

Dr. Jenkins having intimated that the minority of the Committee had prepared a report to be submitted to the Assembly, it was moved by Dr. Kemp, seconded by Dr. Ure and carried, That the Assembly now hear said report. The report was read and is of the following tenor, viz. :—

"The undersigned members of the Committee, to whom the last General Assembly referred the matter of granting Degrees in Divinity, with instructions to consider it in relation to the several Colleges of the Church, and to mature a scheme in accordance with which such Degrees may be conferred, ask leave to present to the Venerable Assembly the following Minority report :—

"They are unable to agree with the resolution reported to the Assembly, and carried by the casting vote of the Convener, for the following reasons :—

"1. That they require more time to consider and decide upon a scheme so new and so large as that which contemplates the erection by the General Assembly, through powers to be sought from one or more Legislatures or other authority, of a Presbyterian University in connection with the Church and under the control of the General Assembly, with the view of conferring Degrees in Divinity, Academic and Honorary, upon its members, or at least upon some of them.

"2. That as to many members of the Committee the proposed Bill or a copy thereof has not been placed in their hands, and that indeed its provisions have become known to them for the first time since the meeting of Assembly, and this by simply being read in their hearing by the Convener. A Bill of such magnitude and importance, they venture to think, might fitly have been printed and transmitted to members of Committee for their use, so that every one concerned might secure sufficient time for deliberation, and come to the Assembly prepared to discuss the question and to vote on it intelligently.

"3. That, in the present financial condition of the Colleges and of the other benevolent schemes of the Church, it would be unwise to burden the Church with a new scheme which would involve considerable outlay.

"In view of these considerations, the undersigned would respectfully urge the General Assembly to adopt the resolution, which in the Committee secured a nearly equal vote—rather than that, which contemplates the immediate adoption of the draft Bill; the more that so wide a divergence of opinion on the general subject exists in the Committee."

(Signed),

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ALEX. MORRIS, D.C.L.,
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WILLIAM MOORE,
GEORGE M. GRANT, D.D.,
J. H. MACKERRAS, M.A.

The consideration of this subject was continued until the hour of adjournment.

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

EIGHTEENTH SEDERUNT.

At Ottawa and within St. Andrew's Church there, Thursday the nineteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years :—

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

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. William Meikle.

The Minutes of the Seventeenth Sederunt were read and sustained.