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AT
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TORONTO, }
Wednesday, June 29th, 1836.

THE United Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Canada met, according to appointment, and was opened by a Sermon, delivered by the Rev. Geo. McClatchey, Moderator.

After Public Worship the Synod was constituted by the Moderator.

The stated Clerk being absent, the Rev. Thos. Johnson was appointed to act pro tempore.

The Roll was called, when it was proposed and agreed to adjourn till to-morrow at 2 o'clock,—concluded with Prayer.

Thursday, 2 O'Clock, }
June 30th, 1836.

The Synod met, 'opened with Prayer:

The Rev. Charles Nicoll of Eramosa, having been admitted into the Presbytery of Toronto, since the last meeting of Synod, his name on motion, was added to the roll.

The Rev. John Dickey having been ordained to the United Congregations of Williamsburgh, Matilda and Winchester, by the Brockville Presbytery, since the last meeting of Synod, his name on motion was added to the Roll.

The Rev. James Cairnes having been ordained by the Toronto Presbytery, over the Congregation of Albion since the last meeting of Synod, his name on motion was added to the Roll.

The Rev. Samuel Porter having been ordained by the Toronto Presbytery over the Congregation of Trafalgar since the last meeting of Synod, his name on motion was added to the Roll.

It was on motion resolved, that the Rev. Charles Nichol be Moderator for the present year.

Adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock.

Thursday Evening, 6 O'Clock.
The Synod was constituted, the Roll called and Minutes of last meeting read. The Clerk, (W. Smart,) R. Boyd, R. Lyle and J. Anderson, assigned reasons for their absence at the opening of the Synod, which were sustained.

The Petition of James McKelvey and others from the congregation of the Township of Toronto, praying for a supply of sermon, and craving advice how they should proceed with respect to the state of the congregation. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Toronto Presbytery was directed to supply the said congregation.—It was farther on motion resolved, That the Moderator be appointed to preach to the congregation of the Township of Toronto, on the first Sabbath in July, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and declare the congregation vacant, and adopt such means as may be necessary for the prosperity of the congregation and security of the Church property.

The Clerk was directed to write to absent members and to require of them reasons for their absence.

Adjourned for Public Worship. The Rev. Mr. Nicol preached from Ezekiel 37, and 4th verse.

After public worship the fama clamosa respecting the Rev. Robert McDowall, was considered, and after much discussion, the subject was arrested by the Synod's adjourning till to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Closed with Prayer.

Friday Morning, 6 O'Clock.
Mr. Smart reported on the Book of Rules of discipline when it was on motion resolved, That Mr. Boyd be added to the committee.

Mr. McClatchey reported from the committee on the confession of Faith. The committee were instructed to procure copies of the confession of Faith of the different Presbyterian Churches, report on the alterations that will be necessary and the price for which they can be printed.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock.

Friday, 10 O'Clock.
The Synod took up the farther consideration of the case of the Rev. Mr. McDowall, when after a solemn and protracted consideration and investigation, the following minute was on motion ordered to be made, Resolved, That the Rev. R. McDowall having acted in an unministerial, and unpresbyterial manner, which has been prejudicial to the interests and character of this Synod, and himself, he be suspended from his ministry as a member of this Synod, and that Messrs. Rogers, Douglas, Smart, Boyd and Lyle be appointed a committee to meet with the Rev. Mr. McDowall. That the said committee be furnished with proper instructions and directions, and power to call for papers and persons, and that after fully investigating the subject, they have power to confirm or annul the suspension, and that the said committee at as early a period as possible inform the respective Presbyteries of their decision.

The Report of the Toronto Presbytery was received and adopted.

REPORT OF TORONTO PRESBYTERY.

THE Presbytery of Toronto in submitting a statement of their affairs for the consideration of the Synod, would observe with gratitude that the cause of vital godliness has made advances among the Churches during the past year. To some of these, accessions have been made of such as they hope will be saved in the day of the Lord. With satisfaction they record the manifestations of the saving power of God, in several of their congregations in reclaiming sinners, turning them from the error of their ways, to the wisdom of the just, while saints have been animated and strengthened. On the whole, the Presbytery in contemplating the state of their churches, find great cause of praise to Him, who has thus far succeeded their efforts in this blessed and glorious cause.

While they would humble themselves deeply, and while there are many things

to deplore, they would also, from the smiles of Jehovah, derive incentives to renewed and more vigorous exertions. From the progress of divine truth, and the displays of saving power, they cannot but indulge the hope that the happy period is not far distant, when all shall know the Lord. When the righteousness of Jerusalem shall go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

Since the last meeting of Synod, several Churches have been formed and pastors ordained over them, viz: on the 27th of Jany., 1836, the Rev. Charles Nicol, was installed over the United congregations of Eramosa and Nichole.

The Rev. James Cairns probationer, was ordained over the United congregations of Albion, Vaughan, and King, on the 23d June, 1836.

The Rev. Samuel Porter was on the 28th June, 1836, ordained to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Trafalgar.

As there are several vacancies wishing a supply of preaching, from us, and as we are unable, at present to grant them a supply for want of probationers, we are desirous, that, the Synod would use their influence, in endeavouring to persuade evangelical Preachers to leave their native land, and dispense the word of life in these Colonial settlements, where public instruction is so sparingly enjoyed.

GEORGE McCLATCHIEY, *Moderator*,
THOS. JOHNSON, *Presby. Clerk*.

REPORT OF THE HALLOWELL PRESBYTERY.

THE Presbytery beg to state that according to the appointment of Synod, the Rev. James Douglas was installed over the congregation of Cavern, on the 5th of July, 1835, by the Revd. James Rogers.

In consequence of unforeseen circumstances, the Ministers set apart by the Synod, to compose with their Elders the 3d Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Hallowell Presbytery, could not meet, on the day appointed by Synod, but held their first meeting at Pleasant Bay, on the 2d of Jany. last, 1836.

The Presbytery would humbly suggest to Synod, the necessity of calling on Mr. Corry to produce his receipts, and give an account of the money, by him collected, under their sanction, for the purpose of erecting a Seminary at Pleasant Bay.

It was resolved by the Presbytery, that its members should form their respective congregations into TRACT SOCIETIES, and request the Synod to recommend the same to all the congregations under their care.

The Presbytery appointed another meeting, to be held at Cavern on the 27th June, but owing to the absence of the Rev. Robt. McDowall, they did not then sit in a Presbyterial capacity.

ROBT. McDOWALL, *Moderator*,
JAMES DOUGLAS, *Presy. Clerk*.

THE REPORT OF THE BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery in reporting to the Synod has much reason to rejoice in being the recipient of the many blessings of a kind Providence, and in the evident care of the great Head of the Church, in preserving among us a great degree of brotherly love and unanimity. And though we cannot exult in an extraordinary influx into any of our congregations, yet, to us it is a subject of gratitude to God, that there is a uniform and growing spirit of christian character.

Since the last meeting of Synod we have met seven times.

The Rev. John Dickey probationer having received a unanimous call from the united Congregations of Williamsburgh, Matilda and Winchester, after mature deliberation he accepted the call, and having given in all the pieces of trial which were unanimously sustained, he was ordained to the pastoral charge of said congregations on the 1st February last, (1836.)

The Clerk of the Presbytery received a letter from the Rev. Wm. Bell, Perth, of the 26th Sept., 1835, of which the following is a copy:—

(6)
"MY DEAR SIR,

As you are no doubt aware, I have, for some time past, had serious thoughts of leaving the United Synod; and I now request you to procure for me, from the Presbytery, a letter of dismission for that purpose. I hope you will send it to me on or before the 19th. of the ensuing month of October; but, should this not be possible, be so kind as send me a certificate, before that time, signed by yourself, as clerk of the Presbytery, of my regular standing at this time, and the letter of dismission as soon as you can procure it afterwards.

In leaving a body with whom I have acted for such a length of time, you will, I trust, give me credit, when I say that, I sincerely regret it has become necessary. But their proceedings on certain occasions, especially at Toronto last year, have inflicted a wound, which, I fear, will never be healed; and your supporting these proceedings, which appeared to me, contrary to both your duty and your interest, excited my surprise.

For most of my brethren of the Synod I have ever had the greatest respect, and for none more than for yourself. Should you see it your duty to take the same step that I now take, it will afford me much pleasure to have still the opportunity of acting with you as formerly. It was my sincere wish to see our Synod join with the other in a body; but, as that is now out of the question, each must act for himself singly as he sees best."

The Clerk at the first meeting of Presbytery after the receipt of the above letter, laid it before the Presbytery, and stated that he had without mature deliberation forwarded a certificate to the Rev. Mr. Bell, of his standing, supposing that he had a right to do so. The Presbytery disapproved of the clerk's giving such a certificate for the following reasons:—

1st.—It is not the duty of the clerk to give such certificates without the sanction of the Presbytery.

2dly.—Mr. Bell in his letter preferred charges against the Synod which met in Toronto on the 10th June, 1834.

3dly.—Because Mr. Bell in said letter endeavoured to seduce the clerk to leave the United Synod, and go with him.

The Presbytery then unanimously resolved, that the clerk should write Mr. Bell, informing him of the result, withdrawing said certificate, and requesting him to attend the next meeting of Presbytery. The clerk did so, and received from Mr. Bell, an answer, but the letter has been mislaid; in it however he says, "should the Presbytery refuse him a letter of dismission, it would only be another act of their tyranny," and justified the clerk in giving him the certificate, and held out further inducements for Mr. Smart to join the Bathurst Presbytery.

This Presbytery again instructed the clerk to write Mr. Bell, and request him to attend the next meeting. Mr. Bell's letter is dated Feby. 5th, 1836. In which he says:—

"A dismission was not indeed granted, but that was not my fault. It was a comfortable reflection, that if a dismission could not be obtained, I could well afford to do without it. It was in fact of no importance to me personally,—it was not required here and nothing but a love of order induced me to apply for it at all. I will not conceal it from you, that I have oftener than once, been hurt at the conduct of your church courts, but what took place at the last meeting of the United Synod at Toronto, left me no other alternative, but to withdraw from it as soon as I found an opportunity. I however resolved to "depart in peace," and I think I have adhered to this resolution. It might have perhaps been as well if the Presbytery of Brockville had granted my dismission in a similar spirit. But whether it is granted or not, I shall make no further application. Had any doubts remained upon my mind as to the propriety of joining the Bathurst Presbytery, they would have been removed by the course now pursued by yours."

The Presbytery feeling the importance of Mr. Bell's case, as he charges them with tyranny, because they did not grant him a dismission, when, and in the manner in which he requested it, and at the same time charging the Synod with

proceedings contrary to their duty and their interest. The whole is submitted to the prayerful consideration and final decision of the Synod.

The Revd. John Dickey of Williamsburgh is Moderator for the present year, and the Revd. Joseph Anderson of South Gower is Clerk.

JOHN DICKEY, Moderator,

JOSEPH ANDERSON, Presby. Clerk.

On motion it was resolved, that Messrs. King and Nicol be added to the Committee to procure information respecting the formation of a Widow's Fund.

Mr. Johnson reported respecting the papers, books and documents in possession of the late Clerk of the Synod, and informed the Synod he had not procured them.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the case of the Rev. W. Bell, Perth, referred to in the Report of the Brockville Presbytery, which having been fully considered, the Synod came to a unanimous vote to suspend the said Wm. Bell from all the functions of the Gospel Ministry, in consequence of his irregularity in joining the Bathurst Presbytery, and for his unwarrantable assertions thrown on the United Synod.

Messrs. Howard and Kennedy applied for leave of absence, which was granted. Adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock.

Friday, 6 O'Clock.

The Rev. Mr. Anderson having preached from Matt. 11, 16, the Synod again came to order.

The following Resolution on motion was unanimously agreed to.

That it is with the most cordial sentiments of approval, that this Synod recognises the principles and objects of the *British and Foreign Bible Society*, and do hereby earnestly recommend to the ministers and churches under the care of this Synod, to form *Auxiliary and Branch Societies* wherever it can be done, or otherwise co-operate with that institution, in a more extensive circulation of the word of God, throughout the Province, and that a copy of this resolution, be transmitted to the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Messrs. Smart, Boyd and Lyle, were appointed to draw up papers and documents, to be presented to Sir F. B. Head, the Lieut. Governor.

The Clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Nicol with a copy of the Resolution as also a certificate of his appointment to preach to the Congregation in the Township of Toronto, and also to write to the Rev. A. Bell.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and at 6 in the morning for prayer.

Saturday Morning, 10 O'Clock.

The Synod having come to order, the case of Mr. Corry of Pleasant Bay, referred to in the Report of the Hallowell Presbytery, came under consideration, when it was on motion, resolved, That the Hallowell Presbytery be a deputation to wait on Mr. Corry, and to request of him a particular and detailed account of all monies by him collected and expended, while he was the agent of this Synod to collect funds for the erection of a Seminary at Pleasant Bay, and to receive said account as well as any balance of money that may be yet unaccounted for, as well as such books as he may have collected on the mission. The said deputation to report to the Synodical committee at as early a period as possible.

The Clerk furnished Mr. Nicol with the requisite documents.

Inquiries having been made respecting Session and Presbytery Books, it was ordered that in future the law respecting them be strictly enforced.

Adjourned to meet on Monday at 11 o'clock.

Monday Morning, 7

July 4th, 1836.

The Synod having come to order, the committee appointed to prepare questions for visitation Presbyteries reported. Their report was received, amended and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes, and are as follows:

QUESTIONS FOR VISITATION PRESBYTERIES.

Questions to be put to Elders.

1. Is Your Minister grave, sober and temperate; or is he a striker, or a brawler?
2. Is he ever drunk, or does he unnecessarily frequent the Company of drunkards?
3. Is he charitable to the poor; and is he a peace maker, and does he reconcile differences when they occur?
4. Does he preach the doctrines of the Reformation as defined in the W. M. Confession of Faith, and founded on the Word of God?
5. Does he preach that Faith without works is dead?
6. Does he entertain his congregation with variety, or preach over and over again the same sermons?
7. Does he give himself to study, or does he follow any wordly avocation, and idle away his time in vain amusement, or in any way not becoming the Gospel of Christ?
8. Does he visit the sick when sent for?
9. How often does he Preach on the Lord's day?
10. How often does he administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the Year?
11. Does he observe the usual days, Thursday, Saturday and Monday, and the forms prescribed by the Church?
12. Does he exclude from the Sacraments the openly wicked and profane, or does he invite and receive all who may come?
13. Does he visit, examine and chatechise? and how often in the year?
14. Is the Church and Congregation, in general, satisfied with their Minister? if not, what are the reasons?

Questions to be put to the Minister.

1. How many elders have you, and how were they appointed?
2. Have they been ordained?
3. Do they maintain the worship of God in their families?
4. If requested, do they visit the sick and pray with them?
5. Do they support and encourage you in your arduous duties? or do you find them troublesome and contentious?
6. Do they and the Church walk in love and unity?
7. Do the congregation attend at the beginning, and wait till the end of Divine service?
8. What amount of stipend does your congregation pay you annually?
9. How often do they pay you in the year, and how?
10. Are they in any arrears, and if so, how much?
11. Have they adopted any means to liquidate it?

Questions to be put to the Committee.

1. How many members are in your Committee?
2. How are they appointed, and how often do they meet in the year?
3. How long do they continue in office?
4. Have you a deed of your church lot?
5. To whom is it deeded? and is the deed upon record?
6. Does your deed specify, that this congregation is in connexion with the United Synod of U. C.?
7. How much stipend do you pay your Minister? and are there any arrears upon the congregation, and if so, how much?

Mr. Nicol reported on his mission to the congregation of the Township of Toronto which was approved.
Mr. King of Nelson was appointed treasurer of the Synod and Missionary fund.

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The Synod gave the following instructions and directions to the committee appointed in the case of the Rev. R. McDowall.

1st Question,—Was it with his knowledge and consent, directly or indirectly, that the Presbytery of Toronto brought in an overture to receive him into the Synod of Canada?

2nd,—Did he directly or indirectly make application to the Governor, or his Secretary, that if he should join the Synod of Canada, he should be allowed to retain his portion of the Government salary granted to this Synod?

3d,—What sum of money does the United Synod of Upper Canada, owe Mr. McDowall, and in what way, and in what manner, did they become indebted to him?

4th,—Did he directly or indirectly to any minister or member of the Synod of Canada, or to any other person, state that if a minister in connection with the Synod of Canada could be obtained, he would give him his influence to get possession of the Church in Fredericksburgh, and that he would liberally subscribe to his support?

5th,—Had you, or have you now any desire to leave the United Synod, if you could retain the government salary—and if so, what are your reason or reasons?

6th,—Was he ever employed as the Missionary of the Synod, at what rate did he engage, was he honourably and punctually paid?

7th,—Did Mr. McDowall or his congregation ever contribute to the Missionary fund of the Synod?

8th,—Is Mr. McDowall now willing to give satisfaction to the United Synod, for his inconsistent conduct towards them?

That the committee be authorised to put any other questions they may deem necessary.

Resolved that Mr. McClatchey be called on to give reasons for absents himself from Synod without leave.

Mr. McKelvey was heard and having presented various documents they were received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and Mr. Nicol appointed to preach to the Toronto Township congregation next Lord's Day.

Mr. Nicol presented various papers received from Rev. A. Bell which were ordered to be kept by the clerk.

The committee appointed to prepare papers &c. reported the following address to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, which having been corrected and approved, Messrs. Douglas and Lyle were directed to transcribe them.

ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY. SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency.

We, the United Synod of Upper Canada, convened in Toronto, at our annual meeting, embrace this the first favourable opportunity, and beg leave most humbly to address Your Excellency.

In the divided and unsettled state of public affairs, as well as from a high respect for Your Excellency, it would be a dereliction of duty on our part, should we not come forward, and in our own name and on behalf of our congregations to assure your Excellency, of our fixed and unalterable love, unfeigned, firm and sincere attachment, to our gracious Sovereign, and the British Constitution.

We are happy to know by your Excellency's public documents, that it is your determination to redress every real grievance which exists in the Province, and correct all abuses which may have crept into the administration of the Constitution.

We will rejoice to see these much desired objects accomplished, and that thereby, all bitterness of feeling, animosity, and mutual recrimination may cease to exist in this otherwise happy country; that peace and tranquillity may be restored to the public mind, stability and success to our institutions, prosperity to our commerce and agriculture; that men may fear God, honour the King, and love one another; and that the people of this Province may rise to such a high degree of eminence in a religious, moral and social point of view, that men from afar, may be attracted to this Colony, and therein find an happy asylum.

That Divine Wisdom may direct Your Excellency, in your arduous and diversified duties, and prepare you for the Kingdom of Heaven, is the ardent prayer of Your Excellency's
Most Faithful and Most Obedient Servants.

In name, presence, and by appointment of Synod.
(Signed.)

C. NICOL, Moderator.
W. SMART, Stated Clerk.

Messrs. Smart, Boyd, King and Nicol, were appointed the committee of Synod, —Rev. V. Smart, Brockville, convener.
It was after consideration, Resolved, that the name of the Rev. Wm. Jenkins, be taken from the Roll, and that the clerk write an affectionate and friendly letter expostulating with Mr. Jenkins advising him to a christian and correct course.
The Synod attended to missionary business and collections. The following sums were paid to the clerk and secy. of the Synod's and Missionary fund, and paid over to the Treasurer.

W. Smart,	Brockville,	.....	£1 5
R. Boyd,	Prescott,	.....	1 14 2
"	Edwardsburgh,	.....	1 7 4½
Total,			£3 1 6½
W. King,	Nelson,	.....	1 5
Geo. McClatchey,	Clinton,	.....	1 5
Joseph Anderson,	South Gower,	.....	3 0
Thos. Johnson,	Chinguacousey,	.....	0 15 6

Adjourned to meet in Prescott on the 3d Monday in June, at 6 o'clock, in the evening.
Concluded with Prayer, Praise and the Apostolical Benediction.

C. NICOL, Moderator.
WILLIAM SMART, Stated Clerk.

ROLL OF THE UNITED SYNOD. OF THE PRESBY- TERIAN CHURCH UPPER CANADA. 1836.

BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.
WILLIAM SMART,
ROBERT BOYD,
JOHN GAMELL,
ROBERT LYLE,
JOSEPH ANDERSON,
JOHN DICKEY.

Brockville,
Prescott,
Lanark,
Osnaburgh,
South Gower,
Williamsburgh.

Elders.
JOHN M'CRADY.
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THOS. JOHNSON,
CHARLES NICOL,
JAMES CAIRNS,
SAMUEL PORTER,

Nelson,
Mount Pleasant,
Clinton,
Chinguacousey,
Eramosa,
Albion,
Trafalgar,

ANDREW HALL.
JOS. SIMERMAN.
JAMES STERRIT.
SAML. HOWARD.
WM. C. KENNEDY

HALLOWELL PRESBYTERY.

ROBT. McDOWALL,
JAMES ROGERS,
JAMES DOUGLASS,

Fredericksburgh,
Hallowell,
Cavern,

DAVID ARMSTRONG.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE.

W. SMART,
WILLIAM KING,

ROBT. BOYD,
C. NICOL.

APPENDIX.

KINGSTON, July 20th, 1836.

THE Committee appointed by United Synod, to investigate the case of the Rev. Robt. McDowall, met according to appointment, and after prayer for the divine direction they proceeded.

Present, Rev. James Rogers, William Smart, Robt. Boyd, Robt. Lyle.

The Rev. Mr. McDowall having been previously furnished with the interrogations, was asked if he was ready to enter on the investigation. To which he answered in the affirmative. Mr. McDowall was informed that it was understood that the answers that may be given, together with the information in possession of the Committee, would form a part of the printed minutes of the Synod.

1st Question.—Was it with your knowledge and consent directly or indirectly, that the Presbytery of Toronto brought in the overture to receive you into the Synod of Canada?

Answer.—It appears to me that the Rev. A. Bell informed me by letter that the Presbytery of Toronto intended to bring in such an overture.

Q.—Did you by letter or otherwise intimate your approval of the course proposed?

A.—It is probable I did approve, but I do not remember what I wrote to Mr. Bell.

2nd Q.—Did you directly or indirectly, make application to the Governor or his secretary, that if you should join the Synod of Canada, you would be allowed to retain your portion of the government salary granted to the United Synod?

A.—I did so.

3d Q.—What sum of money does the United Synod owe you, in what way and in what manner did they become indebted to you?

A.—By the publication of a Magazine published in the year 1830, and expired the same year.

Q.—Was the United Synod in existence in 1830.

A.—No.

Q.—When was the United Synod constituted?

A.—In 1831.

Q.—How did the United Synod become indebted to you by the publication of a Magazine commenced in 1830, and expired the same year, when the Synod was not constituted until 1831?

A.—Because I consider the United Synod a continuation of the Presbytery of the Canadas, and I thought the Synod promised to pay the sum due.

Note.—The Committee were of the opinion, that the Presbytery of the Canadas, did not authorise the editors to publish only to make inquiry and arrangements, nor are they aware that the United Synod ever engaged to settle what is due, or in arrears for the publication of the Magazine.

4th Q.—Did you directly, or indirectly, to any minister, or member of the Synod of Canada, or to any other person, state that if a Minister in connection with the Synod of Canada, could be obtained, that you would give him your influence to obtain possession of the Church in Fredericksburgh, and that you would liberally subscribe to his support?

A.—I did.

5th Q.—Had you, or have you now any desire to leave the United Synod, if you could retain the government salary, and if so what are your reason or reasons?

A.—No, nor have I any now.

Q.—Have you used the same influence in favour of the United Synod as you have done for the Synod of Canada?

A.—No.

6th Q.—Were you ever employed as the Missionary of the United Synod, at what rate did you engage, were you honourably and punctually paid?

A.—I do not remember the rate, but I was honourably and punctually paid.

7th Q.—Did you, or your congregation ever contribute to the Missionary fund of the United Synod?

A.—No.

8th Q.—Are you now willing to give satisfaction to the United Synod for your inconsistent conduct towards them?

A.—I am willing to express to you my regret, that my answers are not satisfactory to you, as I have never intentionally acted with a view of injuring the United Synod of Upper Canada.

The investigation having continued for several hours, and brought to a close, the Rev. Mr. McDowall retired. The Revd. Mr. Boyd addressed the throne of Grace and implored divine guidance on the behalf of the committee on this occasion, when after solemn deliberation the vote was taken, confirm or annul the suspension,—when it was unanimously agreed to annul the suspension, and the same is hereby, in the name, and on behalf of the United Synod, of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Canada, Annulled.

Concluded with Prayer.

JAMES ROGERS, Chairman,
WILLIAM SMART, Clerk.