

## THIRD SEDERUNT.

Knox Church, Woodstock, eleventh April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, three o'clock p.m. The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Moderator, the Rev. John Thompson, M. A., of Ayr, engaging in prayer.

The Minutes of the forenoon Sederunt were read and sustained.

The Presbytery of Paris, through its Moderator, asked leave of the Synod to retire, in order to consider certain proposed action connected with the Overture now under discussion by the Synod. Leave was granted the Presbytery to retire.

During the absence of the Paris Presbytery from the Court, the Synod agreed to proceed to the next item of business,

## THE BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton was then read, regarding the use of the Bible in our public schools, and Mr. Smith heard in its support. The Moderator having left the chair (which was filled by the ex-Moderator), also addressed the Synod as Commissioner from the Hamilton Presbytery.

After deliberation, it was moved by Dr. Bell, seconded by Mr. James Gordon, that the Synod sustain the Overture, and appoint the Moderator and Clerk, with Dr. Bell and Mr. J. C. Smith, M. A., a Committee to confer with the Honorable the Minister of Education on the subject.

The motion was carried unanimously.

## NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod next proceeded to fix the place and time of next meeting of Synod. The following places were nominated:—St. Catharines, London, Hamilton and Stratford. On a vote being taken, it was decided by a majority to meet at Stratford and within Knox Church there, on the second Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, at half-past seven o'clock.