

as in former years to petition in favour of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, strongly recommend Presbyteries and Sessions to take similar action, to give increasing prominence to the great principles of temperance as inculcated in the word of God, and to employ all other means in their power to arrest the progress of this monster sin."

Memorial from
Dr. John Mair.

The Synod then took up a memorial from Dr. John Mair of Kingston, on the subject of the use of intoxicating wine at the Lord's supper. The Synod agreed to refer the memorial to the Presbytery of Cobourg as a Committee together with Dr. Willis, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Inglis, to report at next meeting of Synod,

Petition from
Rev. John
McKay.

The Synod then took up a petition from the Rev. John McKay, Probationer, with reference to alleged balance of Salary due by the Presbytery of Montreal. It having been stated in behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal that the amount claimed would be paid, it was agreed that the petition should be allowed to be withdrawn.

Overture on
Slavery.

The Synod then took up an Overture on the subject of slavery. The Synod approved of the Overture, and agreed to renew the resolutions of 1851, and appointed Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Dr. Bayne, Messrs. Reid, Ure, and Gregg, a committee on this subject: Dr. Willis, Convener.

Thanks to former
Moderator.

The Synod unanimously agreed to present their thanks to the Rev. G. Cheyne, former Moderator, for the faithful manner in which he had discharged the duties of Moderator, and for his sermon at the opening of the Synod. The thanks of the Synod were tendered to M. Cheyne by the Moderator.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed

Thanks to Office-
bearers, &c.

"That the thanks of the Synod be given to the office-bearers of Chalmers' Church for the comfortable accommodation afforded to the Synod during its session; also to the accommodation committee, the Rev. A. Wilson, and the friends in Kingston generally, for the hospitable manner in which they had received the ministers and elders of the Synod; and to the authorities of the Grand Trunk Railway for their liberality in granting return tickets to all the members of Synod."

Synod closed.

The business of the Synod being now concluded, after singing part of the 122nd Psalm, and prayer, the Moderator addressed the Synod in appropriate terms;—appointed the next ordinary meeting of Synod to take place in Hamilton, on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath of June, 1858, at half-past six P. M., and dismissed the Synod with the Apostolic blessing.

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