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MINUTES OF SYNOD, KINGSTON, THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1853. 13

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a recommendation from the Presbytery of Hamilton in favour of the Rev. John Skinner, D.D., stating that "the Rev. John Skinner, D.D., lately a Minister in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (old school) of the United States, appeared, and expressed his desire to be received as a Minister of this Church. The Presbytery, having examined his literary and Theological attainments, his reasons for joining this Church, and his views of its Constitution and Government, together with his College and Presbyterial Certificates, and being satisfied therewith, agreed to recommend him to the Synod for admission into this Church as a Minister thereof, and, in the meantime to employ him as a Missionary within the bounds." The Synod directed that Dr. Skinner appear before the Examining Committee.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Presbytery of Toronto for leave to take Mr. David Watson, Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, on trials for license, of the following tenor:—"Mr. David Watson, Student in Divinity, applied to be taken on trials for license. Mr. Watson's Certificates were produced, read, and duly considered. It appeared that, although the prescribed number of terms had elapsed since Mr. Watson commenced his College course, his actual attendance at Queen's College lacked one year, in consequence of his absence from the Divinity Hall for one Session, and that not the last. The Presbytery, considering the high standing of Mr. Watson at Queen's College, as testified to in said certificates, and verbally by the Rev. James George, Professor of Systematic Theology, a member of this Presbytery, —considering that the deficiency of one Session from the full Theological Course was occasioned by his absence for cause assigned, while his studies were not laid aside, but his private readings were continued, —considering more especially Mr. Watson's qualifications in the Gaelic language, and the great want of Gaelic Ministers, particularly in this Presbytery, in which there are several very important Gaelic charges that have for many years been destitute of public ordinances and whose urgent calls for Ministers have met with so many disappointments, —therefore the Presbytery would, for all these reasons, respectfully request the Synod, in the special circumstances of the case, to authorize their taking Mr. Watson on trials for license."

The Synod also had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Presbytery of Bathurst for leave to take Mr. John Hugh McKerras, Student of Divinity, of Queen's College, on trials for license, of the following tenor:—"Mr. John Hugh McKerras, Student of Divinity, laid on the Table, with the view of being taken on trials for license, his certificates of attendance at Queen's