

Messrs. Andrew Wilson and William Burns, Ministers; and Mr. John Durie, Elder; Mr. Wilson, Convener. After appointing the hour of meeting, and granting leave to Presbyteries to meet for competent business during the intervals between the Sederunts; the Synod adjourned to meet next morning at 10 o'clock, the first hour to be spent in devotional exercises. Closed with the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

OTTAWA, May 5th, 1875, 10 o'clock a.m.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and the first hour was spent in devotional exercises, the Moderator leading in prayer, and was followed by Messrs. Andrew Wilson, John Scrimger, and Wm. McKenzie, ministers; and Mr. Andrew McKenzie, elder; with praise and reading of the Scriptures in the intervals. The Moderator then declared the Synod duly constituted for business. The minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained. The Convener of the Committee in elders' commissions presented and read a report, recommending that the name of Rufus Holden, M.D., an elder from the session of John Street Church, Belleville, be added to the roll, as representing the session of St. Paul's Church, Madoc, in the Synod and General Assembly. The report was received, and its recommendation agreed to. Mr. Thomas S. Chambers, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, gave in a report recommending the order of business for the day. The report was received, and the order of business therein recommended, sanctioned. The following Committees were appointed to examine the records of the several Presbyteries, viz.:—Of the Presbytery of Kingston—Messrs. John Scrimger and Andrew Rowat, Ministers; and Mr. John M. Garland, Elder. Of the Presbytery of Brockville—Messrs. Wm. Armstrong and Kenneth McDonald, Ministers; and Mr. Robert Wilson, Elder. Of the Presbytery of Ottawa—Messrs. John Burton and James Douglas, Ministers; and Mr. Archibald McGoun, Elder. Of the Presbytery of Montreal—Messrs. Joseph White and Robert Binnie, Ministers; and Mr. E. A. Perry, Elder. Mr. Andrew Wilson, Convener of the Committee on Religious Instruction to convicts in the Penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., gave in a verbal report, and read correspondence in the matter, from which it appeared that the Chaplain of the Penitentiary had invited the Ministers of the city of Kingston to preach after the Church of England service, as a matter of courtesy. Several resolutions were offered, but the following motion by Mr. Kenneth McDonald, seconded by Mr. James Watson, was agreed to; viz.:—That the Committee be re-appointed with instructions to bring the matter before the proper authorities with a view to have the necessary changes effected so as to give Presbyterian Ministers an opportunity of conducting services in the Penitentiary, according to the way commonly practised in Presbyterian Churches. The Committee is as follows:—Messrs. Andrew Wilson, Convener; Patrick Gray, Thos. S. Chambers, Ministers; and Messrs. R. M. Rose, S. Gaw. J. Hardie, and Dr. Holden, Elders. The Clerk presented and read the annual financial statement of Mr. Alexander Rose, Treasurer of the Synod Expense Fund for the year ending May 1st, 1875, from which it appeared, that there is a balance in his hand at said date of \$34.95. A letter from Mr. Rose was also read intimating his resignation of the office of Treasurer. It was moved by Mr. Thomas S. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Andrew Wilson, and agreed to; that the report be received, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Treasurer for his services; that his resignation be accepted, and the Clerk appointed to