

Pastoral
Letter on
Intemperance.

The Synod also agree to issue a pastoral letter to the members of the Church, embodying the suggestions in the overture; the Moderator to prepare the same and sign it in name of the Synod.

The Synod took up an overture from several ministers and elders, for the issuing of a strong recommendation to all the members of the Synod, to abstain entirely from all intoxicating liquors, and to discourage, by influence and example, drinking usages, which prove the bane of society. The overture was considered, and the Synod unanimously adopted the following resolutions:—

That inasmuch as it appears that habits of intemperance have of late been greatly on the increase in not a few places of the Province, and that these habits are the prolific source of a large proportion of the sins of society and the church; and whereas the sin of intemperance operates as a strong barrier in the way of the success of the Gospel ministry; and whereas there is reason to fear that the sin will go on with rapid strides, just in proportion as the Province increases in population and in wealth, unless some strenuous effort be made to check its progress: The Synod agree to enjoin all its members to discourage, by their influence and example, the ordinary use of intoxicating liquors, and those drinking usages which have so long proved the bane of society. The Synod farther agree to enjoin all Presbyteries and Sessions to use their best endeavours to the same effect, in the exercise of faithful and scriptural discipline.

Resolutions
respecting
College.

The report of the committee on the suggestions and recommendations contained in the College Report, was read and approved, when, on motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the College shall be called "KNOX'S COLLEGE"—and, in conformity with the recommendations of the report, that the College Committee to be appointed shall take the steps indicated in the report for raising funds, obtaining a site in Toronto for College buildings, establishing an Academy or High School, and appointing a Master for the same; and the Moderator was instructed to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, for the immediate appointment of an additional Professor of Theology from the list of five ministers of the Free Church of Scotland submitted by the committee.

College
Committee.

The Synod appointed the following members, the College Committee for the ensuing year:—The Moderator, Mr. Rintoul, convener; Dr. Burns; Mr. Esson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Gale, Mr. Stark, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Roger, Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, Mr.

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