

The Assembly adjourned, to meet at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning, and the Diet was closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

CHALMERS' CHURCH, QUEBEC,

Thursday, June 8, 1871, 11, A.M.

The General Assembly met, in accordance with adjournment last night, and the first hour was spent in devotional exercises, the Moderator, Mr. John Scott, leading in prayer, and being succeeded by Mr. W. B. Clark, Prof. Caven, and Mr. Gregg, with praise and the reading of the Scriptures in the intervals.

MINUTES READ.

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The Minutes of the first Sederunt were read and sustained.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES—REPORT³ ON.

Changes—
Report on
Reception of
Ministers.

The Recording Clerk read a report relating to the Summary of Changes above recorded, stating that while leave was granted last year to the Presbytery of Toronto to receive as Ministers of this Church, Messrs. Geo. Haigh, W. D. Ballantyne and J. B. Watt—and to the Presbytery of Simcoe to receive Mr. James Stewart—and while no Report of the action taken by the said Presbyteries in the premises had been received, it had been reported that the two Ministers first above named, had, during the year, been inducted into the charge of congregations.

Resolution
—Instruction
to Clerk

On motion it was agreed that the Report be received, and that the Clerk of the Assembly be instructed to correspond with the Clerk of the Synod of Toronto on the subject, and having obtained the necessary information, to insert the same in the proper place in the Summary of Changes.

CASE OF MR. J. B. DUNCAN.

Duncan,
Rev. J. B.,
reception of
A.C.

There was read an extract-minute of the Presbytery of London in relation to the reception of Mr. J. B. Duncan, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and his induction into the congregation of Forest and McKay's Settlement, without taking the regular steps for his admission according to the laws of the Church, and explaining that as Mr. Duncan had been for eighteen years a Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and that, as during the five years in which he labored in the United States, he had been in constant intercourse with the Ministers of the Canada Presbyterian Church, his case might be regarded as a special one, and not subject to the general law for the reception of Ministers from other Churches.

Resolution.

It was moved by Dr. Macvicar, seconded by Dr. R. F. Burns, and agreed:—That the action of the Presbytery of London in the matter of the reception of Mr. Duncan be sustained,—the General Assembly regarding Mr. Duncan's previous relationship to the Church as making it a case which may rightly be regarded as exceptional.