

KINGSTON,
Saturday,
July 5, 1845.

Act anent greater
punctuality in the
electing of
Representative
Elders by Sessions

Letter from
trustees of the
church in Cavan.

Report of the
committee on
re-union.

Draft of model
constitution
referred to
Presbyteries.

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Whereas many of the Kirk Sessions connected with the Synod are very neglectful of their duty in returning Representative Elders to the higher Church Courts, the Synod enjoin Sessions to use greater diligence in this matter, and instruct Presbyteries to employ all competent means to secure a compliance with this injunction on the part of Sessions :—And the Synod, further, enact that all Representative Elders shall be elected within two months after the annual meeting of Synod, to attend the meetings of the Presbytery of the bounds and the ensuing annual meeting of the Synod ; that in case of death or demission, a new election shall be made within one month of the same ; and that the extract minutes of such elections, duly certified, shall be laid on the tables of Presbyteries at their first ordinary meeting after such elections shall have taken place.

The Synod had transmitted to them, by their Committee of Bills and Overtures, a letter from the Trustees of the Church on the town line between Cavan and Monaghan, seeking advice in reference to their Church. The same having been read and considered was referred to the Committee on Glebes.

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to negotiate on the subject of re-union with the Seceding Brethren, which was given in and read by Mr. McGill, the Convener, stating that in November last they had a meeting with the committee appointed by the Seceding Synod and discussed several points connected with the subject of re-union, but that the sentiments unequivocally expressed by the Seceding Brethren in regard to the Church of Scotland were such that the committee concluded to hold them as a bar to all negotiations, *in limine*, and thus the conference terminated. The said report was ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

The Synod called for the report of the committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to draft a model constitution for new churches. The draft was given in by Mr. Romanes, and read. The Synod ordered it to be transmitted to Presbyteries for their consideration, with instructions that they report fully upon it at next meeting of Synod.

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