# MINUTES OF THE TENTH SESSION

## SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, &c.

N.B...As the Roll is called at every Sederunt, and the Minutes of the preceding Sederunt read, corrected, and approved of it/is judged unnecessary to encamber the Minutes with a perpetual repetition of these forms.

## hamilton, Tuesday, 5th June, 1849.

## I. SEDERUNT .- 7 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. David Coutts, from Ps. exv. 6, was constituted.

The Roll was called. (See the table of attendance.)

The Rev. Messrs. Kennedy & Scott, being present, were invited to correspond. Bus A Lan-no.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported, that they had Mr. Dick translated loosed the Rev. James Dick, from the charge of the Richmond Hill. congregation of Emily, and inducted him into the charge of the congregation of Richmond Hill on the 14th of March last.

The Rev. David Caw was now chosen Moderator. Mr. Caw, Modera-Appointed Messrs. Christie, Dick, and Skinner, Ministers; and Messrs. Robert Christie, Andrew Mc-and Overtures. Knight, and George McVicar, Elders, a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet here to-morrow morning added to be at 8 o'clock. 4th. An Overcure by Mr. Therefore restricting Has-

Appointed Messrs. Drummond and Barrie a Com- To audit Treasurers' Books. mittee to audit the Treasurers' accounts.

Appointed Messrs. Kennedy and Henderson to conduct the devotional exercises of Synod to-morrow forenoon.

Appointed the following Committee to examine To examine Min-Minutes of Presbyteries, viz : utes of Presbyteries

Messrs. Dalrymple and Porteous, to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of London,-Messrs. Roy and Barrie, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto,-Messrs. Coutts and Dick, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro', -and Messrs. Lawrence and Pringle, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Canada East.

Appointed Messrs. Coutts, Barrie, and John Proud- on the distribution foot, a Committee of Supply for the distribution of of Preachers. preachers. Mr. Coutts, Convener,

Mr. Proudfoot reported that 2000 copies of the documents and papers of the Committee on Union were printed and now ready for delivery into the hands of Synod, whereupon Messrs. Thornton, Christie, Drum- To distribute the mond, Barrie, Dalrymple, and Jennings, Ministers; and papers by the Committee on Messrs. Robert Christie and McVicar, Elders, were Union. appointed a Committee to devise a plan for putting those documents and papers into immediate and general circulation. Mr. R. Christie, Convener.

Adjourned to meet here to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

### II. SEDERUNT .- Hamilton, Wednesday, 6th June, 1849, a. m.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Revd. David Caw, Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Messrs. Henderson and Kennedy.

Sederunt. (See table.)

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported the following matters of business, and recommended that Report of the Committee of Bill. the several subjects be taken up and considered in the and Overtures. order in which they are stated.

1st. Report of Committee on the Theological Insti-

tute. (See Minutes of last Synod, p. 95.)

2nd. Report of Committee to visit Theological Institute.

3rd. Report of Committee on Missions.

4th. An Overture by Mr. Thornton respecting the afflictive dispensations of Providence towards the Jamaica Mission.

5th. An Overture by Mr. Dick anent an uniform Deed, for all church property ; transmitted by the Presbytery of Toronto.

Mr. Roy, Convener of the Committee on the Theo- Report of the Comlogical Institute, reported that he had called a meeting gical Institute.

of the Committee in February, and that therefore only one member attended, and that he did not think it expedient to call another meeting before the meeting of the Synod. On motion, the Report was received, and the Committee discharged.

The Report of the Committee appointed by last Report of visiting committee. Synod to visit the Theological Institute was read by Mr. Jennings.

On motion by Mr. Dick; seconded by Mr. Thornton, the report was received and the diligence of the Committee approved of.

It was moved by Mr. Lawrend, seconded by Mr. Thornton, that the Synod now proceed to make such Theological Instiarrangements in the matter of the Theological Institute tute changes proas may appear most conducive to the success of the Institute and the prosperity of the church.

The Roll was called and opinions of members heard. On motion by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Coutts, it was unanimously agreed, that owing to the change now effected in King's College, whereby it is made a Provincial University, it is no longer necessary that the object of the Institute extend beyond the teaching of Theology.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

### III. SEDERUNT .- Same day and place, 2 o'clock, p.m.

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The Committee of Bills and Overtures transmitted Petition for aid a petition from the Congregation of New Glasgow, in New Glasgow, Canada East, for aid from the Fund.

The Committee on the Distribution of Preachers Supply to the were instructed to assign to the Presbytery of Canada and East. East a proportionate amount of supply for the present year. Resolved, that no farther supplies be granted to said Presbytery, while they neglect to report to the Synod the number of their vacancies. I have been entrant

Ordered that the Clerk of Synod communicate with the Clerk of the Presbytery of Canada East on this matter, without delay, and instruct him to forward the appointments of preachers assigned to it. .....

Resumed the business interrupted by adjournment.

On motion, it was agreed that in the meantime, Proposed changes the Seat of the Theological Institute shall be at Lor. Institute.

don, till the arrangements contemplated to be made by the Committee previously appointed (Printed Min., p. 95, 96,) shall warrant its removal.

Messrs. Roy, Jennings, Dalrymple, Proudfoot and Dick, Ministers; and Messrs. Robert Christie, and McVicar, Elders; were appointed a Committee to consider of the arrangements necessary to be made respecting the Theological Institute, in terms of the previous minute; Mr. Roy Convener. Said Committee to report at the second Sederunt to-morrow.

Report of the Committee on Missions

Adopted.

Commitee on Missions. Mr. Roy read the report of the Committee on Missions; which, on motion, was received, and the diligence of the Committee approved of.—(See Report in Appendix.)

The recommendations of the Report were taken into consideration seriatum, and were adopted.

It was ordered that besides the printing of said document in the minutes, 500 copies in addition be printed for circulation in the congregations.

Messrs. Proudfoot, Dalrymple, Jennings, Drummond and Taylor, Ministers; and Messrs. Beattie, David Christie, Hunter, Chishelm and Roy, Elders; were appointed a Committee on Missions. Mr. Dalrymple, Convener.

Adjourned to meet at 61 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

#### IV. SEDERUNT.-Same day and place, 61 o'clock.p.m.

Mr. Thornton's Overture respecting the Jamaica Mission.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. D. Caw, Moderator.

Agreed to take up Mr. Thornton's Overture respecting the Divine dispensation towards the Jamaica Mission, of the following tenor, viz. :-----''That, whereas, the Divine dispensations toward our Missionary Brethren in Jamaica have of late been of a peculiarly solemn and afflictive character, inasmuch as several of them have been called away from the field of labour, in the midst of their days and usefulness; and as we sympathize with those so intimately connected with us, not only by the ties of our common faith, but of our common labour in the vineyard of the Lord: and inasmuch as the Canadian Mission has been very long and wonderfully sustained entire;---it is hereby respectfully overtured,--That this Synod express the

deepest sympathy with the Jamaica Missionaries, and render thanks also to our Father in Heaven, who has during many years of toil sustained and blessed the members of this Synod with an unusual degree of health and ability for the work, to which we are devoted.

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## Respectfully submitted,

# (Signed) R. H. THORNTON.

Appointed Messrs. Thornton, Drummond and Fisher Committee to a Committee to draft a letter of condolence to our condolence. Missionary Brethren in Jamaica, under the distressing bereavements which they have suffered for some time back. Mr. Thornton, Convener. To report to-mor-

On motion by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Skinner, Letter of condoit was agreed that letters of condolence be sent to the sent to the mis-Missions in Old Calabar and Caffraria.

Mr. Dick and Mr. Skinner were appointed a Committee to draft said letters, and to report at the second Sederunt to-morrow. Mr. Dick, Convener.

Mr. Thornton reported from the Committee to devise a plan for putting the documents of the Committee on Union into immediate circulation. The report was received and approved of.

Mr. Kennedy read an extended report of his labours Mr. Kennedy read as an evangelist within the bounds of the several Pres-

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

#### V. SEDERUNT .- Hamilton, 7th June, 1849, Thursday, 9 o'clock, a. m. wall bivel

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On motion by Mr. Dalrymple, it was agreed that 22 sllowed to Mr. Mr. Kennedy be allowed to draw on the Synod's Kennedy for tracts Treasurer for the sum of Two Pounds, to procure a supply of Tracts for distribution.

Mr. Barrie reported from the Committee on the distribution of supply. The report was approved of.

Read and received, a petition from the Congrega- Petition from New tion of New Glasgow, praying for supplement of Sti. Glasgow granted. pend to the amount of \$60; also, recommendation of the prayer of said petition by the Presbytery of Canada

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Agreed to transmit the petition to the Treasurer East. of the Synod's Grant, and authorize him to remit to Mr. Lowden the sum of Thirty Pounds for the current half year.

Committee on Missions to correspond with Mr. Lowden.

Overture for uniform Deed.

Committee appointed.

Draft of letter to Jamaica Mission approved of.

Instructed the Committee on Missions to correspond with Mr. Lowden, regarding the peculiarities of his Pastoral charge, and to ascertain from himself whether the state of his health will permit active service in a wider field, and to report at next meeting of Synod.

Took up Mr. Dick's Overture anent an uniform Deed for Congregational Property, transmitted by the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Draft of a Deed was read by Mr. Dick.

After reasoning, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to investigate into all matters regarding the Form of a Deed for Congregational Property-that Messrs. Proudfoot, Jennings and Dick, Ministers ; and Robert Christie, Esq., Elder, be said Committee. Mr. Proudfoot, Convener. Committee to report at next meeting of Synod.

Mr. Thornton reported from the Committee to draft a letter of condolence to the Jamaica Mission.

On motion the report was approved; and Mr. Thornton was instructed to make a fair copy of said Letter to be signed by the Moderator, and transmitted to the Brethren in Jamaica without delay.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

VI. SEDERUNT.—Same day and place, 3 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. David Caw, Moderator.

Mr. Skinner reported from the Committee to draft a letter of condolence to the Missionaries in Old Calabar.

On motion, the report was approved of, and Mr. Skinner was instructed to prepare a fair copy of the Draft which has been submitted to the Synod to be signed by the Moderator, and transmitted to the Missionaries in Old Calabar without delay.

The same Committee reported that the letter to the Missionaries in Caffraria was not prepared. Whereupon Mr. Jennings was substituted in place of Mr. Skinner, with instructions to prepare said letter, and to transmit it as soon as possible.

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Draft of letter to Calabar Mission approved of.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of Report of auditing Committee. the Synod's Treasurer, and the accounts of the Treasurer of the Grant from the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, reported : that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod, and had found them correctly kept, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of £34 9s. 5d. Also, that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Grant from the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, and had found these accounts correctly kept, and that there is a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £51 12s. 6d.

The Synod's Treasurer, Robert Christie, Esq., read Mr. R. Christie read his accounts. his accounts per item.

The thanks of Synod were given to Mr. Christie, Thanks given, for the diligence and accuracy with which he has performed the duties of his office.

The Rev. Mr. Christie, Treasurer of the Grant from Mr. T. Christie the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, read over his accounts for the last year.

On motion, it was agreed that Mr. Christie's accounts Thanks given. be sustained and approved of, and that the thanks of the Synod be given to him for the diligence and accuracy with which he has performed his duties as Treasurer. The Moderator accordingly conveyed the thanks of Synod to Mr. Christie.

Adjourned to met at 61 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer. alor (0) and in the state

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### VII. SEDERUNT.-Same day & place, 61 o'clock, p.m.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. David Caw, Moderator.

Mr. Dick gave in a report from the Committee on the Theological Institute (appointed at the III. Sederunt), of the following tenor, viz :--

1. That one other Session of eight months be held Report on Theoloat London, to enable the Professor to prepare some of those Students who are presently at the Institute to enter the Theological Hall. The Session of this year to commence on Wednesday the 5th of September.

2. That all Students recommended by Presbyteries for the Theological Institute, be required to attend for this year the Institute at London, for the period of eight weeks, as their first year.

3. That the First Session of the Theological Institute at Toronto, commence on the first Monday of August, 1850, and that it continue during the period of ten weeks each year.

4. That a Committee be appointed to consider the literary course to be pursued by the Students previous to their being admitted to the Theological Institute. The Committee to report at next meeting of Synod. Mr. Proudfoot, Convener.

After deliberation, the Report was unanimously adopted ; and Messrs. Prondfoot, Dalrymple, Jennings, Drummond, Dick and Barrie, were appointed the Committee in terms of the above Report.

The Committees appointed to examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries of London and Flamboro,' reported that the Minutes of said Presbyteries had not been laid before them. Whereupon the Committees were discharged.

Mr. Barrie, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, report—that they had examined said Minutes from the 7th of June 1848, to March 14th, 1849, and had found business orderly conducted, and accurately recorded. Appointed next meeting of Synod to be held in the City of Hamilton, on Tuesday after the first Sabbath of June, 1850, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Ordered, that 400 copies of the Minutes of this Session of Synod be printed as soon as may be.

Messrs. Thornton, Jennings, Dick, Dalrymple and Christie, were appointed a Committee on public questions, affecting the interests of this Church. Mr. Jennings, Convener.

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> DAVID CAW, Moderator. WM. PROUDFOOT, Synod Clerk.

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Juxs 7, 1849.—We, the undersigned, appointed by the Synod to audit the Treasurer's Accounts Acre examined the above, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due to the Treasurer of £34 34. Syd. 34. (storms) 2 15 9 0 2 cords of Wood for Class-Room, 0 12 10 0 2 6-19 1 4 53-2 Rev. Mr. Fraser as Assistant " Rev. Mr. Proudfoot as Clerk of Paid printing 1000 copies Proceedings of Committees on Union, Rent of Class-Room for 6 months, Books for Library. 0 15 2 10 £16 2 Paterson's Catechism, 0 2 £0 17 Gesenius's Hebrew Gram-Printed Covers, Clerk for Postages, Packing-box, Clerk of Synod, Bookbinder, Synod, mar, 24 3 3 £121 9 114 15 Ac. &Synod Fund Toronto Township and Brampton do. for 1848, Synod Fund, Synod Fund, £1 11 Balance due the Treasurer, McKillep do, Academy for 1848, £1 16 Stanley do. do. 0 13 lo. lo. 0 do. do. -Mount Pleasant do. Synod Fund, Less Postage, English Settlement Congregation, do. do. do. do. do. do qu Bethel and Proof-Line English Settlement do. St. Catharines do. do. Richmond Hill do. do. Eramosa do. 27.---St. George Middleton Faom Hill 5.-Hamilton Brantford Beverly April 16.--Guelph London May 8.- Do. Bethel London Paris I.--AVI June 4.-

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# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee appointed to devise and suggest means by which the Synod's resolution in page 46 of the printed minutes may be rendered more efficient, have agreed to recommend,

1st. That there be a standing Committee on Missions, consisting of at

least four ministers and as many elders, with the Synod's Treasurers. 2nd. That the Committee be selected, so far as distance does not imperatively forbid, from the various Presbyteries s and that annually, the minister and elder whose names are found at the head of the list retire, their places being supplied by a new appointment.

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3rd. That the Committee shall have under its charge, and give authority to the Treasurers for disbursing the Missionary funds of the Synod, consisting of the annual grant from the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, and the sum raised for Missions by collections and contributions in the church in Canada.

4th. That it shall be a special object of the Committee to effect, if possible, the diminution, from year to year, and the gradual extinction of the need of foreign aid, for existing congregations and stations, by the increasing amount and efficiency of the resources obtained in the Pro-

5th. Tha tCongregations applying for aid, shall send their Petitions, with all the necessary documents, to their respective Presbyteries for examination, certification, and transmission to the Committee, who shall make all appropriations from year to year, immediately after the

date fixed by Synod for the return of the Congregational Statistics. 6th. That the Committee shall use all diligence to have one or more of the Stations, or weaker congregations, aided to the necessary extent, by grants from the fund raised in Canada, and in this way proceed to the point at which the whole church, at least to its present extent, may be sustained by its own resources.

7th. That the Committee, paying strict regard to the rights of Presbyteries, and in due consultation and concert with them, shall endeavour to have the collections enjoined by the Synod punctually reported, shall correspond with ministers or session clerks for the purpose, shall be free to send a deputy or deputies of their own number, or such as they shall obtain by Presbyterial appointment, to lay the claims of the mission before congregations, to stimulate liberality of all and induce them who are in the receipt of aid to exert themselves

# Report of Committee on Missions.

for a place among the self-supporting churches; and shall have it for consideration, whether they may recommend to the Synod from year to year, or less statedly, to send a deputation to the congregations or arrange a system of mutual visitation among the Presbyteries for the statement of the Missionary objects of the Synod, and the promotion of a liberal spirit.

8th. That the Committee shall present at the meeting of Synod in summer, a report of the Missionary contributions and grants, and of its general business for the year, to be read in whole or in part, at the opening of the Sederunt of Wednesday evening, when the remainder of the Sederunt shall be devoted to the hearing of addresses on Missionary subjects, from two or more brethren previously engaged by the Committee, and to occasional notices of the progress of the cause in the various parts of the Province, with suggestions for the improvement or extension of the whole plan of operations.

9th. That the report of the Committee, or so much of it, as shall exhibit the financial business of the year, with what additions the court shall determine, be printed with the Minutes of Synod.

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10th. The Committee would farther recommend that the Synod instruct ministers to state the substance of these proposals to their respective congregations, and endeavour to engage their interest, and lead them to new efforts in their behalf. It might be of advantage to direct that the subject of Missions should be the theme of discourse in all the congregations on some given sabbath; or if the Synod may deem it proper, an address might be prepared and sent to the congregations urging on them the duty of doing their utmost, as Christian men, from Christian motives, to maintain ordinances among themselves, and to help in providing them for others.

Lastly. That the Synod take order that the existing recommendation be carried into effect, viz., to have a Missionary Society formed in every congregation either in place of, or in addition to the annual collection

# JAMES ROY, Clerk of Committee.

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