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MINUTES OF THE SYNOD  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF CANADA,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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SESSION XIV.  
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HOLDEN AT KINGSTON, 3RD—10TH JULY, 1844.



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# MINUTES OF THE SYNOD AT KINGSTON, 1844.

## SESSION XIV.

### DIET I.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church,  
there:—Wednesday, the Third Day of  
July, One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Forty Four Years:—*

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
July 3, 1844.

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to appointment, and, after sermon by the Rev. John Clugston, Minister of St. John's Church, Quebec, and Moderator of the Synod for the preceding year, from 2 Cor. iv. 3, "We are troubled on every side," was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator's  
sermon.

The Synod  
constituted.

Attested Rolls of the several Presbyteries having been called for, and given in, the Synod Roll was made up, and read over as follows :

Synod roll.

## ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

### 1. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John Clugston .....	James Gibb .....	<i>St. John's, Quebec.</i>
John Cook, D.D. ....	John Thompson .....	<i>St. Andrew's, Quebec.</i>
John McMorine .....	John Fraser .....	<i>Melbourne.</i>
James Geggie .....		<i>Valcartier.</i>
Alexander Buchan .....		<i>Leeds.</i>
Simon A. Fraser, A.M. ....		<i>St. Charles.</i>

The Rev JAMES GEGGIE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

### 2. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John Cruickshank, A.M. ....	James Morris .....	<i>Brockville.</i>
Thomas C. Wilson .....	William Rutherford .....	<i>Perth.</i>
John Smith .....		<i>Beckwith.</i>
George Romanes, A.M. ....	John Rutherford .....	<i>Smith's Falls.</i>
William Bell .....	Ralph Smith .....	<i>Perth.</i>
William Smart .....		<i>Brockville.</i>
Robert Boyd, A.M. ....		<i>Prescott.</i>
Joseph Anderson, A.M. ....		<i>South Gower.</i>
Alexander Mann, A.M. ....	Robert White .....	<i>Pakenham.</i>

2. PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST—(CONTINUED.)

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
David Evans .....	Anthony Phillip .....	<i>Richmond.</i>
Alexander McKid .....	Hon. Thomas McKay .....	<i>Bytown.</i>
Thomas Fraser .....	Robert Mason .....	<i>Lanark.</i>
George Bell .....	Archibald Petrie .....	<i>Cumberland.</i>

The Rev. JOHN CRUICKSHANK, A. M., *Presbytery Clerk.*

3. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John Machar, A.M. ....	John Mowat .....	<i>Kingston.</i>
James Ketchan, A.M. ....	Anthony Marshall* .....	<i>Belleville.</i>
John M. Roger, A.M. ....	Robert Thomson .....	<i>Peterboro' and Cavan.</i>
Thomas Alexander, A.M. ..	Andrew Milne .....	<i>Cobourg.</i>
Henry Gordon .....	Alexander Lindsay .....	<i>Gananoque.</i>
Robert Neill .....	Robert Cleugh .....	<i>Seymour.</i>
William Reid, A.M. ....	William Litster .....	<i>Grafton and Colborne.</i>
James Douglass .....	Robert Turnbull .....	<i>South Cavan.</i>
James Rogers .....	Samuel Smith .....	<i>Demorestville.</i>
Thomas Liddell, D.D., Principal and Professor of Divinity .....		{ <i>Queen's College,</i> <i>Kingston.</i>
Peter C. Campbell, A.M., Professor of Classical Literature .....		{ <i>Queen's College,</i> <i>Kingston.</i>
Alexander McLean .....	Francis Anderson .....	<i>Pictou.</i>
Thomas Wightman .....	John Davidson .....	<i>Camden.</i>

The Rev. WILLIAM REID, A. M., *Presbytery Clerk.*

4. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
William Rintoul, A.M. ....	Isaac Wylie .....	<i>Streetsville.</i>
Andrew Bell .....	George Miller .....	<i>Toronto Township.</i>
Peter Ferguson .....	John Burns .....	<i>Esquesing.</i>
James George .....	William Clark .....	<i>Scarboro'.</i>
Peter Macnaughton, A.M. ..	Donald Cameron .....	<i>Vaughan.</i>
Thomas Johnson .....		<i>Chinguacousy.</i>
John Tawse, A.M. ....		<i>King.</i>
George Galloway, A.M. ....	James Daniels .....	<i>Markham.</i>
Alexander Lewis .....		<i>Mono.</i>
James Lambie, A.M. ....	William Gourlie .....	<i>Pickering and Whitby.</i>
John McMurchy .....	Archibald McFadyen .....	<i>Eldon.</i>
John Barclay, A.M. ....	James F. Westland .....	<i>Toronto City.</i>
	David Gibson .....	<i>Caledon.</i>

The Rev. ANDREW BELL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

\* By a decision of the Synod, on Friday, the 5th, the name of Herman Ziericks was inserted in the Roll in the place of Anthony Marshall.

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5. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Henry Esson, A.M. ....	James Lesslie .....	<i>St. Gabriel's, Montreal</i>
Alexander Mathieson, D.D.	Hugh Brodie .....	<i>St. Andrew's, Montreal</i>
Edward Black, D.D. ....	John Bruce .....	<i>St. Paul's, Montreal.</i>
Duncan Moody .....		<i>Dundee.</i>
William Mair .....		<i>Chatham.</i>
Walter Roach .....	James Lang .....	<i>Beauharnois.</i>
W. Montgomery Walker .....		<i>Huntingdon.</i>
James Anderson .....		<i>Ormestown.</i>
James C. Muir .....		<i>Georgetown.</i>
David Black .....	John Hetterick .....	<i>St. Therese.</i>
William Simpson .....		<i>Lachine.</i>
David Shanks .....	John Inglis .....	<i>St. Eustache.</i>
John Marlin .....		<i>Hemmingsford.</i>
Emile Lapelletrie .....		<i>French Ch'ch, Montreal</i>
Thomas Henry .....		<i>Lachute.</i>

The Rev. WALTER ROACH, *Presbytery Clerk.*

6. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

MINISTERS,	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
John McKenzie, A.M. ....	Hon. John McGillivray	<i>Williamstown.</i>
Hugh Urquhart, A.M. ....	Hon. Justice McLean	<i>Cornwall.</i>
John McIsaac, A.M. ....	John McPhee .....	<i>Lochiel.</i>
Daniel Clark .....	John McRae .....	<i>Indian Lands.</i>
John McLaurin .....	Alexander McMartin	<i>Martintown.</i>
John Dickey .....		<i>Williamsburgh.</i>
Isaac Purkis .....	Joseph A. Bockus	<i>Osnabruck.</i>
Thomas McPherson, A.M.	John McPherson	<i>Lancaster.</i>
Donald Sinclair .....	Angus Cattnach ...	} <i>Dalhousie Mills and</i> <i>St. George.</i>
Colin Grigor .....		

The Rev. JOHN McISAAC, A.M., *Presbytery Clerk.*

7. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Robert McGill .....	George Dawson .....	<i>Niagara.</i>
James Smith .....		
Mark Y. Stark, A.M. ....	Dr. William Craigie	<i>Dundas and Ancaster.</i>
Alexander Gale, A.M. ....	James Webster .....	<i>Hamilton.</i>
Donald McKenzie .....	John Matheson .....	<i>Zorra.</i>
John Bayne .....	Allan Henderson .....	<i>Galt.</i>
Angus Mackintosh .....	Peter Drummond	<i>Thorold.</i>
Daniel Allan .....	George Hyde .....	<i>Stratford.</i>
Duncan McMillan .....	Donald Frazer .....	<i>Williams.</i>
William Meldrum .....	Peter McNaughton	<i>Puslinch.</i>
William King .....	Andrew Hall .....	<i>Nelson.</i>
John Bryning .....		<i>Mount Pleasant.</i>

7. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—(CONTINUED.)

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
George McClatchey .....	Joseph Simmerman ...	<i>Beamsville.</i>
Daniel Eastman .....	Francis Robertson .....	<i>Grimsbv.</i>
Alexander McColl .....	George Henry .....	<i>Aldborough.</i>
William McAllister .....	John Robson .....	<i>Port Sarnia.</i>
Alexander Ross .....	George Davidson .....	<i>Woolwich.</i>
George Cheyne .....	John Colville .....	<i>Saltfleet.</i>
Robert Lindsay .....	James Hastie .....	<i>Ayr.</i>
George Smellie .....	Alexander D. Fordyce .....	<i>Fergus.</i>
Robert Peden .....	James Noble .....	<i>Amherstburgh.</i>
Thomas Scott .....	John Polley .....	<i>Simcoe.</i>
	John McGregor .....	<i>St. Thomas.</i>
	Robert Martin .....	<i>Guelph.</i>

The Rev. MARK Y. STARK, A.M., *Presbytery Clerk.*

SUMMARY OF THE SYNOD ROLL, 1844.

1. Presbytery of Quebec .....	6 Ministers.
2. .... Bathurst .....	13 .....
3. .... Kingston .....	13 .....
4. .... Toronto .....	12 .. ..
5. .... Montreal .....	15 .....
6. .... Glengary .....	10 .....
7. .... Hamilton .....	22 .....
	91 Ministers.

Protest against the names of Mr. Smart and Mr. Boyd.

On reading the Roll of the Presbytery of Bathurst, Dr. Mathieson entered his protest against the names of the Rev. William Smart and the Rev. Robert Boyd standing on the Roll. The Synod agreed to let the said names stand, for the present, under protest.

Complaint against Presbytery of Kingston against certain Elders.

On reading the Roll of the Presbytery of Kingston, Dr. Liddell gave in dissents and complaints against decisions of the Presbytery of Kingston, sustaining the commissions of Dr. Anthony Marshall and Mr. Robert Turnbull, Elders, and admitting them to seats as members of the Presbytery of Kingston.

Sederunt.

The following members answered to their names and took their seats in Synod, viz., Mr. John Clugston, Dr. John Cook, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr.

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The Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Mark Young Stark, A.M., Minister of Dundas and Ancaster, was unanimously chosen, and, at the Synod's desire, took the chair.

The Synod next proceeded to the election of three Trustees for Queen's College, at Kingston, in room of the Rev. James George, the Rev. John Machar, and the Rev. Peter Colin Campbell, who retire from office at this time, accord-

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
July 3, 1844.

Moderator chosen

Trustees for  
Queen's College  
elected.

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
July 3, 1844.

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Arrangements for  
to-morrow.

ing to the terms of the royal charter of Queen's College, when the said James George, John Machar, and Peter Colin Campbell were unanimously re-elected.

The Synod agreed to spend a portion of to-morrow, from ten till twelve, in prayer, with a special reference to the present condition of the church; and, also, to spend the afternoon in friendly conference on the same subject.

Committee on  
Synod Records.

The following Committee was appointed to revise the Records of the Synod, viz., Mr. Gale (*Convener*), Mr. Cruickshank, Dr. Mathieson, and Mr. Burns.

Committee of  
Bills and  
Overtures.

The Synod appointed the following Committee of Bills and Overtures, viz., the Moderator and Clerks, together with Mr. Clugston, Dr. Cook, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Romanes, Mr. Bell, Mr. Machar, Mr. J. M. Roger, Mr. Alexander, Dr. Liddell, Professor Campbell, Mr. George, Mr. Lambie, Mr. Esson, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Black, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. McGill, Mr. Gale, Mr. Bayne, *Ministers*; and Messrs. John Thompson, Petrie, Mowat, Milne, Burns, McMartin, Webster, and George Davidson, *Elders*; with instructions to meet immediately after the rising of the Synod this evening, and again to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. And all papers to come before the Synod, were ordered to be given in to said committee.

Presbytery Record  
Committees.

The Synod appointed the following Committees to revise the Records of Presbyteries, viz.,

Quebec.

Mr. Donald McKenzie, Mr. Cheyne, and Mr. Webster, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Bathurst.

Mr. Bayne, Dr. Cook, Mr. Lambie, and Mr. John Thompson, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Bathurst.

Kingston.

Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Maclaurin, and Mr. McMartin, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston.

Toronto.

Mr. John M. Roger, Mr. McLean, and Mr. Litster, to revise the records of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Montreal.

Mr. McGill, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Barclay, and Mr. Wylie, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal.

Glengary.

Mr. Tawse, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Miller, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Glengary.

Hamilton.

Mr. Reid, Mr. Neill, and Mr. Gourlie, to revise the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

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Leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet in Kingston, for all competent business, during the sitting of the Synod.

The Commissioners on the Clergy Reserve Fund were requested to report to the Synod at as early a period as possible.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The Synod was closed with prayer.

DIET II.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church, there:—Thursday, the Fourth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The following members, in addition to those marked in the sederunt of yesterday, appeared and took their seats in the Synod, viz., Mr. Alexander McKid, Mr. George Bell, Mr. James Douglass, Mr. James Rogers, Mr. Thomas Wightman, Mr. William Mair, Mr. George McClatchey, *Ministers*; together with Mr. John Rutherford, Hon. Thos. McKay, Dr. Anthony Marshall, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. William Clark, Hon. Justice McLean, Dr. William Craigie, Mr. Peter Drummond, *Elders*.

The minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained.

On the call of the Moderator, the Rev. James George, the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and the Rev. Duncan McMillan, successively, conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, prayer, and reading the Scriptures.

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
July 3, 1844.

Finance  
Committee.

Thursday,  
July 4th, 1844.

Sederunt  
additional.

Devotional  
exercises.

KINGSTON,  
Thursday,  
July 4, 1844.

Memorials read.

Conference on  
the Relations of  
the Synod to  
the Church of  
Scotland.

Dr. Cook's  
Propositions.

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The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a variety of papers, consisting of petitions, memorials, resolutions and overtures, on the present position of the church, from Presbyteries and Congregations, which the Synod had read.

Thereafter the Synod entered upon a conference in reference to the relation in which the Synod stands to the Church of Scotland; when, on the motion of Dr. Cook, it was agreed, that, as a step towards the settlement of this question, the Synod should endeavour to ascertain the points connected with it in which all were agreed. The following propositions were then stated successively, and, after mature deliberation, were agreed to, with the exceptions marked.

1. The Church of Scotland does exercise no jurisdiction over the Synod of Canada.

Agreed to by all, with the exception of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Donald McKenzie, and Mr. Mackintosh, *Ministers*; and Mr. Westland, *Elder*.

2. The Church of Scotland does not claim jurisdiction over the Synod of Canada.

Agreed to by all, with the exception of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Donald McKenzie, and Mr. McLean, *Ministers*; and Mr. Litster and Mr. Burns, *Elders*.

3. The Church of Scotland is not entitled to exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the Synod of Canada.

Agreed to by all, with the exception of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Rintoul, and Mr. James Rogers, *Ministers*.

4. The adherents of the Church in this Province have ample liberty in the election of their ministers.

Agreed to by all.

5. There has been no interference whatever, on the part of the Civil Powers, with any of our Ecclesiastical Courts.

Agreed to by all.

6. There is not, at present, so far as can be reasonably judged, any prospect of such interference with the Ecclesiastical Courts.

Agreed to by all, with the exception of Mr. Gale.

7. There is no external or legal let or hindrance to the extension of the Church in this Province.

Agreed to by all.

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3. Therefore the alleged causes of disruption at home do not exist here.

Agreed to by all.

The Synod then appointed the following Committee to consider and report upon the Relations of this Church with the Church of Scotland, viz., Mr. Clugston (*Convener*), Mr. Machar, Mr. Rintoul, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Campbell, Mr. McGill, Mr. J. M. Roger, Mr. Donald McKenzie, Dr. Liddell, Mr. Gale, and Dr. Cook, *Ministers*; and the Hon. Judge McLean, Mr. George Davidson, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Milne, *Elders*.

On motion, the thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Clugston for his excellent sermon at the opening of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned till one o'clock to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

DIET III.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church, there:—Friday, the Fifth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Clugston gave in an interim Report of the Committee on the relations of this church with the Church of Scotland. On motion, the following members were added to the Committee, viz., Mr. George, Mr. W. Bell, and Mr. Mann, *Ministers*; and the Hon. Thomas McKay and Mr. Petrie, *Elders*. And the Committee was instructed to meet again and endeavour to prepare such a measure as may be adopted by the Synod.

On the call of the Moderator, Dr. Cook and Mr. Lambie conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod, in praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, specially seeking the Divine direction and guidance in the consideration of the

KINGSTON,  
Thursday,  
July 4, 1844.

Committee on  
the Relations of  
the Church.

Thanks to  
Mr. Clugston.

Friday,  
July 5th, 1844.

Additions to  
Committee.

Devotional  
exercises.

**KINGSTON,**  
Friday,  
July 5, 1844.

Elder's  
commission from  
the Session of  
Cavan.

Decision in the  
case of the  
Cavan Elder.

Case of Elder's  
commission from  
the Session of  
Belleville.

Motion in the  
case of the  
Belleville Elder.

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important business before the Synod, and now again referred to the Committee.

The Synod then took up the consideration of Dr. Liddell's dissent and complaint, transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, against a decision of the Presbytery of Kingston sustaining a commission from the Session of South Cavan, in favour of Mr. Robert Turnbull, Elder, and admitting him a member of the Presbytery of Kingston, on the ground that said commission only bore that said Elder was appointed to represent the Session in the Synod,—the Presbytery not being mentioned in the commission.

Parties having been called,—Dr. Liddell was heard in support of his dissent and complaint,—and Mr. J. M. Roger was heard in support of the decision of the Presbytery.

On motion of Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, the Synod reversed the decision of the Presbytery, but, notwithstanding the informality of the commission, there being evidence of honest intention, admitted Mr. Turnbull to sit in the Synod,—declaring, at the same time, that this shall not be held to be any precedent in future, in case of like informal commissions.

The Synod next took up the consideration of Dr. Liddell's dissent and complaint, transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, against a decision of the Presbytery of Kingston sustaining a commission from the Session of Belleville in favour of Dr. Anthony Marshall, Elder, Mr. Gordon having acted as Moderator,—on the ground that Mr. Neill was appointed by the Presbytery to act as Moderator of the Session during Mr. Ketchan's absence in Scotland, and that another commission was presented to the Presbytery from the Session of Belleville in favour of Mr. Herman Ziericks, that commission having been given at a meeting moderated in by Mr. Neill, subsequently to the meeting aforesaid.

Parties having been called,—Dr. Liddell was heard in support of his dissent and complaint,—and Mr. Gordon was heard in support of the decision of the Presbytery.

It was then moved by Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, that "the Synod reverse the decision of the Presbptery of Kingston, cancel the commission of Dr. Marshall, and sustain the commission of Mr. Herman

Ziericks as a member of the Synod."

It was also moved by Mr. Cheyne of the Presbytery of Marshall."

After reason—when there was an amendment to the resolution was declared.

The Synod closed with prayer.

At seven o'clock.

The report of the Church not being read at seven o'clock to-morrow.

The which day in Canada, in conformity with the according to adjournment.

The minutes of the Synod were sustained.

On the motion of Dr. Liddell it was agreed to adjourn to Scotland, who was appointed to the Synod; and, on the next day, he was seated accordingly.

The Synod then considered the Presbytery of Bills and Overtures. The papers transmitted pointed the following Messrs. Boyd and

Ziericks as a member of the Presbytery of Kingston, and of the Synod."

It was also moved, in amendment, by Mr. Gale, seconded by Mr. Cheyne, that "the Synod sustain the decision of the Presbytery of Kingston in receiving the commission of Dr. Marshall."

After reasoning, the roll was called, and the votes marked, —when there voted for the motion *Forty-five*, and for the amendment *Twenty-five*. Whereupon Dr. Mathieson's motion was declared to be carried.

The Synod then adjourned till seven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

At seven o'clock the Synod met and was constituted.

The report of the Committee on the Relations of the Church not being ready, the Synod agreed to adjourn till ten o'clock to-morrow morning,—and was closed with prayer.

DIET IV.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church,  
there:—Saturday, the Sixth Day of  
July, One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Forty-Four Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained.

On the motion of Mr. Rintoul, seconded by Mr. Alexander, it was agreed to invite the Rev. Mr. Chalmers, of Dailly, Scotland, who was present in the house, to sit with the Synod; and, on the invitation of the Moderator, he took his seat accordingly.

The Synod took up the consideration of a reference from the Presbytery of Bathurst, transmitted by the Committee of Bills and Overtures, in the case of Messrs. Boyd and Smart. The papers transmitted having been read, the Synod appointed the following committee to meet, and confer with Messrs. Boyd and Smart, and report fully to the Synod on

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Amendment.

Motion carried.

Saturday,  
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Reference from  
the Presbytery of  
Bathurst, in the  
case of Messrs.  
Boyd and Smart.

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Report of the  
Committee on  
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the case, viz., Dr. Cook, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. John Thompson.

The Committee on the Relations of this Synod with the Church of Scotland reported a series of resolutions on this subject : and it was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. George, that the said resolutions be adopted by the Synod : the tenor whereof follows :

Whereas the peace and well-being of the Church in this Province are at the present time seriously endangered by doubts and difficulties respecting the position of this church, the Synod resolves and declares :

1. That the spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this Synod, notwithstanding any interpretations which may have been, or may be put on its "connexion with the Church of Scotland," has always been, now is, and ought to be free, final and uncontrolled.

2. That the members of this Synod feel themselves called on by the present circumstances of the church to pledge themselves to maintain such supreme jurisdiction of the Synod, over all its members and over the church in this Colony, against all interference from any quarter whatever ; and to frame an Act declaring such supreme jurisdiction—the said Act to be read over to all Ministers and Probationers, before their admission into this Synod, to the end that it may be clearly understood, by them, that the maintenance of such jurisdiction is a condition of their admission.

3. That the Presbyteries under the jurisdiction of this Synod be directed to receive Ministers and Probationers from all Presbyterian Churches holding the same standards of doctrine and discipline as this church, who shall produce sufficient evidence of their character and good standing, and of their having undergone such course of education, literary, scientific and theological, as has been in ordinary cases held to be sufficient by this church as a preparation for the office of the holy ministry, upon their coming under the usual vows.

4. That, in consideration of the divided state of feeling in this Synod, the discordant views entertained by its members on certain important points, and the manifest danger of division should expression be given to the views and feelings of only one section of the body, while such expression, could

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not, from the want of unanimity, or even a very general concurrence, be expected to have much moral influence, such as is to be desired, it is expedient to abstain for the present from any correspondence with the Parent Church ; and that whenever, in the providence of God, circumstances shall lead to the resuming of such correspondence, it shall in every case be a frank and full expression of the views of the Synod for the time being, any party being at full liberty to protest against any communication or any part of any communication, of which he may disapprove.

It was then moved by Mr. Bayne, seconded by Mr. Gale, that the Synod adopt the following resolutions :

Whereas this Synod being fully informed of the disruption of the Established Church of Scotland, and having taken all the circumstances connected with that event into their deliberate and prayerful consideration, and having had special regard to its important bearing on the cause of Christ throughout the world, are deeply impressed with the obligations under which they are laid, from having hitherto stood in a peculiarly close and friendly relation to the Established Church of Scotland, to make plain to the world the fact of their entire and unqualified independence, and to dissolve a connection which would imply that they sanctioned the principles and the procedure of the aforesaid church, which have issued in her disruption. And whereas the true import and moral influence of the testimonies respecting the procedure and condition of the Established Church of Scotland, heretofore emitted by this Synod, have been weakened and rendered equivocal by the irregular and ill-advised actings of some of the subordinate judicatories and members of this Synod since last session : It is therefore hereby decreed and declared by the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, in the terms following, viz.,

1. That this Synod having been formed in accordance with Presbyterian principles as an independent church in this Province, and having neither by the designation which they voluntarily assumed, nor by the reception of endowments out of the Reserves set apart by the State for the Protestant Clergy of Canada, which endowments were made over to them without qualification or limitation, as an inde-

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pendent church, nor by any admission, declaration or enactment of their own, forfeited that independence, and being now engaged in the full and unfettered discharge of all the functions of an independent church, they are resolved to assert and maintain their perfect and unqualified independence, and to acknowledge no right of interference or controul in regard to any of their affairs, whether ecclesiastical or civil, on the part of the Established Church of Scotland, or of any other church whatsoever.

2. That as an independent church acting for themselves alone, and possessing no voice or influence in the affairs of the Church of Scotland, this Synod do not hold themselves directly responsible for the principles adopted, or the practice followed by the aforesaid church, nor do they consider themselves bound, in virtue of any such responsibility, to make her divisions or even her disruption a ground for action on their own part, or even for considering formally the questions, by which these divisions, or that disruption may have been caused ; but at the same time, having stood since their first formation, on a footing of close and friendly connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, having often asked and deferred to her advice, in matters of importance, having been assisted by her in securing the recognition of their right to the Reserves, which were set apart for the Protestant Clergy of Canada, and having assumed the designation "in connexion with the Church of Scotland," this Synod feel that by continuing any longer in this peculiar connexion with the aforesaid church, they would be virtually giving their sanction to her procedure in the matters which led to her disruption, and to the interpretation of her standards and constitution on which that procedure has been based, or at least would give just reason for the inference, that they counted her errors as slight and venial and not fundamental in their nature, and therefore they resolve and declare that the peculiar connexion which has hitherto subsisted between them and the aforesaid Established Church of Scotland, shall from this time forth cease and determine, and that any peculiar privileges that may have been understood to belong in virtue of that connexion to her ministers and elders seeking admission into this church, shall, in like manner, be withdrawn.

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3. That while this Synod consider that the clause in their designation, "in connexion with the Church of Scotland," is merely distinctive, and having been adopted without any definite meaning being attached to it, does not of itself and irrespective of the actings of the Synod, imply connection with the Established Church of Scotland, or limit their freedom of action in relation to her, or in any way identify their responsibility with that of said church, and might, therefore, after having been distinctly explained without any compromise of principle be retained; yet as it is now inappropriate, and might be used as a ground of misrepresentation, and a cause of strife, wherefore, for the sake of unity and peace they now resolve, decree and declare, that the designation of the Church shall henceforth be *the Presbyterian Church of Canada*.

But at the same time, as in the event of a party claiming to be the true Church of Canada "in connection with the Church of Scotland," the alienation of the property of the church might possibly result from the want of a civil sanction to the change of our designation, this Synod further resolve and declare that it is their purpose, should it be deemed advisable, to seek such sanction; and further, as it is alleged that by taking any action in this matter this Synod are departing from the terms on which their endowments were conferred by the State—although they are fully and conscientiously persuaded that such is not the case, they solemnly pledge themselves that should the British Legislature declare this to be their understanding of these terms, they shall at once and without further struggle, submit to their decision,—only while giving up their endowments protesting against the injustice done them, and reserving to themselves and their successors, to use all competent means for inducing the Government to acknowledge their rights.

4. That considering the vital and fundamental importance of the principles on account of which the disruption of the Established Church of Scotland has taken place, and the inseparable connection between their maintenance and the purity and efficiency of any church of Christ, this Synod also resolve and declare, that they adhere to the resolutions on the subject of those principles, which were adopted at their meeting in July, 1841; and also to other similar expressions of the mind of the Synod, embodied in their records; and

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that they will take such action as may seem expedient for carrying these principles into full effect.

It was next moved by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mr. Clugston, that the following Resolution be adopted by the Synod :

Mr. McGill's  
resolution.

Whereas numerous questions and controversies have of late arisen, and been agitated in many of the congregations within our bounds, respecting the proper status and independence of this Synod, founded mainly on the clause of our title, "in connexion with the Church of Scotland," and on certain mistaken views of our relationship to that church, it has become necessary, in order to the removal of these misapprehensions, by which our peace and unity is endangered, to declare, that this Synod at its first formation owed and acknowledged a respectful and filial regard to the Church of Scotland, as the church with which most of our ministers and people were in connexion in their native land; but that this Synod never did or could acknowledge any Presbyterial subjection to the General Assembly of that church in which it had no representation; that experience has shewn, especially since the disruption of the Established Church of Scotland, that the clause of our title which describes us in connection with it (which was originally inserted as an expression of our filial regard, and perhaps of a hope on the part of some, that incorporation with the Church of Scotland, and representation in its Assembly might be conceded to us, a privilege which fuller experience has convinced us cannot be conceded) is liable to misrepresentation, and has been used greatly to the disadvantage of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, as if it rendered us accountable for all the actings of that church in her peculiar relation as an Establishment, and as if in the alleged defection, with which she is chargeable, we were partakers in her sins; for these reasons, and also that our church may become more manifestly identified with this country, and that it may present no national peculiarity that shall in any future stage of its progress be at variance with actual circumstances, this Synod resolve to discontinue this clause of its designation, and henceforth to employ as its only title, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, adhering to the standards of the Church of Scotland, and maintaining

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It was also moved by Professor Campbell, seconded by Dr. Mathieson, that the Synod adopt the following resolution :

Whereas, it is the conviction of many members of this Synod, that it is *ultra vires* of the Synod to alter its designation or that of the community over which it rules, inasmuch as such alteration would be a fundamental change of the constitution of the body, and of the terms on which it was formed and is held together ; and a breach of faith towards those ministers and people who have from time to time connected themselves therewith under its existing title ; and that it is not in the power of a majority to make such alteration, so as, in any way to affect the position or rights of a minority adhering to the existing title and constitution ; and inasmuch as any such alteration, if it could be made, would amount to a dissolution of this Synod,—and whereas, in the opinion of many members, some of whom share and some do not, the conviction previously set forth, an alteration of the designation of the Synod by itself, if at all constitutional, or competent, must endanger or alienate the property of the church in various quarters, and injuriously affect in many ways the rights and interests of congregations, the Synod thereby doing what it has manifestly no right to do without having fully ascertained the mind of the whole Christian community ; it is resolved that the proposal to alter the designation of this church cannot in equity and ought not to be discussed in the Synod or put from the chair.

The Synod adjourned till seven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

At seven o'clock the Synod met and was constituted.

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Mr. Campbell's  
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Report of  
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Messrs. Smart  
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Case of Messrs.  
Smart and Boyd  
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Presbytery of  
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Mr. Campbell's  
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Mr. Urquhart's  
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The Committee appointed to confer with Messrs. Smart and Boyd reported, that they had met with them, that their conference was carried on in the very best spirit,—that Mr. Boyd was anxious to withdraw his letter to the Presbytery of Bathurst, inasmuch as it was written under highly excited feelings,—that both of them had expressed their resolution to take no part in the proceedings of the Synod until they met with the Presbytery,—and that the Committee recommended to the Synod to remit the case to the Presbytery of Bathurst, with instructions to deal with it according to the laws of the church.

The Synod received and sustained this report, and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, remitted the case of Messrs. Smart and Boyd to the Presbytery of Bathurst, with instructions to deal with the same according to the laws of the church.

Professor Campbell and Dr. Mathieson, with the permission of the Synod, withdrew the resolution moved and seconded by them on the former part of the day, on the understanding that they, and all adhering to them, shall be permitted to protect themselves by a protest.

Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, moved the adoption of the following resolution by the Synod :

That in accordance with its resolutions passed in July, 1843, this Synod do anew record their gratitude to God that He, in his good Providence, does not call on them to enter on the discussion or decision for themselves of the practical bearings of those principles which have so unhappily divided the Church of Scotland, in respect either to any infringement of the spiritual independence of this church, or of the privileges of its members, or to the connection which subsists between the Church of Scotland and this Synod,—that connection neither implying a spiritual jurisdiction on the part of the former over the latter, nor involving the latter in a responsibility for any actings of the former. And this Synod do now, as always, recognize the imperious obligations laid on them, of seeking the peace and well being of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, at the expense of any sacrifice, save that of consistency and principle.

The Synod then had some discussion on the motions before them.

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The Moderator made the following appointments for the public services to-morrow, viz., Mr. Gordon to preach in the forenoon,—Mr. Barclay in the afternoon,—Mr. Maclaurin, in Gaelic, in the afternoon,—and Mr. George Bell in the evening.

The Synod then adjourned till eleven o'clock on Monday, and was closed with prayer.

DIET V.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church, there:—Monday, the Eighth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the former sederunt were read and sustained.

Dr. Cook and Mr. George, with the consent of the Synod, withdrew the fourth of the resolutions, reported by the Committee, and moved and seconded by them.

The Synod then had lengthened discussion on the Relations of the Synod of Canada with the Church of Scotland.

The Synod adjourned till seven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

At seven o'clock, the Synod met and was constituted,—and, after discussion on the unfinished business of the forenoon, adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

DIET VI.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church, there:—Tuesday, the Ninth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four Years.*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted.

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Appointments  
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Monday,  
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Dr. Cook's 4th  
resolution  
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The discussion  
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Mr. McGill's  
resolution  
withdrawn.

The discussion  
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Dr. Mathieson's  
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The minutes were read and approved of.

Mr. McGill and Mr. Clugston, with the consent of the Synod, withdrew the resolution moved and seconded by them.

The Synod resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, and had lengthened discussion on the resolutions before them anent the Relations of the Synod with the Church of Scotland.

The Synod adjourned till seven o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

At seven o'clock, the Synod met and was constituted.

The consideration of the Relations of the Synod of Canada with the Church of Scotland was resumed; and the reasoning was brought to a close.

Dr. Mathieson gave in a Protest, signed by himself and certain other ministers and elders, members of the Synod, according to the previous arrangement, to the effect that their taking part in the discussion of any resolution or motion, aiming at the alteration of the name, title, designation, or constitution of the Synod or Church, or the relations thereof to the Church of Scotland, or their voting in regard to them in any decision which might be come to, in pursuance of which they might be carried, or adopted, or alleged to be so, by a majority of the Synod, should not be held as an admission on their part, that such discussion and decision were not in their nature objectionable, or unconstitutional, or incompetent, or *ultra vires*, or as compromising or affecting injuriously their status, rights, or privileges, or those of any party or parties interested, in any matter whatsoever, civil or ecclesiastical; and in particular that their so taking part and voting should not invalidate their rights, and the rights of such members of the Synod, as held such discussion or decision either objectionable, or unconstitutional, or incompetent, or *ultra vires*, to remain and continue to be the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and to enjoy all rights and privileges belonging to the same. The same was ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

The Synod having engaged in prayer for the Divine blessing and direction (Mr. Rintoul, on the call of the Moderator,

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conducting the exercise), the vote was then taken between Dr. Cook's motion and Mr. Bayne's amendment; when there voted for Dr. Cook's motion, Mr. John Clugston, Dr. John Cook, Mr. John McMorine, Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. John Smith, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. William Bell, Mr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. Alexander McKid, Mr. George Bell, Mr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Dr. Liddell, Professor Campbell, Mr. Andrew Bell, Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. James George, Mr. Peter Macnaughton, Mr. John Tawse, Mr. James Lambie, Mr. John McMurchy, Mr. John Barclay, Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. Edward Black, Mr. William Mair, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James C. Muir, Mr. John Marlin, Mr. Emile Lapelletrie, Mr. John Mackenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John Maclaurin, Mr. Isaac Purkis, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Mr. Donald Sinclair, Mr. Robert McGill, Mr. Alexander Ross, and Mr. Thomas Scott, *Ministers*; Mr. John Thompson, Mr. William Rutherford, Hon. Thomas Kay, Mr. Archibald Petrie, Mr. John Mowat, Mr. Robert Cleugh, Mr. George Miller, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. James Daniels, Mr. Archibald McFadyen, Hon. John Gillivray, Hon. Justice McLean, Mr. Alexander McMartin, Mr. John McPherson, Mr. George Dawson, Dr. William Craigie, and Mr. John Robson, *Elders, Fifty-Six*; and for Mr. Bayne's amendment, Mr. John M. Roger, Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Henry Gordon, Mr. William Reid, Mr. James Douglass, Mr. Alexander McLean, Mr. William Rintoul, Mr. Henry Esson, Mr. David Black, Mr. Alexander Gale, Mr. Donald McKenzie, Mr. John Bayne, Mr. Angus Mackintosh, Mr. Daniel Allan, Mr. Duncan McMillan, Mr. William Meldrum, Mr. George Cheyne, Mr. Robert Lindsay, Mr. George Smellie, and Mr. Robert Peden, *Ministers*; Mr. John Rutherford, Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. Andrew Milne, Mr. Alexander Lindsay, Mr. William Litster, Mr. Robert Turnbull, Mr. Francis Anderson, Mr. Isaac Wylie, Mr. John Burns, Mr. William Clark, Mr. James F. Westland, Mr. James Webster, Mr. John Matheson, Mr. Allan Henderson, Mr. Peter Drummond, Mr. Donald Frazer, Mr. Peter McNaughton, Mr. George Davidson, and Mr. James Noble, *Elders, Forty*. Mr. William Gourlie, Elder, declined voting.

Dr. Cook's motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

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Vote taken on  
the Relations of  
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Votes for Dr.  
Cook's motion.

Votes for  
Mr. Bayne's  
amendment.

Dr. Cook's  
motion carried.

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Mr. Urquhart's  
resolution added.

The resolutions  
passed by the  
Synod.

It was then moved and seconded, that Mr. Urquhart's resolution be added to those now carried, and form part of the deliverance of the Synod. The same was agreed to without a vote; and the whole were declared to be carried, as follows:

Whereas the peace and well being of the church in this Province are at the present time seriously endangered by doubts and difficulties respecting the position of this church, the Synod resolves and declares—

1. That the spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this Synod, notwithstanding any interpretations which may have been, or may be put on its "connection with the Church of Scotland," has always been, now is, and ought to be free, final and uncontrolled.

2. That the members of this Synod feel themselves called on by the present circumstances of the church to pledge themselves to maintain such supreme jurisdiction of the Synod, over all its members and over the church in this colony, against all interference from any quarter whatever; and to frame an Act declaring such supreme jurisdiction—the said Act to be read over to all Ministers and Probationers, before their admission into this Synod, to the end that it may be clearly understood, by them, that the maintenance of such jurisdiction is a condition of their admission.

3. That the Presbyteries under the jurisdiction of this Synod be directed to receive Ministers and Probationers from all Presbyterian Churches holding the same standards of doctrine and discipline as this church, who shall produce sufficient evidence of their character and good standing, and of their having undergone such course of education, literary, scientific and theological, as has been in ordinary cases held to be sufficient by this church as a preparation for the office of the holy ministry, upon their coming under the usual vows.

4. That in accordance with its resolutions passed in July, 1843, this Synod do anew record their gratitude to God that He, in his good Providence, does not call on them to enter on the discussion or decision for themselves of the practical bearings of those principles which have so unhappily divided the Church of Scotland, in respect either to any infringement of the spiritual independence of this church, or of the privileges of its members, or to the connection which subsists

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Whereupon Mr. Bayne, in his own name and in the name of as many as should adhere to him, entered his dissent from the decision of the Synod, for reasons to be given in to-morrow; when there adhered to him Mr. John M. Roger, Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Henry Gordon, Mr. William Reid, Mr. James Douglass, Mr. Alexander McLean, Mr. William Rintoul, Mr. Henry Esson, Mr. David Black, Mr. Alexander Gale, Mr. Donald McKenzie, Mr. Angus Macintosh, Mr. Daniel Allan, Mr. Duncan McMillan, Mr. William Meldrum, Mr. George Cheyne, Mr. Robert Lindsay, Mr. George Smellie, Mr. Robert Peden, *Ministers*; Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. Andrew Milne, Mr. Alexander Lindsay, Mr. William Litster, Mr. Robert Turnbull, Mr. Francis Anderson, Mr. Isaac Wylie, Mr. William Clark, Mr. James F. Westland, Mr. James Webster, Mr. John Matheson, Mr. Allan Henderson, Mr. Peter Drummond, Mr. Donald Frazer, Mr. Peter McNaughton, Mr. George Davidson, and Mr. James Noble, *Elders*. The Moderator also gave in his adherence to Mr. Bayne's dissent.

Mr. Rintoul tendered to the Synod his resignation of the office of Synod Clerk; and the Synod accepted of the same.

On the motion of Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. George, Mr. Andrew Bell was appointed Synod Clerk, *ad interim*.

The Synod then adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and was closed with prayer.

KINGSTON,

Tuesday,  
July 9, 1844.

Dissentients.

Mr. Rintoul  
resigns the  
clerkship.Mr. A. Bell  
appointed clerk.

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
July 10, 1844.

DIET VII.

*At Kingston, and within St. Andrew's Church,  
there:—Wednesday, the Tenth Day of  
July, One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Forty-Four Years:—*

The which day, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

On the call of the Moderator, Dr. Liddell conducted the devotional exercises of the Synod in praise, prayer, and reading the Scriptures.

The minutes were read and sustained.

Mr. William Macalister, *Minister*, gave in his adherence to Mr. Bayne's dissent.

The Synod instructed the Presbytery of Bathurst to meet with all convenient speed, for the purpose of disposing of the case of Messrs. Smart and Boyd.

It was agreed, in consideration of the length of time to which the present meeting of Synod has extended and the amount of business still to be transacted, that an adjourned meeting of Synod be held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the Third Wednesday in September next, at seven o'clock, P. M.

The Synod appointed the members of the Presbytery of Kingston a committee (Principal Liddell, Convener), to make arrangements for the formation of a Central Fund for the support of the Ministry; also to prepare a draft of a Pastoral Letter to the congregations in connection with this Synod, and to report to the meeting of the Synod at Montreal.

The Synod having called for the Report of the Commissioners of the Synod under the Clergy Reserve Act, the same was given in and read by Dr. Liddell. The Synod sustained the report, and instructed the Commissioners to make renewed and urgent applications to the Government for the early payment of the deficit due for the last and former years upon the sum secured to this church annually by the Clergy Reserve Act.

Bathurst  
Presbytery to  
meet soon.

Meeting of Synod  
at Montreal  
appointed.

Committee on  
Central Funds  
and Pastoral  
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Report of the nine  
Commissioners,  
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Certain papers connected with the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and the management of the Temporalities of the Church, laid before the Synod by several members, having been read, were referred to the Clergy Reserve Commissioners.

Professor Campbell and Mr. Mowat having resigned their office as Commissioners of the Synod under the Clergy Reserve Act, the Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. Black, and the Hon. Peter McGill, both of Montreal, to be Commissioners in their stead; Dr. Black to be the Chairman or Convener of the Board of Commissioners. And the clerk was instructed to communicate to the Governor General this alteration in the list of the commissioners.

The Synod appointed the following committee to consider the applications on behalf of certain students, viz., Dr. Liddell (Convener), Mr. Bell, and Mr. George: and all papers on the subject of students were ordered to be given in to this committee.

The Synod, considering that but very few congregations have sent in contributions to the Board of Publication, directed that the said contributions be returned, and that the charges for the Address on the History and Principles of the Westminster Assembly be paid from the general Synod Fund.

Mr. Maclaurin having called the attention of the Synod to the case of Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Machar, on the part of the Presbytery of Kingston, reported that they had not been able to come to any satisfactory conclusion as to his penitence.

The Synod remitted the case to the Presbytery of Kingston, with instructions to deal with him as they see meet.

The reports of the committees appointed to revise Presbytery Records, having been called for, reports on the records of the Presbyteries of Glengary and Kingston were given in, read, and sustained; and the said records were ordered to be attested accordingly. The records of the other Presbyteries, not having been reported on, were returned to the several Presbyteries, with instructions to produce them for revision at the meeting of Synod at Montreal.

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Wednesday,  
July 10, 1844.

Papers referred.

Alterations in the  
list of the nine  
Commissioners.

Committee on  
Students.

Board of  
Publication  
contributions.

Case of  
Mr. Colquhoun.

Reports of  
Presbytery Record  
Committees.

KINGSTON,  
Wednesday,  
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Finance  
Committee.

Another  
Moderator  
chosen.

Mr. Bayne's  
reasons of dissent.

Subscribers to  
Mr. Bayne's  
reasons of dissent.

Reasons of dissent  
by Mr. Roger  
and Mr. Reid.

Committee to  
answer the  
reasons of dissent.

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The Convener of the Finance Committee made a verbal report ; and the committee was discharged.

Mr. Stark having demitted the office of Moderator, the Rev. John Cook, D.D., was unanimously chosen Moderator, and took the chair accordingly.

Mr. Bayne, on behalf of himself and those adhering to him, laid on the table a document containing their reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod yesterday, and protesting that they could no longer hold office in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland,—subscribed by Mr. Mark Y. Stark, Mr. John Bayne, Mr. Alexander Gale, Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Henry Gordon, Mr. Alexander McLean, Mr. William Rintoul, Mr. Henry Esson, Mr. David Black, Mr. Donald McKenzie, Mr. Angus Mackintosh, Mr. Daniel Allan, Mr. Duncan McMillan, Mr. William Meldrum, Mr. George Cheyne, Mr. Robert Lindsay, Mr. George Smellie, Mr. Robert Peden, Mr. William Macalister, Mr. James Douglass, *Ministers* ; Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Robert Thompson, Mr. Andrew Milne, Mr. Alexander Lindsay, Mr. William Lister, Mr. Robert Turnbull, Mr. Isaac Wylie, Mr. John Burns, Mr. William Clark, Mr. James F. Westland, Mr. James Webster, Mr. John Matheson, Mr. Allan Henderson, Mr. Peter Drummond, Mr. Donald Fraser, Mr. Peter McNaughton, Mr. James Noble, Mr. George Davidson, and Mr. Francis Anderson, *Elders*.

A separate paper was at the same time given in subscribed by Mr. John M. Roger, and Mr. William Reid, *Ministers*, containing their reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod yesterday, and protesting that they could not longer continue in connection with the Synod of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The said documents were read, and ordered to be kept in *retentis*. And the Synod appointed the following committee, viz., Mr. George (Convener), Dr. Cook, Mr. Machar, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. J. C. Muir, Principal Liddell, Professor Campbell, and the Hon. Judge McLean, to prepare a draft of an answer to the said reasons of dissent, and report to the Synod at their meeting in Montreal.

The Synod had transmitted to them by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an overture from Mr. Ross anent

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the Temporalities of the Church,—as also a memorial from Mr. David Evans, Mr. Alexander Mann, Mr. Alexander McKid, and Mr. Joseph Anderson, unendowed ministers in the Presbytery of Bathurst, accompanied with a recommendation of the Presbytery of Bathurst on their behalf. The Synod referred said papers to their commissioners under the Clergy Reserve Act.

The Synod, having had their attention called to the necessity for increased diligence in diffusing among their people sound and scriptural information on the subject of Presbyterian Church government, agreed, in conformity with the instructions given by them last year, to direct, as they hereby do direct, the ministers of this church to bring the subject of church government more fully and prominently before their congregations from time to time; and Presbyteries are enjoined to confer occasionally as to the best way in which the subject may be introduced in the course of pastoral ministrations, and to take order that it is so introduced by every several minister.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a memorial from the Session of Smith's Falls, showing that the traffic on the Lord's Day, on the Rideau Canal, is still carried on with undiminished extent; stating that the session had resolved to exclude from church privileges those members of the church who are employed as lock masters and lock labourers, on account of their being obliged, under the present system, to labour on the Sabbath; and calling the attention of the Synod to the subject, in order that a uniform course of procedure may be adopted in reference to such cases, throughout the church.

After mature deliberation, the Synod appointed the following committee, viz., Mr. George Romanes (Convener), Mr. William Bell, and Mr. Alexander McKid, to draw up a memorial to the Governor General on the subject of the Sabbath Traffic on the Rideau Canal, and report to the Synod at their meeting in Montreal. And the Synod recommend the Session of Smith's Falls, in the mean time, to deal tenderly with those members of the church who are employed upon the canal.

The Synod instructed the Clerk to furnish Presbytery Clerks with the names of those ministers who have adhered

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to the nine  
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Instructions to  
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to the dissent and protest given in by Mr. Bayne ; and the Synod instruct Presbyteries to communicate with the said ministers and any others with regard to whom a *fama* may exist of their having seceded, to ascertain whether they still adhere to the dissent and to their secession from this church, —and, on ascertaining this, to proceed according to the laws of the church, and to intimate the same to the government, —but to take no steps in regard to property until next meeting of Synod. The Synod further instructed Presbyteries to meet at an early day,—sufficiently early to mature their business for the Synod ; and Mr. McGill was instructed to call a meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, to take place on or before the first Wednesday in August, said Presbytery then to elect a Moderator and proceed to business.

The Synod appointed the following members, as the Commission of Synod, to watch over the general interests of the church, and to transact any business devolved upon it, viz., Dr. John Cook, *Moderator* ; and Mr. Andrew Bell, *Synod Clerk*.

*From the Presbytery of Quebec* :—Mr. John Clugston, Mr. John McMorine, *Ministers* ; Mr. James Gibb, Mr. John Thompson, *Elders*.

*From the Presbytery of Bathurst* :—Mr. John Cruickshank, Mr. George Romanes, Mr. Joseph Anderson, *Ministers* ; Mr. William Rutherford, the Hon. Thomas McKay, Mr. Archibald Petrie, *Elders*.

*From the Presbytery of Kingston* :—Mr. John Machar, Mr. Robert Neill, Dr. Thomas Liddell, Mr. P. C. Campbell, *Ministers* ; Mr. John Mowat, Mr. Robert Cleugh, *Elders*.

*From the Presbytery of Toronto* :—Mr. James George, Mr. George Galloway, Mr. James Lambie, Mr. John Barclay, *Ministers* ; Mr. George Miller, Mr. James Daniels, *Elders*.

*From the Presbytery of Montreal* :—Dr. Alexander Mathieson, Dr. Edward Black, Mr. Walter Roach, Mr. James C. Muir, *Ministers* ; Mr. Hugh Brodie, Mr. John Bruce, Mr. James Lang, *Elders*.

*From the Presbytery of Glengary* :—Mr. John Mackenzie, Mr. Hugh Urquhart, Mr. John Maclaurin, *Ministers* ;

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*From the Presbytery of Hamilton:—*Mr. Robert McGill,  
Mr. Thomas Scott, *Ministers*; Mr. George Dawson,  
Dr. William Craigie, Mr. John Robson, *Elders.*

The Synod appointed the Commission to meet in King-  
ston to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, and thereafter on their  
own adjournment.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and intimated  
that the next meeting of Synod would be holden in St.  
Andrew's Church, in the City of Montreal, *on Wednesday,*  
*the Eighteenth Day of September next, at Seven o'clock,*  
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