

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one years, at half-past nine o'clock. The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. John Thompson, Moderator, and was duly constituted. Mr. Inglis and Mr. McMechan, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

The minutes of former Sederunt were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Mr. Arch. McLean, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, gave in a second report as to the order of business for the day, which on motion made and seconded, was adopted. The order of business is as follows:

1. Applications of Presbyteries for the licensing of students.
2. Report on Buxton Building Fund.
3. Statement anent Library Fund of Knox College.
4. Appointment of time and place of next meeting of Synod.
5. Report of Committees on Presbytery Records.
6. Report of Auditors.
7. Report of Sabbath observance and special legislation on the Sabbath question.
8. Petition of Rev D. Mann.
9. Protest and appeal of Rev. D. Cameron against a decision of the Presbytery of Maitland.
10. Reference from Bruce Presbytery.
11. Reappointment of Standing Committees.

FOR THE EVENING.

1. Special Education.
2. Report on Temperance.
3. Communication from Dominion Temperance Alliance.
4. Overture on Psalmody.

LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

Applications were read by the Clerk from the Presbytery of Hamilton for leave to take on trial for license Mr. David James, and from the Presbytery of London for leave to take on trial for license Messrs. McColl and Stalker. On motion the applications were granted.

BUXTON BUILDING FUND.

Mr. J. R. Battisby presented the report of the Buxton Building Fund as follows: Your Committee met on April 8th to examine the statement of the Treasurer, and also the report of the Auditors. According to the written statement of the auditors, the books of the Treasurer were reported correct. The Synod is aware that it has under its control in connection with the above fund, the sum of \$3,000, invested as follows: \$1,000 in the Canadian Saving and Loan Company, \$1,000 in the Agricultural, both of which have 8 per cent., and also \$1,000 in the Huron and Erie, having interest at the rate of 10 per cent. From the above Societies your Treasurer received from June 1st, 1880, up to March 29th, 1881, the sum of \$280.56. This sum, along with a balance of \$74.37, report-