

by one Presbytery, having asked leave to have his name withdrawn, Principal Willis was elected Moderator by acclamation, and took the chair accordingly.

#### DEATH OF MINISTERS, &C.

From the detailed statement of the changes affecting the rolls of Synods and Presbyteries since last meeting of Synod, it appeared that five ministers had been removed by death, viz., Rev. Hugh Campbell, minister at Manilla; Dr. Robert Burns, Emeritus Professor in Knox College; Rev. W. T. Murdoch, of Melville Church, Galt; Rev. James Douglass, a retired minister in the Presbytery of Cobourg; and Rev. John McLachlan, a retired minister in the Presbytery of Ontario. The number of ordinations, exclusive of inductions of ministers previously ordained, was six; ministers received from other Churches, three; students licensed, six.

#### DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

As usual, the first hour of the second sederunt was spent, in devotional exercises, several members of the Assembly engaging in prayer, at the call of the Moderator, with praise, and reading of the scriptures in the intervals. Each sederunt was opened with similar exercises, sometimes a shorter and sometimes a longer time being spent in these.

#### BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY—COMMITTEES.

At the first and second sederunts, various committees were appointed for revising Synod Records, examining returns of Presbyteries to remits of last year, considering and reporting upon applications from ministers for admission into the Church. These all in due time presented reports which were disposed of by the Assembly.

#### STUDENTS TO BE LICENSED.

On applications duly made, the Assembly granted leave to the Presbytery of Toronto, to take on trials for license the following students: Messrs. T. Ritchie, J. Breckenridge, John Gray, H. J. McDiarmid, P. Wright, J. Baikie, W. A. McKay, and George Burnfield; and to the Presbytery of Montreal, to take on trial for license, Mr. A. Thomson, Catechist.

#### APPLICATIONS FROM MINISTERS FOR ADMISSION.

Applications from Presbyteries on behalf of various ministers, seeking admission into the Church, were before the Assembly and were referred to a committee. At a subsequent diet the Committee reported, and in accordance with the report, leave was granted to Presbyteries for the reception of the following ministers, viz.: Mr. D. Coussirat, M.A., B.D.; Mr. James Stewart, formerly minister of this Church, and more recently of the Free Church of Scotland; Mr. W. Hancock and Mr. W. D. Ballantyne, from the Presbyterian Church of the United States; Mr. J. B. Watt, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces; Mr. T. Goldsmith, formerly of the Methodist New Connection Church; Mr. George Haigh, formerly of the Primitive Methodist Church; Mr. S. Fenton, formerly of the Congregational Church. The papers of Dr. Freeland, applying for admission through the Presbytery of Ottawa, were withdrawn. An application in behalf of Mr. R. Kennedy was not granted.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was called for in the afternoon of Wednesday, 8th. It was given in and read by Mr. Cochrane, Convener of the Committee. There was read also an overture from the Synod of