

leges for keeping a public-house, where intoxicating liquors had been for a time vended contrary to law, and in which, when the sale was subsequently legalized, disorderly practices were allowed.

Papers having been read, Mrs. Fraser appeared, in the absence of her husband. Rev. Messrs. Baxter and Wm. Murray were appointed to give her counsel and aid in conducting her case.

Rev. Mr. Bayne and Mr. George Grant appeared on the part of the Session, and the Moderator and Clerk appeared for the Presbytery.

Mrs. Fraser was then heard, in support of her appeal. Mr. Bayne then spoke on the part of the Session, and the Clerk of Presbytery in defence of the Presbytery's decision. Replies were given by Mrs. Fraser and also by Messrs. Baxter and Murray. Questions were asked and parties were then removed, when it was moved by Mr. C. Robson, seconded by Rev. P. G. McGregor, sustain the appeal, on the ground that the proceedings of the Session have been vitiated by the want of any meeting of the parties with the Session, and of any citation to the parties to meet the Session; but in sustaining the appeal, and in reversing the decision of Session and Presbytery, the Synod declare that in their opinion the keeping of a house, in which liquors are illegally sold, or which is disorderly in its character, is a good ground of suspension, and if persevered in, of exclusion from the membership of the Church.

The Rev. H. Crawford moved, Rev. A. Fraser seconding, whereas the late Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia declared that carrying on the liquor traffic by members of the Church is inconsistent with the obligations of their christian profession, and as the Session preceeded in the premises in accordance with that declaration, the Synod dismiss the appeal and sustain the action of the Session and Presbytery.

The question being taken, the first motion passed, and the appeal was sustained accordingly.

Parties being called on, the decision was intimated to them, when the Synod closed with prayer.

EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Moderator, when, after reading of the Word and praise, the Rev. W. McCulloch lead in prayer. The minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The Rev. H. Crawford read the report of the committee on Temperance, and submitted resolutions for the Synods consideration. The report was received and the following resolutions adopted, as recommended in the report:—

1st, That in view of the state of our Church and Community, in these Lower Provinces, as now brought under our notice, we regard ourselves as under special obligations to advocate by persuasion and example, the principles of Total Abstinence.

2nd, That the members of this Synod, be earnestly recommended to co-operate with the friends of Temperance in their several fields of labor, in all judicious efforts for the success of the cause,—to preach at least one sermon each year on temperance, and to refer to the subject occasionally in their public discourses.

3rd, That the Synod do strictly enjoin on Sessions and Presbyteries, greater