

On motion the report was received, and the cordial thanks of the Synod tendered, through the Moderator, to the Treasurer, Mr. Ruth-erford, for the faithful and self-denying services rendered the Synod for many years.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 a. m., the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, April the fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, 9 a. m.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted by the Moderator, who conducted devotional exercises, Dr. Laing engaging in prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their second report as to the order of business for the day, which was adopted.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the business, in the order recommended.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was considered. Mr. W. T. McMullen moved, duly seconded, that the recommendation of the committee, "as to the advisability of issuing such questions from year to year, for the consideration of Sessions and Presbyteries, in order to secure the fullest information possible on the subject," be adopted.

Dr. Laing moved in amendment, duly seconded, that hereafter the Synod's Committee on the State of Religion should take charge of the subject of Sabbath observance, and include in the list of queries sent by the Committee to the Presbyteries, such questions as may bring the matter before the Synod from year to year.

On the vote being taken, the motion was carried by a large majority.