

## NINETEENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 17th June, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Synod again met and was constituted with prayer, praise, and the reading of the Word.

The minutes of last Diet were read and sustained.

Commission to  
Dr. Burns.

The Synod, understanding that Dr. Burns had the prospect of being present at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, agreed to authorise and commission him to appear in behalf of this Synod, with the view of conveying the christian regards of this church to the church in Ireland, and of giving information in regard to the spiritual destitution of this Province.

Report on Sab-  
bath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report through Mr. Gregg, Convener. There was also brought before the Synod, an overture on the subject of Sabbath Schools. It was agreed to receive the report, commend the diligence of the Committee, and approve of their recommendations, and instruct sessions to assist the Committee in the various matters entrusted to them. The Synod farther agreed to remit to the Committee the overture on Sabbath Schools.

The Synod re-appointed the Committee as follows, viz: Messrs. Gregg, Nisbet, Laing, Chambers, Burns, John Gray, ministers, and Dr. Holden, Messrs. Court, A. Fraser, and F. W. Torrance; Mr. Gregg, Convener.

Report on state  
of Religion.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion. The same was given in and read by Mr. Crombie *interim* Convener. It was agreed to receive and sustain the Report, re-appoint the Committee with Mr. Scott as Convener, and Mr. Chambers as corresponding member from the Presbytery of Kingston, in place of Mr. Pearce. The Synod farther remit to the Committee the recommendations contained in the Report, to be carried out at their discretion.

The Synod re-appointed the Committee as follows, viz:—

Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Messrs. McLeod, D. Fraser, Gregg, John Gray, Inglis, Ministers; Messrs. McMurrich, Court, Cattach, Clark, Elders; Mr. Scott, Convener. The following Ministers were appointed Corresponding members in the various Presbyteries, viz:—for Presbytery of Montreal, Mr. Crombie; for Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa, Mr. T. Wardrop; for the Presbytery of Kingston, Mr. Chambers; for Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. McKenzie; for Presbytery of Toronto, Mr. McTavish; for Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. R. F. Burns; and for Presbytery of London, Mr. D. Walker, of Port Sarnia.

Report on Re-  
turns to Over-  
tures.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to examine and classify the returns of Presbyteries to the overtures sent down for their consideration by last Synod.—The report was given in and read. It appeared that in regard to the Overture on a Barrier Act, a majority of Presbyteries approved