

Entered upon the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Sydney. The Rev. Mr. Drummond was appointed to represent the memorialists in the case, and was heard by Synod; and the Rev. C. E. McLean addressed the Court in his own behalf. Certain questions were then asked of the parties, when they were removed.

When the case was still under consideration the hour of adjournment arrived.

Closed with the Benediction.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, p. m.

The Synod met and was constituted by Rev. Dr. McCulloch, Moderator *pro tem*. The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

Read a reference from the Presbytery of St. John with respect to Mr. R. H. Taylor, asking Synod to receive him under its supervision, give him employment as a catechist, and prescribe a course of study with a view to licensure when it sees fit. It was agreed to defer its consideration in the meantime.

Resumed the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Sydney. It was moved by Rev. A. McL. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. McDonald, elder,

“That the Synod having considered the reference from the Presbytery of Sydney sent the Rev. C. E. McLean, find that nothing has been proved against Mr. McLean’s character as a Minister of the Gospel, and that there are not adequate grounds for severing the connection between Mr. McLean and his people.”

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by Rev. D. Sutherland,

“That the Synod sustain the finding of the Presbytery in the case of Mr. McLean and direct the Presbytery to sever the connection between him and his people.”

It was moved by Rev. T. Sedgwick, and seconded by Dr. Patterson,

“That the matter be remitted to the Presbytery of Sydney, with directions to proceed in the case of Mr. McLean, and his congregation, if they see cause, according to the laws of the Church.”

It was moved by Prof. McKnight and seconded by the Rev. D. MacRae,

“That the Synod find that Mr. McLean has used, on several occasions, incautious and unministerial language, and admonish him to be more careful of his speech in the future, and renew the recommendation of the Presbytery of Sydney to Mr. McLean and his congregation, that all parties should cultivate the things that make for peace”

Messrs. Grant, Sedgwick and Sinclair, with the consent of their seconders, agreed to withdraw their motions, which was accordingly done.

Prof. McKnight’s motion was then put to the Synod and adopted, and so became the judgment of the Court. It was intimated to the parties, and in terms of the same Mr. McLean was accordingly admonished.

Prof. McKnight then led the Synod in prayer.

Took up the protests and appeals by Mr. McLean against decisions of the Presbytery of Sydney, when Mr. McLean, with the consent of the Court, withdrew his first protest and appeal.