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MINUTES OF SYNOD, MONTREAL, SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1848. 15

I am no stranger to the service in the cause of peace, order and Godliness, which the Church of Scotland has rendered, both at home and in the Colonies, and I therefore receive the assurances contained in your Address, with entire confidence in their sincerity.

I join with you in devout gratitude to Almighty God, for the large measure of tranquility which this Province enjoys. The afflictions which have visited less favoured lands, should teach us the more highly to prize this blessing, and incite us to endeavour, by a faithful adherence to the principles of Religion, and duty to God and man, to procure its continuance.

The Committee appointed at last meeting, to answer, in detail, the communication from the General Assembly's Colonial Committee anent Queen's College, laid before the Synod a copy of the answer transmitted by them, which was read and approved of. The same was ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a Report from the Presbytery of Kingston, as instructed at last meeting of Synod, on the course of Study to be pursued at Queen's College, by Students for the Holy Ministry. The same was read and referred to the following Committee, with instructions to report, on Tuesday, the Draft of an Act for the adoption of the Synod, viz.:—Professor Romanes, Mr. George, Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Muir, and Mr. Roach.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to revise the existing laws for the licensing of Students, and receiving Probationers and Ministers from other Churches, viz.:—Dr. Mathieson, Dr. Muir, Mr. George, and Mr. Roach.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an application from the Congregation of Milton, under the Ministry of the Rev. Peter Ferguson of Esquesing, in the Presbytery of Toronto, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, for aid in regard to their new Church:—also an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, sanctioning the application, and stating that the Title Deed of the Property had been laid before the Presbytery, and found perfectly satisfactory. The Synod, having heard a full statement of the case, agreed to approve in the fullest manner of the application, and instructed the Clerk to transmit the same to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, with Extract Minutes both of Presbytery and Synod.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, for the Synod to admit the Rev. Robert Murray, one of the Professors of King's College,