

THIRTEENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 15th June, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last Diet were read and sustained.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to draw up a loyal and dutiful address to Her Majesty the Queen, viz.: Dr. Willis, Dr. Irvine, Mr. Kemp, and the Clerk of Synod;—Dr. Willis, Convener.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Elders on the subject of Manses. The Overture was in the following terms:—

“The Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, taking into their serious consideration the small number of Manses, compared with the number of churches and congregations now organized, and likely to be hereafter organized, having regard also to the limited amount of stipend allowed to ministers of this Church, in many cases not amounting to the minimum already recommended, and holding it most desirable that every minister should have a Manse in connection with his Church, and, where practicable, in country places, a small glebe;—would impress on the Synod the propriety of their giving such injunction or deliverance to the Presbyteries and congregations on this subject, as may induce them to take considerate action on so important a subject. Your memorialists would suggest that congregations that may not be in circumstances to build Manses at once, would at least endeavour to acquire sites, and this they would particularly impress upon new stations, feeling by experience how much easier it is to acquire land in a new settlement, than some years after.”

Overture on Manses.

A. D. FERRIER,
JAMES COURT.Chalmers' Church, Kingston, }
11th June, 1857. }

The Synod unanimously resolved to approve of the Overture, and to call the attention of Presbyteries to the important matters therein set forth, and direct the Overture to be printed in the *Record*, with the view of bringing the matter more extensively under the notice of the members of the Church.

Approved by Synod.

The Synod then took up consideration of the draft of Act of Incorporation embodied in the Report of the Committee.

Draft Act of Incorporation considered.

It was unanimously agreed to receive the Report, and approve of the diligence of the Committee entrusted with the duty, and to proceed to read and consider the draft section by section.

The preamble was agreed to, with the exception, that the name of the College shall be “Knox College” instead of “The John Knox College.”

Section 1st was read and approved, with the exception of ‘three years’ for ‘one year’ as the period within which real estate acquired by the College shall be sold.

Section 2nd was read and approved, with the omission of one