

ed, parties were removed from the bar, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate.

It was then moved by Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. McCallum, Elder: "Having read papers and heard parties, the Synod, while in certain conceivable circumstances they might have refrained from strict adherence to the letter of terms of union of the churches in 1861, yet, for the conservation of the rights and interest of the appellant, and for the purpose of checking a growing disposition in congregations to anticipate the action of Superior Courts in matters not yet legislated upon, sustain the protest and appeal, express regret that dissension has to any extent been aroused within McNab street congregation, Hamilton, and counsel them to consider one another and seek for those things that make for peace.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. Thompson, of Sarnia, and seconded by Mr. McMullen, that papers having been read and parties heard anent the protest and appeal of Mr. D. McLellan against the finding of the Presbytery of Hamilton sustaining the session of McNab street, the Synod now dismiss said appeal and sustain the finding of the Presbytery in the matter.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.



Knox Church, Stratford, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, half-past seven o'clock p.m. The Synod met again, pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, Mr. Peter Scott also engaging in prayer.

The minutes of the former Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., Convener of the Committee, gave in the report on the state of religion.