

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. Patrick Greig, a licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church, just arrived from Scotland, presented credentials from the Secretary of the Board of Missions, and from the Presbytery of Kirkaldy, of a very satisfactory kind.

Mr. Greig was unanimously and cordially received as a preacher of this Church.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a paper marked XIV., in the following terms, viz :

Report of Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Overture in regard to the suppression of Intemperance.

That the undersigned members of Synod request this Reverend Court to adopt the following Resolutions as their deliverance on the above important subject, as peculiarly called for at the present crisis.

1. That we behold with regret and alarm the devastating influences of intemperance throughout the country, and the numerous instances in which it brings dishonour on the cause of Christ, even through those who bear his name.

2. That it gives this Court pleasure to learn that an important movement is now on foot throughout the united Province of Canada, with a view to obtain the interposition of the Legislature, to the extent of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks within its bounds, excepting under certain salutary limitations, and that that movement has hitherto been attended with unexpected and gratifying success.

3. That as it is of the highest importance that the United Presbyterian Church should lend the full weight of their sanction to said movement, they recommend to sessions and congregations to give it their zealous aid and co-operation, by the adoption of such measures, in their respective localities, as shall appear best fitted to secure the contemplated and desired object.

All which is respectfully overtured.

(Signed)

WILLIAM TAYLOR, D.D.
ROBERT THORNTON,
WILLIAM AITKEN,
JAMES SKINNER.

The Overture was unanimously adopted, and the Synod did, and do resolve in terms thereof.

Took up the protest and appeal of George Penman Ure, against the decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, in a case of protest and appeal against a decision of the Session of Toronto congregation, refusing to ordain him to the office of an elder in that congregation.

Read the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto in relation to the case, and containing their decision. Read Mr. Ure's protest against the decision of Presbytery. Read also Mr. Ure's protest and appeal against the decision of Session.—Read also the records of the Session of Toronto congregation in relation to the case of Mr. Ure.

Heard Mr. Ure in support of his protest and appeal.

Heard also Messrs. Dick, Coutts, and Pringle, in defence of the Presbytery. Heard Mr. Bell and Mr. Jennings on behalf of the Session of Toronto congregation. Heard Mr. Ure in reply.