

ington is likely to result in injury being done to the charge over which Mr. Gordon is at present settled, remit the matter to the Presbytery to bring about, if possible, an amalgamation between the Harrington congregation and the congregation or Mission Station of Zorra, formerly in connection with the Church of Scotland; and failing to effect such amalgamation, to devise some method whereby the financial interests of the Harrington congregation shall not be injuriously affected by the maintenance of preaching at Brooksdale."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Laing, M. A., seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, M. A., "Sustain the dissent and complaint, and find that there is nothing in the decision given by the commission of the General Assembly, which precludes the presentation and orderly consideration of a motion, the object of which was to prevent the maintaining of a Mission Station which would affect prejudicially the interests of the congregation at Harrington."

The motion and amendment having been put to the vote, the amendment of Mr. Laing, as against the motion of Mr. Wilkins, was carried by a large majority.

Parties having been recalled to the bar, the judgment of the Synod was intimated to them, whereupon Mr. McPherson, in name of the Presbytery of Stratford, protested and appealed against the finding of the Synod, to the ensuing General Assembly, and craved extracts.

Mr. Gordon acquiesced in the finding of the Court.

Mr. Wilkins craved leave to dissent from said finding.

Messrs. Laing and R. N. Grant were appointed to answer the reasons of protest and appeal and defend the finding of the Synod at the bar of the Assembly.

OVERTURE FROM STRATFORD PRESBYTERY ANENT THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES BY THE ASSEMBLY.

The overture from the Stratford Presbytery anent standing committees, was then read and supported by Messrs. McLeod and Mitchell.

On motion of Mr. J. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Thomson, the overture was generally approved and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly.

Messrs. P. McF. McLeod and R. N. Grant were appointed to support the overture before the General Assembly.

OVERTURE ANENT PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The overture from the Paris Presbytery anent payment of commissioners to Assembly was then considered.

The overture having been read, Mr. W. T. Root was heard in its support.

On motion of Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. P. McF. McLeod, the following motion was unanimously adopted: "That, without committing itself to all the details of the scheme proposed in the overture, the Synod approve of the object aimed at, and agree to transmit it to the General Assembly for its earnest consideration, and appoint Mr. J. Laing, M. A., and Mr. W. T. Root to support it."

OVERTURE ANENT THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES BY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

An overture anent the conferring of degrees by Theological Colleges, signed by nineteen members of Synod, was next read, and Mr. R. N. Grant heard in its support.