mature deliberation and some alterations Adopted.
made in those questions, the Schedule was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes; and the necessary number of copies be furnished to congregations, to make up their report.

The Committee to answer Mr. Fisher's reasons of withdrawal from the United Presbyterian Church in Canada reported as follows:

Answers to Mr. Fisher's reasons of Demission.

ANSWER TO THE FIRST REASON.

Mr. Fisher has repeatedly declared that he adheres to the doctrines of the United Presbyterian Church; and at the time of his withdrawing no member of the court had given any expression of his views upon "the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ": and it was therefore impossible for Mr. Fisher to know that his opinions were different upon this doctrine from those of the "majority of this court."

ANSWER TO SECOND REASON.

Our answer to this reason is the same as to the foregoing. This Court has never given any specific declaration of its views on the duties of Ministers of religion, and it is therefore impossible for Mr. Fisher to know whether they are "defective and false" or the contrary.

ANSWER TO THIRD REASON.

No answer to this reason is deemed necessary; we leave it to the Church and the world to judge.

In reference to the minute of the third Sederunt of last meeting of Synod reflecting on the Presbytery of Canada East for not sending certain papers to the Synod;—having heard explanations from Mr. Taylor, it was now resolved that the said Presbytery was not to blame for such omissions.

Took up an overture transmitted by the Presbytery of Toronto respecting Synodical Letter to congregations.