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"Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and the strength of salvation."

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### Poetry.

#### LOVE OF JESUS.

There is a gem of nameless worth,  
To nations unconfined,  
Undimmed amid the gloom of earth,  
Which all who seek may find;  
'Tis not in oceans' depths concealed  
From human reach or ken,  
Nor in some far untrodden field,  
Beyond the haunts of men.

Its light illumines the darken'd way  
On earth by mortals trod,  
Directs the wanderer's feet that stray,  
And leads him up to God;  
'Tis not of earthly form or mould,  
It came from realms above,  
Of greater worth than pearls or gold—  
That gem is Jesus' love.

—Irish Testament with Notes in both languages, p. 279.

### THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

This court met on the evening of Wednesday, the 20th June, at 7 o'clock, p.m. On the occasion, the Moderator, Rev. Mr. McKenzie, preached from 2 Cor. v. 20. After making up the rolls, upon which there appear sixty names, the Rev. Dr. Willis was unanimously chosen Moderator for the ensuing year. Several committees were appointed, and the Synod adjourned.

On Thursday, the 21st, some additional members took their seats. The Rev. James Lewis, of Leith, and the Rev. Mr. Cullen, deputies from the Free Church of Scotland, presented their commissions from that Church, and were invited to seats in the court.

The greater part of the day was occupied with the consideration of the report on Knox's College; and also, how far King's College can be made available for the education of our young men having a view to the ministry. The following motions were submitted:—

1. By Dr. Burns:—  
"That seeing that essential changes have been made in King's College by the Legislative Act lately passed, and with the intention of putting the benefits of this literary endowment within the reach of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, the Synod resolve to petition for such changes in the internal management of King's College as shall supersede the necessity of a separate literary establishment for our Students, and with this view, shall name a small committee to hold intercourse with the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed to digest a plan for the adaptation of the studies of that Institution to the present state of this Province and the necessities of Evangelical Churches; resolving at the same time to give every countenance to the Toronto Academy as an elementary Institution, and to maintain in vigorous operation our own Institution in its purely theological character."

2. By Mr. Bayne:—  
"That a Committee be appointed to consider what alterations in the internal management of King's College would be sufficient to warrant the Synod in reducing Knox's College to a purely Theological Institution, to prepare a petition to the Commissioners empowered to make such alterations; embodying the conclusions to which they may come, and to report to the Synod at a subsequent Session."

After an animated discussion the vote was taken as follows: for Dr. Burns's motion, 5; Mr. Bayne's, 23; three members declined voting.

The Presbytery of Brockville brought up the case of Mr. Mellick, a student of Divinity. Agreeably to the resolution of last year, the Synod adopted the following resolution:—

"The Synod being satisfied with the attestations given in favour of Mr. Mellick, both prior to his coming to this country, and since his arrival in it, agreed to dispense with a Presbyterial Certificate in his behalf, leaving him to follow out his studies in accordance with the directions given respecting him by the Synod last year."

The evening session was chiefly occupied with an overture from the Presbytery of London, on the eldership, and revival of religion. There was an interesting conversation on these important subjects; after which the following resolution was adopted:—

"That Dr. Burns (convener), Mr. Roger, Mr. Lewis, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Gordon, ministers; Mr. Stewart, Mr. Samuel Anderson, Mr. Redpath, and Mr. McLellan, elders, be a committee to consider the overture in connection with the resolutions adopted by the Synod, last year, on the subject of the revival of religion, and to report to the Synod before the close of the present meeting."

On Friday 22, the forenoon was occupied with the discussion of the College report.

In the afternoon the Synod took up a reference from the Presbytery of Perth, for advice respecting their procedure in the case of Mr. James Y. Cameron, Missionary from the Free Church of Scotland, who had declined the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, when called to account for his conduct. When after hearing the statements of parties, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"The Synod sustain the reference from the Presbytery of Perth, approve of their conduct in asserting the unquestionable jurisdiction of the courts of this Church over Missionaries designated to it by other Churches, and duly received; enjoin Mr. Cameron to submit himself forthwith to the authority of the Presbytery of Perth, and instruct said Presbytery to proceed in the case according to the laws of the Church.—The Clerk to furnish the Presbytery of Perth and Mr. Cameron respectively with extracts of this deliverance."