

His Excellency the Governor General by memorial, the Commission adjourned to the third Wednesday of March, to meet at Oakville on that day at twelve o'clock noon.

At Oakville there was no quorum of members, and accordingly no business was transacted by the Commission. But as the meeting had been appointed mainly for the purpose of considering what steps ought to be taken to carry out the views of the Synod, for the incorporation of the Ministers of the United Synod with this Church, and for conferring on this subject with such of the committee of said Synod as might be present at Oakville on the occasion,—the committees of the two bodies

had a lengthened conference with reference to the preceding acts of both Synods in the matter. A series of suggestions was drawn up and unanimously agreed to, to be presented to the Presbyteries of both Synods, in the hope that, being approved by them, the way may be opened for an immediate union. The members of the commission present at Oakville, united in a requisition to the Moderator, to call a meeting of the commission, to be holden at Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the twentieth day of May next, at seven o'clock, p. m., for the transaction of such business as was intended to have been done at Oakville, and of any other competent business.

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The joint committee of the Synod of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the United Synod of Upper Canada, on the subject of the admission of the ministers and congregations of the latter body into the former, having had a meeting and agreed to certain recommendations as to the course of procedure to be adopted by Presbyteries in carrying this object into effect, the Moderator of the Presbytery of Toronto, at the request of several members, called a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery to consider the said recommendations. The Presbytery met in the city of Toronto on the 7th of April, and after approving of the Moderator's conduct in calling the meeting, the minute of the joint committee was given in and read, as follows:—

At a joint meeting of the Committees of the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland and of the United Synod of Upper Canada, held at Oakville, the 18th March, 1840—after conference respecting the incorporation of the ministers of the United Synod with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Committees jointly and unanimously resolved, that it is highly expedient and desirable that this incorporation be accomplished without farther delay, and, if possible, before the next meeting of Synod.

The Committees jointly and unanimously agreed to offer to the several Presbyteries of the

two Synods the following recommendations, as to the procedure to be adopted in effecting this object:—

First—That a roll of the United Synod, duly attested by the Moderator and Clerk thereof, such roll exhibiting the arrangement of members of said Synod into Presbyteries, shall be received as satisfactory evidence of the character and standing of the members appearing on said roll.

Second—That on a certain day, the naming of which is hereinafter provided for, the members of the Presbytery of Brockville, of the United Synod, shall be received by the Presbytery of Bathurst; the members of the Presbytery of Hallowell by the Presbytery of Kingston, and the members of the Presbytery of Toronto by the Presbyteries of Toronto and Hamilton; and that the books and records of said Presbyteries of the United Synod shall at the same time be transferred to the Presbyteries of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and be received as sufficient evidence of the ordination of such ministers, as appears by said records to have been ordained by said Presbyteries of the United Synod; and that such ministers of the United Synod as may have received ordination elsewhere, and whose ordination extracts have not been recorded in the said Presbytery books, shall present such extracts to the several Presbyteries of the Synod of Canada to be recorded in their books.

Third—That the several ministers of the United Synod, shall, on their reception by Presbyteries of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, subscribe the usual formula for ministers of the Church of Scotland.