

called upon the clerk to read the minutes of last Synod appointing the commission, and also the minutes of the Synod of 1888, when the reference was brought under its notice.

Drs. McMullen and Thompson, Mr. McDonald and Mr. McCuaig, and other members of commission having spoken upon the solemnity and results of the present meeting, the congregation was called upon to give its views as to the recommendation of the Synod, that the congregation should give Mr. McPherson \$1500.00 in final settlement of the matter at issue between them.

Mr. Wright and Mr. MacDonald then addressed the commission, calling attention specially to remarks made by Mr. McPherson at the Synod meeting in Brantford, as reported in the *Mail*, that Knox Church, Stratford, "was a disgrace to religion."

After several members of the congregation and commission had spoken at great length, it was agreed to take a vote of the members, yea or nay, on sustaining or not sustaining the Synod's finding, when there voted yea 20 and nay 86. The commission then, in view of the vote of the congregation, proceeded to give judgment in the circumstances of the case. It was then moved by Dr. Laing, seconded by Dr. Thompson, "That in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of the committee, the commission find that Mr. McPherson is entitled to receive the sum of \$1500.00, which he has agreed to accept in final settlement of his claim for a retiring allowance, and the commission enjoins the congregation to make arrangements for paying that sum to Mr. McPherson."

After addresses by Dr. Cochrane, Mr. Nisbet, and others, the vote was taken on the motion of Dr. Laing, and unanimously agreed to by a standing vote.

The Presbytery was requested to report to the Synod, at Windsor, in 1890, what action had been taken by the congregation in reference to the injunction of Synod.

The commission then adjourned *sine die*, the benediction being pronounced by the convener, Dr. Proudfoot.

The Rev. Mr. Tully, clerk of the Stratford Presbytery, in accordance with the instructions of the commission given the Presbytery, submitted correspondence that had passed between Dr. Proudfoot, the convener of the commission, and certain members of a committee, which it was alleged had been appointed with full powers to meet with the commission of Synod, or with Synod itself.

It was then moved by Mr. A. D. McDonald, seconded by Dr. McMullen, that Messrs. McDonald, Dow and Bartlett, now present, and asking to be heard, as appointed by the committee of the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, in reference to the finding of Synod's commission in re Mr. McPherson, be heard, it being noted that the Synod does not regard them as properly representing the congregation.

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