

Ministry on the ground of declining health, and to have his name retained on the roll of Presbytery. An application was also received from the Presbytery of Toronto in favour of the Rev. James Dick, of Richmond Hill and the Rev. James Adams, formerly of West King, for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry and to receive an allowance from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. There were further read extract minutes of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, applying on behalf of the Rev. William Forrest, recently Minister of Lake Shore and Leith, for permission to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, on the ground of ill health likely to prove permanent; and also on behalf of the Rev. Duncan Morrison, M.A., with the further request that Mr. Morrison's name be retained on the Roll of Presbytery as Pastor *Emeritus* of Knox Church, Owen Sound. There was also transmitted by the Presbytery of Hamilton an application in favour of the Rev. William Hancock, of North Pelham and Port Robinson, similar to that made in regard to Mr. Forrest, referred to above. It was agreed to refer these applications, with relative documents, to a Committee to be nominated by the Moderator.

JUDICIAL CAUSES.

The Assembly next took up:—

1. A Complaint:—Ralph Dodds, an elder of Knox Church, Perth, *vs.* the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, and

2. A Protest and Appeal:—James Holliday, a member of the aforesaid congregation, *vs.* the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, in regard to the introduction of an organ as an aid in conducting the praise in said congregation of Knox Church, Perth.

Parties were called. Messrs. Dodds and Holliday compeared for themselves, and Dr. Bain, Dr. Mann and Mr. Robert Bell for the Presbytery. Papers in the cause were read. It was, on motion to that effect, agreed to refer these to a Judicial Committee, hereafter to be appointed.

It was further moved by Mr. Laing and seconded by Principal McVicar, That it be an instruction to the said Judicial Committee, after having heard parties and arrived at a decision, to intimate that decision to the parties and to state in the report of the Committee the acquiescence or otherwise of the parties.

The consideration of this motion was before the House when the hour of adjournment arrived.

The Assembly adjourned to meet in this place this evening at half-past seven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

In the same place and on the same day, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening:—

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator.

The Rev. Dr. Topp led in prayer.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was given in and read by Mr. John McEwen, Convener. In connection with this there was read an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton anent Sabbath School Books. Said Overture is of the following tenor, viz.:

“That, feeling convinced that much of the literature used in our Sabbath Schools
“is of an unhealthy character and recognizing the difficulty of securing proper books,