

in their private capacity, to oppose and resist any attempts to relax the laws now restraining the sale of intoxicating liquors, especially those relating to the early closing of saloons and hotels on Saturday night, but rather to see, as far as in them lies, that these laws be faithfully administered."

INVITATIONS TO THE SYNOD.

Invitations were read from Mr. Millar, the Principal of the Collegiate Institute, and the Rev. B. F. Austin, Principal of the Alma College, asking the members of Synod to visit these Institutions while in the city; also from the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, offering the use of their reading room to the ministers while in the city. The Clerk was instructed to thank these gentlemen for their invitations.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 7.30 p. m., and the Sederunt was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, St. Thomas, April tenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, half-past seven o'clock p. m. The Synod again met and was duly constituted, the Moderator, Rev. A. D. McDonald and Mr. Mungo Fraser, M. A., engaging in devotional exercises.

MINUTES SUSTAINED.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. D. D. McLeod read the report on the State of Religion.

On motion of Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. McQuarrie, the report was received.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. McLeod and the Committee for the carefully prepared report now submitted, and that the recommendations of the Committee considered *seriatim*.

The Synod then considered the recommendations *seriatim*, and adopted them as follows;

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