

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee for Bills and Overtures, an overture from Mr. Andrew Bell, *Minister*, and Mr. John Mowat, *Ruling Elder*, respecting the equalization of expenses incurred by members attending the meeting of Synod, and the payment of such expenses.

The Synod having heard said Overture, approved of the same, and appointed the following members a Committee to digest a scheme for carrying it into operation, to be laid before the Synod at their next session, viz:—Mr. Andrew Bell, *Convener*, Mr. Peter Ferguson and Mr. Robert Murray.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee for Bills and Overtures, a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, for advice in the case of Mr. Duncan Macauley, a Minister of this Church, now resident within the bounds of the said Presbytery, charged with various offences alleged to have been committed during his residence within the bounds of the Presbytery of Quebec.

The Synod, having heard the reference, and the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto connected therewith, and having considered the same, instructed the Presbytery of Quebec to investigate the charges against the said Mr. Duncan Macauley, and, if they shall see cause, to frame and prosecute a libel against him according to the laws of the Church, and authorize them to proceed in such process to any sentence short of deposition, notwithstanding any appeal that may be taken in the case.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee for Bills and Overtures, a letter from the Congregation of Gananoque, calling the attention of the Synod to their religious condition and requesting counsel and aid for obtaining the services of a pastor.

The Synod referred this letter to the Presbytery of Kingston, and recommended the subject thereof to their early and favourable consideration.

The Synod had transmitted them, by their Committee for Bills and Overtures, an overture from Mr. John Mowat, of the following tenor:—

“That Committees be appointed, one in the Upper and one in the Lower Province, to consider the best method of obtaining an Act of Incorporation for the Church, and to prepare a draft of an Act for that purpose, to be laid before the Synod at their next session.”

The Synod agreed to this Overture, and appointed two Committees in accordance therewith, viz.:—Mr. Alexander Mathieson, *Convener*, Mr. Henry Esson and Mr. John Cook, *Ministers*, and Dr. Morren, and Mr. James Fleming, *Ruling Elders*, for the Lower Province; and Mr. Wm.

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