

The Synod appointed the following Committee to superintend Knox's College during the current year, viz., Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Roger, Mr. R. Boyd, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Stark, Mr. Gale, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Rintoul, Ministers; and Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Davidson, Honourable M. Cameron, Honourable John McDonauld, Dr. Dickson, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McMurrich, and Mr. Shaw; together with the Professors,—Dr. Willis, Convener.

Mr. Wardrope, in behalf of the Presbytery of Perth, took public protestation that an appeal from a sentence of that Presbytery, taken by Mr. W. Moorhead, had been fallen from, inasmuch as no papers had been lodged, and no person had appeared for the appeal; and farther, craved an extract of this minute, which the Synod granted.

The Synod took up an Overture on Popery, which was sustained, and the following Resolutions, submitted by Dr. Burns, were adopted:—

I. Regarding Popery as at once a system of Religious Error and Ecclesiastical Despotism, at war with the civil interests of mankind, we cannot but look with serious apprehension on every fresh effort put forth by its abettors to regain ascendancy in Protestant lands.

II. While we recognise no Head of the Church save the Lord Jesus Christ, and disown all claims to such headship on the part of any secular power as nugatory, we consider the late proceedings of the Pope, in regard to the establishment of a Hierarchy in Great Britain, as a direct assumption of Papal supremacy, and to be resisted by every constitutional means, on the part of a Protestant Government.

III. We are clearly of opinion that the dangers to be apprehended from the present aggressive movements of the Papacy, have been greatly encouraged by the endowment of Romish Colleges and Schools, and by the recognition of the titles of its dignitaries, both at Home and in the Colonies; as also by the widespread prevalence of Puseyite and Tractarian error.

IV. We enter our protest against the numerous incorporating acts in favour of Romish priests and churches, and the claims of the Romish Church to a restitution of the Jesuits' Estates, and against all countenance given by public authority to a system dangerous to the civil and religious interests of mankind.

V. We feel deeply humbled on account of the divisions in Churches called Protestant, and the measure of formality and worldly conformity that marks the administration of so many Christian Societies; and we call on our people to be very earnest in supplication and prayer, for a gracious effusion of the Holy Spirit, that truth may triumph over error, and that the beauty of holiness may ever rest on the Church of the living God.

VI. Lastly, we recommend to our Ministers and Missionaries, to take every opportunity of pointing out to their people the Errors of Popery, and of seeking to establish them in that truth which maketh wise unto salvation.

The Synod unanimously agreed to record their thanks to the Office-Bearers and Trustees of the Brock-street Church, Kingston, for the accommodation kindly afforded to the Synod during the present session; and, to the friends in Kingston, for the hospitality received by the Ministers and Elders during the present session.