

## 16 MINUTES OF SYNOD, KINGSTON, JUNE 1ST, 1864.

### THE LATE DR. SKINNER.

The Synod unanimously agree to express their sense of the loss which the Church has sustained, since the last annual meeting of this Court, by the death of the Rev. John Skinner, D.D., Minister of Nelson and Waterdown, who by his talents and zeal not only discharged his pastoral duties in the most exemplary manner, but also exerted himself successfully in behalf of Schemes to which the Church attaches the highest importance. The Synod regard with the utmost satisfaction the untiring efforts of Dr. Skinner in promoting the spiritual welfare of his flock, and commend for imitation the spirit of love, harmony, and liberality, displayed by his people. Though no longer enjoying his kind, methodical, and genial pastoral superintendence, his valuable and wise counsel in times of trial, affliction, and bereavement, the Synod trust that, gratefully cherishing his memory, the congregations of Nelson and Waterdown will be followers of him, wherein he was a follower of Christ, and be made to experience that all things work together for good to them that love God. The Clerk is instructed to transmit an extract of this Minute to Mrs. Skinner.

### ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

It was moved by Rev. George Bell, seconded by Rev. Alexander Mann, and passed unanimously, That the Rev. Archibald Walker, Minister at Belleville, be Moderator for the year,—and he being present took the chair.

### THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Dr. Urquhart, and passed unanimously, the Moderator tendered to the Rev. John Campbell the thanks of the Synod for the efficiency and dignity with which he acted as Moderator, and for his discourse this day at the opening of the Court.

### REPORT ON BUSINESS.

The report of the Committee on Business was called for and read. The Synod agreed to follow the order of business prepared by the Committee and the recommendations contained in their report.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. On Bills and Overtures :—The Moderator, *Convener*, Messrs. Macdonnell, Burnet, Mair, H. Cameron, McMorine, Morrison, J. Campbell, Inglis, K. McLennan, Macmurchy, T. G. Smith, Black, Nicol, A. McLean, Brymuer.

2. On References, Complaints and Appeals :—Dr. Spence, *Convener*, Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Cook, Dr. Urquhart, Dr. Barclay, the Clerk, Messrs. G. Bell, W. Bell, Mackerras, J. Patterson, Judge Malloch, and Alex. Morris.

## MINUTE

3. To revise Watson, Darro Borthwick, Eva Mullen, Cleland Fordyce, McLau

4. To revise S Campbell (Brook

5. To draft an *Convener*, Messrs.

6. To draft an *vener*, Dr. Muir, A

7. On Applicati *ner*, Dr. Mathieson A. Ferguson.

8. On applicatio Churches :—Mr. M Darrach, Davidson

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