

KINGSTON,
Tuesday,
July 8, 1845.

Resolution anent
encouraging
young men to
study for the
ministry.

Papers anent a
Widow's Fund
referred to a
committee.

Darlington
annexed to the
Presbytery of
Toronto.

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It was moved by Mr. McGill, and unanimously agreed to, that this Synod, in view of the great spiritual destitution prevailing in many places within our bounds; and being now fully aware that we cannot reasonably look for any considerable relief from the parent church, or any other Presbyterian church in the United Kingdom,—resolve anew that we are specially called of God to use our utmost exertions to raise up a supply for the ministry among us from among the youth of this land,—instruct ministers to make continued supplication unto God, as well in their private as in their public prayers, that He may be pleased to send forth more labourers into the harvest, and also enjoin them frequently to admonish parents to consider what may be the call of God upon them in reference to the consecration of their children unto Him, in whatever department of service they may be qualified;—and, further, enjoin upon all Presbyteries and Sessions to make careful and diligent enquiry, in the several congregations within their respective bounds, to ascertain whether any young men may be found in them whose attention should be specially called to the claims of Christ upon them, in regard to the ministry of this church,—and to aid and encourage by all the means in their power such suitable young men as may declare their purpose to consecrate themselves to this sacred vocation.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their committee of bills and overtures, a memorial anent a widows' fund, and a scheme for the formation of the same, from Dr. Craigie and Mr. George Elmslie of Ancaster,—together with a paper on the same subject, by the Rev. James C. Muir, of Georgetown. The said papers having been read and considered, the Synod referred them to the Lay Association committee, with instructions to report upon them to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod had next transmitted to them, by their committee of bills and overtures, a petition from the congregation of Darlington, praying that they might be put under the care of the Presbytery of Toronto. The Synod, having duly considered the reasons assigned by the petitioners for the desired change, agreed to grant their prayer, and annexed the township of Darlington to the Presbytery of Toronto.

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