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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH AND SEVENTH SESSIONS

OF THE

MISSIONARY SYNOD OF CANADA,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

UNITED ASSOCIATE SYNOD IN SCOTLAND.

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(The figures mark the Sederunts at which the Members were present.)

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

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MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
MISSIONARY SYNOD OF CANADA,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
UNITED ASSOCIATE SYNOD IN SCOTLAND.

HAMILTON, 18th Nov. 1846.

I. SEDERUNT.

The Missionary Synod of Canada met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. R. H. Thornton, Moderator, p. t.

Sederunt. (See Roll of Synod.)

Read the Minutes of last meeting of Synod.

It was reported by the Presbytery of Flamboro' that Mr. Robert Torrance was by them ordained pastor of the Congregation in Guelph, on the 11th cur't. And by the Presbytery of London, that the Rev'd David Caw was installed by them, into the pastoral charge of the Congregation in Paris on the 23d July. Their names were then added to the Roll of Synod.

Mr. Torrance and the Rev. D. Caw added to the Roll of Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner was chosen Moderator and took the Chair.

Rever'nd Mr. Skinner, Moderator.

Appointed the Rev. Messrs. Thornton, Porteous and Fletcher, a Committee on Bills and Overtures, to meet immediately and report.

Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Appointed the Presbytery of London to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery of London to meet.

Resolved, that the Synod Sermon be hereafter preached on the evening of the day before that on which the Synod shall meet for business.

Synod Sermon.

Report of the
Committee on
Bills and Over-
tures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported :

1. Overture by Mr. Fletcher, that the state of the Funds be taken into consideration; Also, the following Overtures by the Presbytery of London.

2. Anent pecuniary aid to Students at the Theological Institution.

3. Anent collections for the Schemes of the Synod.

4. Anent the mode of distributing the Annual Grant of the United Associate Synod.

5. Anent the distribution of Preachers.

6. Overture by Mr. Proudfoot, that the Synod take into consideration the state of the Mission.

State of the
Funds.

Entered upon the Overture that the state of the Funds be considered. Appointed Messrs. Caw and Torrance, a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and to report at next Sederunt.

Of Pecuniary
aid to Students

Took up the Overture anent granting pecuniary aid to Students attending the Theological Institution. *Resolved*; That it is not expedient to make any rule on the subject further than that special cases be judged of by themselves.

Overture
anent Collec-
tions for the
Synod's
Schemes.

Entered upon the Overture anent collections for the Schemes of the Synod, of the following tenor :

"Whereas it is of essential importance to the efficiency of the Synod's plans for the prosperity of the Mission, that the necessary collections be regularly made by the Congregations.

The Synod is hereby overtured by the Presbytery of London, to enact as follows:

1. That the schemes for which Collections are required be specified.

2. That the Synod fix the time when a collection for each scheme is to be made.

3. That Treasurers of Congregations be required to transmit to the Treasurers of their respective Presbyteries, the collection for each scheme, within two weeks after it has been made; and that within two weeks after the Treasurers of Presbyteries shall have received said collection, they shall transmit it to the Synod Treasurer.

4. That no Congregation receive any aid from the Synod's Funds unless these collections be regularly made."

Adopted.

Synod Resolved and enacted in terms of the above Overture; and appointed Messrs. Thornton and

Christie a Committee to arrange the times when said collections are to be made. Committee to report at the evening Sederunt.

Adjourned to meet in this place at half-past five o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

Half-past 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Missionary Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. James Skinner, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of the forenoon Sederunt.

The Committee appointed to arrange the time for collections for the Synod's schemes reported as follows:

"The Committee upon the subject of collections for the Synod's scheme beg to suggest, that the months of January, April and October, be the months within which Congregations shall make said collections; and that the following are the present schemes of the Synod, and the order in which collections are to be made for them:

1. Mission fund. Collection to be made in January.
2. Synod and Presbytery fund. Collection to be made in April.
3. Theological education fund. Collection to be made in October."

The Synod adopted the foregoing report, and resolved in terms thereof.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures farther reported:

1. An Overture by the Rev. Chas. Fletcher anent Presbyterial visitations.
2. Extracts from the Minutes of the Congregations of St. Catharines and Chippawa.
3. A petition from the Congregation of St. Catharines.
4. Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro' respecting the appointing to said Presbytery a preacher for Buffalo."

Entered upon the consideration of the Overture anent the appropriation of the United Associate Synod's Annual Grant.

Report of Committee on Collections.

Adopted.

Committee on Bills and Overtures farther reported.

Overture anent the distribution of U. A. Synod's Grant.

Said Overture, (omitting the preamble) is of the following tenor :

1. That a Committee be appointed to which all applications for aid from said grant shall be made.
2. That applying Congregations shall send their petitions with all necessary documents and vouchers to their respective Presbyteries by whom they shall be examined, and certified, and transmitted to the Committee.
3. That appropriations be made from said fund only in the months of January and July in each year,
4. That said Committee shall report their proceedings to every meeting of Synod.
5. That the Clerk of said Committee shall preserve all petitions and documents, together with all certificates by Presbyteries carefully filed."

Repealed act
5 Sess. 5 Sed.

Synod resolved, 1st to repeal that part of the act of the 5th Sederunt of the 5th Session, which enacts, "that Presbyteries be enjoined to make out an estimate every year, in the month of May or June, of the sum that will be needed from the Synod's grant, for the aid of the Congregations within their bounds,—that this estimate be presented to the Synod, and upon receiving its sanction, the Treasurer of each Presbytery shall be authorized to draw upon the Synod's Treasurer, for the allowed amount." 2. That the mode of distribution detailed in the Overture be adopted. 3. That the existing Committee be hereby re-appointed.

Overture a-
dopted.

Overture
anent the dis-
tribution of
preachers.

Synod entered upon the Overture anent the distribution of Preachers. Of which Overture the following is the tenor :

"Whereas in the 5th Sederunt of the 5th Session of Synod, it was enacted, that, 'the Preachers presently in the field, shall be six weeks in each of the Presbyteries in Canada West, and when others arrive, that the Presbytery of Canada East shall have its share.'

And whereas in the second Sederunt of the third Session of Synod it was enacted that, the Preacher who shall first arrive from Scotland, shall be one month in Toronto Presbytery; then six weeks in Flamboro' Presbytery; and then two months in London Presbytery; and that the above shall be the routine and time of labour for whatever preacher may arrive."

And whereas the procedure of Synod in said enactment of the 5th Session is objectionable on the following grounds, 1st, That in passing said enactment no reference was made to the Act of the 3d Session, said act of the 3d Session is therefore unrepealed, and hence there is contradiction in the Acts of Synod. 2nd. That the motion on which the Act of the 5th Session was founded, had not previously been submitted to the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and was therefore irregular and unbusiness like. Besides, no reason was assigned why said enactment should be made. 3d. That the Act of the 5th Session is unjust in principle, inasmuch as it assigns an equal amount of preachers' labour to the several Presbyteries, without reference to the vacancies which said Presbyteries may have, or their means of profitably employing the preachers,—and did, in fact, assign to the Presbyteries of Canada East with one vacancy, and Toronto, with two vacancies, the same amount of supply as it assigned to the Presbyteries of Flamboro' and London with six vacancies each.

The Synod is therefore, hereby Overtured to repeal both said enactments, and to pass an Act to distribute the supply of preachers to each Presbytery, in proportion to the application it may make, on the same principle as is acted upon by the United Associate Synod in Scotland."

Synod repealed the aforesaid Acts of the 3d and 5th Sessions; and resolved to distribute the Preachers in terms of the Overture.

Took up the reference from the Presbytery of Flamboro', which is of the following tenor:

"The Presbytery of Flamboro' agreed to request the Synod that as soon as three Preachers shall have come out, that the Presbytery be allowed to appoint one from the list of Preachers, for three months to Buffalo."

The Synod agreed to grant a preacher to the Presbytery of Flamboro', for three months, for Buffalo; but that said grant shall not take effect till *four* preachers shall have arrived.

Entered upon the consideration of the Overture by Mr. Fletcher respecting Presbyterial visitations. The Synod did not think that any new enactment is necessary; and agreed to enjoin upon the Presbyteries a punctual observance of the standing regulations respecting the visitation of Congregations by Presbyteries.

Overture
agreed to.

Request of the
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Granted.

Overture
enjoin Presby-
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Report of the
Committee on
Union.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Union, when a verbal account was given of the proceedings of the Committee from the beginning. Statements of the views held by the Committee of the Presbyterian Synod, and by the Committee of this Synod, on the points which had been the subjects of conversation between them, were read. The points were the following. 1st, Definition of Christ's Headship over the nations, as distinguished from his Headship over the Church. 2d, The province of the Civil Magistrate. 3d, Whether a national recognition of the Headship of Christ over the nations be a duty? and if so, in what form is it to be made? 4, Duties of the Civil Magistrate. (1). As to the Recognition of the authority of Revelation, and its application to his peculiar duties. (2). As to the suppression of sins against the first table of the moral law, especially against the law of the Sabbath. (3). As to the education of the young. (4). As to the promotion of religion among the people, and especially as to the application of any portion of the public funds for the advancement of religion, or in the endowment of the Church. (5). Sense in which certain statements in the Westminster Confession are understood, viz: Chap. xx. sec. 4; Chap. xxiii. sec. 3; Chap. xxxi. sec. 2. (6). Views respecting existing establishments. (7.) Relations of the Synods, severally, to other Churches.

Adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at half an hour past nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

III. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 19th July, half-past 9 o'clock, A. M

The Missionary Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. J. Skinner, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of former Sederunts.

Resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on union ; and after deliberation, Resolved, That the Synod express its very high approbation of the conduct of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Presbyterian Synod on Union,—most cordially approve of the paper read to the Synod last night, and given to the Presbyterian Synod, as embodying the sentiments of this Synod on all the points discussed in that paper—tender to them the Synod's most cordial thanks for the faithfulness and ability with which they have fulfilled the trust committed to them,—and that they be requested to continue their labours.

Resolution of Synod on Report of Committee on Union.

Against this Mr. Jennings dissented on the ground that the Committee had urged their views on voluntarism as opposed to establishments, farther than the Standards of the Church warranted, and the sentiments on the subject in the Testimony which are really avowed and held in our Church.

Mr. Jennings dissents.

Synod appointed Messrs. Barrie and Fletcher, to answer these reasons. Answers to be given in at next meeting of Synod.

Messrs Barrie and Fletcher to answer these reasons

Synod agreed unanimously to repeal the act of last meeting of Synod, 5th Sederunt, appointing a Committee of correspondence ; being satisfied that correspondence with the Mission Committee of the U. A. Synod should be conducted as heretofore.

Act, appointing a Committee of correspondence repealed.

Received and read a petition from the session of the congregation in Paris, transmitted through the Presbytery of London, praying that said Congregation be disjoined from the Presbytery of London, to the Presbytery of Flamboro'. Mr. Caw concurred with the Petitioners. Synod agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and disjoined accordingly.

Congregation in Paris disjoined from the Presb'y of London to the Presbytery of Flamboro.

From this decision Mr. Jennings dissented on the ground that sufficient help has not been given to the Presbytery of London.

Mr. Jennings dissented.

Report of the Committee to apply for a second Professor.

The Committee appointed to draw up a petition to the United Associate Synod in Scotland, to send out a suitable person to act as second Professor; reported: that they had written in terms of their appointment. They read a letter received from the Rev. Mr. Somerville, purporting that the Mission Committee had laid the petition before the U. A. Synod, and that the Synod had appointed the Rev. James Robertson to that office with a suitable salary.

Whereupon it was unanimously agreed, that the Synod give their cordial thanks to the U. A. Synod for the deep interest which they take in the welfare of the Canadian Mission,—for the readiness with which they have responded to the wish of this Synod in the appointing of a second Professor,—and that they will cordially welcome Mr. Robertson amongst them, to take part in this ministry.

French Canadian Society.

Mr. Thornton read a communication from the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Montreal, containing statements regarding the French Canadian Society, and urging the Synod to aid said Society by collections. The Synod taking a deep interest in the objects of that Society, recommend collections to be made in aid of it, by the Congregations under their inspection, on as early a day as convenient.

Mr. Christie authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the U. A. Synod

Synod authorized the Rev. Mr. Christie to draw upon the Treasurer of the U. A. Synod, for what money may be required to meet present claims.

Treasurer's accounts audited.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported, that they had examined them, and found them orderly and correctly kept.

Committee to make out the Preachers' appointments.

Appointed Messrs. Roy, Murray and Coutts, a Committee, to make out the preachers' appointments;—to meet forthwith and report.

Next meeting.

Appointed the next meeting of Synod to be held in Hamilton, on the 14th of July next.

The Committee on the distribution of Preachers, reported, that supply of sermon be granted to Toronto Presbytery for two Sabbaths; to Flamboro' Presbytery for six, and to London Presbytery for six.

Supply of Preachers to the Presbyteries.

Appointed the Rev'd Mr. McLellan to the Presbytery of London for eight Sabbaths. His appointment to commence on the 29th current.

Mr. McLellan appointed to the London Presbytery.

Mr. Jennings presented a draft of a petition to the House of Assembly, against the Marriage Licence Law, by which all ministers except those of the Church of Rome and the Church of England, have to obtain a license from the Justices of the court of Quarter Sessions, before they can duly celebrate matrimony. The Synod unanimously approved of said Petition, and appointed the Moderator and Clerk to sign it, and transmit it to the House of Assembly.

Petition to the House of Assembly against the Marriage License Law.

Delayed all other causes.

Closed with prayer.

WM. PROUDFOOT, *Synod Clerk.*

SEVENTH SESSION OF THE MISSIONARY SYNOD
OF CANADA, AND TABLE OF ATTENDANCE,
FOR JULY, 1847,

ROLL OF THE SYNOD

(The figures mark the Sederunts at which the Members were present.)

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Ministers.	Sederunts.	Elders.	Sederunts.
WILLIAM PROUDFOOT,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	GEORGE MURRAY,	
GEORGE MURRAY,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	ROBERT RICHARDSON,	
JAMES SKINNER,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	{ JAMES FRASER,	
ALEX'R. MCKENZIE,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	{ JOHN HEDLY,	
JOHN McLELLAN,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,		
		WILLIAM MCGREGOR, (Blanchard),	
		JAMES THOMPSON, (Adelaide.)	

PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO.

THOMAS CHRISTIE,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JAMES GREY,	- 1, 2,
JAMES ROY,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	ROBERT CHRISTIE,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
ALEX'R. MITCHEL,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	CAMERON ANDERSON,	- 1, 2, 3,
JOHN PORTEOUS,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JOHN LOWRIE,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
WILLIAM BARRIE,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,	
ROBERT TORRANCE,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JAMES ARMSTRONG,	
DAVID CAW,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,	JOHN SMITH,	
		DAVID CHRISTIE, Bramford, 1,	
		WM. LAWSON, Hamilton, - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	
		AND'W MCKNIGHT, Beverly, 1, 2,	

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

R. H. THORNTON,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	WILLIAM DUNBAR,	- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
JOHN CASSIE,	- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,		
WILLIAM FRASER,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	ADAM GOODFELLOW,	
GEORGE LAWRENCE,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JOHN SHORT,	
JOHN JENNINGS,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JOHN MIDDLEMAS,	- 2,
JAMES DICK,	- 1, 2, 3,	THOMAS BEST,	
DAVID COUTTS,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	JAMES YOUNG,	
WALTER SCOTT,	- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	HENRY STEWART,	

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
ANDREW KENNEDY,
ALEXANDER LOWDEN,
WILLIAM AITKIN,
JOHN MORRISON.

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Balance due brought down

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Synod to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same, and find them to be correct: and that there is a balance due by the Treasurer of \$225 60 00, as follows.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

United Presbyterian Synod of Canada,

(FORMERLY THE MISSIONARY SYNOD,) IN CONNEXION

WITH THE

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SCOTLAND.

UNITED SECESSION MEETING HOUSE.

HAMILTON, 14th July, 1847.

I. SEDERUNT.

The Synod Sermon having been preached last evening by the Rev'd Mr. Skinner, Moderator, from 1 Cor. 16: 9; the Synod was by him this day constituted.

Sederunt—(see table of attendance.)

Read and approved of the Minutes of last Synod.

Mr. McLellan's name added to the Roll.

Mr. McFadyen's name taken from the Roll.

Mr. Roy, Moderator.

Committee of Bills &c. appointed.

Mr. Proudfoot reported that the Presbytery of London inducted the Rev'd John McLellan to the pastoral charge of the Congregation in Detroit on the 18th of May last, his name was therefore added to the roll of Synod. Also, that said Presbytery had accepted Mr. McFadyan's demission of the charge of the Congregation in Chatham. His name was taken from the roll.

The Rev. Mr. Roy was now chosen Moderator, and took the chair.

Appointed the Rev. Messrs. Fraser, Torrance, and Caw, a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet immediately and report. Mr. Fraser, Convener.

Appointed the Rev'd Messrs. Barrie and Dick, a Committee to make out the preachers' appointments.

Authorised the Presbytery of Toronto to meet immediately.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported :

1st. A request by the Treasurer of the United Synod's Their Report. Grant, that a Committee be appointed to audit his accounts.

2d. A protest and appeal by Mrs. Clarke against a decision of the Presbytery of West Flamboro'.

3d. A reference from the Session of Whitby for advice in a case of discipline.

4th. Overture by the Presbytery of London, containing a draft of rules for the conducting of the business of Synod.

5th. Draft of a system of management for the congregations under the inspection of the Missionary Synod.

6th. Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Canada East.

7th. Applications for aid from the fund by the Rev. Messrs. Kennedy, Lowden, and Murray.

The Committee recommend that these be taken up in the order of their number.

The report and recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Appointed the Rev. Messrs. Barrie and Torrance a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Messrs. Barrie and Torrance a Committee to audit Treasurers Books.

Took up Mrs. Clarke's protest and appeal. It was moved by Mr. Jennings, and seconded by Mr. Fraser,—That the Presbytery of Flamboro' be enjoined to meet and appoint Commissioners to defend their decision appealed from by Mrs. Clarke. It was moved by Mr. Murray, and seconded by Mr. Coultts, as an amendment, That as the Presbytery of Flamboro' is one of the parties at the bar of the Synod, and as they have declined to appoint commissioners to defend their decision, that said Presbytery be considered as conducting their own case.—The Roll having been called and votes marked, the second motion was preferred by 18 to 3.

Mrs. Clarke's case.

Read the following papers connected with this case, transmitted by the Presbytery of Flamboro'.

1st. Extracts from the minutes of the Session of the Congregation of Ayr, declaring said Esther Clarke no longer a member of said congregation: dated 22nd March, 1847.

2nd. Extracts from the minutes of said Session, dated the 6th April last, in reference to a paper signed by Esther Clarke,

entitled, "Mrs. Clarke's complaint against Mr. Ritchie, and reasons of appeal from the decision of Session, to the first Presbytery."—As also the Session's decision thereon.

3rd. Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro', containing their decision in said complaint and appeal.

4th. Mrs. Clarke's reasons of appeal from the Presbytery of Flamboro' to the Missionary Synod, at their next meeting in Hamilton.

5th. Answers by the Presbytery of West Flamboro' to Mrs. Clarke's reasons of protest and appeal.

Adjourned.

Heard Mrs. Clarke in support of her protest and appeal.

Heard the Presbytery of West Flamboro' in support of their answers.

Adjourned to meet in this place at 4 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev Mr. Roy, Moderator.

Read the minutes of former Sederunt.

Mrs. Clarke's
case resumed.

Resumed the case of Mrs. Clark. The Presbytery of West Flamboro', and Mrs. Clarke having been fully heard were removed, and the Synod proceeded to give judgment. After mature deliberation, it was on motion unanimously agreed to remit the whole case to the Presbytery of Flamboro', to be proceeded in according to the rules of the Church.

and remitted to
the Presb'ty of
West Flamboro'.

Authorised the Presbytery of Toronto to meet at the close of this evening's sederunt.

Adjourned for an hour.

Closed with prayer.

III. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Roy, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of last Sederunt.

Appointed the Presbytery of West Flamboro' to meet immediately.

Took up the reference from Whitby for a direl in a case of discipline. The question is this:—Is it agreeable to the practice of this Church to administer discipline in the Session in cases of simple fornication? Reference from Whitby.

The Synod recommended it to the Session of Whitby, to deal with the particular case before them so as shall tend most to the maintaining of the laws of Christ, and the edification of the Church.

Read the Overture from the Presbytery of London, anent the enacting of rules for the transaction of the business of Synod.

The Committee on the destitution of the Preachers reported the following scheme, (*See Appendix*), which was approved of.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, in this place, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Admitted to the Synod.

IV. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, 15th July, 1847.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Roy, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of last Sederunt.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts reported that they had examined the accounts of the Report on the Treasurer's account.

Treasurer of the Grant of the United Associate Synod, and found them correct. Synod authorised the Treasurer to draw on the Treasurer of the United Presbyterian Church for such monies as he shall need to meet demands within the limits of the sum allowed.

Overture respecting Rules of Order.

Entered on the consideration of the Overture from the Presbytery of London, to enact rules for the conducting of the business of Synod. Synod remitted the Overture to the Presbytery of London, to get 50 copies of it printed, and to send them to the Members of Court for their remarks thereon. And that each Presbytery shall collect the remarks of its Members, and by their Clerk send them to the Presbytery of London before the first day of April next, to be by them digested, so as to be ready by the next meeting of Synod.

A system of Congregational management

Took up the draft of a system of management for the congregation, under the inspection of the Synod. Agreed to give said draft to the Presbytery of London, to get 50 copies printed for circulation amongst the Members of Court for their remarks, said remarks to be sent to said Presbytery before the first of April next, to be by it digested, so as to be ready before the next meeting of Synod.

Papers remitted from the Presbytery of Canada East.

Entered on the consideration of the papers sent by the Presbytery of Canada East, viz. :—

1st. A petition from the Congregation of New Glasgow, for aid from the fund.

2nd. Extracts from the Minutes of said Presbytery. (1st.) Respecting the union of the Secession and Relief Churches. (2nd.) Certain remarks on the proceedings of Synod in November last.

3rd. An application from the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, for aid from the fund, to enable him to remove his family from La Chute to Upper Canada; also, a statement of sums of money received by him from the congregation of La Chute.—Also, a petition to supplement his stipend.

Resolved, First,—To lay the petition from the Congregation of New Glasgow before the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, Secondly,—To grant to Mr. Kennedy £25 granted to Twenty-five pounds, to enable him to bring his family to Canada West. Mr. Kennedy.

Resolved, Thirdly,—That the petition for supplementing Mr. Kennedy's stipend be sent to the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, Fourthly,—That the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Kennedy that the Synod leave him to choose where he may locate his family, and that they think he may be very usefully employed as an Evangelist, and that the Synod will represent his case to the Committee of the United Presbyterian Synod, that the ordinary stipend be allowed to him. Synod's proposal to Mr. Kennedy.

Agreed that Mr. Fletcher's stipend be supplemented to the minimum allowance for the time he may be on the preachers' list.

Adjourned to meet in this place at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

V. SEDERUNT.

Half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Missionary Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Roy, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of last Sederunt.

Appointed the Rev. Mr. Porteous and Mr. Dunbar, Elder, a Committee to audit the accounts of the Synod's Treasurer.

The Synod having heard that the long contemplated union between the United Secession and Relief Churches took place on the 12th May last, Union of the United Secession and Relief Churches.

Resolved,—That this Synod participates in the joy which such an event must have diffused among the Churches of both Synods; they regard the union as an evidence that God is with that portion of His Church; they admire the wisdom and prudence which have characterised the means used for ripening the Churches for this union; and they regard these as a ground for believing that the union will be permanent, cordial, and highly beneficial to the interests of Evangelical truth. They desire to express their unfeigned gratitude to the United Secession Church, for their renewed expressions of their paternal and Christian regards in sending a supply of five Preachers this season; and also for the concern they have taken to procure a suitable person to act as a Professor of Divinity for Canada, but which they regret to say has failed for the present. And they trust that the United Presbyterian Church will continue to cherish the Mission in Canada with increased interest, so that the bonds of affection may be strengthened yet more and more. And it is the prayer of this Synod that the King and Head of the Church may abundantly bless and prosper the United Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported that they had found them clearly and accurately kept, and that there is a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £22 6s. 6½d.

Adjourned to meet this evening at half-past 7 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

VI. SEDERUNT.

Half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Missionary Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Roy, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of last Sederunt.

The Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Synod reported as follows :—

“The Committee, in presenting their report, have to intimate, that since the meeting of November last the papers of the respective Committees have passed through the hands of each member of your Committee, for mature examination and remark. That your Committee have agreed in finding that nothing further required to be advanced upon the subject matter of these documents, inasmuch as the exceptionable statements in the paper of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church are all fully and satisfactorily met in those of your Committee. And of the correctness of the views advanced by your Committee in said documents, and approved by the Synod at its last meeting, your Committee are only more fully convinced by the most careful examination.

Report of the
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“Your Committee have only to add further, that no intercourse of any kind has taken place between the Committees since November last.

WM. PROUDFOOT,

Convener of Committee.”

The Synod enjoined the Committee to send a copy of the above Report to the Committee of the Presbyterian Synod.

The Synod now entered into a conversation respecting the Theological Institute.

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Resolved,—That having heard with much satisfaction, the very favorable condition of the Institution under the care of Mr. Proudfoot, and believing the extension of it to be essential to its continued prosperity, and to the interests of our Mission, do agree to convey to the Secretary for Foreign Missions, our deep regret that the Synod has not yet been able to obtain for us the aid of an additional

Professor, and request the continuance of their efforts to obtain one, and that the Clerk be instructed to convey the above.

Mr. McKenzie appointed to teach Hebrew. Appointed the Rev. Mr. McKenzie to teach Hebrew in the Institute, during two weeks at the commencement of each Session, and enjoined the Presbyteries of London and Flamboro' to supply his pulpit during his absence. Resolved, also, that Mr. McKenzie's expenses be payed out of the Synod fund.

Next meeting of Synod. Appointed next meeting of Synod to be held in Hamilton, on Wednesday, after the first Sabbath in June next. That the Synod sermon shall be preached on the evening of the previous day, and that after sermon the Synod shall be constituted, and the usual Committees appointed. Also that the Clerks of Presbyteries, do furnish to the Clerk of Synod, at said meeting, a list of their members, clerical and lay.

A Periodical resolved on. Resolved that the Synod undertake the publication of a cheap Religious Periodical, that Mr. Proudfoot be appointed to Edit it, and that Messrs. Thornton, Frazer, Jennings, and Scott, be a Committee of publication.

New designation of the Synod. Resolved, that the designation of this Synod be altered from the Missionary Synod in Canada, in connexion with the United Associate Synod in Scotland, to "THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, in connexion with the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, formerly the United Secession and Relief Churches.

Delayed all other causes.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES ROY, Moderator.

WM. PROUDFOOT, Synod Clerk.

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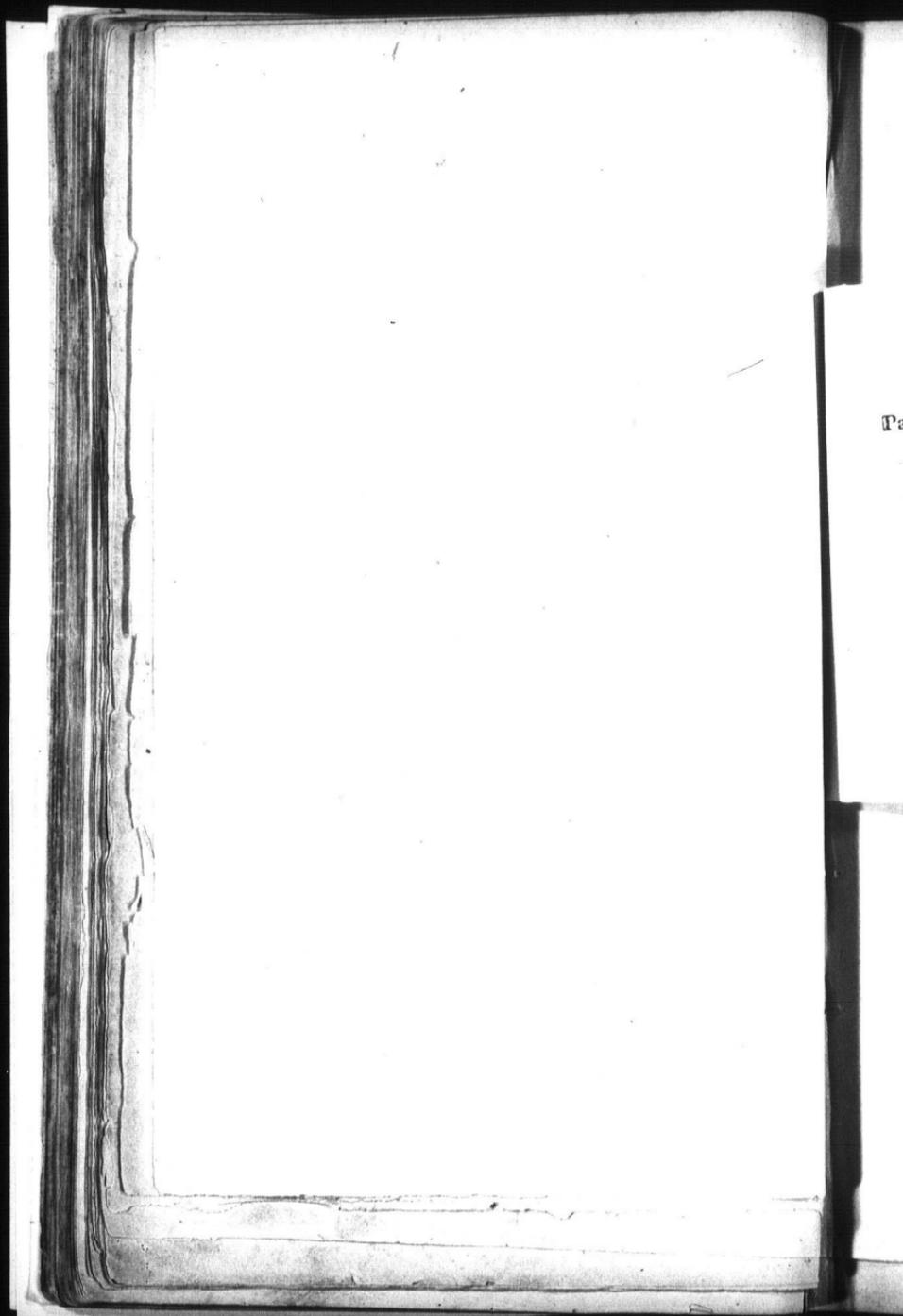
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Rev. John R. Dalrymple, - - -	M. 1	M. 2 T. 3	T. 3 F. 1	F. 2 L. 3	L. 3 F. 1	F. 4	T. 1
Rev. George Fisher, - - - -	F. 1	F. 5	L. 4	L. 2 F. 3	F. 3 T. 1	M. 4	M. 1
Rev. Charles Fletcher, - - - -	T. 1	T. 4 F. 1	F. 2 L. 2	L. 4 T. 1	T. 3 L. 1	L. 4	L. 1
Mr. Alexander Drummond, - - -	F. 1	F. 3 M. 2	M. 4	T. 5	F. 4	L. 4	L. 1
Mr. Alexander Henderson, - - -	T. 1	T. 2 L. 3	L. 3 F. 1	F. 2 L. 3	L. 3 F. 1	F. 4	T. 1
Mr. James Pringle, - - - -	L. 1	L. 5	T. 4	F. 5	L. 4	F. 4	F. 1
Mr. Alexander Waddell, - - -	L. 1	L. 1 F. 4	F. 2 T. 2	M. 5	M. 1 T. 3	T. 2 L. 2	L. 1

N. B.—F. L. M. T.; under the months, stand for the Flamboro', London, Montreal, and Toronto Presbyteries; and the figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 conjoined, mark the Sabbaths in their order, from the last Sabbath of July, 1847.



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ERRATA.

Page 47, line 16—for “scheme,” read *schemes*.

“ 59 “ 9—for “a direl,” read *advice*.

“ “ “ 21—for “destitution,” read *distribution*.

“ 60 “ 20—for “congregation,” read *congregations*.

“ 63 “ 5—for “of,” read *in*.