

We cannot permit ourselves to believe that a measure like this can ultimately, under any circumstances, obtain the sanction and approval of an enlightened, experienced, and patriotic statesman, such as we conceive our present Governor to be; we cannot imagine it possible that he will recommend to our gracious Sovereign to sanction it, stamped as it is with every feature of deformity which can characterize the worst ministerial job, thereby raising a monument of shame to dishonour his own name, and throwing a stigma upon his administration in all future time. We can only at present throw out two or three remarks to justify this emphatic condemnation of the Bill, indicating the most obvious and weighty objections to which it is obnoxious.

It destroys and annihilates the very object, and precludes the possibility of fulfilling the great end for which a university education is designed in the view of all enlightened statesmen.

This Bill, while it paralyzes the existing Institution by breaking down its funds—now nearly a legate to the purposes of their destination—and precludes the very possibility of providing a comprehensive and efficient education for our youth, at the same time aggravates enormously the well founded and heretofore vainly urged complaint of the country, against the sectarian character and administration of the University of King's College. For one sectarian college, opposed and jealously watched by the numerous rival and distrustful denominations hitherto excluded from its management, we are to have by the present bill four or five denominational colleges, with all the concentrated spirit, it may be, in some instances; the rankest virus of sectarianism, bigotry, and political partizanship. A meagre and paltry provision of literature, science, and philosophy, is all that the fractional part of a noble fund, thus partitioned, by this worse than Gothic or Vandal barbarism of our Canadian rulers, can be expected to afford.

It needs no prophetic vision to foresee the miserable and fatal results of this suicidal enactment, in sweeping away at one fell blow all the valuable and permanent blessings of higher education, by which the most influential portion of the youth of our land might, under a wise and impartial management and application of this noble fund, be qualified to serve their country in all its most important interests, to be the light and the heaven of the coming age. If this bill shall be allowed to become law, a gross and palpable insult, as well as an outrageous wrong, will be inflicted on the country at large—forasmuch as instead of removing or lessening the weighty and unanswerable objection of the existing partial and sectarian administration of the government and funds of the university, it aggravates it a thousand fold, by superadding three other purely sectarian colleges, to extend, multiply and perpetuate the evils of which the country are seeking redress at the hands of the rulers and the legislature; and to eterize sectarian distinctions and divisions by infusing

their fatal taint into the very main fountains of national education.

This bill, in fine, runs in direct opposition to every principle of sound policy and enlightened legislation, which would naturally aim at making such seminaries common centres, in which all the youth of the land may be brought together and associated on perfectly equal terms in the generous pursuits of liberal knowledge and science, and where an assimilating and harmonizing influence may be brought to bear on their minds and hearts, thereby rendering these institutions the cement of nationality, and the source of a equal, common, and liberal-minded patriotism.

But it will be our duty to resume this subject at an early opportunity, and to enter more fully into the grounds of our opposition; in the mean while we exhort our people to lose no time in petitioning with all vigour against this impolitic and injurious measure.

It may be proper to add for the information of our beloved brethren, that having, in the providence of God, met in this city on business connected with the Church, we have felt ourselves warranted, and in a manner constrained, from the abrupt introduction of the bill and the necessity of immediate action in opposing it, to issue this notification calling upon our people to petition against it, not doubting that we shall have their unanimous approval and concurrence in this proceeding.

Signed HENRY ESSON,
WILLIAM RINTOUL,
JAMES HARRIS,
ALEXANDER GALE,
THOS. WIGHTMAN.

Toronto, 17th July, 1847.

The readers of the Record will, we are sure, be happy to receive in this number the College Report, and other important Synodical documents.

The publication of this number has, we are sorry to say, been delayed by various circumstances, which the editor could not well control.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD AT KINGSTON.

KINGSTON BROOK-STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
2nd June, 1847, Wednesday,
Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and heard sermon from Mr. John Bayne, moderator, from Colossians ii., 9.—“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

The Synod was constituted for business with prayer, by the Moderator.

Presbytery Rolls were given in, and the Synod Roll was made up and read, and the members present answered to their names.

The election of a new Moderator deferred until the Session of to-morrow forenoon, on the ground that several members of Synod had not yet arrived in Kingston.

A reference having been made to the Synod by the Clerk respecting uniformity in the making up of the Rolls of the several Presbyteries, and the propriety of placing permanently on the Roll of the Presbytery of Toronto, those ministers not connected with charges, who have during the past year been appointed to offices in Knox's College and the Toronto Academy:

The Synod appointed the following Committee:—Mr. Roger, Convener, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Bied, Mr. Smellie, Mr. McDowell, Ministers, Mr. Steen, Mr. Latour, Elders, to consider the matters in said reference, to recommend some uniform method of making up the Rolls of Presbyteries, and report as to the propriety of giving all ministers in the College and Academy, not already attached to the Presbytery of Toronto, a place in the Presbytery; also a committee of Bills and Overtures appointed—committees for revising the records of the several Presbyteries, and the records of the Synod and Commission; Presbyteries authorized to meet in Kingston for any competent business during the present sessions.

The Synod to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M., and devote one hour to devotional exercises.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures to meet at 10 o'clock, and the Synod to be constituted for business at 11, A. M.

KINGSTON CITY BELLINGHOUS,

Thursday, June 3, 9 A.M.

The Synod met and engaged in devotional exercises.

At 11 A.M. the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The Roll was called and the names of members present marked.

The Moderator called on the Synod to proceed to the election of a new Moderator. It was then moved by Mr. J. M. Roger, and seconded by Mr. James Roger,

That Mr. James Harris be elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

The Synod expressed their cordial approbation of the motion, but on Mr. Harris' earnest declination of the appointment on account of his health and other considerations, it was agreed that the motion should be withdrawn.

Mr. Gordon moved that Mr. William Smart be chosen Moderator. Mr. Smart requested that his name should be withdrawn, on the ground of his infirm health, the motion was withdrawn accordingly.

It was then moved and seconded, that Mr. John M. Roger be appointed Moderator. The motion was unanimously and cordially carried. The Chair was then vacated by Mr. Bayne and taken by Mr. Roger.

On motion made and seconded it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Bayne be requested to allow the excellent sermon, preached by him last night, to be published. Mr. Bayne consented, and Smellie and Mr. Gordon were appointed to superintend the publication, it being understood that no charge shall be made on the Synod Fund on account of it.

Mr. Walter McGillivray minister of St. Jude's Church, Glasgow, Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland, being present was cordially and unanimously welcomed by the Synod, and invited to sit and deliberate during the present Session.

A Report from the Committee on the reference from the Clerk, respecting the Rolls of Presbyteries was given in and read.

The Synod sustained the Report and referred the recommendation in it respecting the admission into the Presbyteries of Elders from congregations not having Pastors, to the committee on the Code of Discipline, and in terms of the other recommendations of the Report, resolved that no general rule, for the present, be passed respecting the admission into Presbyteries of ministers not in settled charges, but that each case shall be brought before the Synod through the Presbytery of the bounds to be dealt with as the Synod shall see fit. That Mr. Alexander Gale, Principal of the Toronto Academy, be received as a member of the Presbytery of Toronto; and that the question as to the admission into the same Presbytery of Mr. Thomas Wightman, first assistant master in the aforesaid Academy, shall be considered in connection with a reference from the Presbytery of Kingston, respecting his demission of his ministerial charge at Camden.

Committees were appointed on the Records of