

It was then moved by Dr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Straith, that the Synod receive and adopt the report with the appended recommendations, and thank the Committee and especially the Convener for the zeal, care, and diligence with which it has been prepared.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, that the report be received and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee and especially to the Convener for their diligence in the matter submitted to them; and that the Synod now proceed to confer regarding the topics submitted in the report, and that the speeches be confined to five minutes each.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority over the motion, and the Synod decided in terms thereof to confer regarding the topics submitted in the report.

The Synod then proceeded to confer, and consider the recommendations of the Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, recommendations 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. The fourth recommendation, which read as follows, was not adopted:—"That Presbyteries be recommended to institute Presbyterian visitations." The recommendations adopted are as follows:—

1. That the Synod urge on Presbyteries the holding of an annual conference on the state of Religion within their bounds.

2. That the Synod direct each Presbytery to appoint one of its members to receive the reports on the State of Religion from Sessions, and prepare a report based on them for submission to Presbytery, and that he be *ex-officio* a member of the Synod's Committee.

3. That the Presbyteries be enjoined to forward their reports to the Convener of the Synod's Committee at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

After short addresses by several members, the report was,