

reason to suspect the misinterpretation which had been put upon his testimony; and still further, that when he did profess to explain, his explanation was not of that frank, distinct, and friendly nature which the circumstances of the case called for.

But further, the Synod in pronouncing this opinion about the action of Dr. Willis, feel called upon to put on record their sense of the imprudence of Dr. Burns in the case which led to the evidence given by Dr. Willis, viz: his bringing an individual before the Police Court on insufficient legal evidence: though they cannot regard this as furnishing an excuse for the conduct of Dr. Willis.

III. Thirdly, The Synod do not feel called upon to enter upon the consideration of the question, how far Dr. Willis's charges against Dr. Burns, as explained by himself, are well or ill founded: inasmuch as they do not charge any particular act of moral delinquency against Dr. Burns, and are such that the satisfactory investigation of them is from the very nature of the case impossible.

IV. Fourthly, The explanations given by Dr. Willis having certainly lessened the breach which the *naked* language of Dr. Willis was fitted to produce, the Synod trust that Dr. Burns and Dr. Willis will be enabled to consider the causes of difference still existing between them, in a Christian spirit, and will endeavour, as far as possible, to come to a mutual good understanding in regard to these.

In conclusion, the Committee looking upon the scandal caused by the occurrences, which have led to this investigation, as fitted to shake the confidence of their people in the College, on the efficiency of which, the prosperity of our Church so much depends, would respectfully recommend to the Synod, to have special regard to this in all their action about the College.

On motion made and seconded, it was resolved to sustain the report, and adopt as the deliverance of Synod in this case, the deliverance embodied in the Report of the Committees.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock, and the diet was closed with prayer.

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EIGHTH DIET.

HAMILTON, SATURDAY,

June 11, 1853, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted.

After the usual devotional exercises, the minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Synod proceeded to take up a reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, in regard to the induction of the Rev. W. B. Clark as Minister of Chalmers' Church, Quebec. The various papers con-

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