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MINUTES OF THE SYNOD AT KINGSTON, 1852.

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That the Synod adopt the overture of the Presbytery of Kingston, on the subject of Intemperance, and, in accordance with its recommendation, agree to petition the Legislature of the Province to enact a law for the total suppression of the importation, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and that the Moderator and Synod Clerks be empowered to prepare, sign, and forward a petition to this effect; that the Synod moreover recommend each congregation to adopt similar petitions, and appoint the following committee to take further measures for the suppression of Intemperance, viz:—Mr. William Reid, Convener, Messrs. Bayne, Gordon, Smith of Grafton, Gregg, ministers; and Hon. John McDonald, Messrs. James Breakenridge, George Robertson, D. Catnach, elders.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M., and the diet was closed with prayer.

SESSION IX.

KINGSTON, SATURDAY, 12th June, 1852,
Nine o'clock, a. m.

The Synod again met and was constituted.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved, that in order to define the position of Mr. Alexander Gale, Principal of the Toronto Academy, in regard to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the Synod declare, as they hereby do, that, in consideration of his long and faithful services to the Church, which has been so largely benefited by his experience and talents in conducting her business in trying times; in consideration of his whole life having been devoted to her interests, and in consideration of his ceasing to be a Pastor, (although still continuing to do ministerial duty) by the act of the Church, Mr. Gale is fully entitled both morally and legally, to participate in all the benefits of this Fund.

The Synod appointed the following Committee, viz: Dr. Willis, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Roger, Mr. Lowry, ministers; and Mr. McLellan, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Mair, and Mr. Kennedy, elders, to consider the peculiar position of Mr. Gale with relation to the Synod, and to report.

The Committee on Finance gave in a Report which was read by Mr. Ferrier, Convener.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to sustain the Report.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, in regard to the right to celebrate marriage in the Province.