

MR. R. M. THORNTON.

The Recording Clerk read a Report in reference to the Summary of Changes above recorded, setting forth that, while it is stated in the Report of the Synod of Montreal that Mr. R. M. Thornton had been, by the Presbytery of Montreal, on the 15th of February last, ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Knox Church, Montreal, no information had been furnished of Mr. Thornton's license by any Presbytery of this Church, or, if licensed in some other Church, of his reception as a probationer of this Church.

It was moved by Mr. Ure, seconded by Dr. Waters:—That a Motion Committee be appointed to consider the whole matter and report.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Fotheringham, seconded by Mr. D. Inglis:—That the Assembly note, in regard to the reception of Mr. R. M. Thornton by the Presbytery of Ontario, the irregularity of not duly notifying the Presbyteries of the manner of his reception.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. W. B. Clark, as follows:—It having been reported to the Assembly that the Rev. R. M. Thornton had been regularly received as a probationer, the Assembly sanction the conduct of the Presbytery of Montreal in the case, notwithstanding the irregularity.

It was moved in further amendment by Dr. Topp, and duly seconded:—That the Assembly, though believing that an irregularity was committed by the Presbytery of Ontario in the reception of Mr. Thornton, yet in the circumstances of the case, considering that he was a student of this Church, and well known to it, sanction the action of the Presbytery of Montreal in inducting him, and at the same time caution the Presbyteries of the Church to act in this matter according to the laws of the Church.

Votes being taken, the amendment of Dr. Topp was carried, successively, over the amendments of Mr. Gregg and Mr. Fotheringham, and the said amendment being put against the main motion of Mr. Ure, the motion was carried, and the Assembly decided, accordingly, to appoint a Committee to consider the whole matter, and report.

The Committee was then appointed as follows:—Mr. Ure, Mr. J. J. A. Proudfoot, Convener, Dr. Waters, Mr. J. M. King, Ministers, Mr. A. I. McKenzie, Elder.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Diet was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

CHALMERS' CHURCH, QUEBEC,

Thursday, June 8, 1871, 3, P. M.

The Assembly met and was constituted; Professor Young, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

The Minutes of the morning Sederunt were read and sustained.