

sustained by the Church during the past year by the death of several of its ministers and of a greater number of its prominent elders and members, and closing with the intimation that the time had now come for the election of a new Moderator.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

The nominations to the Moderatorship returned by the Presbyteries were read. These were in favour of Dr. J. M. King, of Toronto, by the Presbyteries of Wallace, Montreal, Whitby, Toronto, Owen Sound, Guelph, Hamilton, Paris, London, Huron, Chatham, Sarnia, Manitoba: in favour of Principal McKnight, of Halifax, by the Presbyteries of Halifax, Truro, Pictou, Lunenburg and Shelburne, Victoria and Richmond, Newfoundland, Brockville: in favour of Mr. Kenneth McLennan, of Charlottetown, by the Presbyteries of St. John, Miramichi, Prince Edward Island, Glengarry, Kingston, Peterborough: in favour of Dr. MacLaren, of Knox College, by the Presbyteries of Ottawa, Barrie, Saugeen, Stratford, Maitland: in favour of Dr. G. M. Grant, Principal of Queen's College, by the Presbyteries of Sydney and Lanark and Renfrew: in favour of Dr. John Scott by the Presbytery of Bruce. Two Presbyteries, namely, those of Quebec and Lindsay, made no nomination.

DR. KING ELECTED.

It was then moved by the Hon. Alexander Morris, seconded by Mr. A. B. Mackay, that Dr. J. M. King be appointed Moderator of this Assembly. Dr. McKnight here asked and obtained leave to withdraw his name from the list of nominations. It was moved in amendment to the motion of the Hon. Mr. Morris by Mr. James Croil, seconded by Mr. George Duff, that Mr. Kenneth McLennan be chosen Moderator. It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Daniel Gordon, seconded by Mr. R. N. Grant, that Dr. MacLaren be elected Moderator of this Assembly. Votes were taken in due order as between the several ministers above named, when Dr. King was elected by a considerable majority. On motion of Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Dr. MacLaren, the election of Dr. King was made unanimous. Dr. King was then conducted to the chair by the mover and seconder of his election, and, his appointment to office having been duly intimated to him by the retiring Moderator, he proceeded to address the Assembly, thanking them for the honour conferred upon him, claiming the support and consideration usually accorded to the position in which he was placed, speaking at some length on matters of interest to the church at large, and making special reference to the duty of the better pecuniary support of the Gospel Ministry.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Principal McVicar, seconded by Mr. George Burnfield, the General Assembly tendered cordial thanks to Dr. Cochrane for the zealous and successful manner in which he had discharged the duties of the Moderatorship during the past year, and for the excellent sermon with which he has this evening opened the present session of the Assembly.

ANSWERS TO LOYAL ADDRESSES.

Dr. Cochrane submitted and laid on the table a despatch from Lt.-Col. J. De Winton, the Governor-General's Secretary, by command of His Excellency, acknowledging the receipt of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, which, it was stated, would be forwarded and laid at the foot of the Throne; and also, conveying His Excellency's thanks for the address to himself from the General Assembly of last year. Dr. Cochrane presented, also, a despatch from Lieut.-Colonel Stuart, by direction of the Governor-General, stating that he had been notified by the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Address to the Queen from the ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada had been laid