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EXTRACT

FROM THE

MINUTES

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD,

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF

UPPER CANADA,

AT

THEIR MEETING HELD IN NELSON,

MONDAY, JUNE 24,

1838.

AND CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENT.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NELSON, }
Monday, June 2nd, 1838.

The United Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Canada met according to appointment, and was opened with a Sermon, by the Rev. Robert Boyd, A. M. the Moderator, from Acts. 15, chap. & 6 verse. "And the Apostles and Elders came together for to consider of this matter."

The Synod was constituted with prayer, the Roll was called and marked. The following Members were present.

Brockville Presbytery

Ministers.
WILLIAM SMART,
ROBERT BOYD.

Elders.

Toronto Presbytery

WILLIAM KING,
GEORGE M'CLATCHEY,
THOMAS JOHNSON,
JAMES CAIRNS,
SAMUEL PORTER,
ALEX. LEWIS.

DUNCAN M'QUEEN,
THOMAS WALKER,
JAMES CURRY.

SAMUEL ROGERS,
JOHN POLLY.

Hallowell Presbytery

JAMES ROGERS,
JAMES DOUGLASS.

The Rev. Robert Boyd was unanimously re-elected moderator for the present year.

The Rev. Isaac Purkis was invited to a seat as corresponding Member.

The Elder from the Church on Mount Pleasant, stated, that from the inferior state of the health of the Pastor the Rev. John Bryning, he was unable to attend the Synod, which reason was sustained for his absence.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be presented to the Rev. Robert Boyd, for the excellent Sermon delivered by him before this synod, in defence of the Presbyterian form of Church Government.

It was agreed, that the Rev. James Rogers preach on Tuesday evening, and Rev. James Douglass, on Wednesday evening.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and that one hour be spent in reading the holy scriptures and prayer.

TUESDAY, MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met according to adjournment, the Moderator called on the Rev. Messrs. Douglass and Lewis, to engage in the devotional exercises of reading the word of God and Prayer.

The Presbyteries were in business, at such times as the Synod.

The Members absent on for their reasons.

Messrs. Johnson, Porter, & Co. sustained.

The Rev. Alex. Levenson, Toronto Presbytery, since resolved, that his name be struck off the roll.

The clerk was instructed to report to the Committee appointed to visit the Presbyteries to ascertain if they will be admitted on, or before the next meeting.

A recess till after prayer to transact their necessary business.

After a Sermon by the Moderator, and 38 verse, the Synod were called for.

The Report of the Board of Missions, and is as follows:—

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Presbytery in Scotland have much cause to rejoice in the success of the cause, and favours the cause of the Church during the past year.

The Board of Missions, led upon to confess the errors both in faith and length and breadth of the God of truth and mercy.

have much cause to feel that the Churches under their care (with a few exceptions) with their Divine Author, in their men, refreshing their souls from danger, and rendering works. The attendance administered, although yet it has been such as to have regular visits been kept up, which has encouraged to the Ministry, experience, that there by one hour's catechism former, the attention

The Presbyteries were authorized to meet to transact their official business, at such times, as shall not interfere with the sitting of the Synod.

The Members absent from the last meeting of Synod were called on for their reasons.

Messrs. Johnson, Porter and Rogers, assigned reasons which were sustained.

The Rev. Alex. Lewis having been admitted a Member of the Toronto Presbytery, since the last meeting of Synod, it was on motion, resolved, that his name be added to the Roll.

The clerk was instructed to write to absent Members.

The Committee appointed in reference to the Confession of Faith reported, which report being received, it was enjoined on the respective Presbyteries to ascertain how many copies of the Confession of Faith they will be accountable for, and that their reports be transmitted on, or before the 1st January next to the Moderator.

A recess till after public worship, in order that the Presbyteries may transact their necessary business.

TUESDAY EVENING, half past 6 o'clock.

After a Sermon by the Rev. James Rogers, from Mark, 8 Chap., and 38 verse, the Synod came to order, the reports of the Presbyteries were called for.

The Report of the Brockville Presbytery was read and received and is as follows:—

REPORT OF THE BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery in submitting their Report to the Synod, have much cause to rejoice and be glad in the many unmerited blessings and favours they have received from the Great King and Head of the Church during the past year; and not from a confession or acknowledgment, but a deep sense of duty and sorrow of Soul, they are called upon to confess their own sins before God, and lament the deadly errors both in faith and practice which are rapidly spreading over the length and breadth of their beloved land; and for the final issue, if the God of truth and mercy do not arise and stop their career, they have much cause to fear and tremble.

The Churches under their care have been regularly supplied (with few exceptions) with the stated ordinances of the Gospel; and they have some reason to believe, that they have been graciously owned by their Divine Author, in cleansing the conscience, heart and life of men, refreshing their souls, curing their maladies, defending them from danger, and rendering them fruitful in good thoughts, words and works. The attendance upon the word preached, and the ordinances administered, although not so great as it ought and might have been, yet it has been such as to inspire the friends of Zion with consolation.

Where regular visiting, catechising, and public examinations have been kept up, which have been somewhat general, the growing desire of the people for such exercises, have been both very great and encouraging to the Ministers. It has been long since tested by happy experience, that there is more knowledge diffused among the people by one hour's catechising, than by many hours' preaching; for by the former, the attention is provoked, as will as the understanding in-

structed, and the memory gratified; while many excellent sermons are either altogether or nearly lost by the want of attention on the part of the hearers.

The Presbytery cannot say that there has been any extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon their Churches, yet a goodly number, especially from among the young people, have been delivered out of the hands of the Strong Man armed, and hope fully added to the Church of Christ. Brotherly love, peace and unanimity have universally prevailed among the ministers and in their councils, and almost so, among the members of their respective Churches.

Whilst the Presbytery have these and some other sources of thankfulness and consolation; before God, the Church, and the world, they have great cause for deep humiliation before him who knows all things from the beginning to the end.

Who ought, or can see and hear what passes amongst us without fear and trembling? Go where you will, you see the commandments of God, openly, wilfully, and almost universally broken; his gospel despised, his ordinances neglected, his patience abused, and his power defied. To be a silent spectator of these things is criminal, and to come out upon the Lord's side, is to incur the malice and wrath of the seed of the serpent. For these daring sins, God, for many years has divided the people of this Province. He has suffered the very foundations of brotherly love, the tender ties of consanguinity, and of mutual intercourse and good will to be almost and entirely broken up; social order to be destroyed, and innocent blood to be shed; and unless all ranks and classes of men, the rulers as well as the ruled; the minister as well as the people; the high as well as the low; the rich as well as the poor; the learned as well as the unlearned, will return unto God, confess their sins, turn from them, and learn righteousness; the people may justly expect, that God will reveal his wrath more and more against them; whet his sword, bend his bow, and make it ready; that he will prepare the instruments of death to smite them; and deliver them over to one another in the unparalleled horrors of an intestine war, and perhaps, a foreign invasion. O may all be wise in time, and avoid the just, but awful judgments of God.

The state of society is now such, that it is fully prepared to receive every manner of heresy. It may then be asked, whence is it that damnable heresies abound, and the Christian Revelation hath so many enemies? Many are so bent to indulge themselves in vicious practices, that they cannot endure Christ's holy laws, which check them therein; and therefore study by all means to darken these truths and facts upon which these laws are founded, that they may render Revelation doubtful and uncertain. Others again, not so vicious and immoral, but instigated by the cursed pride of fallen man, labour to advance Reason as a sufficient guide in matters of Religion, and as that which may conduct men in the way of happiness.

Whatever natural reason or religion may teach, it leaves me ignorant of the right way and manner of performing their duty to God and man. It can give no satisfying account of the creation of the world, the original of mankind, nor in what state our first parents came out of their Maker's hands; nor can it tell how human nature fell from its original rectitude into its present state of guilt and impurity, nor how

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it can be recovered from it and restored to the favour of an offended God; nor can it account for the conduct of Divine Providence in the government of the world; but in the Christian Revelation we find all these things duly accounted for. All things considered, there never was a time, when both Ministers and people were more called upon, than in the present day, to stand up for the maintenance of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

The Report of the Toronto Presbytery was read, when it was resolved that the further consideration of the said Report be deferred until to-morrow morning, when it shall be the first item on the order of the day.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past Seven o'clock. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY Morning, half-past 5 o'clock.

Opened by the Rev. J. Rogers reading the Holy Scriptures and prayer.

The consideration of the Report of the Toronto Presbytery was resumed.

The case of the Rev. Charles Nicol, referred to in the Report, came up, when the Presbytery was called on to produce their Minutes and such documents on which they had grounded the suspension of the Rev. Charles Nicol from the Ministry. The Presbytery was allowed to withdraw, in order to appoint one of their Members to conduct the case of the Presbytery, in reference to Mr. Nicol. The Rev. Alex. Lewis was appointed on behalf of the Toronto Presbytery.

Certain documents, having a reference to the suspension of the Rev. C. Nicol, were presented by the Clerk of the Toronto Presbytery.

I. Petition of the Congregation in the Township of Toronto, to the Presbytery of Toronto, requesting a dissolution of the Pastoral connection between the Congregation and Rev. Charles Nicol.

II. Minutes of Toronto Presbytery, and their proceedings on the case.

III. Second Petition of Toronto Congregation, containing charges against Rev. Charles Nicol.

IV. Letter from Mr. James McKelvey.

The three first of these documents were read and received, when it was objected to by Mr. Nicol receiving document No. 4. It was accordingly put to the vote by Members not of the Presbytery of Toronto, receive or not receive, when it was unanimously decided receive. The said document was read and received accordingly.

The Toronto Presbytery was heard in justification of their proceedings. Mr. Nicol presented a protest against the proceedings of the Toronto Presbytery, and was heard at great length in his own defence, and in support of the protest he had presented.

Recess to 5 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY Evening, 5 o'clock.

The Rev. James Douglass having preached from 1st Timothy 1st chap. and 13th verse, the Synod came to order, and the further consideration of Mr. Nicol's case was resumed.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY Morning, 9 o'clock.
The Synod was opened as usual, by Rev. W. King, reading the Holy Scriptures and prayer.

The case of the Rev. C. Nicol was again resumed, and after a protracted discussion, an application was made to the Synod, by the Rev. Mr. Nicol, for a dismission. After mature deliberation, it was, on motion, Resolved to comply with his request, and he was dismissed accordingly.

The case of the Rev. C. Nicol having been disposed of, the Report of the Toronto Presbytery was received.

Report of the Toronto Presbytery.

The Presbytery have to report that, although there are many in their bounds, evidently strangers to the regenerating power of Divine grace, who pursue the world as their chief good, yet they have great reason to bless and praise God that there have been, and still are, many noble examples of the contrary spirit. The Lord has not wanted faithful witnesses to his truth, from the earliest ages of the world, through all succeeding generations to the present time; and whilst the Presbytery continues to have deep cause to lament the small success attending the preaching of the gospel, and the means of grace administered, yet they are convinced that, little as the preaching of the gospel, and the effects produced by it, are regarded by many, it is followed with consequences infinitely more momentous than those which arise from the deliberations of Senates or the decrees of Princes. And though the God of this world may blind the minds of some, still the Presbytery have great reason to bless the Great Head of the Church, that through his divine influences he still continues to render evangelic ministrations among them, in some measure effectual. He opens the clouds that they may rain upon the vineyard.

Since the last meeting of Synod, the Presbytery have to report, that the attendance upon the preaching of the word, and the ordinances administered is generally promising; the means they trust have proved, in some measure effectual, to bring sinners from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God; and although there has been no extraordinary outpouring of the Spirit upon the Churches, yet he has been pleased to open the gates of communion, in some places, by which sinners have entered into a state of fellowship with Him and his Father. And he has been pleased to add to our Churches, such we hope, as shall be saved.

One Church in Chinguacousy, has been erected in their bounds last summer. There is also a stone Church about to be erected in Mons.

The Presbytery have met eight times since the last Meeting of Synod. They had a visitation Presbytery, in the Church at Mount Pleasant, in the Rev. John Bryning's congregation. The visitation was satisfactory.

Since the last Meeting of the Synod, the Rev. Alexander Lewis having received a call from the Congregation of Mons, was, on the 7th of February last, installed in the Pastoral charge of the said congregation.

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At said Presbytery, a petition was received from the Congregation of the Township of Toronto, requesting the Presbytery to dissolve the connection between them and Mr. Nicol, and stating reasons for the same. The consideration of said petition was deferred until the next Meeting of Presbytery, when, after mature deliberation, the Presbytery dissolved the connection; and at the same Presbytery, a charge having been brought against Mr Nicol, in consequence of which, the Presbytery thought fit to suspend him from the Pastoral office, until next Meeting of Synod, when, on the 26th of June, the Presbytery met, and on the motion being put and seconded, was unanimously agreed to, on account of his contempt of the decision of the Presbytery, and other causes, to continue his suspension until removed or confirmed by the Synod.

THOMAS JOHNSON,
Presbytery Clerk.

The following Committees were appointed.

Committee on Treasurer's Account,—Rev. James Cairns and Mr. John Polly.

Committee to draw up Public Documents—Messrs. Smart and Rogers.

Synodical Committee—Messrs. Smart, Boyd, King and Douglas.

The Report of Hallowell Presbytery read and received.

REPORT OF THE HALLOWELL PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery, in presenting their report, feel with much regret and sorrow, their destitute and unfavorable situation. The fewness of their number, and the distance by which they are separated, must have an influence unfavorable to the success which might be expected to attend their labors. But they feel to rejoice that, although few in number, they came within the bounds of the sweet and comfortable promise of the Great King and Head of the Church, "Where two or three are met together in my name, there am I in the midst;" and they have cause to believe, from the unanimity and brotherly love which have prevailed among themselves and the people under their immediate care, and the regular accession to the number of Church members that the presence of their Divine Master has been graciously afforded them.

The Presbytery have many things to deplore unpromising with respect to the good which might otherwise result from the administration of the word and ordinances. It is to be lamented that they have not the power nor means to respond satisfactorily to the cry which is made from different sections of the country within their limits, for a more regular supply of preaching. They can only pray the Lord of the harvest that he might send a greater number of faithful laborers into his harvest. And the Presbytery would respectfully recommend to the Synod, the propriety of encouraging the circulation of religious tracts, and cheap publications, that would afford to those destitute of public religious instructions, as well as others, the means of becoming more fully acquainted with their duty, as taught in the Holy Scrip-

tures. And although ready to acknowledge their own imperfections, yet it is the painful duty of the Presbytery again to record the lamentable fact, that even professing christian parents do not assist, with as much attention as might be expected, their minister to impress upon the minds of the young and rising generation, the necessity of religion and the advantages connected with an early dedication of themselves to the Lord, as their covenant God;—that they do not instruct their children at home with that care necessary to their improvement in righteousness; and are not sufficiently careful in the strict and constant performance of their religious duties.

Another evil which exists to blast the prospects of progressive sanctification among the Churches generally, is the lamentable want of a pious, holy and edifying conversation among professors of religion. It is indeed deplorable to discover how much the Lord's day is profaned by those who profess to keep it holy, when repairing to and departing from, the Sanctuary of God, as well as in their more private walks of life, by engaging in conversation which has no reference to the exercises of the day—conversation which cannot edify the soul, encourage the weak believer, nor instruct the sinner in those things which belong to his everlasting peace.

The Presbytery held a visitation Presbtery in Demorestville, on Monday, the 9th of October, the result of which was by no means unfavorable. At said meeting of Presbytery, the Rev. Robert McDowall intimated that he had united himself with another body, and his name was erased from the roll. The Presbytery appointed their next meeting at Pleasant Bay, on the 3d Monday of Feb. to attend to the duty enjoined on them by the Synod; to meet Mr Cary with respect to the money collected by him as their agent; but on account of the absence of one of the members, the business was deferred, and has not yet been transacted.

The Rev. James Douglass was chosen Moderator, and the Revd. James Rogers, Presbytery Clerk, for the present year.

JAMES ROGERS,
Presbytery Clerk.

P.S.—All communications to the Clerk of the Presbytery, to be addressed to Hillier.

Resolved, That the Rev. Robert McDowall, having withdrawn from the Hallowell Presbytery, in an un-presbyterial manner, his name be erased from the roll of this Synod.

The Presbytery of Hallowell was instructed to proceed in the business of Mr Cary.

The Rev. Isaac Purkis, of Simco, applied to be admitted member of this Synod. Mr Purkis having preached before the Synod, from John, 3d ch. 16th verse, and presented credentials highly satisfactory, as to his moral character and Ministerial usefulness, and also examined as to his personal piety, and the principles of his faith, it was, on motion Resolved, That the Rev. Isaac Purkis be admitted a Member of the Synod. His name was accordingly added to the roll, and he was instructed to unite with the Toronto Presbytery.

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Resolved, That this Synod considers Upper Canada an interesting and important field for the circulation of religious Tracts, the establishment of Sunday Schools, and Bible classes,—that while they are important auxiliaries to every Minister of the Gospel in those places which enjoy the regular ministrations of the word of life; they are especially useful in those destitute places of our land that are without the ministry of the Gospel and the ordinances of the Sanctuary of God. In order, therefore, that these institutions may be increased in number, and in efficiency, and shed their benign influence on the Province, A COMMITTEE be appointed to correspond with the Secretaries of the Religious Tract Society, and Sunday School Union in London—as also the Religious Tract Societies of the United States, inviting their attention to Upper Canada, as a field for their benevolent exertions, and that the said Committee collected such information from the Secretaries of the above Societies, as may be necessary to enable the Ministers and Congregations of this Synod to co-operate with the said Societies, in any effort to promote the glory of God, in the dissemination of that truth which makes wise unto salvation.

Messrs Smart, McClatchey, Rogers and Douglass, were appointed a Committee to carry the above into effect.

Resolved, That the Ministers and Elders representing congregations, be required, at the next meeting of the Synod, to report the number of Tract Societies, and what efforts have been made to circulate these useful manuals of divine truth, the number of Sunday Schools, and Bible classes within their bounds, and to include in their report the number of Scholars, the number of Books, and the condition of the Library in each School.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning 9 o'clock.

Opened by reading the Holy Scriptures and prayer, by the Rev Geo McClatchey.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund, reported and were ordered to proceed.

The committee on Public Documents reported an Address to His Excellency Sir George Arthur, the Lieutenant Governor, which having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows.

To His Excellency Sir George Arthur, K. C. H., Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Ministers and Elders, composing the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Canada, in Synod assembled, beg permission to Address Your Excellency, and congratulate you on your arrival in this country to take charge of its Government, and would assure your Excellency that we feel a strong degree of confidence, that through the Divine blessing, your Administration of our public affairs will tend to preserve peace, restore confidence, and secure to the Province the blessings of the British Constitution. And we do

most sincerely and solemnly pledge ourselves, that so far as our influence, by precept and example can extend, we will do all in our power to strengthen your hands, believing, as we do, that it is incumbent upon all Her Majesty's subjects, whatever may be their stations, to unite in this patriotic and christian duty; and certainly no period in the history of our infant country required it more than the present.

We are aware that Your Excellency's Administration and difficulties are much increased by the late wicked and unnatural rebellion, and the aggravating atrocities which are still occurring. We trust that by Your Excellency's decision and firmness of conduct, mingled with mercy and benevolence, will be made the happy means of preserving, unsullied, the high character of our laws and government; and we are glad to learn from Your Excellency's public declarations, that this is the course you have adopted, and are still determined to pursue.

Your Excellency must, no doubt, be aware that the present state of our public affairs, and the exceedingly agitated state of the public mind, are unfavorable for promoting the object of our sacred office— which is peace and good will among all classes of the community; but notwithstanding, we hope that our labors have not been unsuccessful, in diffusing moral principle, evinced in the duties of piety to God, obedience to the laws, and loyalty to our beloved Sovereign.

We look to Your Excellency with the utmost confidence that equal rights, immunities and privileges will be extended to us by the Government, with other religious denominations in the colony. And we pray that your Excellency may be guided by Divine wisdom, and enjoy every favour from the Father of mercies in your Administration, person and family.

Done at Nelson, this 28th day of June, 1838, in the name and behalf of the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Canada.

ROBERT BOYD, Moderator.

WM. SMART, Stated Clerk of United Synod.

On Motion, Resolved, That the Second Wednesday in February next, (Feb. 10th) be a day to be particularly observed on behalf of the youth within the bounds of the respective congregations of this Synod, who, although the lambs of the flock, and the subjects of parental and ministerial instruction and prayer, have not given themselves to the Lord, and manifested their attachment to him by observing the Holy ordinances of his Church, especially that of the Lord's Supper.

The committee of Synod reported,

I. A congratulatory and loyal Address to Her Majesty the Queen, transmitted by His Excellency Sir Francis Head. To which a gracious answer was received.

II. A Memorial to Her Majesty the Queen, which has been transmitted by His Excellency Sir George Arthur, Lieut. Governor.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Synod opened by the Rev. Isaac Purkiss reading the Holy Scriptures and Prayer.

Resolved, That each Minister pay into the Missionary Fund, at

each and every Month paid in at this price Pounds, for the fund

The committee of the Missionary Fund to present the following

They have exacted a correct manner in his hands.

The Ministers of the Synod Fund, the following

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Joseph Anderson,
John Oemall,
John Dickey,

William King,
William Bryning
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Samuel Porter,
James Cairns,

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William Bryning
George McClatchey
Thomas Johnson
Samuel Porter
James Cairns
Alexander Lewis
Isaac Purkiss
James Rogers
James Douglass

That the next meeting Monday 14th June,

each and every Meeting of the Synod, the sum of £5; but the amount paid in at this present Meeting, to be deducted from the said Five Pounds, for the following year.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Account of the Missionary Fund, and the contingent expenses of the Synod, have to present the following report.

They have examined the Treasurer's Account, and found it kept in a correct manner; and the sum of eight pounds five shillings remaining in his hands.

The Ministers being called on to pay into the Missionary and Synod Fund, the following sums were received :

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| Robert Lyle, | Osnaburgh | |
| Joseph Anderson, | South Gower, | |
| John Oemall, | Lanark, | |
| John Dickey, | Williamsburgh, | |
| <i>Toronto Presbytery.</i> | | |
| William King, | | 2 0 0 |
| William Bryning, | Mount Pleasant, | |
| Geo. McClatchey, | Clinton, | 1 10 0 |
| Thos. Johnson, | Chinguacousey, | |
| Samuel Porter, | Trafalgar, | 0 10 0 |
| James Cairns, | Albion and King | 1 0 0 |
| <i>Hallowell Presbytery</i> | | |
| James Rogers, | Demorestville, | 1 5 0 |
| James Douglass, | Cavern, | |
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| Robert Lyle | 5 0 0 |
| Joseph Anderson | 5 0 0 |
| John Gamell | 5 0 0 |
| John Dickey | 5 0 0 |
| William King | 5 0 0 |
| William Bryning | 5 0 0 |
| George McClatchey | 5 0 0 |
| Thomas Johnson | 5 0 0 |
| Samuel Porter | 5 0 0 |
| James Cairns | 5 0 0 |
| Alexander Lewis | 5 0 0 |
| Isaac Purkiss | 5 0 0 |
| James Rogers | 5 0 0 |
| James Douglass | 5 0 0 |
| £ 30 0 0 | |

That the next meeting of the Synod be held in Cavern, on the first Monday in June, 1839, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and in the event

of the Moderator being absent, the Rev. Robert Lyle, A. M. to preach.
Closed with praise, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

**ROLL OF UNITED SYNOD
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Elders.
Duncan McQueen
John Polley
Thomas Walker
James Curry

Samuel Rogers

James Rogers,
James Douglass,

Hallowell Presbytery.
Hallowell
Cavern

Synodical Committee.
William Smart, *Convener.* Robert Boyd, William King, James Douglass.

The Presbytery have met six times since the last meeting of Synod; I held two visitation Presbyteries; one in the Revd. Joseph Anderson's Congregation of South Gower, & one in the Revd. John Duheys of William'sburgh which upon the whole, were highly satisfactory. The Revd. Robt Boyd is Moderator for the present year and the Revd.

Wm. Smart Clerk.

Signed

WM. SMART.
P. C.

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