

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD AT HAMILTON, 1853.

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of the Legislature of a land to descriminate carefully betwixt those matters of conscience which no public law can reach, and those systems of priestcraft which are based on allegiance to a foreign power, and are in their tendency inimical to the rights of loyal subjects, and the interests of public morals and of the public safety.

While the Synod lifts this solemn protest on the grounds referred to, her members are reminded of their duty of using all the means at their command for lessening the influence of Popery in the Province, and advancing the progress of evangelical truth.

The Synod appointed the following Committee—namely, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Messrs. Irvine, Reid, Wightman, D. Fraser and Clark, Ministers; with Messrs. McMurrich, Shaw, Henning, Redpath, Court and Gibb, Elders, to take steps towards the liquidation of the debt in connexion with Buxton Mission. Mr. Shaw to be Convener of the Committee.

The Synod farther agreed specially to request Mr. King to issue an appeal in regard to this Mission; and to follow it up by visiting as many of the congregations as he may be able to overtake, with the view of bringing Buxton Mission more prominently under the notice of our people.

The Synod appointed the following Ministers and Elders as the Commission of Synod, to hold one ordinary meeting at Toronto, on the second Wednesday of October—namely, the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Messrs. McLeod, Roger, J. W. Smith, Gregg, R. F. Burns, Boyd, McMurray, S. C. Fraser, Wardrope, Duncan, D. Fraser, Quin, Inglis, D. McKenzie, Scott, T. McPherson, Irvine, Lowry, Wightman, Ure, Bayne, Cheyne, Smellie and Young, Ministers; and Dr. Holden, Messrs. Morgan, Casement, Matthews, Breakenridge, Hay, R. Davidson, Redpath, Gibb, Clark of London, D. Campbell, Shaw, Henning, McMurrich, McLellan, Stewart and Mair, Elders.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to record the thanks of the Synod to the office bearers and Trustees of Knox's Church, Hamilton, for the comfortable accommodation provided in that Church for the Synod during its Sessions at this time.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to record the thanks of the Synod to the friends in Hamilton, for the hospitality so kindly extended to the Ministers and Elders of the Synod on this occasion.

The business being now concluded, the Moderator announced that the next ordinary meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada would be held in the City of Toronto, and within Knox's Church there, on the second Wednesday of June, 1854, at three o'clock, P.M.

After prayer, and the singing of part of the 122nd Psalm, the Synod was closed with the benediction.