

ing approval of the object of the petition. This communication was ordered to be kept *in retentis*, and it was agreed to, that a similar petition be sent to Ottawa this year, and that the matter be intrusted to the Standing Committee on Temperance, to be appointed at a subsequent diet.

There was read an overture, transmitted and adopted by the Presbytery of Simcoe, anent the need of aid from the Synod for the erection of churches in the Muskoka district. Messrs. J. Gray and R. Rodgers were heard in support thereof.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod cordially approve of the prayer of the overture, and appoint the following Committee to mature a plan for the effectual carrying out of the object contemplated in the overture, viz.:—Messrs. R. Rodgers, Convener, J. Breckenridge, J. Dick, D. Stewart and M. Fraser, Ministers, and Hon. J. McMurich and Mr. C. Morris, Elders.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. Fraser, convener, D. B. Whimster, Douglas, J. Alexander and J. B. Edmondson, Ministers, and Mr. W. Mann, Elder, were appointed to nominate the several Standing Committees on State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Missions, Statistics, Sabbath Observance and Temperance.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at half past two o'clock, p. m., and was closed with the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

The Synod met at half-past two o'clock, p. m., and was constituted with devotional exercises by Mr. J. Paterson, in the absence of the Moderator. The minutes of the second sederunt were read and sustained.

The next meeting was appointed to be held within Knox Church, Toronto, on the 1st Tuesday of May, 1875, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

There were read Minutes of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, asking, with the consent of the Presbytery of Simcoe, that the Parry Sound Mission be transferred from the latter to the former Presbytery.

It was moved that the Parry Sound Mission be transferred, as asked for.

It was moved in amendment, that the matter be deferred, and a Committee appointed to define the limits of that portion of the Mission Field of the Presbytery of Simcoe sought to be transferred to the Presbytery of Owen Sound.

On the amendment and motion being put to the vote, the amendment was carried; and in terms thereof, the following Committee was appointed:—Messrs. J. Breckenridge, Convener, D. J. McInnes, M. Fraser and R. Rodgers.

On the Report of the Committee appointed at last sederunt, the Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

I. STATE OF RELIGION.

Messrs. W. Donald, Convener, W. D. Ballantyne, W. Meikle, R. Moodie and D. J. McInnes, Ministers, and Messrs. W. Riddell, J. Parker and W. Wilson, Elders.

II. SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Messrs. J. Douglas, Convener, J. Smith, H. Pettigrew, M. Fraser and A. McLennan, Ministers, and Hon. J. McMurich, Messrs. Thos. Kirkland and J. Barclay, Elders.

III. MISSIONS.

Messrs. R. Rodgers, Convener; J. Gray, B.A., R. Dewar, J. M. King, M.A., J. B. Edmondson, J. L. Murray, W. Mitchell, B.A., W. A. Mackay, M.A., and Prof. W. McLaren, Ministers; and Messrs. W. Hall, Adam Gordon, M.P., J. K. Macdonald, T. Dallas and R. Miller, Elders.

IV. STATISTICS.

Messrs. J. Gray, B.A., J. Breckenridge, and J. Douglas, Ministers, and Messrs. J. Brown and T. W. Taylor, Elders.